

Thomas McQuaid Will Coach At Union Pines High School

Fans Surprised by Decision Of Former Seadog Cage Mentor

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Thomas McQuaid, basketball coach at Beaufort for 30 years, left yesterday to begin work at Union Pines High school near Carthage, some 12 miles from Sanford.

But McQuaid, perhaps the most successful high school cage mentor in the history of the game, will not be coaching basketball. He has signed on at Union Pines as head football coach. Summer practice began yesterday.

Union Pines is a 2-A consolidated school that opened its doors for the first time in 1964. McQuaid will direct the football program and teach physical education.

Mrs. McQuaid spent the weekend house hunting in Carthage and Cameron. The family will move as soon as a home is found, she said.

The former Seadog basketball general won't continue in the sport, it was reported, because Union Pines already has a cage director. Mr. McQuaid, who spent several weeks in summer school at Wake Forest college, apparently waited too late for the choice openings.

But despite the delay in seeking

South Loses Third Boys' Home Game

The South team suffered a 32-0 loss in the Boys' Home Bowl Game at Ficklen Stadium, Greenville, Friday night. The South is now 1-3 in the series, sponsored by the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce to raise money for the Boy's Home at Lake Waccamaw.

The South won the initial game, in 1961, and has lost the last three.

John Lee, fullback for the West Carteret Patriots, played defensive halfback for the South during the entire game. He saw some action on offense in the third and fourth quarters.

Lee said Saturday that fumbles killed the South's offensive last year.

a coaching job, fans here were surprised by his decision. His record at Beaufort and his ability as a coach are well known.

Most expected acceptance of a head basketball coaching position at a larger high school or a junior college. Many still expect the move after a year at Union Pines.

McQuaid has coached football before, at Beaufort for a season during the 1950's. It is not his first love. Athletes playing basketball under him were discouraged from participating in the grid program, much to the distress of head football coach Curtis Lancaster.

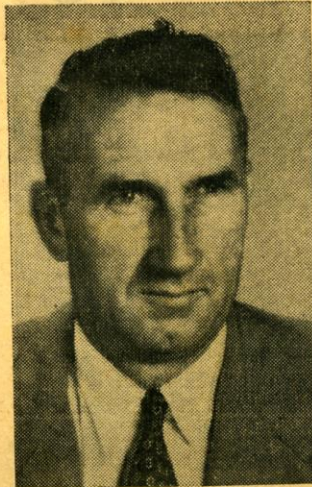
Although a trophy presented to McQuaid by members of the Booster club and last year's basketball team honored him for 30 years "without a losing season," the coach admits to one.

Beaufort registered a 10-11 mark during one season, McQuaid says. But his win-loss record is still unequaled in North Carolina, and is among the best in the United States.

Beaufort fans will most remember the fabulous 76-game winning streak in 1959, '60 and '61, that carried the Seadogs to three consecutive state championships. Beaufort stretched the streak into the 90's during the next season.

After dominating the state single-A basketball scene for more than half a decade, with four state crowns in six years, the Seadogs moved into the 2-A classification, and continued to win.

McQuaid-coached teams failed for the first time in eight years, last year, to reach the state



Thomas McQuaid ... to coach football

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