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## N. C. Service Plane Maps Woods FutureForestFiresToBe Found, Fought From Air **Bank Merger To Be Voted**

## **On Friday**

Stockholders of the First Na tional Bank of Boone will vote Friday on a merger of the Boone bank with the First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

The announcement was made by S. C. Egers, Sr., chairman of the board; Glenn R. Andrews, president of the First National Bank of Boone; and M. F. Allen Jr., president of the First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina of Jacksonville.

They said unanimous agreement has been reached among directors and that approval will be voted by the stockholders of both banks in simultaneous meetings in Boone and Jacksonville. The central offices of First National-ENC are in Jacksonville.

The combined resources of the two institutions will total approximately \$40 million with total capital structure of about the comptroller of the currency to name the new consolidation First National Bank of North

of burley tobacco was on the Carolina, Eggers said. floors of three warehouses to The First National Bank of day as farmers prepared to sell Boone opened for business July Tour International Group 2, 1963, Gene F. Jewell has their crops in the 1965-66 Boone been appointed by the board of directors as acting manager and Joe Coleman says the sale officer in charge until the mergseason will begin on Monday, er is effected. He will replace Nov. 29, with buyers starting at Sam Dixon who resigned re-9 a. m. in Warehouse No. 2 at cently to accept a position with the corner of Depot and Rivers the Bank of Statesville, All oth-



(right) met Crayte Teague, County Forest Ranger, at a privately-owned airstrip on Deerfield Road Thursday. Permission has been given the Forest Reserve to use the

landing field and thus an even fuller protection of Watauga and surrounding counties is possible in case of forest fires. (Staff photo)

### **Ranger Teague** Tells Of New **Use Of Airstrip**

**BY RACHEL RIVERS** 

A North Carolina Forest Reserve airplane landed in Boone Thursday on the airstrip owned by Jack Norris and Paul Brown and located on Deerfield Road. County Forest Ranger Crayte Teague said the point in having the plane come to Watauge County was to familiarize Pilo Ed Hegar, who is stationed in Asheville, with the area. Throughout the day, aerial map pings were done and problem work conducted in which mock ground calls were made to the

pilot, who had to locate the pretended emergency according to landmarks he had studied earlier.

The airstrip venture, which got underway last spring, is most important in giving the Forest Service a point from which to pivot into three other mountain counties: Ashe, Al-leghany and Avery. The mountain crest area presently is served by local ground crews, Teague said, and planes from Asheville would assist in em

In the event of a fast-movin forest fire, state planes could reach Watauga County in less than an hour. However, access ibility to the local airfield

enable planes to refuel here,

continuing their work with

having to return to Asheville

Brown have given the state per-

mission to use their field free,

and gave him the key to fuel

storage in case air assistance

Forest Fires, Blights

As an operational base, the

would be needed here.

Teague stated that Norris and

### **Boone Market Called "Better"**

Ashe County Tobacco Growers Paul Roark (left) and Earl Wilson arrived in Boone. Saturday to put a crop of tobacco on the market floor. Having farmed the weed for more than 20 years, Wilson stated he tried several markets last year, then tried the Coleman-Sikes warehouses in Boone, where he did much better. He has four more crops coming to Boone this year and Roark also has a crop he plans to bring. The men, who live near Trade, Tenn., feel their crop is of botter quality this season than last and said that this trend is perhaps true countrywide. Discussing the poundage allotment under which flue-cured tobacco farmers now operate, Wilson expressed preference

for the acreage system used, to date, in burley tobacco. Under the acreage allotment system, the farmer is able to sell the entire yield from his allotment. The poundage system would allow a certain number of pounds to tobacco to be sold, not necessarily the entire crop. Mirroring a poplar view, Wilson said it might "be hard to know how much tobacco to put out to get the allotment." A heavy yield would leave an excess of tobacco which could not be sold at market. Thousands of pounds of tobacco were listed with the three Boone warehouses as buyers and growers get ready for the 1965 sales, starting Monday. (Staff photo)

market.

streets

More than a million pounds

## **Million Pounds Burley** Awaits Sales On Monday S4 million, the officers said. Application has been made to the comptroller of the currency

**College Freshmen Organize** 

#### **To Send Cards To Viet Nam**

Students in two freshman history classes of Prof. Vernon O. Stumpf at Apppalachian State Teachers College are determined that at least some of the service men in Viet Nam will have personalized greetings from home for Christmas.

In a crash project, the students have volunteered to send greeting to each serviceman for whom they can secure an address.

Relatives of service men in Viet Nam are urged to send names, along with APO or FPO addresses to the classes with assurance that each will be given attention.

These addresses may be sent to "Serviceman, News Bureau, Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C." They should be in the hands of the students by Dec. 1.

The project has been given more meaning to these students in view of the fact that Dr. Stumpf was hospitalized recently by a heart attack.



**Christmas** Parade Is Set For Dec. 4

Members of the Boone Opti-13:30 p. m. at the "Horn in the turned on immediately after the Christmas parade on Dec.

said. Speaking for the club, George tions.

The parade will begin at shal.

man enterprises. In November, 1964, Burley Warehouse, No. 1, mist Club will put up Christ- West" grounds on Dec. 4 and on Queen Street was destroyed says that Mrs. Coffey will comas decorations in Boone next travel West through Boone. by fire. With their operation week, and the lights will be The Optimists will sponsor this of the third warehouse and a parade, their first, and it will be an annual event, Flowers along more smoothly this year. committee in compliance with

There will be a Christ-Flowers said a few changes are Fred Kirby of WBTV-Char- mas Holiday marketing recess planned in this year's decora- lotte and Tweetsie Railroad has to begin at the close of sales been asked to be parade mar- on Dec. 17, 1965. Sales shall be

resumed on Jan. 3, 1968.

## **Charlie Robbins, Pioneer In** Hack And Bus Lines, Dies

bins, well-known Lenoir taxi hack line operated between len Robbins, died in 1959. driver, died suddenly Monday Lenoir and Blowing Rock. at 6 p. m. at the home of a son. Max Robbins of 1021 14th Avenue, NW, Hickory. He was 85 and a life-long resident of Le-

Mr. Robbins started driving in 1908 and recalled that people were afraid to ride in the first cars. He was believed to be the oldest taxi driver in North Carolina when he retired last spring from Lengir Yellow Mr. Robhins and W. L. Ernest Cab Co., a firm he had been employed with for many years. For a number of years he operated Robbins Cab Co. in Lenoir.

First Hack Line

Lenoir, N. C .- Charlie Rob- first hack line in 1903. The His wife, Mrs. Sarah Eliza Al-

Surviving in addition to his son of Hickory are another son, Mr. Robbins recalled that Ronda R. Robbins of Burlingpeople would run out of their ton; two daughters, Mrs. W. C. houses to see what all the noise (Pauline) Steele of Unionville, was the first few times he Conn., Mrs. Edwin D. (Sue)

made the trip to Blowing Rock Price of Lenoir. in a car. He remembered that Also surviving are three broit was about 1916 or 1918 bethers, Roger H. and Robert fore the trip could be made up the mountain in the winter. From 1925 to the late thirties ers, Mrs. Frank B. (Millie) Martin of Lenoir, Mrs. Charles of Lenoir operated a bus line (Lillian) Pearson of Gastonia; in Lenoir with runs to Hickory, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren Morganton, Taylorsville and Wilkesboro.

Funeral services were held

Along with his father and the late Thomas Clingman Rob- he was a member. Burial was house. All members are urged weighed 50 pounds and stretch of former governors Umstead. Service. way," he said, "and I hope to attend," way," he said, "and I hope to attend,"

er personnel will remain in On Tuesday, Nov. 30, sales their present positions. will start at 9 a.m. in Farm-

er's Burley Warehouse on the Bristol Road; on Wednesday, **Rachel Coffey** Dec. 1, sales will start at 9 a.m. in Big Burley Warehouse on the **To Promote For** 421-Bypass west of Boone. Sales begin each morning at 9, with the Thursday, Dec. 2, sale ro-Horn In The West tating back to Warehouse No.

Burley throughout the season. Rachel Rivers Coffey, for a Coleman complimented farmyear and a half the managing ers for the good job they are editor of the Watauga Demodoing this year. He said, "Apcrat, was named promotional dipearance of tobacco on the floor rector for the "Horn in the is better-certainly a lot dryer West" and employed by the ex--than it was last year." ecutive committee of the South-The Big Burley Warehouse ern Appalachian Historical Association at a luncheon meeting has been purchased by the Cole-Monday.

Herman W. Wilcox, manager, ordinate her promotional services for "Horn in the West" prize room built onto Farm- through his office. She has subers, sales are expected to go mitted her resignation to the the Association's by-laws. The committee is expected to assign the publicity chairmanship to someone else, he said.

Mrs. Coffey, daughter of Rob and Jean Rivers, editors of the Democrat, graduated from Appalachian High School, and attended the University of Missouri, receiving her degree from the School of Journalism there in 1964. Since that time, she has been with the Democrat, and has been active in all civic movements.

She plans to retain her connection with the Democrat.

Robbins of California; two sist- before the board.

**Young Democrats To Meet Monday Night** 

WAMY Community Action, 1 ident of the local group while; Dr. Smith gave a report on director. munity action groups to be included on a tour by an international group, Harold Bailin,

area co-ordinator for the Office of Economic Opportunnty in Washington, told a seminar and training session at Appalachian State Teachers College last week end.

Bailin was one of a number of top-ranking officials who appeared at the seminar and training session, and his announcement that WAMY would be on the list for the tour is

Sugar al

list of "those community action organizations that are considcontributions in combatting people who have been forced poverty in the nation."

WAMY To Be Included In

Bailin said he thought an international group would be visiting soon. He praised WAMY for its accomplish-

gram were Dr. Harvey Smith, professor of sociology of the University of North Carolina Asking Toys For professor of sociology of the at Chapel Hill; Tom Hartman, deputy director of the North Carolina Fund; Bob Ward, State Needy Children deputy director of the North Planning Task Force director; and Dr. Robert J. Reichler of

lina at Chapel Hill.

### **Stores To Close** Thanksgiving

the Boone Chamber of Com- ments, said Bob Brown, member merce, stated Tuesday that the of the Lodge, are asked to confollowing places of business will tact Lodge members for pick-up trol. Aircraft can spot oak wilt be closed Thursday in observ- of the toys. ance of Thanksgiving Day: Post

Office, Town Hall, courthouse, both drug stores and all de put in working order for the partment stores.

mountain communities to ex-"This list was prepared at amine the conflicts and stresses the request of the State Depart. that are prevalent when people ment," Bailin said, pointing out are forced into contact with an that the Department desired a urban culture. His remarks were regarded as valuable in helping staff members underered to be making significant stand some of the problems of

to live in the mountains and Boone landing strip also enables who now are being forced to more service to Wilkes and make an adjustment to the urban culture around them. (Continued on page two)

Others appearing on the pro- Moose Lodge Is

Boone Moose Lodge No. 1805 again is sponsoring a toy cam- can check all of Watauga Counthe department of psychiatry at again is sponsoring a toy cam-the University of North Caro-paign for Watauga County's ty in five minutes. T-34 planes," under-privileged children.

Persons who have used toys to donate are urged to leave them at Brown & Graham Motor Co. on East King Street or at Triplett's American Station across from Harris-Teeter Super Market on East King. Those un-Mr. Fred McNeil, manager of able to get to these establish-

needy children.

Caldwell counties. This is not to say these areas are not satisfactorily covered, Teague explained, but the additional operational base in Watauga would speed up work in counties which already have landing fields, and which would be crowded during emergency maneuvers.

Planes are used for spotting fires, especially on bad visibility days when checkers in fire towers cannot see. "A plane he said, "are capable of flying 160 miles an hour."

The Boone fire tower is north of Boone on Rich Mountain. The Dugger Tower covers the Sampson section and Buffalo Cove: Points in Wilkes, Watauga and Caldwell counties.

Hegar said the state agency uses T-34 planes in fire control and the L-19 Piper in pest conand direct ground crews to the

All toys are repaired and area by plotting trees on map. Planes also spot beetle damag (Continued on page two)

# **Governor Is Acting To Get**

#### **Grandfather Park Link Built** MR. NORMAN GREENE SHOT

operation of the drama, and to Western North America, had Hugh Morton of Wilmington and over the mountain. Morton in- father Mountain is the only undates of the drama. Other im- Greene said. Having fired at it on a route for the Blue Ridge the mountain. The Park Service | way. Robbins, both of Lenoir; Coot portant matters will be brought with a shot gun twice, he finally Park way over Grandfather has held out for a high route. Mountain.

before," he quipped. Dr. John far as I am concerned, has not State Highway Commission ac-G. Martin, veterinarian, identi- taken any position on the loca- cepted a deed from Morton for tion of this road."

Morton owns the mountain

Raleigh - Goy. Dan Moore | with him against the Park Ser- | "is to get this road built." The has stated he is trying to get vice in a location for the route Parkway route over Grandthe U. S. Park Service to agree itially wanted a low route across completed section of the high-

During the closing days of the Moore said that "the state, so Sanford administration, the right-of-way for a compromis middle route across the moun-The regular meeting of the warden, said a pair of coyotes and operates a tourist attract tain. The compromise route pro-Born March 2, 1860 in Cald-well County, he was a son of First Baptist Church of which 29, at 7:30 p. m. at the Court-area sometime. The coyote in the doministrations officially accepted by the Park ington 30 years ago on the park-

"The Park Service is in contact with me," Moore said. "I am in contact with Mr. Morton, and I am trying to get both parties together."

The governor noted a perse al interest in the comple

The Board of Directors will THIS COYOTE AT HIS FARM meet Monday, Nov. 29, at noon on Stony Fork near Deep Gap at the Daniel Boone Hotel to Sunday. "The prairie wolf", reapprove the 1965-66 budget for lated to the dog, and found in

discuss opening and closing been killing his chickens, Mr.

killed it with a 30-30 rifle:

"Never saw anything like that fied the animal and said it was

young. Tommy Osborne, game

ments.

regarded as a definite compliment to the local organization. Dr. W. H. Plemmons is pres-

Inc., will be one of the com- Ernest D. Eppley is executive a study carried out in rural