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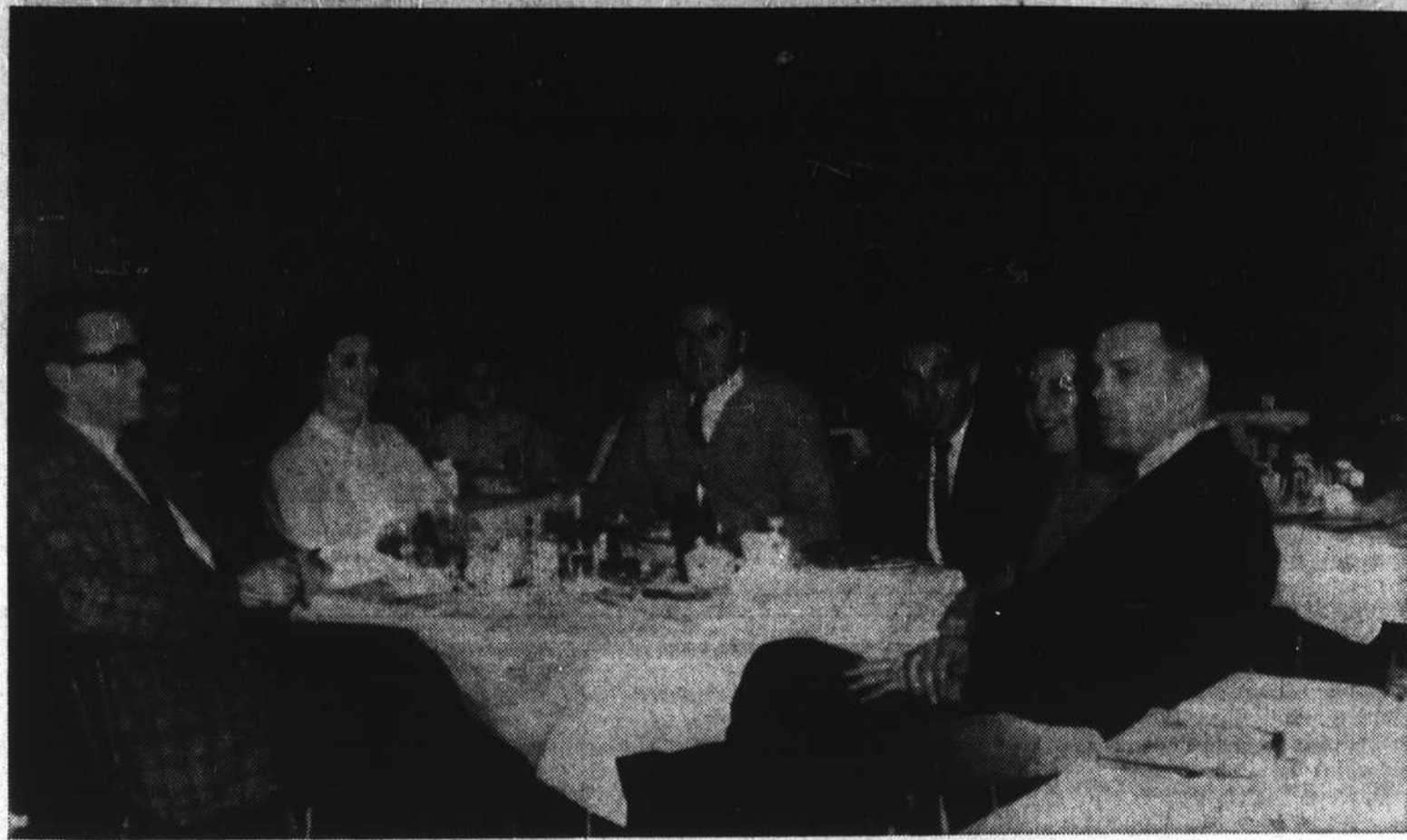
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Helping to entertain 37 children selected by their principals from Watauga County Schools at the Jaycees annual shopping spree lunch at the Town House Restaurant are (l-r) Paul Smith, Mrs. Paul Smith, Jim Reed, Bob Denton, Betty Klutz

and Johnny Austin. Bob Denton was chairman of the project, and Alice Denton was responsible for toys and treats passed out. Several merchants donated prizes for treat bags.—(Weston photo).

Burley Tobacco Sales Near 4 Million Pounds

The Boone Tobacco market closed on Monday, Dec. 21, to resume sales on Jan. 4. The first sale will begin that Monday at 9:15 a. m. at the Big Burley Warehouse.

338 pounds, \$62,283.47; Tuesday—76,588 pounds, \$39,266.87; Wednesday — 45,082 pounds, \$23,478.23; Thursday — 26,200 pounds, \$14,490.59; Friday—4,552 pounds, \$2,075.35. Big Burley totals: 226,760 pounds at \$141,596.54.

Stanley Harris, sales supervisor for the Board of Trade said that totals turned into him by the Big Burley and Mountain Burley warehouses showed for the week, Nov. 30 to Dec. 4—1,465,067 pounds sold at \$862,269.06.

Dec. 7-Dec. 12: 1,450,682 pounds at \$831,507.88.
Dec. 14-Dec. 18: 889,182 pounds at \$484,370.96.

Total sales to Dec. 18 are 3,804,911 pounds at \$2,178,147.90, with a per-hundred-pound average of \$57.25.

The breakdown for the week of Dec. 14-Dec. 18, poundage and sales, is:

At Mountain Burley: Monday—192,056 pounds, at \$109,245.68; Tuesday — 196,650 pounds, \$108,899.00; Wednesday — 133,764 pounds, \$72,375.34; Thursday—51,358 pounds, \$28,000.16; Friday — 48,574 pounds, \$24,254.04.

Mountain Burley total: 622,402 pounds at \$342,774.42.

At Big Burley: Monday—111,

C. Of C. Offices Close Jan. 1, 2

The Boone Chamber of Commerce, the Credit Bureau and the License Bureau will be closed January 1 and 2. 1965 license plates will go on sale January 4.

Geo. Thomas Heads March Of Dimes

The March of Dimes in Watauga County is being organized by its newly-elected chairman, George Thomas.

The drive here will support the new birth defects treatment center in Chapel Hill, which is sponsored by all chapters in the state.

Thomas, 37, is a graduate of Cove Creek High School and Bryce Commercial College. He married the former Jacqueline Wilkinson of Zionville. They have two sons, Randall and Duane, and are members of Greenway Baptist Church.

"Since polio has been almost wiped out and the Foundation is working on birth defects, I have been close to families who have children with birth defects and know the urgent need for research in this," Thomas stated.

One of his nieces was badly crippled by polio.

Thomas was president of the Watauga-Avery Rural Letter Carriers' Association for seven years and retired from the Post Office Department in 1957. He served in the Navy in World War II.

As a life member of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Thomas has pro-



GEORGE THOMAS

Postmaster Thanks People

Postmaster Ralph Beshears Monday expressed his gratitude to the patrons of the Boone postoffice, for their fine cooperation in the matter of Christmas mailing.

"Never," said Mr. Beshears, "have I known of such complete co-operation. This has meant a lot to me and to all of us at the postoffice, and we just want you to know we appreciate your help in taking care of the record volume of mail."

Mrs. Edmisten Given Awards At Law School

Mrs. Rufus L. Edmisten (nee Jane Moretz), native of Watauga County and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Moretz of Deep Gap, has received two awards from George Washington University Law School in Washington, D. C. She was advised by the dean of the Law School that the Committee on Scholarships had recommended that she receive the Zeta Chapter, Phi Delta Delta Legal Fraternity Scholarship, which is awarded to the woman in the Law School who has exhibited high scholastic achievement and service to the school in her first year of law school.

She was also awarded the Eta Alumnae Chapter, Kappa Beta Pi Legal Sorority award, consisting of an edition of Blackstone's Commentaries, which is presented to the woman student who attains the highest average in the first year class. The awards were made public in the November 30 issue of the Law School newspaper, Amicus Curiae.

Mrs. Edmisten is in her second year of law school at George Washington, where she serves on the staff of the Law Review. She is enrolled in the evening division, and holds a full-time position as a research analyst with the Department of Defense.

An honor graduate of the University of North Carolina, where she received a B. A. and M. A., she is the wife of Rufus L. Edmisten, also a Boone native. Mr. Edmisten is on the staff of the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, headed by Senator Sam Ervin, Jr., and he also is enrolled in the George Washington Law School.

Boone Stores Will Observe Christmas Day

It is recommended by the Merchants Association that Boone stores remain closed Christmas day and Saturday. However, a good many of the stores have indicated they will reopen Saturday as usual.

Banks will be closed both days as will the offices of the Watauga Savings & Loan Association.

All county offices will be closed starting Thursday at noon, for the remainder of the week. Town of Boone offices will be closed Friday and Saturday as will the postoffice. At the postoffice there will be no city or rural route deliveries on Friday, but there will be R. F. D. service Saturday.

It is recommended that stores be closed both Friday and Saturday next week due to New Year's day falling on Friday.

Offices To Be Moved

Col. Miller Elected Boone C. of C. Prexy

New Location May Be Horn Cafe Building

The Boone Chamber of Commerce met in special session Saturday morning at the Watauga Savings & Loan Association, at the request of its newly-elected president, Clyde C. Miller.

The chief reason for the meeting was to determine a new location for the Chamber of Commerce offices, according to Stanley Harris, finance chairman.

Col. Miller was elected Thursday by the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce. A native Wataugan, Miller served four and a half years in World War II. Two and a half years were with MacArthur in the Southwest Pacific.

In 1946 he retired. From 1946-62 he was vice-president and director of sales with Monarch Marking System, Dayton, Ohio. Since September, 1962, Col. Miller has lived in Meat Camp Township on Big Hill Road.

Also on Thursday, the Board elected a manager, Fred McNeal of 1714 East King St. Mr. and Mrs. McNeal moved to Boone in 1960.

He was previously employed by the Atlantic Refining Company in Philadelphia as a production supervisor. A member of the First Baptist Church of Boone, McNeal is active in civic affairs, and has assisted the Southern Appalachian Historical Association by working for the "Horn in the West."

Outgoing C of C president Herman Wilcox performed the duties of manager too. However, since his resignation the Board elected to divide the offices, hence lessening the burden for the president.

Harris reported his committee had investigated Don Coffey's building, formerly the Horn Cafe, at the corner of East King Street and the Blowing Rock Road.

"It's well located from the standpoint of the tourist business," he said. Harris said R. D. Hodges had offered a hot air furnace for heating the building and said he felt that fixing

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CHRISTMAS BECOMES EVEN MORE EXCITING each year when the big tree in front of the Watauga County Hospital is "turned on." John Dinkins of Appalachian State Teachers College captured this photo two years ago when snow blanketed the countryside.

Christmas Decorations Are Judged By Garden Council

The Watauga Garden Council, following up on their theme of the year, outdoor decorations, viewed and judged the many attractive outdoor decorations displayed by people throughout the county Sunday evening.

The council found many decorations displayed and an unusually large number of outdoor trees were decorated.

An outstanding tree was done by Jack Norris on the top of Howard's Knob hovering over the town to be seen by almost all the residents and can be viewed for several miles. Other large public trees appreciated were Dr. Plemmon's home, Justice and Newland Halls at ASTC, Hospital, tree on square in Boone, and the tree at the Grady Greer home on Wilksboro Road.

Judging the many displays was a difficult task, but the judges gave the following decisions: Trees: First, Mr. and Mrs. Con Yates, Queen Street; Second, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Watkins, Grand Blvd.; Third, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Payne, Cherry Park. An unusual tree covered with packages was at the Lewis Wilson home on Queen Street.

Doors: First, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buchanan, Blowing Rock Road; Second, Mr. and Mrs. Lorn Harrison, State Farm Road; Third, Mr. and Mrs. Wil-

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Democrat Out A Day Early

The Democrat is issued Tuesday this week, rather than Wednesday, to give a Christmas vacation to the staff.

Since New Year's Day falls on Friday next week, we will exert every effort to issue the Democrat again Tuesday of that week for the benefit of advertisers and to provide one day off.

The fine cooperation of our advertisers and contributors is appreciated in this hurried holiday activity at your county newspaper plant.

Ronda Buchanan Rites Saturday

Ronda Council Buchanan, Sr., 70, of Boone died Thursday night at Watauga Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Catawba County to Zebulon Bard Buchanan and Myrtle Council Buchanan. He lived in Boone 25 years. He was a sign contractor and salesman.

Ski Activities At Blowing Rock

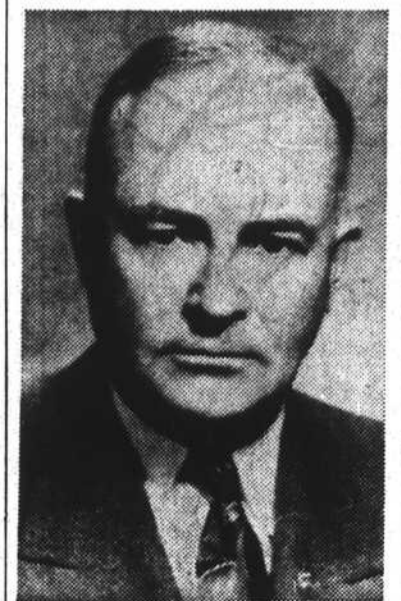
M. E. Thalheimer, manager of the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, reports the following activities for the holiday season:

Dec. 25—Santa Claus will visit the lodge at 3 p. m., en route back to the North Pole. A torch light parade will be given by the ski professionals at 8 p. m.
Dec. 26—Dancing.
Dec. 27—Races among skiers.
Dec. 29 and 30—Entertainment by the Cherokee Sweethearts.
New Year's Eve—Dancing and torch light parade.
Jan. 1—Live entertainment.
Jan. 2—Ski racing and dancing.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Ruppert

The funeral for Mrs. Rhoda Jane Ruppert, 65, of Blowing Rock, wife of Roy Ruppert Sr. was conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday at Cool Springs Baptist Church in Watauga County by the Rev. Clyde Cornett, the Rev. Romulus Setzer and the Rev. Alfred Pitts. Burial was in Blowing Rock Cemetery.

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CLYDE C. MILLER



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Time For Auto License Plates Rolls Around Again In State

It's license re-plating time again in North Carolina. Department of Motor Vehicles officials say 2,225,000 application cards were mailed in mid-December to motor vehicle owners who had their motor vehicle registered at that time.

Miss Foy Ingram, Director of the Department's Registration Division says, "If by January 1 you haven't received the all-important registration renewal card, let us know at once."

The proper procedure is to write the Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh. Give the

make and identification number of the vehicle, your last year's tag number and your full name and address.

1964 plates expire December 31 and their use beyond that date is permissible only if they are duly registered by the department to the vehicle on which display is made. Owners who have their vehicles properly registered by the department have until February 15 to obtain new plates.

Surrounding area residents may obtain their 65 plates at the Chamber of Commerce, 211

South Depot beginning January 4, 1965. Office hours will be from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Monday through Friday and 9 a. m. to 12 noon Saturday. The local office will be closed January 1 and 2.

The local license agent Chamber of Commerce and Miss Ingram urge that you "open your application cards and complete them in accordance with instructions before presenting for a new plate." They say this will greatly expedite the issuance and keep long lines from forming.