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Feb. 10	49	34	tr.
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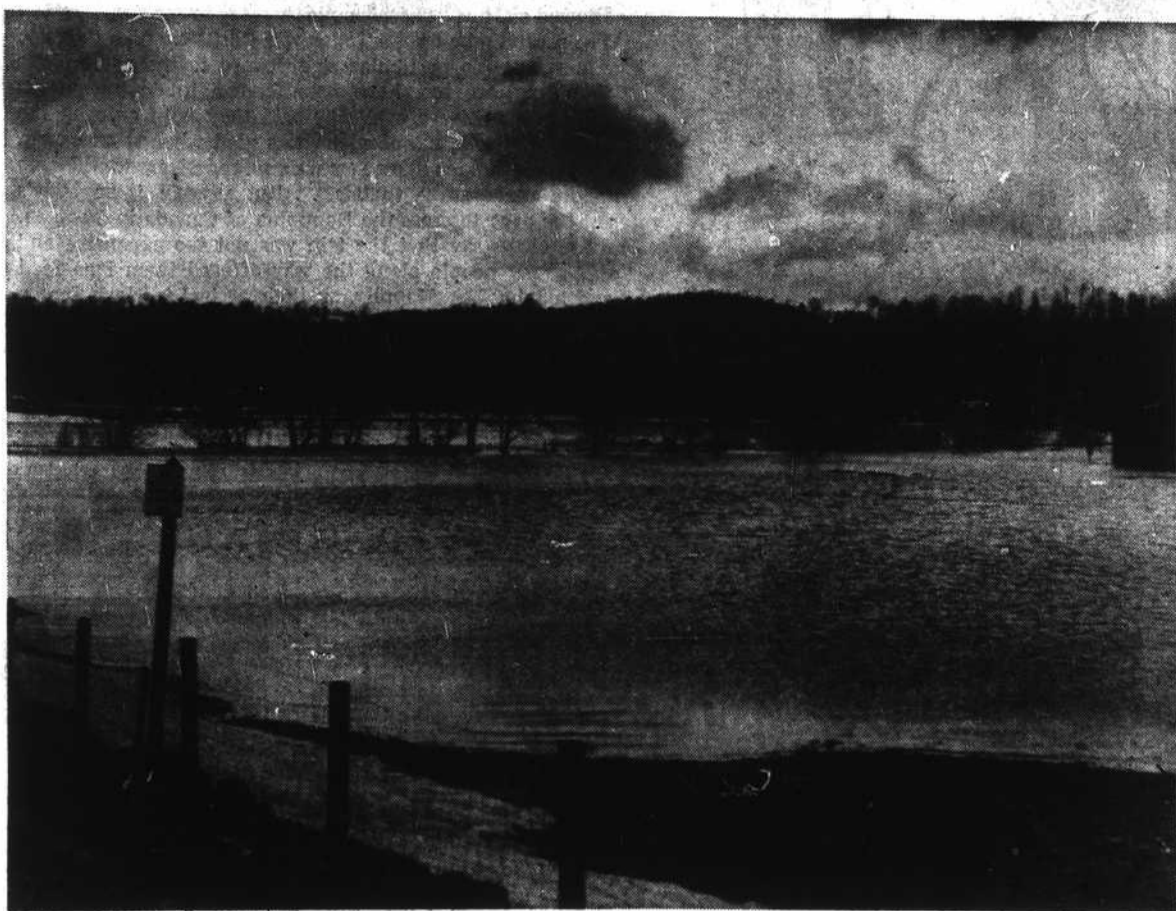
Snow Given To Nearest Half Inch

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STATE FARM ROAD—Taken from State Farm Road near the Deerfield Road intersection picture shows flooded farmland, looking in the direction of the State farm. Line of trees in center, indicate channel of Winkler's Creek, which is otherwise obscured by the floodwaters.

To the right where Middle Fork and Goshen Creek come in to join Winkler's Creek, a short stretch of highway was closed by the water for a while Sunday morning. (Staff photo.)

Streams Become Torrents

Farms Inundated By Raging Flood Water

Over 5 Inches Of Rain Falls; Damage Noted

BY RACHEL RIVERS

The blizzard of 1960 is no longer as popular as talk of the 1940 flood.

Sunday was the day of near disaster. As rain accumulated throughout Saturday night, narrow creeks became splashing streams, and swollen rivers battered across bottom land taking fences and haystacks, racking up damages all along the way.

On Thursday, .65 inches of rain was recorded in Boone. From 7 a. m. Saturday until 7 a. m. Sunday 4.46 inches of rain fell, and .66 fell Sunday. The rain melted about six inches of snow on the ground and headed seaward under overcast skies.

The spectacle drew throngs to the highways Sunday afternoon, but most of the water had receded by the time late risers got the news.

One Cow Dead

County Agent L. E. Tuckwiller said Monday farmers were turning in reports of damage on their land.

Tuckwiller said some farm bridges were washed out, but the number was hard to determine. There was extensive loss of top soil, he said, and crops that will be planted on heavy sediment will tell the tale at harvest time.

Barns on low land were flooded by and large, and water swirled off with an undetermined stock of feed, and managed to make off with a few haystacks.

Schools, College

Grant Cook, bookkeeper for the County Schools Garage, said that one school bus failed to make its route Monday, and that this was because of a missing bridge. Cook said all other buses reached their destinations, although many of them had to go the long way around.

Ned Trivette, business manager of ASTC, emphasized that no water had gotten into the new classroom building, Duncan Hall, on campus, although he had received a number of calls about a rumor that it had been flooded.

An underground steam line, however, was flooded by seepage of ground water, and steam created in the tunnel ended the equipment room where it caused little damage.

The basement of the College Book Store had taken on several feet of water by Sunday morning.

Manager Wade Meadows said the water level was within two inches of the fuse box, so officials took emergency action to pump water out of the basement. (Continued on page six)



A Blowing Rock doctor leans over a young man who was pinned in the cab of a tractor-trailer south of Blowing Rock early Monday morning. (Flowers photo)

Driver Loses Leg In Tractor-Trailer Crash

Fred Thomas Coley, 29, Marion, Va., lost his right leg early Monday morning after the tractor-trailer he was driving crashed into a rock embankment three miles south of Blowing Rock on Highway 321.

State Highway Patrolman Ken Garavanta, said Coley told him he applied his brakes and hit a small patch of ice on the road, causing the rig to hit the embankment.

Coley was pinned inside the tractor for more than two hours. After all rescue efforts had been exhausted, a surgeon from Blowing Rock Hospital was called to amputate Coley's leg so he could be removed from the wreckage. Hospital authorities at Blowing Rock said Tuesday Coley's condition was serious, but satisfactory after the ordeal. He lost excessive amounts of blood and suffered several body lacerations.

The wreck occurred at 5:30 a. m. with the traffic held up for more than two hours. Traffic was heavy with furniture workers and commuters traveling to their jobs in Lenoir.

The tanker-trailer was carrying caustic acid and was listed by Garavanta as a total loss. He estimated the loss at approximately \$10,000. The rig was the property of Lemmons Transportation Company of Marion, Va.

The leakage of the acid caused no immediate danger to rescue workers, but ate holes through the soles of their shoes and those of two highway patrolmen during the morning.

Coley was conscious throughout the rescue. He is married and the father of two small children.

Election Board Members Are Proposed At Democrat Meet

The Watauga County Democratic Executive Committee, in a special meeting held Tuesday night of last week, recommended members of the County Elections Board and went on record for a new registration of voters.

J. D. Winebarger, John H. Bingham and William (Bill) Greene were endorsed by the committee for the Elections Board for the incoming term. R. T. Greer and J. E. Edmisten, incumbents, were placed in nomination, but fell short of the endorsement.

The committee acted to recommend to the Board of Elections that they call for a new registration of voters, to begin before the May primary, this year.

The committee voted to write a letter to Messrs R. T. Greer and J. E. Edmisten expressing appreciation of the committee for their long and faithful service to the party.

It was also voted that a resolution be drafted recognizing the outstanding contributions made to the party by the late Ed S. Williams.

Chairman James A. Dugger presided at the meeting. In the absence of Mrs. Rob Rivers, the Secretary, George C. Thomas, acted.

Fourteen of the 16 townships were represented. Twenty-eight members out of a possible 37 attended.

Warns Drivers Of Road Hazard

Highway Engineer Tom Winkler warns motorists to drive slowly when approaching flambeaux on Watauga County's primary and secondary roads.

The torches have been set in many cases to indicate weakened or badly broken pavement, he said.

Republicans Gather; Greene Is Re-Elected Co. Chairman

In convention at the County Court House Saturday afternoon, Watauga County Republicans elected County officers and appointed an executive committee, and delegates and alternates to the Congressional and State conventions.

Temporary chairman of the meeting was S. C. Eggers.

County officers are: Chairman, Clyde Greene; vice-chair-

er; Ivan Younce, Cove Creek; and James C. Lyons, Blue Ridge.

The Congressional Convention will be at 2 p. m., March 5 in Jacksonville; State Convention will be held March 11 and

12 in Charlotte.

On March 11, a special dinner will be held in honor of J. E. Broyhill for his service to the Republican Party. Thruston Morton, Republican Senator of Kentucky, will be the speaker.

Boone Merchants Name Committees

The Boone Merchants Association announces committee appointments made Wednesday, Feb. 2. Glenn R. Andrews, president, presided over the meeting of the nominations committee.

Legislative committeemen are Ralph Winkler, Clyde Greene and Wayne Richardson.

Membership committee: Mrs. Tom Moody, Frank Auton, James Greene.

Credit and collections: R. D. Hodges Jr., Mrs. B. W. Stallings and Cecil Greene.

Decorations: David Spainhour, A. E. McCreary, Phil

Vance and Jack Buchanan.

Trade, promotions and advertising: Ralph Tugman, Dennis Greene, Jane Smith, Harvey Trivette, Jack Feimster, Ronnie Wilson, Glenn Cottrell, Mack Brown and John B. Robinson.

The executive committee comprises R. D. Hodges Jr., Frank Auton and James Greene. Hodges was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors to represent oil dealers and distributors.

Stanley Harris Sr. is an "active participant" with the Merchants Association.



SHERIFF DALLAS CHEEK

Sheriff First To Announce For Co. Office

Sheriff Dallas Cheek announces his candidacy for the Republican nomination for a four-year term as Sheriff. His bid to succeed himself will be subject to the May, 1966, primary. Cheek, 44, was elected Sheriff in 1962.

\$103,000 Grant Will Go To Appalachian Counties

Approval of a \$103,000 federal grant for North Carolina's Appalachian counties was announced Friday by Gov. Dan Moore.

Moore said that the N. C. grant would be used to establish local development districts in the mountain area.

Speaking of the N. C. funds,

Moore said, "This project will enhance our efforts directed toward the total development of the state." Probably seven local districts will be formed in the 29-county area. It is hoped that by 1975 each district will have sound programs for development including a hospital, an airport, a library and vocational and higher education facilities.

The governor said the seven districts would likely be formed as follows:

—Cherokee, Graham, Swain, Clay, Macon, Jackson.

—Haywood, Madison, Buncombe, Henderson, Transylvania.

Jaycees Given Horn Concession

The Boone Jaycees again received the bid on the Horn in the West concessions. This year they also will have the Gift Shop and Country Store.

The Jaycees are interested in handling as many local products as possible. Anyone having any type product which they wish to sell, please contact George Hagan, Jim Sawyer, or W. C. "Buck" Robbins.

Blowing Rock Dance To Aid Heart Campaign

"The Unknowns" from Linville will provide the music for the Heart Fund dance to be held at the Community Club building on Main Street, Blowing Rock, Saturday night February 19, 7:30 to 11 p. m.

Sponsored by Carol and Donna Johnson, the dance will be well chaperoned, and teenagers, it is said, will particularly enjoy dancing to the music of the Unknowns. The Family Night will have entertainment to appeal to every age group, including cake walks and bingo. Refreshments will be sold.

The proceeds from an admission price of 25 cents will go to the Heart Fund.

Bruce Greene Is Named Southern Bell Supervisor

S. Bruce Greene of Blowing Rock has assumed his duties as new plant supervisor with Southern Bell Telephone Company in Lenoir.

Mr. Greene succeeds Mr. J. L. Bost, who has been appointed service foreman over the Lenoir and Morganton operations.

Mr. Greene has had 14 years experience with Southern Bell, having worked in the construction department in Morganton for one year, then as an installer-repairman in Blowing Rock for one year, and as a switchman in Boone 12 years.

He is a member of Rumpie Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock where he is a member of the Board of De-

acons and a rotating teacher in the Men's Bible Class.

Mr. Greene is also currently serving as president of the Blowing Rock School PTA, and has been a member of the school committee for nine years.

He is a past scoutmaster of Troop 110 in Blowing Rock, having served in that capacity for three years, and is a Master Mason in Snow Lodge 363, Boone.

He is married to the former Miss Nell Miller of Route 1, Boone. They are the parents of two sons, Steve, age 14, and Timmie, age 10. The Greens reside on Edmisten Road in Blowing Rock.