

Blowing Rock Establishment Is Damaged By Fire Thursday

Joe White, Ira Gene Story Die; Other Resort News

By MRS. LUCILE LETT

The past week seems to have been designed for the benefit of the Fire Department of Blowing Rock although they were called out for only one of several fires. This one occurred on Thursday afternoon when some \$1,000.00 damage was done to an establishment known as The Bark, near Green Park Hotel, caused by a defective flu. The Bark is owned by Mr. Dewey Isenhour who was quick to praise the efficiency of the fire department.

Small damage was done in the dining room of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Foster the same morning when an overheated stove-pipe set fire to the wall back of the stove. The fire was put out without calling the department.

A brush fire in the yard of Mrs. Paul Klutz on Sunday afternoon was quickly put out by Sonny Klutz and neighbors. An alarm was turned in but the fire was under control before firemen arrived.

Soot caught fire in the chimney of the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Winkler but no damage was done and no alarm was sounded.

Joe White Dies
Mr. Joe White, retired cabinet maker and life-long resident of Blowing Rock, died at Blowing Rock hospital Saturday afternoon following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services for Mr. White were held on Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, from Rumpel Memorial Presbyterian Church, with Rev. Buchanan of Richmond, Va., former pastor, officiating. Reinstatement Funeral Home of Boone was in charge of arrangements.

The body lay in state in the church for one hour prior to the funeral. Mr. White was 73 years of age.

Active pallbearers were George Sudderth, Jr., William Craig, Howard Coffey, Ed Coffey, Charlie Hatten, and Lewis Lentz.

Honorary pallbearers were: Colis Greene, Howard Holshouser, Wiley Greene, Grover Robbins, W. C. Craig, Duke Custer, Dal Tester, Butler Craig, Ben Moody, D. P. Coffey, Paul Coffey, J. H. Winkler, A. C. Critcher, George Sudderth, Sr., Rufus Coffey, Dr. Charles Davant, Eugene Koone, Rob Walsler, Jesse Burns and Henry Hayes.

Floral arrangements were handled by the following ladies of Blowing Rock: Mrs. Howard Holshouser, Miss Gladys Tester, and Mesdames Theodore Greene, Luther Greene, Howard Coffey, Cecil Critcher, Clarence Greene, Steward Bolick, Doss Keller, Max Moody, Charles Bolick, Arnold Bolick, Clarence Newton, John Lyon, Jesse Burns, George Baker, George Sudderth, Jr., Ed Coffey, Wiley Greene, Mrs. Alma Miller, and Mrs. Mary Herring.

Surviving the deceased are the widow, Mrs. Cenia Gragg White, a son, William White, of Blowing Rock; seven daughters, Mrs. Dewey Isenhour of Blowing

Rock, Mrs. William Broach of Lenoir, Mrs. Jimmie Craig of Wilmington, Mrs. Hardin Wheeler of Camp Pickett, Va., Miss Edith White of Washington, D. C., Mrs. Stephen Ryznar and Mrs. Gus Lee of Annapolis, Md.; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Buchanan of Boone, and Mrs. Bessie Tugman of Gastonia; one brother, Mr. George White of Lenoir; nine grandchildren, and one great grandchild.

Ira Gene Story
Ira Gene Story, former resident of Blowing Rock, died in Marine Hospital in Portsmouth, Va., on Tuesday afternoon, February 4, following a long illness. He was 58 years of age.

Mr. Story, son of the late Joshua Clingman and Martha Day Story, was a retired carpenter from the Naval Ammunitions Depot. He was a member of Craddock Presbyterian Church, of Lake Drummond Lodge No. 178, A. F. & A. M.; of Lake Drummond Royal Arch Chapter No. 72, and a veteran of World War I.

Funeral services were held for Mr. Story on Thursday afternoon, February 7, with Snelling Funeral Home in charge with Masonic rites at the graveside. Interment was in Portsmouth where Mr. and Mrs. Story had made their home for twelve years.

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Emma Flowers of Hickory; two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Hartley of Wilkesboro, and Mrs. Earl Coffey of Hickory; six brothers, Argus W. of Portsmouth, Arthur of Lenoir, Edgar of Wilkesboro, and Dewey, Perry, and Luther of Cleveland, Ohio.

Hospital Notes
Patients during the past week at Blowing Rock Hospital included Mrs. Carrie Luttrell, Mrs. Fred Brown, Beulah Brown, Lois Yarborough, Mr. Frank Oxentine, Mr. Paul Gragg, Annie Mae Welsome and Mr. Joe White.

Birth: Mr. and Mrs. Deward Coffey, a son, February 5.

W. M. S. Meets
Regular monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of First Baptist Church was held on Wednesday of last week at the home of Mrs. Larney Hollars with Mrs. Jake Jones, president, presiding. There were 18 members and two visitors present.

Devotional was given by Mrs. Alma Miller.

The program, "The Ministry of Prayer," was under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Thomas, Jr., assisted by Mrs. Rose Garvey and Mrs. Carol Coffey.

A program was planned for the Week of Prayer for Home Missions from March 3 through 7, with a meeting each night at 7:30 o'clock at the church.

Following the business session, a social hour, with refreshments, was enjoyed.

Legion Auxiliary Meets

The Blowing Rock American Legion Auxiliary met Monday night, February 4, at the home of Mrs. Glen Dale. Newly elected officers were installed as follows: President, Mrs. Gene Bolick; first vice president, Mrs. Rebecca Smoot; second vice presi-

dent, Mrs. Bessie Coffey; secretary, Mrs. Lucy Castle; treasurer, Mrs. Cora Sudderth; Sgt.-at-Arms, Mrs. Luda Gragg; and historian, Mrs. Blair Greene.

Committees for the year were appointed with chairmen as follows: Americanism and Legislation, Mrs. Blair Greene; Community Service, Mrs. Sue Dale; Child Welfare, Mrs. Bessie Coffey; Poppies, Mrs. Lucy Castle; Junior Activities, Mrs. Dorothy Greene; Girls State, Mrs. Rebecca Smoot; Convention Month, Mrs. Revelle Robbins; Music, Mrs. Polly Martin; Education of War Orphans, Mrs. Carrie Johnson; Membership, Mrs. Luda Gragg; Rehabilitation, Mrs. Lilac Sudderth; Finance, Mrs. Rebecca Smoot; Social, Mrs. Polly Martin; Publicity, Mrs. Sue Dale; and Welfare, Mrs. Alma Robbins.

The following new members were added to the roll: Mrs. Jewel Moody, Mrs. Elizabeth Greene, Mrs. Virginia Hartley, and Mrs. Lida Martin.

Plans were made to hold an Americanism Essay Contest in the school, prizes to be awarded first and second place winners.

Discussions regarding the proposed building of an American Legion Hut were held.

Plans also were finished for the benefit homemade cake, pie, and candy sale to be held on Friday, February 22, in Belk's Department Store in Boone.

The following items are on hand with the Auxiliary for sale to the public: Greeting cards, wrapping paper, napkins, cook books with local recipes.

All future meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month. The March meeting will be with Mrs. Blair Greene in Mayview Park.

After the business meeting an interesting program on Legislation and Americanism was given by Mrs. Blaire Greene, after which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Rotary Meets
Blowing Rock Rotary Club met Friday evening in regular session at Springhaven Inn, with ten members present.

Plans for a project for the club were discussed and will be made public at an early date.

Mr. R. B. Hardin is president. Mr. Stone is program chairman for the month of February.

Naval Veteran Discharged
Clifford Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Walters, has been released from duty with the U. S. Navy, effective February 1. Mr. Walters held the rank of HM 1 class, and served in the Naval Hospital in Portsmouth, Va., during his time of service. He served four years with the Navy in England during World War II.

Mr. Walters, with Mrs. Walters,

News Items From Rutherfordwood

Four of our students have moved to Abingdon, Va. Edith, Betty Sue, Grady and Cynthia Moretz. We were sorry to see them go and we miss them very much.

The following students have been absent on account of sickness: John Gragg, John Hodge, James Parlier, Beulah Brown and Gloria Triplett. We are happy to have them all back again.

Billy Cook, Tommy Cook, Johnny Bodenhamer, Betty Jo Watson and William Lee Watson all have perfect attendance records.

We are very proud of our March of Dimes campaign. The children collected \$20.50.

At our last P. T. A. meeting a silver offering of \$10.00 was received for the March of Dimes. Making a total of \$30.50 for Rutherfordwood School.

The February meeting of the P. T. A. has been postponed until March 3. At that time we expect to have as our guests Mrs. Dessa Mae Edmisten and Dr. Shaffer.

Please don't forget our box supper Friday night February 15 at 7:00 o'clock. The Norris Brothers of WATA in Boone will furnish music.

There will be cake guessing, pretty girl and ugly man contest and cake walks. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Rutherfordwood 4-H Club Meets

The Rutherfordwood 4-H Club met Friday, February 8. The meeting was called to order by the vice president, John Gragg. After a short program by different club members the meeting was turned over to Miss Coston and Mr. Richardson.

Mr. Richardson showed us many slides on gardening, while Miss Coston explained the slides as they were shown. They gave each of us a chart showing us what to raise in our gardens and when to plant the different vegetables.

Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Coffey had as their guests Saturday and Sunday their niece and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Wise, of Three-Mile, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Foster have received word that their son, Randall Jr., has been promoted to the rank of corporal. Cpl. Foster is stationed at Francis E. Warren AFB in Wyoming.

Recent guests of Springhaven Inn included 38 members of the Eastman Hiking Club of Kingsport, Tenn. This group, headed by Miss Joelle Rush, is most enthusiastic about Blowing Rock as the ideal location for outings of this nature. They climbed Grandfather Mountain Saturday, then all attended worship services in Blowing Rock Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Hannabass were chaperones.

The Reinakings of Springhaven also had as Sunday dinner guests two men from Germany, but their names were not obtained.

Mrs. Spence Greene and daughter, Dorothy, spent the week end in South Carolina where they visited Mr. Greene and Mrs. Greene's relatives. Mr. Greene

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Each month the eighth grade plans to sponsor a school paper. In our English class this week several students have been giving interesting talks. Jean Henson spoke on "Elephants," Jo Ann Phillips, "Tigers," and Lanco Reese, "Walt Whitman."

Shirley Trivette visited relatives in Elizabethton, Tenn., Sunday.

The eighth graders, enjoyed having Kate Brown from Greenville, Tenn., visit with them last Thursday and Friday.

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