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NEW MASONIC OFFICERS—The annual open installation of officers of Snow Lodge No. 363, A. F. & A. M., was held the evening of December 18. W. E. Fulmer, past master and Floyd Brewer, past master, were installing officer and marshal, respectively. New officers installed are, left to right, front row: Melvin Norris, Worshipful Master; Cannon Ward, Senior Warden;

Grant Ayers, Junior Warden; B. W. Stallings, Treasurer; Hoyl Davis, Secretary; second row, John Christenbury, Senior Deacon; Carter Lentz, Junior Deacon; Lynn Castle, Senior Steward; George Baker, Junior Steward; Harold Farthing, Tyler and Gary Morgan, Chaplain. (Weston photo)

Whitener Given Special Award At Kiwanis Club

Gastonia—Accepting a special award from the Gastonia Kiwanis Club Tuesday, Representative Basil L. Whitener (D.-NC) said: "It has always been a privilege to work for and with the people of our area."

The plaque was presented to Whitener in honor of his many years of membership in the club and his contribution to the welfare of the community. The engraved award presented to the veteran 10th District Congressman bore the inscription: "In recognition of the membership of Basil Lee Whitener in the Kiwanis Club of Gastonia—he has given true meaning to the Kiwanis concept of personal service."

The award was a surprise to Whitener, who has been invited to briefly address the Kiwanians on the recent session of Congress. The plaque was presented to the Congressman by B. G. Banner, secretary of the Gastonia Kiwanis Club, W. D. Bailey, Jr., is president of the club.

Income Returns Must Be Sent To Chamblee

All Federal income tax returns for 1967 filed by North Carolinians must be mailed to the following address, according to J. E. Wall, District Director:

Internal Revenue Service Center
Southeast Region
Chamblee, Georgia 30006

Wall urged taxpayers who receive their tax forms from the government by mail to use the pre-addressed envelope contained in the package.

Wall said that Congress passed a law last year requiring income tax returns from the Southeast Region, of which North Carolina is a part, to be mailed direct to the Service Center in Chamblee, Georgia for processing.

Director Wall said that taxpayers who forget and mail their returns to Greensboro this year will cause double handling by the postoffice since such returns will have to be re-routed to Chamblee by Greensboro IRS personnel. This will also cause a long delay in processing refund checks, Wall said.

Quits Mail Route After Driving 600,000 Miles

On Dec. 29, R. Clyde Winebarger retired after 33 years as a rural mail carrier on Route 2, Boone.

After a competitive civil service examination in July of 1934, he was appointed on recommendation by the late Congressman Robert L. Doughton. At that time, Route 2 was only 26 miles with 140 families. Now it is 76 miles with more than 400 families in the Howard's Creek, Rich Mountain, Sands, Meat Camp and Big Hill communities.

The National Safety Council has presented Mr. Winebarger a 32-year Safe Driver Award for no-accident driving. He estimates he has driven more than 600,000 miles on the rural route and delivered over 200,000 copies of the Watauga Democrat.

From 1945 to 1962, Mr. Winebarger served the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association as secretary-treasurer, two years of which he was president of the National Conference of State Secretaries for the national organization. He and his wife, the former Crystal Coulter of Statesville, have attended 22 national conventions which entailed traveling over most of the nation.

Mr. Winebarger also has been active in church work. He served 32 years as a member of the official board and treasurer of Grace Lutheran Church and saw it grow from a small mission church to active self-supporting congregation.

In closing out his long career in the postal service, Mr. Winebarger wishes to express his deep appreciation and sincere thanks for the kindnesses and courtesies extended by his patrons, fellow workers and others and extended best wishes for a happy and prosperous future.

Until a regular carrier takes over the route, either by transfer or civil service examination, Archie Clawson is Route 2 carrier.

15% Of Students Honored 678 On Dean's List For University Fall Quarter

Honorees Of This Region Are Listed

Boone—A total of 678 Appalachian State University students achieved grades which earned them honors on the Dean's List for the fall quarter, according to Dr. Kenneth Webb, Dean of Students.

In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must carry a minimum of 15 hours of work, compile a grade-point average of at least 3.00, have no grade below a C, and have no incompletes or conditions in any course.

The 678 Dean's List students represent 15.5 per cent of the total undergraduate enrollment of 4,365. Of the 3,844 North Carolina students, 617 (or 16.5 per cent) earned places on the list while 61 (or 11.7 per cent) of the 521 out-of-state students were listed.

Twelve per cent (228) of the 1,878 undergraduates men made the honor list. Eighteen per cent (450) of the 2,487 women students qualified.

Of 89 North Carolina counties represented by students at Appalachian, 65 placed students on the Dean's List. Thirty-six counties showed higher percentages of their students making the list than the overall average.

Eleven counties with no students currently enrolled at Appalachian are Bertie, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Graham, Green, Hertford, Martin, Northampton, Pamlico and Tyrrell.

ASU honor students who are from this area are:

ASHE—Betty W. Carlton, Lenna Rae Lyall and Aleta Faye Owen, all of Crumpler; Janet Faye Marsh, Barbara Gail Miller and David C. Trivette, all of Fleetwood; Marie Arlene Rongoy of Grassy Creek; Roger Lee Roark and Benjamin F. Wilson, both of Grayson; Richard Paul Gentry, Margaret E. Hart and Jeanette V. Paisley, all of Lansing; Linda Gale Durham, Jimmy Ray Frider and Mary C. Suddreth, all of Todd; Sylvia M. Campbell of Warrensville; Wanda I. Blackburn and Hilda Diana Miller, both of West Jefferson.

AVERY—Patricia Jean Cannon of Banner Elk; Ramona E. Henson of Crossnore; David F.

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SNOW AND SLUSH notwithstanding, pedestrian travel was complicated for this woman by Wednesday afternoon's heavy traffic. She is approaching King Street from the road beside the Boone Post Office. (Staff photo)

Snow And Sleet Blanket County; Skiing Flourishes

The snow started Wednesday and by Thursday three and a half inches were recorded in Boone.

Friday an inch was recorded.

Sunday another inch fell and snow was accompanied by sleet with laid an icy path across most of the county's secondary roads.

The nearly six inches between Wednesday and Sunday brought a flock of skiers into the mountains and the crowd had only mildly diminished by New Year's Day. Some observers say this could have been the biggest week in the history of local skiing, with four lodges, Blowing Rock, Hound Ears, Seven Devil's and Beech Mountain going strong.

Cars bedecked with ski racks have passed through Boone and Blowing Rock in a steady stream as holiday sportsmen, women and children enjoyed the facilities of the fastest growing ski area in the Southeast.

As scheduled, county schools opened Tuesday morning.

Further Squeeze On Farm Profits

Farm costs rose again in 1967 and farm income dropped. More of the same is in store for 1968.

Farm income was down 13 per cent in the first six months of 1967 over the same period of 1966.

Rising costs are a big factor, according to Extension Economist Hugh Liner, North Carolina State University.

"Prices paid by farmers through last October were up 2.6 per cent over last year," Liner said. "The cost of most production items, especially labor, was up."

No immediate end to this pressure on the farmer is in sight. "The uptrend in farm production expenses is expected to continue for the most items through 1968," according to Liner.

Items affected in the rise range from labor and machinery to taxes and fertilizer. Prices farmers paid for fertilizer increased in 1967 for the first time in about 10 years. They will go up again in 1968.

Wage rates were up 9 per cent through October. Minimum wages will increase 15 cents an hour for covered farms in February.

"With the expected low rate of unemployment, farmers will continue to face increasing competition for farm labor," Liner explains. "For these reasons, it is anticipated that farm wage rates will increase at least as much in 1968 as they did in 1967."

Machinery and equipment costs may be up by 2.5 to 3 per cent next year due to higher manufacturing costs. "With wage rates increasing faster than machinery and equipment costs, the trend of substituting machinery for labor will continue," Economist Liner said.

On the other items, feed costs should be below 1967 levels, feeder cattle prices about the same, feeder pig prices higher during the first half of the year, costs of replacement dairy heifers up slightly, and farm taxes higher.

Wilcox Heads N.C.D.A. Group

The North Carolina Development Association again has named Herman W. Wilcox to serve as chairman of the Travel and Recreation Division.

R. T. Ellett Jr., community relations representative of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company was named overall chairman and asked Wilcox to serve with him.

Merchants To Go To Europe

Directors of the N. C. Merchants Association have given their formal approval for a 1968 European tour to be sponsored by the organization, it was announced by Ardell Lanier, president.

He said that the trip would include visits to a total of nine countries, including England, Germany, France, and Italy.

"This tour has been worked up by American Express especially for members of the Association, their wives, and friends on a first-come-first-served basis," said Lanier.

Those taking the tour will leave New York by Pan American jet on July 12 and return on July 29.

1967 Traffic Deaths In N. C. At Least 1,720

The Highway Patrol listed seven persons dead in holiday weekend traffic accidents including the first reported death of 1968.

Earl Reid Mooneyham, 30, of Statesville was killed at 2 a. m. New Year's Day in Iredell County on Highway 64. His was the first reported death of the year.

Kermit Ray Deans, 38, of Black Creek was killed in Johnson County in a two-car collision Saturday night. The report

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Year-End Sales Break Records

An informal Statewide survey conducted on December 26-28 by the N. C. Merchants Association pointed to record-breaking Christmas sales in all sections of the State.

Statisticians with the organization predicted gross retail volume for December would run over \$925,000,000. This would be more than \$40 million above the \$883,523,634 which the N. C. Revenue Department reports as gross retail sales for December of 1966.

Gross Statewide retail sales for December of 1965 were \$830,350,555.



A SMALL SLEIGH-RIDER runs down the road to meet his friend coming back up.