



SANTA'S STOREHOUSE probably is lined with all sorts of toys and joys for youngsters and oldsters alike just as the shelves of this local store. In just a few days the merry old gentleman will be winging his way across the country and is sure to make a stop in Watauga. (Staff photo)

## Variety Of Local Crafts Items To Be Displayed Until Saturday

Crafts made by members of the Blue Ridge Hearside Crafts Association will be on display in Appalachian State University's Old Education Building until Saturday, Dec. 21.

Because of inclement weather, not many people attended the annual crafts bazaar Dec. 10-14 and there is still a complete stock of most items.

The display-sale will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday and Saturday and until 9 a.m. on Friday.

For sale are fabric crafts, woodcrafts including candlesticks, chairs, stools and spice racks and other crafts forms such as candlemaking, ceramics, basketmaking, metalworking and bark and husk crafts.

According to R. Dale Moretz, director of the Crafts Association and co-ordinator for WAMY Community Action, Inc., "This Association began as a program of WAMY to help local craftsmen market their products."

He said organization was begun about a year ago and in April, the Articles of Incorporation of BRHCA were registered with the N.C. Secretary of State, "but not until August . . . were they registered with the Register of Deeds."

The Association is a legally chartered co-operative with 35 paid members. Said Moretz, "As of Jan. 1, it will begin operating as a true business. Prior to that, it was completely subsidized."

Wholesale price less 10 per

cent will be paid members selling goods through the Association. The organization will retain the 10 per cent to defray operating expenses. Non-members who sell through the Association will get wholesale less 20 per cent for their goods. The extra 10 per cent "will be applied toward the purchase of a share of stock to make them a member," Moretz said.

Governed by officials elected

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### James Phillips Gets Doctor's Degree At Tenn.

James T. Phillips of Sugar Grove received his doctorate in physical chemistry Friday at the University of Tennessee.

He was a National Honor Society graduate of Cove Creek High School and received his BS in chemistry Cum Laude from Appalachian State Teachers College (now University) in 1964. He also was given the IRC Scholarship Award.

While at the University of Tennessee he received support from the Petroleum Research Fund and the National Science Foundation. In 1966-67, Phillips authored articles for the Journal of Chromatography and the Journal of Physical Chemistry.

With strong background in theoretical spectroscopy, Phillips' research involved low temperature separation of light gases, preparation and vapor pressure measurement of isotopic acetylenes and computer calculation of the isotopic effect-temperature curves.

He has accepted a post doctorate research position at the university in Rochester, N.Y.



JAMES T. PHILLIPS

### Christmas Week Edition To Come Out On Saturday

The Watauga Democrat's presses will roll next Saturday December 21 on the Christmas week edition.

This early edition came about partially because it is necessary to meet the needs of some important advertisers and also to provide the employees the usual brief holiday vacation.

In order that we may meet this advanced presstime, all contributors and advertisers are advised that the deadline will be Friday noon. All routine organization announcements and reports as well as advertising must be in hand by that time.

The mechanical section of the Democrat will be closed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The business office will be open the usual hours next week except Christmas day.

It had been planned some time ago to publish the New Year's Edition on the 28th. This has been changed and the issue dated January 2, 1969 will be printed at the usual time.

## Dr. Heavrin To Take Up Private Practice At Galax

Dr. Lawrence A. Heavrin, a physician and Director of Student Health Services on the Appalachian State campus, will leave the university at the end of December to return to private practice.

He, Mrs. Heavrin and their son Larry will relocate in Galax, Va.

Dr. Heavrin's immediate replacement is Dr. William Derrick who has begun work in the University infirmary on a part-time basis. Dr. Derrick also will operate a private practice in Boone.

Although Dr. Heavrin has been associated with Appalachian

only 15 months, university officials were quick to point out the advances made in medical services to students since his tenure began.

Three registered nurses operating in shift offices comprised the student health service before Dr. Heavrin joined the ASU faculty in 1967. Since then, the Health Service has occupied a new infirmary, has a staff of



DR. HEAVRIN

### Grandfather Home Contributions Asked

Contributions are again being sought by local businessmen for a Christmas contribution to the Grandfather Home at Banner Elk.

Those willing to contribute to the happiness of the orphan children are asked to do so at once. Contributions may be left with Guy Hunt, W. W. Chester, James Marsh or Rob Rivers.

## Blowing Rock Activates 2

# Violent Winds Blamed For Delay Ski Openings

### All Slopes To Be Open During This Weekend

High winds prevented area ski lodges from making snow this past weekend and forced all but one to postpone their scheduled openings.

Blowing Rock Ski Area got the jump on the other three lodges by opening two slopes this weekend. Officials there report that by this weekend all slopes should be ready for use.

The beginner and intermediate slopes were put in use and Blowing Rock is preparing its advanced slope. There also are advanced and expert trails. Blowing Rock is under new ownership and Grady Moretz Jr., one of five owners, is manager.

At Beech Mountain near Banner Elk, a spokesman said "It looks like the 21st for us." This year Beech has added the first triple chair lifts in the South, increasing lift capacity to 9,000 skiers per hour. Also, slope area has been extended to more than four miles.

Seven Devils near Boone reported that some skiers were on hand for their planned opening last weekend but high winds prevented snow making. Laden with natural snow, the beginner slope was in use however. In this case too, all slopes are expected to be ready this weekend.

The high-range facility is opening a 350-foot teaching area with a slow-moving rope tow for the season. There also will be a snowmaker in this area.

Hound Ears Lodge and Club, which is south of Boone on Highway 105, is shooting for its season debut Friday.

North Carolina has three other ski slopes. High Meadows Inn and Ski Lodge near Roaring Gap also is tuning to a weekend opening and reports it plans night skiing.

At Cataloochee Ski Slopes above Maggie Valley, a new base lodge, a 3,600-foot advanced-intermediate slope and 1,000-foot novice slope have been added. "We have had some delay due to construction and weather," said a speaker from the area. "We hope to open by

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THE SINGING BELLES

## Church Choir, Singing Belles To Appear In Blowing Rock

The Adult Choir of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte and the Singing Belles also of Charlotte will make a special appearance in Blowing Rock's Civic Auditorium Saturday night.

The Choir, directed by William E. Jarvis, will sing a variety of special Christmas music. The Choir recently did a taping session for NBC for "Voices of Christmas", the network's annual 30-minute choral series.

This was the only church choir and Southern Baptist group

### Town Of Boone Sells Fire Truck To Cove Creek

It was disclosed last week that the Town of Boone had sold at auction a 1962 model truck to the Cove Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

The truck previously had been used as a back up truck for the town fire department but now, according to city manager Neal Blair it is no longer needed.

Blair said that the truck is in bad need of repairs and the town officials felt that the repair costs would outweigh the value of the renovated truck.

The only bid on the truck auctioned Thursday, Dec. 12, came from the Cove Creek group which had been searching for a truck to suit their needs.

Blair said that only the truck was auctioned and the Town would keep the equipment aboard the vehicle.

## Watauga Schools Usually Lose 14 Days Due To Snow

Watauga County schools annually lose some twelve to fourteen days a year because of snow, according to Guy Angell, County School Superintendent.

Angell said that in each year's school calendar, an additional twelve days are added to the state required 180 days to allow for this. If school is closed twelve days, then the June closing schedule remains the same. However, if more than twelve days are used for snow the school year is extended into June. School ends

earlier than expected if less than the allotted number of days are not used.

Angell and other school officials share the responsibility of closing schools if necessary. "We drive," Angell said, "over as many roads as possible to determine their conditions." He added that they analyze weather reports and also contact other school systems in the region before making a decision.

Snow hits different parts of the county at different times, ac-

cast programs. chosen this year. The NBC tape has been made into a Century recording and will be available to the public that night.

Ensembles within the Choir are the Men's Quartet, Women's Trio and the Singing Belles, a handbell choir. These groups visit nursing homes and shut-ins as well as appearing for civic clubs and on broad-

Community caroling will begin the program in Blowing Rock at 7:30. The Choir along with the Singing Belles will begin their special program around 8 p.m.

No admission will be charged for the public program which is sponsored by the Blowing Rock Parks and Recreation Board.

### Blowing Rock Postoffice Plans Are Made Public

Senators Sam Ervin, Jr. and Everett Jordan, in a telegram to James A. Dugger, Watauga Democratic Chairman, announce the release by the postoffice department of specifications for a new postoffice at Blowing Rock.

It was stated that the new building would have 4,000 square feet of floor space, while the structure now in use has only 1,500; a platform space of 340 feet will be provided, only 32 feet now being available.

A parking area of 8,150 feet is included in the plans, further details of which the Senators expect to be available soon.

## Brown Heads Paroles Board

Raleigh (AP)—Gov. Dan Moore Tuesday named Wade E. Brown of Boone as chairman of the North Carolina Board of Paroles, replacing Marvin R. Wooten.

Brown, a former legislator and former mayor of Boone, was appointed a member of the paroles board by Moore last year.

Brown will assume his post Dec. 20 when Wooten moves over to the State Utilities Commission, to which Moore appointed him Monday.

Before his appointment to the paroles board, Brown had practiced law in Boone for 36 years. He served as mayor of Boone from 1960 to 1967, was in the state Senate in 1947 and in the state House of Representatives in 1951.

Brown is a graduate of Mars Hill College and took his law degree at Wake Forest University. "I am delighted that Mr. Brown with his unusually high ability was available to fill this important position and I know he will continue to distinguish himself in this area of public service," said Moore.

### Decorations Will Be Judged Next Friday

Outside Christmas individual decorations will be judged Friday, Dec. 20, by 12 judges, two from each of the six garden clubs of Boone.

The judges will ride through the streets of Boone between 6:30 and 7:30 selecting the decorations which most nearly depict the spirit of Christmas, in both sacred and secular categories, and in the children's division.

Winners will be announced in the post-Christmas issue of the Democrat.

The Mountaineer Garden Club is in charge of the arrangements this year. The Watauga Council of Garden Clubs sponsors the annual Christmas project.