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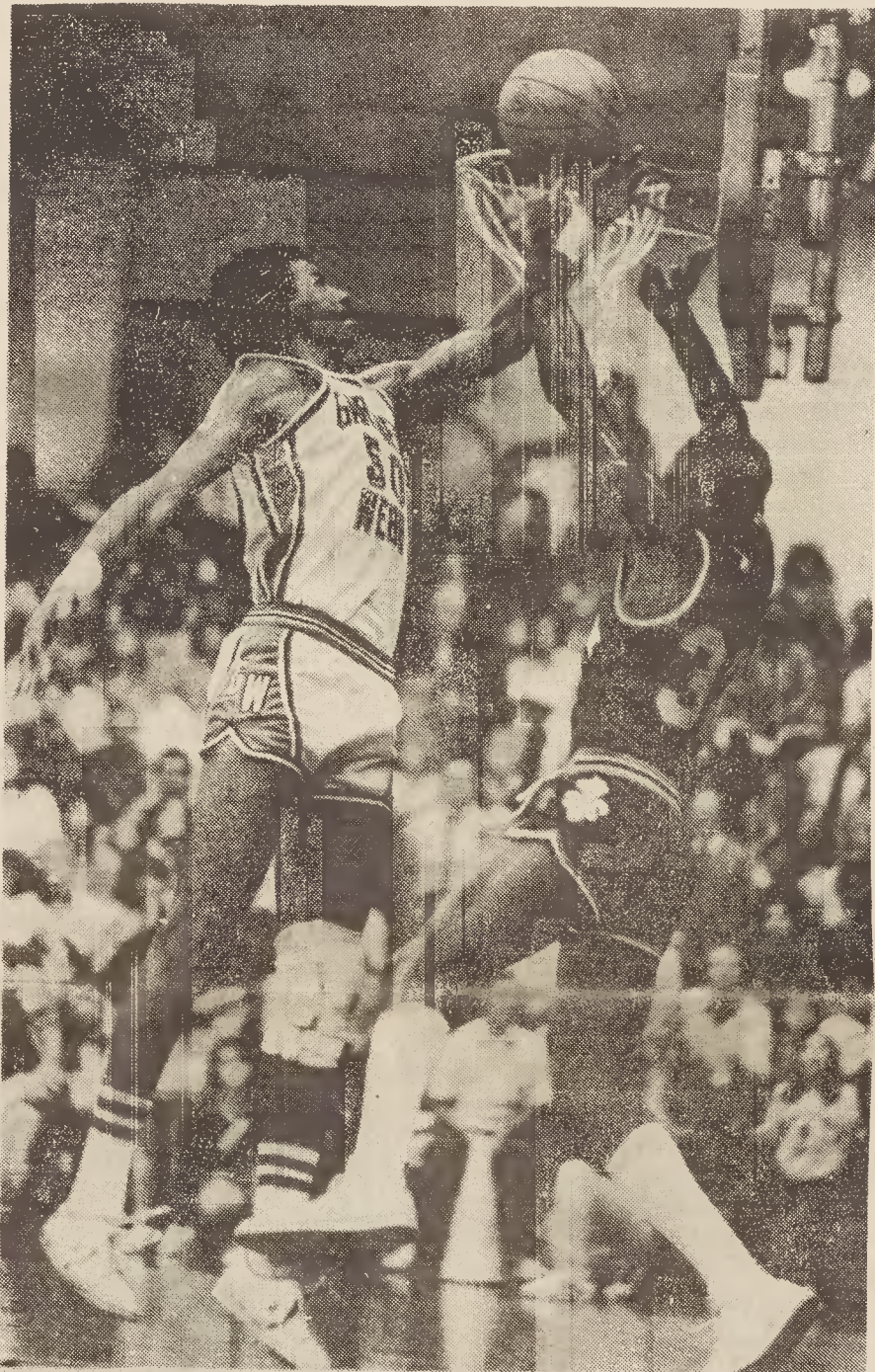
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Boiling Springs, N. C. — Sophomore center Eddie Wilkins (No. 50) led the Gardner-Webb Bulldogs to 3 straight wins last week and was chosen North Carolina's District 26 Player of the Week. The 6 foot 9, 217 pounder was unstoppable as he scored 70 points and grabbed down 23 rebounds.

The Bulldogs travel to Concord on Thursday, January 21 for an 8:00 p.m. contest with Barber-Scotia. Gardner-Webb will not play on Saturday, January 23 against Friendship College. That game has been cancelled and the day off could help Wilkins and Kinney and Terry Camp recover from their injuries faster.

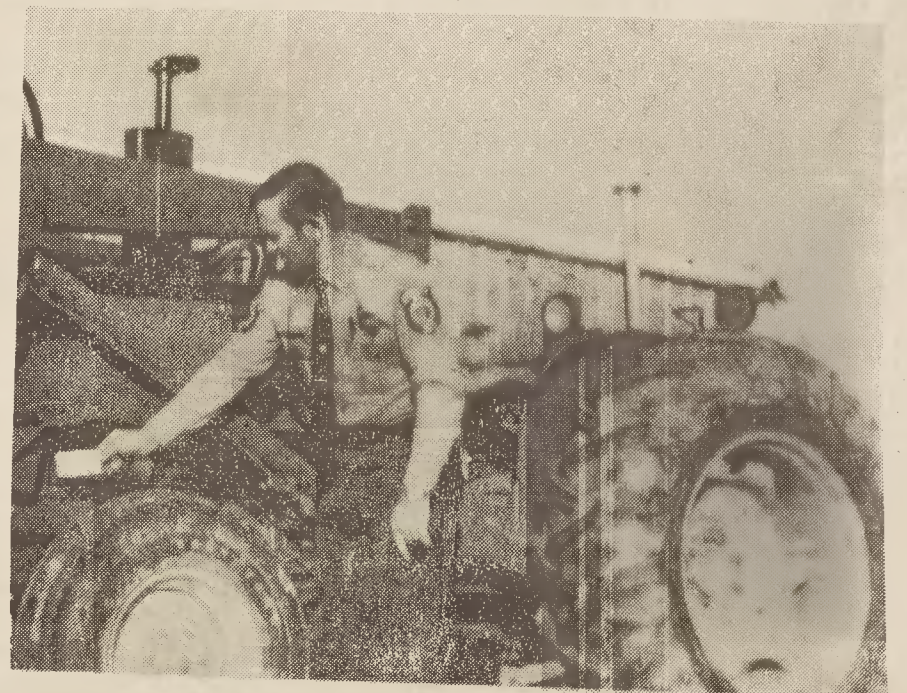
Arrest Coming In Tractor Case

Boiling Springs police have charged a Blacksburg man in connection with the 1980 theft of a tractor from the C. J. Hamrick Company here.

James Edward Norman, 45, was charged with possession of stolen property in a warrant issued Monday by local police and sheriff's deputies. Norman was to be arrested Tuesday, police told the View.

Police had recovered a tractor reported as stolen on Norman's property in the Midpines community Dec. 28. That recovery came after Norman had offered the tractor for sale to the Hamrick company.

Hamrick officials noticed serial numbers on the vehicle were the same as on a 2040 John Deere tractor reported stolen from their



Patrolman Dan Ledbetter stands by the 2040 John Deere tractor reported stolen from C. J. Hamrick's and recovered in the Midpines community. Police issued a warrant this week in connection with the theft.

business June 5, 1980. icy roads sent one opposite lane in They in turn alerted driver to the hospital Friday with neck, front of the Moores- the recovered back, and shoulder injuries after his boro school. The tractor is worth about \$9,500, police say. Ford skidded into driver of the tractor In other action, a tractor in the was unhurt.

Area News

"Why I turned From A Hawk To A Dove" will be the subject of a Thursday night speech in Charlotte by W. H. Withrow, a retired U. S. Navy commander and a faculty member of Gardner-Webb College.

Withrow will speak at 7:30 at St. Martin's Episcopal Church at 1510 East 7th Street. The public is invited.

Cleveland Technical's Continuing Education department

has scheduled 15 new courses beginning the next three weeks. Offered to the public are:

Adult Driver Education, Advanced Cake Decorating, Attracting Purple Martins, Beginning Cake Decoration, Cake Decoration, Candy Making, Counted Cross Stitch, Crochet, EMT, Great Decisions, Greenhouse Gardening, Knitting, Macrame, Quilting, and Typing.

Registration fees for continuing education classes is \$8.00. All persons 65 years of age and over can register free. For further information, contact Cleveland Technical College at 484-4014.

For 190 Years He's Been Saying:

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Shivering surprise was the state in which many local weather forecasters found themselves last week after unexpectedly frigid air lowered temperatures in Cleveland County and left an average of eight inches of snow across North Carolina. But how well did the nation's oldest weather forecasting service predict January's bitter cold?

The Farmer's Almanack, self-styled as "America's oldest continuously published periodical," has been giving farmers weather advice for the last 190 years. The secret to its forecasts, according to current editor Jud Hale, is a formula devised by its first editor, Robert Thomas, in 1792.

That "secret formula," according to Hale, is based on solar cycles and notes on the weather made by Thomas two centuries ago. In a concession to more recent research, a former scientist for the National Aeronautic and Space Administration also contributes to Almanack forecasts. With that modern qualification, how well does Thomas' two-century formula work?

At least as well as modern forecast, after reading the Almanack's predictions for the "Piedmont and Southeast Coastal" region

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According to the 18-century formula, here's 1982: "After a cold snap, Jan. will be mild and drier than normal through mid-month, then cooler with considerable snow in the west." Snow fell here in mid-month Jan. 12 and 13.

For the first three weeks of January, 1982, the Almanack published this Sibylline verse: *Milder then wilder/ Skeins of rain, again/ Mercury falls, then snow squalls./ Bodes well for bundling.*

"We'll be the first to admit that, like the media forecasters, we have a long way to go before achieving meaningful accuracy," Hale says. But, he claims, "scientists in various universities say we're as accurate as anyone in long-range forecasting today."

You be the judge. But just in case you're curious, here's the Almanack's forecast for February: *Getting cloudy, then wild and rowdy./ Wet every which way./ Sunny thaw slides to wet and raw./ Warm? Just teasin' — It's sore throat season.*