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GRADING ALMOST COMPLETED AT NEW PLANT SITE. (Minor photo.)

## First Person To Spot Fire At Warehouse Was Mrs. Jackson

The first person to spot the blaze at Coleman's Burley Warehouse early Wednesday morning was Mrs. Mamie Jackson. That was around 1:20 a.m.

She alerted her son-in-law, Paul Grimes, who already had been disturbed by a roaring sound. "I thought it was a truck at first," he said. "After I heard it the first time, I started back to sleep, but then I heard it again."

Grimes ran to the front of his house on North Depot Street, where "it was so bright, it looked like it was on my front porch."

"Fire was coming out the side doors on the north side, jumping 25 to 30 feet. I couldn't get to my car."

Grimes' 1950 Buick, which was parked on the bank just above the warehouse, was destroyed by flames. He got into another car and raced for the Fire Department.

When he arrived, policeman Raleigh Cottrell had just turned

in the alarm. Cottrell asked Grimes where the fire was. Although the fire apparently was north of King Street, no calls had come in to pinpoint the blaze.

Cottrell then told Grimes to raise the doors and pull the white fire truck out to the street.

The alarm was turned in about 1:22 a.m. In seconds, volunteer fireman Armfield Coffey, who lives across from the Fire Department, was in the truck, racing for the warehouse.

Grimes: "Within five minutes, they had water up there." By the time Grimes got back to

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## Fire Chief, Warehouseman Express Thanks For Help

Fire Chief R. D. Hodges told the Democrat this week, in recounting the events of the Tobacco Warehouse blaze of last Wednesday, that thanks is due all persons who assisted the fire departments of Boone and Blowing Rock in efforts to save the establishment.

Special thanks goes to the Blowing Rock Fire Department, Hodges said. They responded immediately to the emergency call with a truck and 14 men.

Hodges also thanks ASTC college boys who helped stifle ground fires around the warehouse, and all those who assisted with traffic and keeping the hoses clear, and the Boone Rescue Squad.

The firemen injured in the fire-fightings were Earl Keller and Cecil Carter, who received slight burns on the hands, Hodges said.

Joe Coleman, co-owner of the warehouse, also extends thanks to all who worked to halt the blaze.

## Soil District Supervisor To Be Elected Dec. 4th

The election for a Supervisor in the Watauga Soil and Water Conservation District will be held on Friday, Dec. 4, according to Clyde Moretz, Chairman

of the Board of Supervisors. The term of Ned Glenn of Sugar Grove will expire on Dec. 31, 1964.

Nominating petitions bearing the signatures of 251 qualified voters of Watauga County must be in the office of the N. C. State Soil and Water Conservation Committee at Raleigh 10 days prior to the election in order to make a candidate eligible for election.

Any person who so desires may submit a petition for an eligible nominee and have the name of the nominee placed on the ballot, Mr. Moretz stated.

## Eugene Hollars Taken By Death

Eugene Hollars, 65, of Boone, retired assistant superintendent of the Watauga County prison camp, died Thursday at his home after a long illness.

He was born in Watauga County to Andrew and Mary Lipps Hollars and was a veteran of World War I.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Bertha Trivett Hollars; three sons, Oscar Hollars of Roanoke, Va., and Cecil and Kenneth Hollars of Boone; five daughters, Mrs. Leona Young of Great Falls, Mont., Mrs. Mamie Jackson of Boone, Mrs. Helen Taylor of Boone, Mrs. Mary Lee of Boone, and Mrs. Mary Lee of Boone.

## Thanksgiving Closing Asked

Mr. Herman Wilcox, outgoing president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, recommends that all business establishments and offices be closed Thursday, November 26, in the traditional observance of Thanksgiving Day.

## C. C. Eggers Dies In Idaho

Clarence C. Eggers, 75, retired employee of the Washington Water Power Co., in Post Falls, Idaho and former resident of Watauga County, died Friday at his home in Post Falls following an extended illness.

Mr. Eggers was born in Mabel, N. C., and moved to the Post Falls area in 1912. He was a member of the Community Presbyterian Church, IOOF Lodge.

Surviving are his widow, Laura Davis Eggers, two daughters, Mrs. Velma Largent of Hayden Lake, Idaho, Mrs. Helen Tilseth of Spokane Valley; one sister, Mrs. Florence Davis of Zionville, N. C.; five grandchildren. A son, Earl, was killed in World War II.

## Southern Bell Acts To Better Phone Service

Southern Bell is now in the process of installing special equipment for the overall improvement of long distance telephone service between Boone, Boone and Blowing Rock, according to J. E. Riggs, plant manager. Mr. Riggs stated that the cost of this project will exceed \$40,000.

Approximately two months will be required to complete the work which began October 5, 1964.



REV. E. F. TROUTMAN

## Rev. Troutman Resigns Post As Lutheran Pastor

BY R. C. WINEBARGER

The Reverend Edwin F. Troutman has submitted his resignation to the congregation of Grace Lutheran Church to become effective December 31, at which time he will retire as a full-time minister.

He agreed to serve the congregation until March 31, 1965, to allow time for finding a replacement, at which time he and Mrs. Troutman will go to their home at Troutman, N. C. He expects to do some supply work there from time to time.

Rev. and Mrs. Troutman came to the Boone Church, which was then one of three churches in the Boone Lutheran Parish, May 1, 1938. During these 26 years, the Boone church has become fully self-supporting and has prospered in every way, one of which was the erection of an Educational Building which almost doubled the value of the property. During the years, Mrs. Troutman has been very active in the work and has walked side by side with her husband. Their two sons are pastors of Lutheran Churches in Atlanta, (continued on page two)

## Thanksgiving Services To Be Held Throughout County

Three Thanksgiving services will be held throughout the county this year.

Of particular interest to people living in the Boone area is the annual service, sponsored by the Watauga County Ministerial Association. It will be held on Wednesday evening, November 25th, at 7 p. m. at the Greenway Baptist Church. This service will last approximately an hour, with the offering to be used for mission work among the Migrant Workers of America

who are condemned to poverty as unskilled laborers.

Rev. Richard Crowder, Minister of the Boone Methodist Church, will bring the message, and the following ministers will participate in the program: J. Boyce Brooks, Floyd Boston, Todd Ferneyhough, J. K. Parker, Jr., E. F. Troutman, Donald Wilson, and C. O. Vance, pastor of the host church.

On Thursday, Nov. 26, at 10 a. m., a Thanksgiving service will be held at the Cove Creek

## Industry Film Is Feature Of Annual Event

BY RACHEL RIVERS

At the annual Farm-City Week dinner, Nov. 12 at Cove Creek High School, Dr. W. H. Plemmons spoke on "How Industry Affects a Community" and community club awards were made.

Dr. Plemmons, president of ASTC and the Northwest North Carolina Development Association, spoke to an overflow crowd of 324 persons in behalf of WAMY Community Action, Inc.

He said, "WAMY, which stands for Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties, was first known as the four-county project. It has been under development for one and a half years."

Dr. Plemmons said the program began through the Governor's interest in breaking poverty and providing opportunity to the underprivileged, and added, "It is not a poverty program."

"I prefer to call it a program of progress and a program of promise."

Dr. Plemmons showed slides entitled "How Industry Affects a Community" and said that the slides and narration, which concentrate on industry and education, are available through L. E. Tuckwiller.

The gist of the film was: The reason for high taxes is low income and productivity. By elevating these factors, state expenditure for education also will be lifted. Three-fourths of state expenditures are for education.

In attaining higher incomes and greater production—revenue grows with sufficient income, and education funds increase simultaneously.

The tax burden will be lightened if it is distributed more evenly among tax payers. Average income in Northwest North Carolina is \$31,502. The national average is in excess of \$2,400. The local average is about \$900 less than the state average.

An ideal industrial community must offer lower taxes, must have business people who understand business economics and must make industrial sites available at reasonable prices. Industry should not exploit (Continued on page two)

## Championship Game Will Be Played Friday

The football game for the District Seven AA Championship will be played with Granite Falls at 8 p.m. Friday at the William J. Conrad Stadium.

The winner of this game will meet Swain High School of Bryson City for the Western Regional Championship.

## Farm-City Week Dinner

# Plemmons Says WAMY Is Program Of Progress



A PROUD HUNTER, LEE BRYAN of Route 1, Vilas, poses beside his 11-point deer. Bryan killed the buck Monday morning on the South slope of Grandfather Mountain.

He said he brought the deer down with a 30.06 rifle at about 80 yards. The deer was trotting when shot. (Rivers photo.)

## Fringe Area Development Is Topic Blowing Rock C. of C.

BY RACHEL RIVERS

The Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce Friday took up the question of community enterprise in relation to "fringe area" development.

Louis Smith, C of C president, introduced the projected problem:

"Look at Hound Ears, Ski Mountain, Nine Mountains, Seven Devils, and the ski slopes at Banner Elk," he said. "All are developing on our fringe area."

"My long-range thinking is that if we don't watch what we're doing, we're going to be

squeezed out. I may be too pessimistic, but in five or ten years we may find ourselves going downhill."

Pointing to Boone as an example, Smith said motels are increasing in number there, but "we are more or less dormant here."

Howard Barnwell: "I'm interested in one thing. We need an establishment large enough to handle small conventions that like to come here in the off-season. We could get a number of those conventions up here. We could work at it."

Smith: "As I see it, Blowing Rock is a prestige summer resort and will continue to have summer homes. But I'm thinking about what we can do to keep pace with the changing times."

Barnwell: "May I suggest you appoint a special group to study this alone, see what could be done about it? Two things should be discussed. First, we have no big restaurants open in winter, and there's nothing to do at night."

Smith agreed to schedule a study committee soon.

Attending were Mrs. H. P. Holshouser Sr., Mrs. T. L. Dy-sart of Blowing Rock and Statesville, J. D. Jones, Howard Barnwell, Louis Smith and Mrs. Betty Custer, C of C secretary.

The directors approved increasing the non-resident directors from seven to nine persons as a means of stimulating interest. Of its 382 members, Smith said non-resident members are in the majority. Resi-

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## Break-In Noted At Winkler Motor

Last Tuesday night while firemen and local police officers were helping to battle the blaze at the Mountain Burley Warehouse, a break-in occurred at the Winkler Motor Company garage building.

According to W. R. Winkler, Jr., a tenant in an apartment over the garage saw a man running from the building carrying an object and asked what he was doing. The intruder dropped the object, which was later identified as an oil stove from the Winkler's garage. Mr. Winkler stated that they had not been able to ascertain what other items might have been taken.

Several suspects have been questioned by Town of Boone police officials in connection with the break-in, but no arrests have been made. Investigations are continuing.

## Appreciation Night For GOP

Thursday, November 19, has been designated Appreciation Night by the local Republican Executive Committee.

A meeting has been scheduled for 7:30 p. m. at the Court House at which time Congressman James Broyhill along with all the newly elected county officials will be expressing their appreciation to the local supporters.

The public is invited.

## F. L. Wilcox, 72, Dies Thursday

Felix Lloyd Wilcox, 72, of Rt. 1, Deep Gap, died at Watauga Hospital Thursday, November 12.

He was a native of Wilkes County and the son of the late Grant and Cornelia McGuire Wilcox.

Mr. Wilcox had been in the nursery and landscaping business in Watauga County for twenty-five years, had been a U. S. Mail carrier, a merchant in Stony Fork, N. C., and for a number of years did carpentering.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Channie Wilcox; one son, Ravon Wilcox of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; one daughter, Mrs. Bill Hodges of Boone; four brothers, O. S. Wilcox of Glendale (Continued on page two)

## L. E. Townsend Dies Saturday

Lonnie Edward Townsend, 4, of Route 4, Boone, son of Mrs. Mary Rosa Townsend, died at the Watauga Hospital Saturday, Nov. 14.

Surviving are the mother; one sister, Louise Townsend, of the home; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Townsend of Route 4, Boone.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 10 a. m. at the Laurel Fork Baptist Church with the Rev. Charles Teems officiating.

Interment was in the Townsend Cemetery at Banner Elk.

## Red Cross Bloodmobile To Be At Greenway Church 24th

In the weeks just ahead there will be three holiday weekends: Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

Each is now associated with hundreds of traffic accident deaths, and blood flows from thousands that are injured. Some of the citizens of Watauga County will perhaps be counted in one of these groups.

The holiday season, combined with winter weather, unfortunately produces a high rate of accidents and illnesses. Often,

blood transfusions are urgently required.

Watauga County people have shown themselves quick to respond to a dramatic case, when they come to know personally of some child or adult who needs their help in a crisis.

It is harder for people to realize that every day is an emergency in the Watauga and Blowing Rock hospitals, which rely on the Red Cross.

Christmas is not far off and (Continued on page two)