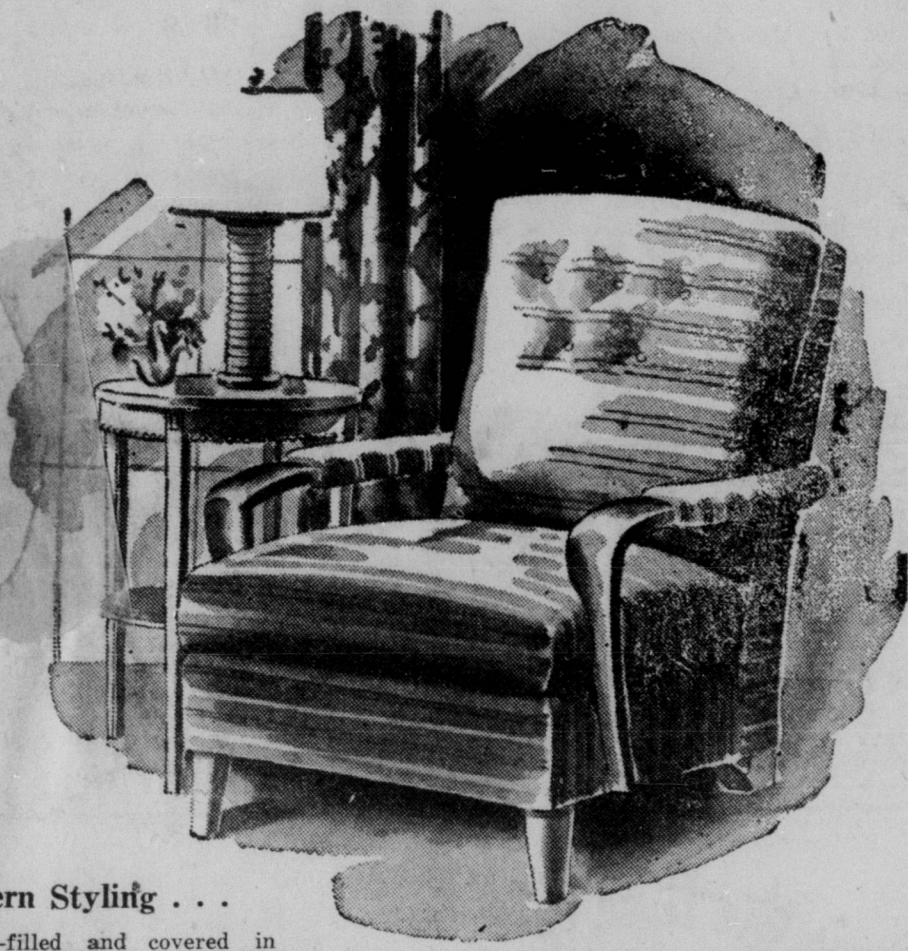


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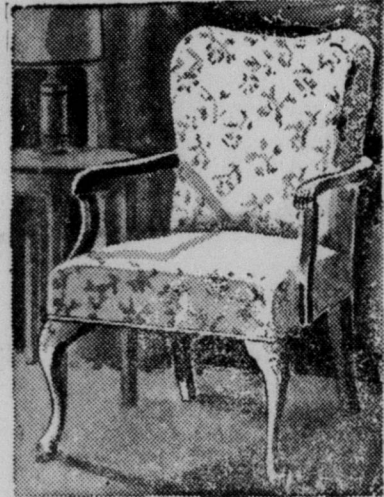
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## Patton Selected to Coach Asheville Bomber Five

### Former Swannanoa Mentor Names Practice Date

By Quentin Enloe

Sam Patton, the smooth-working Swannanoa lad whose versatile talents have made him one of the most-talked about sportsman of the day, recently signed a contract to coach and play for the Asheville Bombers, a professional basketball quint organized to represent that city in the professional circles this fall.

Big Sam, the same boy who coached the Swannanoa High school basketball team to the 1945 Buncombe county championship, called the first practice session for November 4 on the Asheville school floor. Expected to greet him will be some of the finest cage talent this nation has produced.

A former Swannanoa High school cager, Patton also starred at Western Carolina Teachers College, and, while in the service, under the colors of Camp Patrick Henry. He led the W. N. C. league in scoring last season, playing in 39 games and hitting the hoops for a total of 663 points. Patton was third high scorer of the nation while at Camp Patrick Henry and was a unanimous choice for the Third Service command's all-star team.

Patton's sporting talents are by no means limited to the confines of a gymnasium alone. The local youngster was a crack rightfielder for the Asheville Tourist's Class B Tri-State League club during the summer. He closed the season with a neat .343 batting average, good enough for fourth place among the leagues' potent batsmen, and proved himself worthy for the class A job awaiting him at Mobile, Alabama next spring. Patton's lusty average caused Asheville fans to nominate him for the Tourist's popular player contest, which he won in a breeze.

The Asheville Bombers will get their first stiff test in their initial encounter at the City Auditorium on November 15. The Peerless Woolen Mills of Chattanooga, Tennessee will furnish the opposition in what promises to be an exciting affair.

Also expected to show local fans the art of basketball at its best is Hanes Hosiery of Winston-Salem, McRary Eagles of Asheville, The Atlanta Sports Arena, Clemson College, and Furman University.

With several top-notch performers already under contract, and with a boy like Sam Patton at the helm, the Asheville youngsters are destined to go places in the professional ranks, before its all over on the basketball courts come next spring.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank my many friends for the lovely messages of friendship and sympathy, and gifts sent during my recent illness. I assure you they were deeply appreciated.  
Mrs. Thomas S. Sharp.

—R. T. Hill of the Black Mountain Grocery company, is spending a few days with friends and relatives in Georgia.

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### NATURE STUDY

By Mrs. Thomas S. Sharp

#### ARTIST NATURE

Autumn Leaves  
"Bright yellow, red and orange, The leaves come down in hosts; The trees are Indian princes, But soon they'll turn to ghosts."  
Wm. Allingham.

"October's bright blue weather entrances us for many reasons. It, not Jack Frost, gives us our gorgeous and brilliant fall pageant of colors. Sunny autumns give us our most glorious gold, red, and purple, for light is absolutely necessary for these. Too many cloudy and rainy days are not conducive to a glowing fall. A severe early frost will kill the leaves before they have had time to "turn." Have you ever noticed that on some soils the leaves stay green until very late? Too late, in fact, for the frost kills them before they obtain their richly colored fall garment. This is due to excessive nitrogen in the soil,—soil possibly heavy manured.

The question has often been asked: "What are those early brilliant red trees with glossy leaves, so nestled among the greens that they almost startle us—Christmas candles glowing in our great big mountain Christmas tree? It is the sour-wood, with its white-fleeced arms reaching out in benediction. The Beatitude Tree, I've always called it. It is rivalled later only by the fiery maple, or the two-toned maple with its gold and its yellow or its red and its gold or yellow, on the same tree!

Learn to know your trees by the color of their leaves. You can identify them "afar off." The purple of the dogwood makes it easy to identify, and, if the birds and the squirrels have not been too busy, bright red berries still enliven these trees. The tulip tree is a dull yellow or brown and yellow, the white oaks (smooth edges to leaves) are brown and yellow, and some are reddish; the black oaks to which family the scarlet oaks belong, (pin points on edges of leaves), are a rich green with many leaves now a very rich red. Magnificent trees at every season; the mountain magnolia (cucumber tree) is splotted with rust; and the hickories are yellow. All these present a wonderful "fall parade of colors" that we of the Temperate Zone alone, are privileged to "richly enjoy." Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like our Appalachian Mountains. Beneath the trees and scattered along the roadside, the suniacs are ablaze.

I have been requested to repeat what I wrote last fall in regard to the "cause" of the different colors. You students of Chemistry have studied about tannin, xanthophyll, anthocyanin, and chlorophyll. All summer the rich green pigments in the leaf cells (chlorophyll) have masked the water-fast yellow pigments (xanthophyll) in the interior cells. Leaves turn yellow in a drought because the green goes with the life in the leaf cell, and then the yellow is seen. In the fall, at the base of each twig, the tree grows a row of corky cells which cut off the circulation of sap. Tannin produces the browns. In "days of yore," we noticed this particularly in the chestnuts. The water-soluble reds and purples are produced by the anthocyanins. These colors are found only in the "superficial cells" of certain leaves, not in the "interior cells." As these require sunny weather to "heighten" their color, we never see the brilliant reds and scarlets in a cloudy season, and England never does, on account of her cool and rainy fall weather. The sugar maple is so vivid because of sugar in the sap. Sugar seems to be conducive to brilliant scarlet. Acidity also turns leaves red. Acidity spreads throughout the leaves as the cells die. Our mountains, with

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## Law Enforcement Officers To Meet At Lake Lure

John C. Bills, special agent in charge of the Charlotte FBI office, announced today that a series of conferences for law enforcement officials will be held in sixteen North and South Carolina cities between October 22 and November 20, 1946. The conference nearest to Black Mountain will be held at Lake Lure, N. C., on November 1, 1946.

The program for these conferences will include a series of demonstrations of arrest problems and searching of prisoners. Mr. Bills has stated that the subjects are planned to aid law enforcement officers in meeting practical problems in criminal matters.

These FBI-sponsored conferences were instituted nationally by Director John Edgar Hoover in 1940 to promote cooperation among law enforcement agencies and to discuss law enforcement problems during the national emergency. They are being continued for the purpose of discussing problems arising out of the growing crime wave.

In scheduling 16 conferences throughout the territory, Mr. Bills aimed to make the conference readily accessible to all law enforcement agencies, and to have the opportunity of making the personal acquaintance of the law enforcement officers in the territory.

Chief of Police Carl C. Smith is expected to attend the conference at Lake Lure.

acid soil, are conducive to fiery colors. You students of art will soon learn that orange is produced by "over painting." The blended shade, orange, is made by the underlying yellow shining through the overlying red.

"Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness, close bosom-friend of the maturing sun.  
Where are the songs of Spring  
Ay, where are they?  
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too."

"To Autumn"—Keats.  
Mrs. Thomas S. Sharp.

—Mrs. Dinsmore Crawford spent several days in South Carolina visiting friends and relatives.

## Mrs. Sharp Home From Asheville Hospital

Mrs. Thomas S. Sharp of Black Mountain has returned from Asheville hospital where she was taken late last week when she became suddenly ill with pneumonia. It was brought under control by the use of penicillin and Mrs. Sharp was able to return home.

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