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FOURTEEN PAGES—TWO SECTIONS

Thomas Winkler Is New District Road Engineer

John Thomas Winkler of West Jefferson and Road Maintenance Supervisor of Ashe and Avery Counties has been named the new District Engineer at Boone, Division Engineer J. H. Council of North Wilkesboro announced today.

In announcing the promotion of Winkler, Council said that he was replacing the veteran District Engineer, C. A. "Buck" Hayworth of Boone, who is retiring March 1, after almost 37 years of continuous highway service.

He commended Hayworth for his many years of fine public road



JOHN THOMAS WINKLER

service, dating from May 1, 1921, when he came with the fledgling Highway Commission after three years of college work at Carson Newman College and Baker Heilmel. Hayworth started out as a resident engineer on construction and was in charge of building many of the roads in the northwestern part of the State. Moving up the engineering ladder, Hayworth worked briefly in the Raleigh office as a resident maintenance engineer and then returned to field work where he handled construction work in all of western North Carolina for several years. From 1937 to 1941, he was assistant division engineer on maintenance and construction out of the North Wilkesboro office. Since 1941, he has been District Engineer in charge of road maintenance in Ashe, Avery, Caldwell and Watauga Counties.

Winkler dates his highway service from 1938 when he worked on the location of the Blue Ridge Parkway between Deep Gap and Grandfather Mountain. In 1940, he did survey work for the WPA on the relocation of roads and bridges damaged by the 1940 flood.

In 1941, Winkler transferred to construction at Mt. Airy and worked in Surry and Stokes Counties.

During World War II, he served four years in the army with three years on active duty with the 43rd Infantry Division in New Guinea, New Georgia, the Philippines and the Quada Canal Zone.

In 1945, Winkler was released as a Staff Sergeant with three Army Commendation ribbons and the Bronze Star.

He resumed work with the Highway Commission, first as an assistant on road oil work and then as a rodam on construction. He was transferred again to Mt. Airy and worked on various construction projects in Forsyth, Davie, Davidson, and Stokes Counties.

In 1947, he was transferred to (Continued on page six)

Mrs. Phillips Rites Are Held

Mrs. Mary Waters Phillips, 83, resident of Reese, died last Thursday at her home following a long illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church and burial was in the Beaver Dam cemetery. Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Carl Wilson conducted the rites.

Surviving are the following sons and daughters: Clyde, Page, W. Va.; Oscar, Trade, Tenn.; Roy, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Ina Brown, Boone; Mrs. Ross Eggers, Royal Oak, Mich.; Mrs. Ralph Lancaster, Ronnoke, Va.; Mrs. Ray Braswell, Mrs. Hugh Davis, Reese. There are three sisters, Mrs. Sarah Triplett, Triplett; Mrs. Mattie Oliver, Bassett, Va.; Mrs. Minnie Winters, Jeff City, Tenn., thirty-two grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren.

Mrs. Critcher Dies On Friday

Mrs. Martha Cook Critcher, 84, of Boone, died Friday at the home, following a stroke suffered 36 hours previously.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Mount Vernon Baptist Church by the pastor, Rev. Barney Oliver, who was assisted by Rev. R. C. Eggers and Rev. Maurice Cooper. Burial was in the Mount Vernon cemetery.

Survivors include the husband, former sheriff C. M. Critcher, one son, Homer Critcher, of Boone; and three daughters: Mrs. A. E. Hamby, Boone; Mrs. Earl Cook, Boone; Mrs. W. O. Robertson, Baltimore, Md. There is one brother, T. Len Cook of Boone and a sister, Mrs. L. M. Hartley, Marthon, N. Y.

Ben J. Culler Dies On Friday

Allen Benjamin Culler, 82, farmer of the Rich Mountain section, died last Friday.

Funeral services were conducted from the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in the Silverstone neighborhood Sunday at 2 o'clock, and burial was in the church cemetery. The pastor, Rev. Herbert McCoy was assisted in the rites by Rev. E. O. Gore and Rev. Rex West.

A son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John S. Culler, deceased was born in Boone, where he lived for a great many years. He had resided on Rich Mountain for about 20 years, where he engaged in farming activities. He was a charter member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, and had been a Deacon for many years. He had served as Sunday School Superintendent and had taught in the Sunday School at various times.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Nancy Eggers Culler, three daughters, Mrs. Effie Grogan, Mrs. Lillian Parsons of Lynchburg, Va.; four sons, Emmett Culler, Lynchburg, Va.; Everett Culler, Silverstone; Rev. Ralph Culler, Warrenton, N. C. There are two sisters, Mrs. Betty Greene and Mrs. Alice Cornell; three brothers: Walter, Ed and Frank of Boone. There are 21 grandchildren and 33 great grandchildren.

PTA Features Panel Program

The Boone Parent Teachers Association met Monday night in the Boone Elementary School and heard a discussion "Our Needs and Opportunities in Vocational Training." The meeting was in the form of a panel discussion.

Panelist included Dr. D. J. Whitener, Dr. A. B. Crew, Guy Angell and Richard Morhauser.

During the meeting Dr. Crew announced that instruction in electricity has been arranged for and that classes at the high school will begin this week. Norman Lackey will be instructor, Dr. Crew said. Plans are being studied to hold classes at night for adults in this field, and Dr. Crew stated he will release more information on this next week.

The meeting was well attended by parents and teachers who were interested in vocational subjects for children in Boone.



FRED HAY, student at Appalachian State Teachers College, stands by car which was covered by drifting snow last week at the end of College Field. Snow had drifted as high as the car, and students traveling between the dormitories and the main college buildings could walk over the hard packed snow without danger of falling through. Temperature in Boone stayed below the freezing mark all week until Saturday when it went to 38 degrees. Since then the thermometer registered as high as 61 degrees Monday, and the temperature stayed in the fifties most of Tuesday.—Staff photo.

Wataugans Will Observe National 4-H Club Week

Watauga County 4-H Club members will join boys and girls throughout the nation and several foreign countries as they observe National 4-H Club Week, March 1 through 8.

Several local clubs will hold special meetings. A radio program by club members will be given during the celebration, and a window display will be made in downtown Boone.

The Watauga 4-H Council will hold its election of officers Saturday in the Legion Hut.

Theme of this year's national observance is "4-H Salute to Parents." Few, if any, common denominators are as universal as the desire of parents to offer their children a better world and a better chance for success than they enjoyed themselves. From the beginning, 4-H Club work has been established as a family affair. These are two basic advantages for having a "4-H Salute to Parents."

In a joint statement by the two people that work closely with the various clubs in the county, Woodrow Richardson, assistant county agent, and Miss June Street, assistant home agent, it was said that Parents of Watauga County 4-H Club members, as well as 4-H parents over the State and nation, welcome their youngsters' projects as activities around which they can build companionship and learn to communicate and understand each other.

For others, 4-H Club work becomes a medium for widening one's circle of friends and learning of the interests of other people as they participate in special activities planned for parents. There is the gratification which comes from knowing one is part of a nationally-recognized youth activity with a long and proud history.

Weather in Watauga County has caused postponement of the annual Achievement Day which is usually held during 4-H week. Date for the event has been tentatively set for March 13.



A LONG WAY FROM HOME—This snow covered car was seen on King Street last week parked between two snow banks by the Democrat photographer. The driver was not around, but chances were, he would prefer to be home, even if Florida was reporting unfavorable weather.

Robber Foiled In Break-In Attempt

Rufus McNeil, about 20 years old, of North Wilkesboro, is in the Watauga county jail, after having been foiled Tuesday morning by city police in his efforts to gain entrance to Belk's Department Store.

The arrest was made by Chief

SBI Aid Local Police In Dog Poison Probe

Chief G. D. Richardson states that an agent of the State Bureau of Investigation is aiding local officers in an investigation into the poisoning of a number of dogs in the city.

Chief Richardson says that autopsies on some of the animals performed by Dr. Martin indicate that some form of rat poison was likely used in the lethal bait.

Fashion Show Plans Made

The Home Economics Department of Appalachian High School will present a mid-winter fashion show during the chapel period at 8:40, Friday, February 28.

Second and third year students will model the garments they have made in class. Following this they will present a preview of spring by modeling new spring fashions from Caudill's of Boone. Parents and friends are invited to this program.

Richardson in company with Officers Max Fox and Clarence Greene.

Meantime, SBI agents are coming to Boone to ascertain whether or not McNeil is the man wanted for a number of robberies in this and other places.

Chief Richardson says that McNeil was on top of the one-story building occupied by the Hendrix Grocery, and was trying to pry open a rear window to the Belk Store. Mr. Hendrix was sleeping in his place, was awaked by footsteps on the roof and called the police at 2:30 a. m.

The Chief says that McNeil was carrying a complete set of burglary tools, and judged the weight of the equipment to be something like fifty pounds.

Miss Miller Dies In Bristol

Miss Edna Rebecca Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Miller, Route 2, died February 18 at 317 Taylor Street, Bristol, Tenn.

Funeral services were held Sunday February 23, at Bethel View Methodist Church. Interment was in the Bethel View cemetery.

She is survived by her parents, seven brothers and two sisters: Howard, Baxter, Herbert, of Boone; Worth, Eugene, Chicago; Glenn, Moose Pass, Alaska; Ralph, Southwick, Idaho; Mrs. Verlee Penley and Mrs. Anna Bell Ray of Hickory.

She was a member of Howard's Creek Baptist Church.

App Hi Wrestlers Take State Crown

Boone Team Gets Top Score In Burlington

The Appalachian High School wrestling team defended their title as state champions of 1957 by running up the highest score ever recorded in the tournament which was held at Burlington last Thursday and Friday. Out of the twelve weights, Appalachian had seven champions, one second place and a fourth place winner. This was the climax of the sixth year of wrestling at the high school which has yet to be defeated. They racked up a 10-0 record during the regular season against strong competition.

The team score was as follows for the tournament: First, Appalachian 109 pts.; second, Goldsboro 69 pts.; third, Asheboro 63 pts.; fourth, Burlington and Greensboro 57 pts.; sixth, Myers Park 38 pts.

After the semi-finals had been run off Friday morning there was no doubt about Appalachian repeating as state champions. Eight of Appalachian's boys won that morning, assuring them of a first or second place in the tournament.

Results:
 95 lb. class—Austin Moretz, sophomore of A. H. S. went all the way by defeating Trimmal of High Point, Asknis of Goldsboro, and Patterson of Greensboro in the finals. All by decisions.

103 lb. class—Ford King, freshman of A. H. S. lost in the finals to Hales of Goldsboro after defeating Anthony of Greensville and Bowden of Asheboro. King secured his only pin from Anthony.

112 lb. class—Sammy Critcher, a senior won the title for the third time in as many years by decisioning Arthur of Greenville who was a state champion of 1957. Critcher had pinned Lewis of New Bern and Jones of Southwest to gain the finals.

120 lb. class—Bill Cook, a senior not only won the title by defeating May of Burlington, but was voted the tournament's "Most Outstanding Wrestler." His other matches included a pin to Deaton of Greensboro, Fred Kesler of Salisbury, and a decision over Keek of Goldsboro.

127 lb. class—Tommy Owsley, a senior won his second title by defeating Hayes of Burlington by a decision in the finals. Tommy secured a pin over Yates of Salisbury and a decision over Thomas of Myers Park in his other matches.

133 lb. class—Ned Vines, a junior won the championship by securing three decisions. Levy of Greensboro was Vines' opponent in the finals. His other two decisions were from Wilson of New Bern and Newsome of Burlington.

138 lb. class—Dick Brown, a senior decisioned Lassiter from Burlington in the finals for the title. Other decisions were at the expense of Patton of High Point and Andrews of Greensboro.

145 lb. class—Jerry Hollifield of Burlington won the title by defeating Bunting of Asheboro. Keith Wyke of Appalachian lost out in the first round to Leary of High Point.

154 lb. class—Kent Coleman, a senior of A. H. S. won the title by decisioning Leggett of Asheboro in the finals. In Kent's other matches, he had a decision over (Continued on page six)



WRECK AT SUGAR GROVE—Car on left was driven by George E. Vanover, of Fort Bragg and Cawood, Ky., while the one of the right was driven by Wiley Louis Stanberry, Route 1, Vilas. The Fort Bragg man was en route to his home in Kentucky, and was not familiar with the route, according to the investigating patrolman, and was on the wrong side of the road at the U. S. 421-N. C. 603 intersection. Three passengers in the Stanberry car were injured.—Photo Palmer's Photo Shop.

Three Are Injured In Head-On Crash

Lee Swift, 85, Dies On Monday

Mr. Lee Swift, 85, retired farmer of Beaver Dam township, died February 17th at his home, following an illness of four months.

Funeral services were conducted February 20 at 2 o'clock at the Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Rev. J. H. Crisp of Lenoir, and Rev. R. C. Eggers of Zionville conducted the rites. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The widow survives. One child died in infancy. Two foster sons and a foster daughter survive: Cecil Swift, Sanford Creed of Reese; Mrs. Ethel Stewart, Winston-Salem.

The following brothers and sisters survive: Carl, Zeb and Charles Swift, Santa Rosa, Texas; Dan Swift, Detroit, Mich.; Ray Swift, Reese; Mrs. Zilda Eller, Lackland, Ohio; Mrs. Emma Culver, Elizabethton, Tenn.; Mrs. Will Norris, Brunswick, Ga.

Mr. Swift was a leader in the religious life of his community. He had been a Deacon in his church for over 30 years, a Sunday School teacher 20 years and had attended all sessions of the Three Forks Baptist Association for 50 years.

Three persons were injured in a head-on collision shortly after midnight Saturday, when a car driven by Wiley Louis Stanberry, Route 1, Vilas, and one driven by George E. Vanover, Carwood, Ky., ran together at the U. S. 421-N. C. 603 intersection, at Sugar Grove.

Robert Church, Vilas received lacerations of forehead and right eye lid; Lloyd Stephens, Sherwood, suffered lacerations of the right leg and a sprained back; and Ned Stephens of Sherwood, a bruised knee in the accident. They were released from Watauga Hospital after receiving treatment. All three were passenger in the Stanberry car.

According to the investigating highway patrolman, Charles W. Mason, Vanover was enroute home from Fort Bragg, and was headed west. Not being familiar with the highway, he had managed to get on the wrong side of the road at the intersection and ran into the Stanberry car which was traveling east.

Both cars were damaged considerably, but no amount was given in the report.

Vanover was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Tunisian bombing tied to race relation problem.



HOLE IN ROOF lets daylight shine through warehouse of Farmers Hardware and Supply Co., Inc., after drifting snow caused the roof to cave in last week. Twisted pipes, part of the sprinkler system, may be seen. The pipes, which were fed by a four-inch main, broke and spilled tons of water on merchandise stored there and on the floor of the building and into the street where it froze. Russell D. Hodges, Sr., president of the firm, said Tuesday that preliminary estimate of damage was placed at \$5,000 to \$7,000, but that exact figures would not be known until all damaged supplies could be moved. Work has been hampered by the freezing temperatures following the cave-in.—Staff photo.

THE 1957-58 WRESTLING SQUAD, which is undefeated this season, will play host to the Carolina's AAU Tournament March 14-15.