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Within a few weeks, the Deep Gap Fire Station will be completed. Standing in front of the partially-built structure is James Watson, chief of the Deep Gap Volunteer Fire Department. (Staff photo)

## Deep Gap Fire Department Is Tribute To Civic Pride

The Deep Gap Volunteer Fire Department, which organized little more than two years ago, already has equipped itself and is very well on the road to completing its fire station.

### Civitan Club Plans Project For Hospital

The Civitan Club soon will announce a project, through which it hopes to raise enough money to furnish a room in the new County hospital.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7 p. m. at the Gateway Restaurant. Officers are Phil Smith, president; Paul Winkler, treasurer; and Marvin Storie, secretary. The club now has 29 members. Civitans throughout the state have mentally retarded children as their chief project, although the local club has assisted many area groups, most recently the County 4H Clubs and the Watauga High School Band, who received the proceeds from the Civitan Pancake Jamboree held last spring.

says the Department has a fire truck, a tank truck and a panel truck—all fully outfitted and paid for.

By Saturday, after five working days, the firemen and other men had the walls of the station up, and were waiting for the steel beams which will support the ceiling and floor.

Watson says the building probably will be completed within 30 days after the steel arrives.

**Chicken Dinners**  
It all boils down to a lot of bar-b-que chicken dinners. The Fire Department has been serving the dinners periodically since it organized, and proceeds have been applied to the needs of the fire department. In addition to the equipment, says Watson, all firemen have uniforms.

But the work won't end with completion of the station. The next item on the docket is an alarm system.

Currently, firemen are alerted through a private telephone system. Last year, they answered 27 calls, and Watson estimated that the volunteers have been out 16 times already this year.

**Open House**  
Upon completion of their building project, Deep Gap Firemen plan to have an open house.

Their new facility will house their trucks, uniforms and miscellaneous equipment, offices, bathrooms and a kitchen. The station is being built of concrete blocks with a brick veneer. It faces a rural road half a stone's throw from Highway 421 in front of Watson's Garage. The trucks still are stored in the Garage.

Meanwhile, Watson says chicken dinners will be served during the fall. And, any donations to the community cause are welcome.

Upon completion of their

public works projects include: Sparta, Alleghany County, \$123,000; Spruce Pine, Mitchell County, \$100,000; Boone, Watauga County, \$1,003,000.

Eligible North Carolina counties have decreased to 26 plus the Cherokee Reservation, and the specific purpose of EDA is to aid, via its various programs, in stimulating the economy of the remaining designated areas—just as fast as possible—to the point they and the other 800 eligible areas throughout the country no longer qualify for such assistance, and the purpose of the agency is successfully concluded.

While the Economic Development Administration is not an industry locating service, it does have limited loan funds to aid in initiating or expanding industry in designated areas. Under no circumstances are loans made when these requested funds are available from private sources. Most business loan applicants are referred to the EDA State Office by private agencies, the industrial commission, or other corresponding organization in the county and town involved; or, in most states, by the appropriate State agency. Six North Carolina business loan requests are being processed, two of which are now in final stages. Six others are being prepared.

Two technical assistance projects are presently being sponsored by EDA in North Carolina. One resulted from an application by the Carteret County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of extending utilization of the vast seafood potential on North Carolina's coast. The second such project is being implemented by the Development Institute at

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Other Towns In Region Get Allotments

Boone, Blowing Rock and other towns in the northwestern Carolina mountains came in for a considerable cut of State Street Aid allocations under the provisions of the Powell Bill.

More than nine million dollars will go to qualifying towns and cities in North Carolina this year. State Highway Commission Chairman J. M. Hunt, Jr., said last week.

Of this sum, Boone will get \$24,088.01 based on its census status, and its certified non-system street mileage of 29.94; Blowing Rock comes in for \$10,882.91 for 18.13 miles; Banner Elk, with 3.70 miles gets \$3,240.95; Newland's share is \$5,002.65; Spruce Pine, \$14,526.70; Jefferson, \$6,646.16; West Jefferson, \$7,740.11; Sparta, \$7,546.63.

Hunt said that 420 North Carolina towns and cities will receive proportional cash allotments amounting to \$9,322,714.20. Checks will be mailed from Raleigh the latter part of September in order that they will reach the municipalities by Oct. 1.

The funds, equal to the amount produced by one-half cent of the regular six-cents per gallon motor fuel tax levied by the State, are returned annually to participating municipalities in proportional shares based on the relative non-state mileage and the relative populations of each of the municipalities.

Towns and cities qualify for participation under the Powell Bill by submitting to the Highway Commission each year data concerning ad valorem taxes, other sources of revenue, budget ordinances and municipal elections. There are some legally incorporated towns and cities which do not participate since they do not perform municipal functions necessary to qualify under the law.

Hunt noted that the \$9,322,714.20 returned to the 420 municipalities this year is nearly twice the amount returned to 386 participating towns and cities at the beginning of the program in '51.

During the 16 years the Powell Bill has been in effect, a total of \$108,299,284.64 has been returned to the municipalities for use on local streets.

**Auction Sale For Benefit Of Children**

Arrangements have been completed for the Auction Sale sponsored by the Boone Rotary Club and conducted by Daniel P. Lee and I. Joseph Sherwin, assisted by the Cottrell Twins.

The sale will be held in the auditorium of the former Appalachian High School building at 7:30 p. m. on Thursday, Sept. 8. Refreshments will be on sale and free door prizes will be provided. There is no admission charge and the public is invited to attend.

Local businesses and individuals have responded generously to the appeal for saleable merchandise. The club wishes to publicly acknowledge these gifts and express its appreciation for them.

All proceeds from the sale will be used for assistance to crippled children and other service projects of the club.

## Area Towns Aided Boone, Blowing Rock Get State Street Money



CECIL VIVERETTE (left), president of Tarheel Electric Membership Association, presents a "certificate of recognition" to Henry S. Parker, Lenoir, staff member at Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir. Others receiving certificates were (left to right) Mrs. Pauline Hodges, Boone, Mrs. Anna Rose Higgins, Sparta, and Robert T. Bumgarner, Lenoir, all staff members at Blue Ridge EMC. The certificates, issued jointly by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Tarheel Electric, were presented to the four for their participation in three annual sessions of a special management development seminar requiring attendance at the University at Chapel Hill in twenty-seven hours of classes covering nine subjects. Also honored but not present to receive her award was Mrs. Madge Hatley, Lenoir. The certificates were presented at a special awards luncheon on Aug. 24 in Durham. The seminar is a part of a continuing and comprehensive development program, coordinated by Tarheel Electric for the employees of its 32 member electric cooperatives.

offer, commenting, "I'm better off on the ground."

At the age of 97, she traveled by car to Florida with members of her family. How did she reach the remarkable age of 102? On her birthday in 1964, Mrs. Greer replied "I reckon by working just as hard as I can and leaving off the medicine most folks take." She had cut tobacco and sheared sheep in her lifetime.

Last year, a reporter arrived at her home to take her picture — only to find that Mrs. Greer had left early that morning to visit her son, Raleigh, age 79, in Deep Gap.

She was survived by a daughter, a son, 26 grandchildren, 52 great grandchildren and 30 great great grandchildren. The funeral was Wednesday of last week at Ruthwood Baptist Church, burial in the church cemetery.

Among the dozens of letters and telegrams Mrs. Greer received over the last several years were birthday congratulations from many Senators and Congressmen.

**WAMY Summer Programs Are Discussed**

Members of the Watauga County Advisory Committee to WAMY Community Action, Inc., and other interested citizens met Aug. 29 to discuss WAMY's summer programs, the organization of the advisory committee and to elect a new chairman.

Reports were given from representatives of each of the summer programs. Mrs. Jimmy Mast, a teacher in the Head Start program at Cove Creek, and Mrs. Martha Greene, chairman of the Head Start program, were present.

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## Night Classes Are Offered At W. H. S.

Watauga High School is to be the center for a wide variety of adult evening classes beginning Sept. 26. Courses to be offered include basic education, English, math, science and social studies for high school equivalency — speed reading, personal and advanced typing, basic welding and bricklaying Oct. 17. Upon request, other studies will be offered.

These opportunities are being made possible through the cooperation of the Watauga County Board of Education, Watauga High School, Caldwell Technical Institute and WAMY Community Action, Inc. For further information, call WAMY Community Action, 264-8911.



PIONEER CHEERLEADERS—L. to R. Janel Blanton, Jane Dougherty, Ann Gilestrap, Barbara Payne, Ollie Jackson, Janice Fox, Becky Hollifield, Martha Stacy, Melinda Robinson, Monty

## Cheerleaders Work Vigorously

The Watauga High cheerleaders, elected in the spring of 1966, have been working "vigorously" throughout the summer.

The girls also underwent a sewing project to make new uniforms for basketball season.

Through hard work and diligent practice, the girls hope to boost school spirit at WHS and cheer the teams on to victory.

In the early part of the summer, these girls sponsored a car wash, from which the proceeds were used to buy pom-poms for each cheerleader.