

Warehouse Is Damaged Extensively By High Winds



BETWEEN \$3,000-\$5,000 DAMAGE.—Strong winds caught a north corner of the recently constructed Big Burley Warehouse on N. C. 105 about two miles west of Boone last week, tearing back a portion of the tin roof and causing a section of



one wall to collapse (left photo.) The twister pushed the supporting beams away and forced part of the huge roof to the warehouse floor (right photo). S. C. Eggers, local personnel official for the warehouse, stated that insurance ad-

justers have viewed the damage and that repairs will be made in the near future. Approximately 1,500,000 pounds of tobacco was sold at the warehouse this past season, Eggers said.—Gaddy photos.

Mental Health Group Has Annual Gathering

A record attendance marked the annual meeting and leadership conference of the North Carolina Mental Health Association held Thursday and Friday, March 7 and 8, at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh.

The Medical Society of the State of North Carolina is joining hands with the American Medical Association in attacking this major, number one health problem, focusing on care in the home community. An aroused, increasingly informed public is demanding adequate care for the mentally ill as well as for the physically ill.

Dr. Michal was happy to announce the organization of five new chapters in western North Carolina, Cleveland, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, and Macon counties. For a number of years she has served as western North Carolina vice-president of North Carolina Mental Health Association but declined re-nomination.

Dr. M. J. MacDonald, industrial physician of Canton, was elected to this position.

Dr. Menninger said that "universally we are recognizing that

the earlier we treat mental illness the more likely it is that the individual will get well. Hence, the very definite trend for both clinics and institutions is to treat the patient as near home as possible. This has very definite implications in the mental health plans of every state, namely the development of a comprehensive program of community psychiatry."

The American Medical Association recognizes that mental health is our "most pressing and complex health problem."

Hat Sale To Be Held Saturday

There will be a sale of ladies new spring hats in the former Watauga Hardware building next to the Watauga Democrat Saturday from 8 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

The sale is being sponsored by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Deerfield Methodist Church, for the benefit of the church building fund.

United States Forester Speaks To Blue Ridge Garden Club

Walton Smith of the United States Forestry Service was the speaker at the monthly luncheon meeting of the Blue Ridge Garden Club held at the Daniel Boone Hotel on March 20.

Mr. Smith, who is Chief of Forest Utilization Service of the Southeastern Division, is a research worker representing the United States Forest Products Laboratory which is concerned with finding more uses for various forest resources. He chose as his subject, "The Forests Come Into Your Home," and, taking a home room by room, he pointed out the present dependence on wood, even though it is customary to think of this as the age of glass, chrome, and steel.

He then turned to the future and displayed dozens of sample items which are being produced through the United States Research Laboratory in connection with industrial research.

Among these items were cellulose for paper products, imitation vanilla extract, wood plastics, wood sugar (used widely in Japan as food), wood molasses (used as feed for cattle and livestock), industrial alcohol, a chemical additive used in making nylon thread, glycerine used in making explosives, and many forms of pressed wood.

He pointed out that, at present, some of these are not prac-

tical because of the cost of production, but he stressed the point that forests are a potential source for the replacement of many other resources which are being depleted, and emphasized the need for continued intensive research in this field.

"Forestry research efforts," Mr. Smith said, "are concerned with items intended to dignify life, not to destroy it." He further observed that billions are being spent for defensive research while relatively meager funds are available for forestry work.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Smith, other guests were Mrs. John P. Frank of Mt. Airy, and Mrs. B. J. Council and Mrs. Robert Cody of Boone. Seventeen club members were present.

Since this was the last club meeting of the year, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. W. H. Plemmons; vice-president, Mrs. R. H. Harmon; secretary, Mrs. J. B. Winkler; treasurer, Mrs. Paul Coffey; and council representative, Mrs. H. M. Cooke.

Luck is often the product of attention and ability.

When the average American shouts for unity, he means that other people should fall in line with his views.

JFK AND AMA

Although the American Medical Association has strongly opposed the President Kennedy's "medicare" plan, a spokesman reported to Congress that the AMA backed his mental health plan.

The American Medical Association has made it public that it supports the President's proposal for gradual replacement of State mental institutions with community facilities.



Saturday and Sunday
March 30 and 31

Hell Is For Heroes

STEVE McQUEEN

Ohio University Glee Club At AHS

The student body and faculty of Appalachian High School were honored with a rare musical treat in assembly on Thursday morning. The Ohio State University Men's Glee Club presented a most entertaining program, which was part of their annual spring tour. The audience was impressed by their singing ability, their relaxed but attentive attitude, and especially by their smart appearance.

Mr. Norman Staigler, director

of the glee club, commented that a minority of the group are studying for some other profession. He stated that the thirty-five voice group was selected from a field of approximately 300 students who auditioned.

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