

Blowing Rock March Of Dimes Sets Record

The annual Blowing Rock March of Dimes drive has netted one of the largest amounts ever collected, according to this year's chairman, Mrs. Howard Holshouser.

A breakdown of collections and contributions shows: Mothers' March, \$247.24; donations from clubs and individuals, \$127.50; Blowing Rock School, \$69; coin containers, \$10.20, bringing the total amount to \$453.94.

The drive is usually held during the month of January but, due to extremely hazardous weather conditions, the drive was extended into February.

Since weather hampered a personal appeal to everyone, those who were not reached may still mail contributions to Mrs. Holshouser or leave them with Mrs. Jake Jones at the Northwestern Bank.

School Bus Is Damaged

Sometime Sunday, between 9 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., side and back windows and windshield of a Watauga County School bus parked at Parkway School were broken out with a blunt instrument.

Sheriff Dallas Cheek said a woman reported seeing a car pull onto the highway from the school grounds. Investigation is continuing.

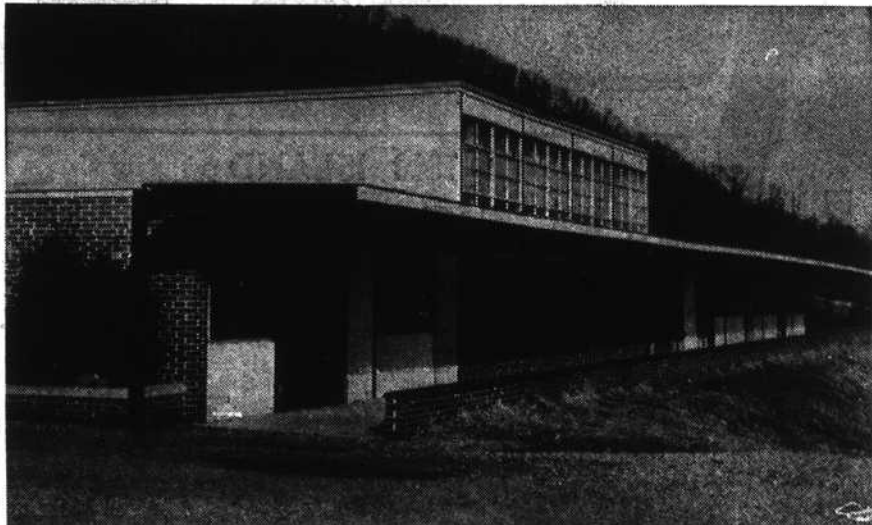
Cheek said the damage was from \$250 to \$300 and that the school bus will not be in operation until windows are replaced.



School Properties Bring \$28,450

The Cove Creek Elementary School land and buildings have been sold for \$8,450 to three Sugar Grove residents, Howard Walker, Howard Vannoy and T. J. Banner. Announcement comes from Superintendent of Schools Guy Angell. After con-

solidation of Watauga High School was decided upon, elementary school students in Cove Creek occupied the former high school building, a rock structure adjacent to the brick elementary building.



The land and buildings of the Consolidated School at Junaluska Heights sold for \$20,000 to Howard Cottrell and Jerry Coe of Boone. Angell says proceeds of the sales have been

deposited on savings and are to be used for school improvements. Bids were let on all properties. (Staff photos)

REA Cooperative Reports Record Use Of Services

Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation has experienced the largest usage of electrical power by its member-consumers in the history of the cooperative during the month of February. The highest system demand was in January, and the largest number of kilowatt hours used was in February.

In January of this year, wholesale power purchased was 15.57 per cent over January of 1965, and February was 26.47 per cent above the same month a year ago. February's kilowatt hour sales to members were running 3,613,450 kilowatt hours, or 24.7 per cent above last February. Revenues are running 16.82 per cent above last February.

The abnormal use is 8.8 per cent above estimated projections of usage for this period. The increase will be reflected over some 60-day period in the bills to consumer-members.

This jump in usage is reflected in every classification of accounts, with the smallest change being in schools and churches which were closed part of the month due to weather conditions, and the greatest increase in industrial and other large power accounts.

The prolonged periods of cold weather since the first of the

Carolina, now has twenty offices, including the recently merged Boone, North Carolina, facility.

year are the cause of part of this increased usage. Industrial loads have increased and additional off-farm jobs have developed. Appliance purchases, supplementary heating, new home construction, residential and commercial heating, and many other factors have contributed to this increase.

Officials of Blue Ridge Electric are optimistic about the growth and development of the cooperative and the area it serves, and are constantly working to keep abreast of the demands for low cost, dependable service.

Scout Round Table Slated For Tonight

Both the Watauga District Committee and the Unit Leaders' Roundtable will be held Thursday night, March 10, in the recreation room of the St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church, Boone.

This will be the first district-wide meeting of 1966. John (Jack) McKay, new district executive, will be present. He has been a district executive for seven years, and his most recent assignment was in the Cherokee Council. He will replace Barry Collins who resigned in December. All Scouters are urged to attend and meet Mr. McKay.

Father Ed Smith, district chairman, will preside at the official meeting, during which reports will be made by the several operating committee chairmen and plans made for the year.

Jack Williams will have charge of the meeting of Scout-

masters, Explorer Leaders and Cubmasters. There will be a separate part of the program for Den Mothers. David Spainhour, assistant district commissioner, will assist. Mrs. G. C. Greene, Jr., is the new assistant district commissioner for Cubbing and will have charge of the Cubbing part of the program Thursday night. A visiting Scout speaker will be James B. Drum of Lenoir.

All adult leaders in all three Scouting programs are urged to attend the meetings.

There are now seven registered Scouting units in the district, including three Scout Troops, two Cub Packs and two Explorer Posts. Three additional troops are now being organized; it is hoped that several additional smaller communities in the county will have new units before the end of the year.

N. C. National Bank Gains In U. S. Standings

First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina gained 206 points in the standing of the Eleventh Hundred Largest Banks in the United States in 1965 according to a survey reported by the American Banker released this week. The survey revealed First National as being 1012th place.

M. F. Allen, Jr., bank president, pointed out that 1965 was a banner year in the bank's 13 years history as it passed the 40 million dollar mark in resources.

First National, with headquarters in Jacksonville, North

C Of C Travel, Farm, School Groups Talk

The travel, agriculture and education divisions of the Boone Chamber of Commerce were discussed by Chamber directors at their monthly meeting Tuesday. Hal Johnson, representing industry, was unable to attend.

L. E. Tuckwiller, County Extension Agent, told the directors he had not formed an agriculture division yet, because weather had been inclement and he could not contact many of the persons on his list. He advised them, however, that he

would begin organizing his division shortly and would report when called upon.

Randy Phillips, travel division chairman, reported that he felt the local Motel Association has had fine co-operation in working with the Chamber of Commerce and suggested that the Association might serve the needs of a travel division. He estimated that 90 per cent of the Association's members hold Chamber memberships.

Stanley Harris Sr. asked Phillips whether he thought the

Association, or the travel division, might take in gas stations.

Phillips said the Association could take in filling stations and restaurants as associate members, and that the by-laws permit this. Phillips said one restaurant is already a member of the Association.

Col. Clyde Miller, president of the Chamber, suggested that Phillips work with service station owner Joe Idol, if service stations show interest in the project.

Representing the newly de-

signed education division, Dr. Lee Reynolds of ASTC reported that he feels there is a possible need to bring the high school people into the Chamber's educational activities. He further stated that the feeling of some college people is that an educational division in their behalf might not be as valuable as the public relations correlation of the public schools with the Chamber.

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