



SEAL CAMPAIGN—Getting things rolling for the 1969 Christmas Seal campaign in Watauga County are these officials of the Watauga chapter of the Northwestern Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. At left is Mrs. Ester M. Moe of Winston-Salem, Northwestern executive; Mrs. Herman Wilcox, president of the Worthwhile Woman's Club; Maj. John H. Thomas, honorary seal campaign chairman, and Mrs. Wayne Richardson, secretary of the Watauga chapter. (Staff photo)



BREATHING TEST—John H. Thomas, retired Marine Corps major, takes a breathing test with an airsheld pulmonary function recorder sponsored by the Northwestern Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. Administering the test is Mrs. Joann Morgan of Pfafftown. The machine measures the amount of air being taken in and exhaled by the lungs. (Staff photo)

Thomas Named Seal Leader

Retired Marine Maj. John H. Thomas has been appointed honorary chairman of the Watauga County Christmas Seal campaign for 1969. The Watauga effort will be part of the annual nationwide campaign in financing efforts to combat tuberculosis and respiratory diseases. Major programs on the national, state and local levels include X-ray detection and breathing tests for detection of diseases. Thomas, who suffers from emphysema, has been active in Boone civic affairs since he moved here in 1944 after retiring from the Marine Corps. A native of Philadelphia, he entered the corps in 1920. He is married to the former Earle

Payne of Sugar Grove. They have one son, Jack M. Thomas, of Charlotte. An avid golfer, he has been secretary-treasurer of the Boone Golf Club since it was organized. He is a former chairman of Boone's United Fund and was president of the Boone Lions Club in 1963.

Commenting on the problem of emphysema, Thomas said, "Emphysema has become a hopeless and frustrating disease in the minds of patients and physicians as well. Christmas Seals mean hope and help to many in maintaining the breath of life."

In addition to detection activities, the funds are used also to carry on educational activities and to help patients during treatment. Rehabilitation is stressed so each patient may return to his job and become a productive citizen, Thomas said.

The Watauga campaign will be the first since the county merged with eight other counties to become the Northwestern Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. The main office is in Winston-Salem.

One of the association's first projects will be to purchase an X-ray unit for the district health department of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga counties. Christmas Seal funds left in the account of the old AAW County TB Association have been provided to share in the purchase of the X-ray unit.

When the X-ray facilities are available, the Northwestern TB and RD Association hopes to begin a regularly scheduled pro-

gram of pulmonary function testing here. The breathing test indicates whether a person can move the air as easily as he should. The test is helpful in the prevention of emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

Many times before the victim's illness comes to the attention of a physician, the disease process may be quite far advanced, causing permanent disability, the economic disaster of high medical costs, plus the inability to work.

In many instances the chronic bronchitis is complicated by the development of allergies and recurrent acute bacterial lung infections. In severe cases, the long standing and progressive damage to lungs may result in severe strain on the heart with resulting heart failure.

North Carolina has the second highest percentage increase (both in number of deaths and death rates per 100,000) of deaths from emphysema and chronic bronchitis of the 50 states.

At this time, doctors do not know how to prevent emphysema. But medical treatment can slow down the progress of emphysema if the patient is treated early.

School Enrollment Survey To Be Made

A survey of school enrollment at all levels from nursery school through college will be conducted in this area by interviewers of the Bureau of the Census during the week of October 19, according to Joseph R. Norwood, Director of the Bureau's regional office in Charlotte.

Local interviewing will be part of a nationwide effort made annually to measure the Nation's school and college population. A similar survey in October 1968 showed total enrollment to be 58.8 million persons—33.8 million in elementary

school, 14.1 million in secondary school, 3.3 million in kindergarten, 816,000 in nursery school, and 6.8 million in college.

The survey will be made along with the monthly national survey of employment and unemployment for the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U. S. Department of Labor which furnishes a basic measure of national economic health.

Information collected in Census Bureau surveys can be used to determine statistical totals, and facts about each person and family are kept confidential by law.

Says Electric Lines Won't Hinder School

Nell L. Faries, manager of the local office of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, this week dismissed any doubt that power lines across the proposed new Boone elementary school site would be moved.

"They would have no problems from BREMCO," he said, "we would be glad to move the

lines." Question that the power line "might prevent location of a school on the 20-acre site in east Boone came up last week at a meeting of the school bond and sales election tax steering committee.

Faries said he had assured representatives of the school board that "This will not hold up the site for the school."

Faries said minor details would have to be worked out with the school board and with owners of adjoining land.

He added that "We (BREMCO) wholeheartedly support the school bond issue and the public schools."

The school board has an option to purchase the site from Grady Farthing. The board is seeking passage of the Nov. 4 school bond issue to finance additions and improvements at county schools and to help finance construction of a new elementary school in Boone.

The BREMCO transmission lines are erected on the property under an easement. They serve as a "tie" line to connect transmission lines that feed into the county, Faries said.

Bob Bingham Is Being Backed State YDC Head

Bob Bingham, 31-year-old Boone YDC worker, has picked up strong backing for his campaign to capture top state post of the junior party.

James V. Johnson of Charlotte, state chairman of the Democratic Party, has endorsed Bingham for the top YDC spot.

In a statement last week, Johnson said, "As a dues-paying member of the Young Democratic organization, I certainly favor the election of Bob Bingham as president."

Bingham has a record of "outstanding service not only to the state's Young Democratic Clubs, but to the senior Democratic Party as well," Johnson said.

Johnson said Bingham has served as "my personal representative" in working with Democrats—both young and old—in the Northwest.

"I think," the state chairman said, "that the Northwest portion of the state deserves recognition and Robert Bingham also deserves personal recognition."

Johnson said he would not presume, as state party chairman, to tell anyone how he should vote, but "my personal choice for state president is Bob Bingham."

The Wilsonian Democratic Club in Forsyth County was the first club in the state to endorse Bingham. This was done three weeks ago by unanimous vote.

The state Young Democratic Club convention will be held Nov. 14 and 15 at Raleigh.

Bingham is director of real estate sales at Grandfather Golf and Country Club at Linville.



Boone accountant Jack E. Williams (left) accepts congratulations from Boeco J. Antonelli, president of the National Society of Public Accountants. Williams was elected to the office of North Carolina State Director at the Society's annual convention in Los Angeles.

Given High Honor

Jack E. Williams of Boone was elected as State Director of the National Society of Public Accountants at the Society's 1969 Annual Convention in Los Angeles.

As State Director in North Carolina Williams will be responsible for representing the interests of NSPA members within his state as well as acting as a liaison between the members, the National Society and the state accounting organization.

The National Society of Public Accountants is a non-profit individual membership organization, which was formed in 1945. More than 13,000 independent professional practitioners comprise its membership in the United States and abroad.

Williams, his wife Inez and family reside at 311 Chestnut Dr.

Economy Not Slowing Up

Attempts to slow the nation's economy appear to be having minimal effect in North Carolina at this time, the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., N. C., North Carolina Business Index revealed today.

The Wachovia Index registered the ninth consecutive month of increase, reaching a preliminary all-time high of 197.6 during August, up 0.6 per cent over the revised 196.4 figure of July. The August figure is 7.9 per cent higher than the same month a year ago. The years 1957-59 are used as a base of 100.

Bank debts in North Carolina, a measure of business and personal checkbook spending, increased to \$5,604,257,000 in August, up 0.4 per cent over the July figure of \$5,600,706,000. This August 1969 figure is 16 per cent higher than for the same month a year ago.

Total non-agricultural employment in the state increased by 0.5 per cent from July to August, rising 8,200 employees to a total of 1,686,400.

Manufacturing employment reflected an even higher increase between the two months, increasing 11,300 employees to a total of 703,900 in August, a gain of 1.6 per cent. The average workweek during August was 40.5 hours, compared to 40.4 hours in July. Total manufacturing manhours in the state in August was 28,508,000 in August as compared with 27,981,000 manhours in July.

Employment in textile mill products and tobacco manufacturing rose in August over the July figure but employment in the area of food and kindred products was down. Household furniture manufacturing employment remained constant from July to August. Average weekly hours were up in all areas except textiles.

Cash receipts from farm marketings for the first eight months of this year total \$576,616,000, 13.7 per cent higher than for the same period a year ago.

Gallup poll reports whites pessimistic over U. S.

Rummage Sale At Blowing Rock

The women of St. Mary's of the Hills Episcopal Church, Blowing Rock, will sponsor a rummage sale Saturday, Oct. 18 from 9 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. at the Blowing Rock Exchange on Main Street.

Clothing, household articles and miscellaneous items of all kinds will be available.

THAILAND PULLOUT

The State Department has announced that of the 6,000 American troops to be withdrawn from Thailand by July 1, 1970, approximately 2,200 will cease operations by the end of this year. About 48,000 American troops, including some 1,200 advisers are now stationed in Thailand.

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