

BREMCO Directors, Employees Meet For Annual Awards Dinner

The directors and employees of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation gathered in Boone Elementary School Friday evening, November 22, for their annual awards dinner.

Some 200 persons, including directors, their wives, employees, their wives and husbands, and a number of special guests were on hand for the event.

Turkey dinner was served by the staff of the school cafeteria.

The highlight of the meeting was the recognition of employees with five, ten, fifteen and twenty years of service with the cooperative. Those receiving five year awards were Colonel Blevins and Gene Blevins of Ashe District, and Mrs. Louise Soots of Caldwell District. Ten year awards and pen and pencil sets went to Vernon Lyall and Earl Taylor, both from Ashe District.

Fifteen year awards, along with silver trays went to Lewis Anderson and Ford Hollars of Watauga District, Claude Edwards, Alleghany District, R. R. Riddle, Roby Swift, and Wayne Weaver of Ashe District and C. E. Viverette, General Manager.

Twenty year award pins and beautiful gold wrist watches went to Mrs. Mae Brown of Ashe District and R. S. Berry of Watauga District.

A safety contest for children of employees was recently conducted in which the children told in an essay "Why My Dad Should Have Safe Working Habits." The winners of this contest and their awards were: Susan Bard, second place and \$15; Eddie Rader, third place and \$10; and Howard Anderson, first place and a \$25 savings bond. Rodker Stallings of the Engineering Department presented the awards.

Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Bard of Ashe District, Eddie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Rader of Lenoir, and Howard is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Anderson of Watauga District.

Following the awards dinner, C. E. Viverette, his wife and daughter, Edith, presented a program on their South American adventures in helping to establish an electric cooperative in Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

The group also viewed the

James Foster Dies Friday

James Marshall Foster, 81, of Blowing Rock died Friday morning at Blowing Rock Community Hospital after a long period of declining health.

He was born in Wilkes County to James M. and Mary Adkins Foster. He had lived in Watauga County for the past 75 years. He was a retired stonemason.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mary Baldwin Foster; a son, Randall Foster of Blowing Rock; four daughters, Mrs. Clayton Hayes and Mrs. Tommy Poplin, both of Blowing Rock, Mrs. Howard Mauney Jr. of Lincolnton and Mrs. Claude Andrews of Statesville; two foster daughters, Mrs. Harlin Greene of Blowing Rock and Mrs. Neal Black of Pinehurst; a sister, Mrs. R. E. Lee of Greenville, S. C.; 19 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 1:30 p. m. Sunday at St. Mary of the Hills Episcopal Church at Blowing Rock by the Rev. Ward Courtney and the Rev. Alfred Pitts. Burial was in Blowing Rock cemetery.

new motion picture, "On The Line." Much of this picture was produced in Blue Ridge Electric's service area. This new film is narrated by Chet Huntley, NBC News. It tells vividly how rural electric cooperatives are contributing to the economy and development of our country and to our democratic way of life.

The film and Mr. Huntley point out what the rural electric cooperatives have done, and

more important, what they are doing, for the development of the areas they serve. It shows the changes that have taken place in our rural areas, and Chet Huntley points out the challenges facing electric cooperatives today.

This film is available for showing to community and civic groups by contacting the local office of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation.

Doctor Talk

By JOHN B. REMBERT, M. D.

It has been stressed time and again in this column that all adults should have at least a good general physical check-up yearly by their family physician—in this way any abnormalities found can be worked out and if treatment is necessary this can be instituted. This preventive practice of medicine is what all physicians hope for, not the type so often seen in which the disease process has advanced beyond the point of cure or arrest.

In the past it has been the common practice to omit the examination for cancer smear in the younger female patients, rather examining completely those women in the age group having the highest prevalence of cervical cancer. With the finding of early preinvasive cancer in these young women it must be concluded that if the truly early cases of cervical cancer, and these have a permanent cure rate of practically 100 per cent, are to be found then a complete pelvic examination must be done on all females. The only limitation that the patient is old enough to have such an examination.

It has been revealed that eight or nine out of ten Americans totally ignore the danger signals suggesting the possibility of cancer. The complaint of blood in the urine caused only 19 per cent of men recently questioned and 27.3 per cent of the women to see their family physician.

The answer to this problem—public apathy regarding cancer's danger signals—is being seriously studied by all concerned with the fight against cancer.

The idea has been expressed that the publicity efforts of the American Cancer Society and government agencies may have called "wolf too often"—and, perhaps too many danger signals have been promoted resulting in the public ignoring them all.

We must all remember that much research is now going on in an attempt to discover the cause of cancer, if this is known then possibly it can be prevented from occurring in the first place. But in the meantime we all must remember that most all cancers of the body can be cured if discovered early!

House Trailers Turned Over By Heavy Winds

A house trailer located at 104 1/2 Delmar Street in Perkinsville and belonging to Bill Andrews was severely damaged Friday night about 7:45 p. m. when high winds blew it onto its side.

Four persons were in the trailer at the time. All escaped uninjured, though all were slightly bruised and shaken up.

Another trailer, belonging to an unidentified couple formerly of Mount Airy, was also blown over by gusts of wind which reached speeds of 50 m.p.h. Friday night; but damage to the second trailer was comparatively slight.

In the first trailer when the accident occurred were Mrs. Bill Andrews and the three Andrews children—Libby, 7; Linda, 4; and Stephen, 3 weeks. Mr. Andrews was in Fort Pierce, Fla. at the time.

Mrs. Andrews said that her legs were caught between two beds when the trailer overturned, pinning her against one wall. She yelled for help for about twenty minutes, but her cries were apparently smothered by the high winds. Finally, some neighbors discovered what had happened and managed to extricate Mrs. Andrews and her children from the wreckage.

"The baby went to sleep right away, as though nothing had happened," Mrs. Andrews said.

Damage estimates have not yet been made on the trailer itself; but Mrs. Andrews reported that practically everything inside the trailer was broken or damaged in some way.



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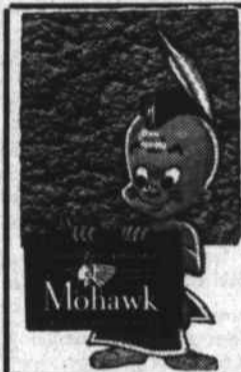
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