

## Zoning Is Topic At C. of C. Meet

Proposed new zoning regulations were among the chief topics for discussion at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association of Boone, at the Daniel Boone Inn, Nov. 5.

"It has been the feeling of the majority of the people in and around Boone that some action should be taken to protect the property owners as to building restrictions on important property," said Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association.

Wilcox pointed out that the town should be divided into clear residential and business areas, and that it should be determined what type of buildings should be constructed on lands in each of these areas. "The County Commissioners," he said, "through an act of the Legislature, have been given the authority to zone any area in the county they deem wise and necessary."

Wilcox appointed a committee consisting of Clyde R. Greene, Stanley A. Harris, and Lee Reynolds to meet with the County Commissioners and request that immediate steps be taken to protect properties in Boone.

A Merchants Association committee also was named at the meeting, one of the first acts of which was to work out plans for the decoration of King Street for the Christmas holidays.

The committee is composed of Dennis Greene, chairman; Phil Vance, Glenn R. Andrews, S. M. Ayers, A. E. McCroary, O. K. Richardson, Ned Trivette and Vaughn Roten.

A third important action was taken — to recommend to the members of the Merchants Association that they work towards welcoming customers from outside Boone and to aid them in parking problems. Toward this end, it was recommended that workers at all business places

should not park their own cars on King Street, leaving it open for their customers.

The Merchants Association, Wilcox said, is also "promoting the idea of anyone overparking and receiving a ticket to present the ticket to any member merchant from whom they had made a purchase or wish to make a purchase, and the business place would pay the fine."

A test period, from November 29 to December 24, has been set for this unusual proposal. Membership cards will be distributed to all members of the Merchants Association so they may be placed in the windows for immediate identification by customers.

## Mrs. Harrison Dies In Idaho

Post Falls, Idaho, Nov. 5.—Mrs. Emma C. Harrison, 88, Post Falls resident since 1906, died at a local nursing home yesterday, a week following the death of her husband, James A. Harrison, 94.

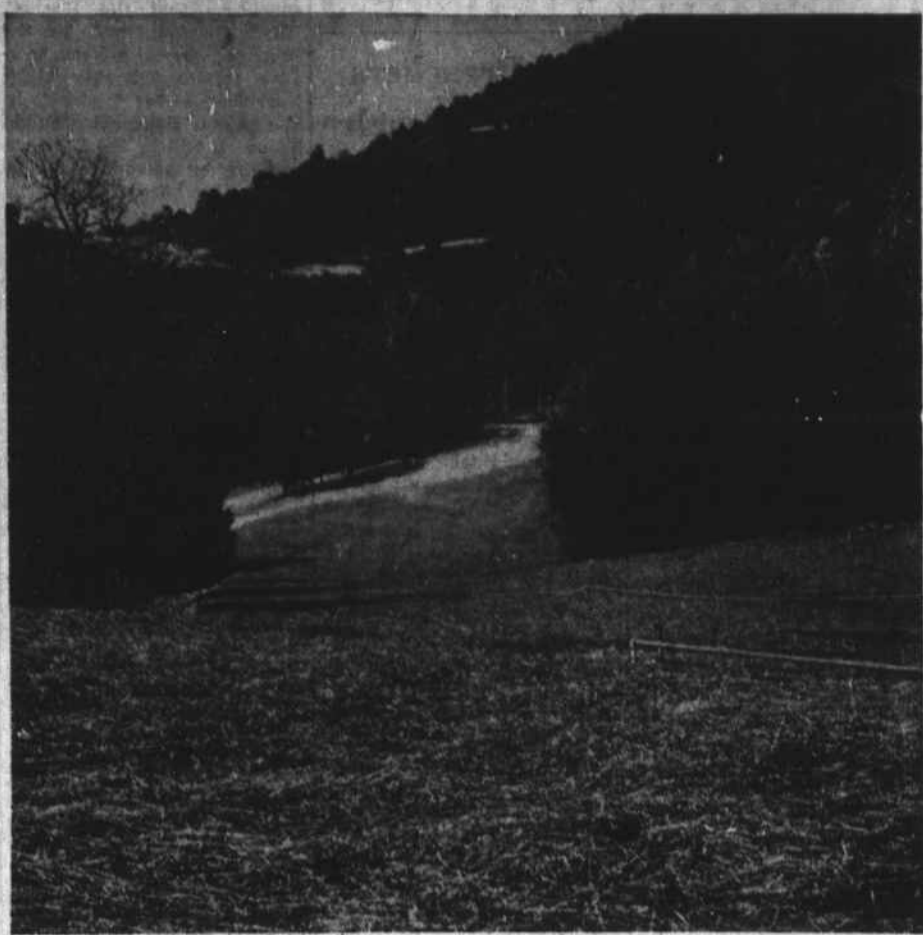
Mrs. Harrison, the former Emma Jones, was born in Watauga County, N. C., and was married to Luther Eggers in 1897 in North Carolina. He died in 1948 and his widow married Mr. Harrison in 1952.

Mrs. Harrison was a long-time resident of the Zionville community and was a daughter of the Rev. E. F. Jones. She was the last member of his family.

Mrs. Harrison was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors are three sons, Opie L. Eggers, Spokane, Rondo F. Eggers, Oroville, Calif., and Everett E. Eggers, Opportunity, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. Nona Lutes, Post Falls, and Mrs. Beulah Hodge, Spokane, 17 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Indecision is costly and hasty action sometimes costs more.



## New Ski Slope To Open

Shown is a portion of the ski slope area at the Hound Ears Golf and Ski Club which will open for its first season this year. If the weather cooperates there may be skiing by

mid-December, it is said. The new development is a Tweetsie Railroad enterprise, and is being constructed by the Robbins Brothers in the Shulls Mills neighborhood.

## To Head Drive For Preyer Votes

Greensboro—A member of one of North Carolina's most distinguished families has been named Campaign Manager for Richardson Preyer, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor. He is Newman A. (Net) Townsend, Jr., a native of Dunn, N. C., and now a prominent tax lawyer in Raleigh. Preyer, in announcing the appointment this past week, paid high tribute to Townsend's wide knowledge of public affairs and to the career he has made as a lawyer. "I am proud to have him run my campaign," he said.



NEWMAN A. TOWNSEND, JR.

## Senior Citizens Meet Has Been Postponed

The Senior Citizens Club will not meet Friday, November 15. Watch the Democrat for possible meeting next week.

## Area Ski Boom Is Seen Within Next Few Years

The "ski boom" is expected to hit this section of North Carolina with full force within the next few years, according to a featured article in last week's State Magazine.

Watauga County, the article pointed out, already has one of the two North Carolina ski lodges now in operation, with at least two more in the construction or late planning stages.

Business at the Blowing Rock ski slopes last year was fair, amounting to over 5,000 skiers and some 9,000 other visitors, according to Bill Thalheimer, operator of the establishment. But week-day attendance was said to be disappointing, and operating expenses—especially the cost of "making" snow—were unexpectedly high.

This year the Blowing Rock company will reportedly double the supply of rental equipment and add another ski slope. The Lodge restaurant is even now open on weekends, and basic skiing lessons are being given on straw.

The Beech Mountain Development Company, Inc., meanwhile, is working on two main ski slopes of 2,500 and 3,500 feet to run down the mountain on the north side, opposite Banner Elk. The project will cost an estimated \$810,000, of which 10 per cent is being raised locally and the rest is to come in the form of a government loan.

The Beech Mountain resort will include a double chair lift with a capacity of 800 skiers per hour, artificial snow machines, a to-

boggan run, an ice skating rink, and a \$150,000 lodge.

According to Jack Williams of Boone, the resort would have several summer recreation features as well, including swimming, fishing, camping, and horseback riding.

At the same time as the Beech Mountain project is gathering steam, the Hound Ears Golf and Ski Club is due to be partly open by December 15. This club will be a subsidiary of Tweetsie Railroad, and will be a private club open only to members and guests.

The Robbinses, owners of Tweetsie, spent \$274,000 for land in the Shulls Mills section, where

they are building a golf course which will be open next May. The ski run will be located on a natural slope, where a chair lift is to be installed.

The clubhouse will include a swimming pool, and there will be stables for members' horses.

Around the knoll overlooking the lodge will be six "Swiss chalets," each with five bedrooms and five baths.

The Hound Ears Golf and Ski Club is, needless to say, one of the most lavish of all the ski projects presently taking place in Western North Carolina, and sounds like the most fantastic business establishment to hit Watauga County in a long time.

## NDA Judges Visit Watauga On Tuesday

Three teams of judges met for a briefing session at the Memorial Coliseum at Winston-Salem Monday morning before entering upon their annual four-day job of scoring accomplishments by county winners in this area in the Northwest Development Association community judging program, announced Neil Bolton, NDA Secretary.

The judges are scheduled to return to Winston-Salem this (Thursday) afternoon to leave their reports, which will remain sealed until the December 5 Awards Banquet in Elkin. At that time, it will be learned which communities have been judged winners in the various categories

of farming communities, rural non-farm communities, new communities, and small towns and villages.

Judges for the two categories in which Watauga County has a special interest include:

Farming—A. Maynard Deekins of N. C. State of the University of North Carolina at Raleigh; George Whitaker of R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. in Winston-Salem; Harold Beach of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp. in Lenoir; and Fred Sturmer of the Winston-Salem Rotary Club.

Rural non-farm — Miss Peggy Langford of Reidsville, Duke Power Co. home economist; John

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## Says County Jail Is Safe

The Watauga County Jail may need a few repairs, but it's certainly secure enough.

This was proved a couple of weeks ago when Dr. Carter Pate, Assistant Professor in sociology and anthropology at Appalachian State Teachers College, and some two dozen of his students in a criminology class came at the invitation of Sheriff Dallas Cheek to tour the facilities of the jail and interview county law enforcement officers.

Led upstairs by Deputy Smith Brown, the students entered the cells and had a thorough look at the 21-bed establishment, making several comments on the seeming sturdiness and inescapability of the structure before filing out and returning downstairs to question the Sheriff.

One of the first questions was, "Has anyone ever escaped from this jail?"

"Well—" Cheek began his reply, when he was interrupted by the noise of indignant shouting and foot-stomping from upstairs, and Brown scurried upstairs to investigate. Pate began counting noses.

It seems that two students, who had carried their search into the farthest cell, had been locked in.



BETMANN ARCHIVE

## ever hear of an apple-bee?

When frontier folks had work to be done, it often turned out to be an opportunity for a community get-together. Such an occasion was the apple-bee. In the fall, after apples had been gathered, neighboring women would spend an evening peeling, quartering, and coring the fruit. Far from being a chore, though it was, in the words of a writer of the day, an occasion for "convivial merriment, cheerfulness and song." Today, when there's work to be done, neighbors still find that many jobs are best done together. From the volunteer fire department to the corporation — democratic cooperation is a sound American tradition. The members of your local Electric Membership Corporation are neighbors — working together to achieve a common goal: the supply of low-cost electric power to themselves. They are engaged in democratic cooperative action. The system is owned, operated, and paid for by the members it serves. In the words of the President of the United States: "This is self-help at its best."

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