

ICE-LADENED—The weight of heavy ice strained power lines throughout Watauga County Sunday as freezing drizzle accumulated. This picture was taken by Jerry Sudderth on Keystone Drive.

Mrs. Potter Is Named Head Area Development Assn.

ELKIN—Mrs. Doris Potter of North Wilkesboro, a broadcasting executive and promoter of tourist travel in North Carolina, was elected president of the Northwest N. C. Development Association at its annual meeting Thursday.

Melvin S. Gantt, John Clark and William D. Jobbs. Also: Stokes, W. Aaron Tilley, William A. Sullivan, and Rupert Hall Surry; George Marion Jr., Max Brown and Kester Sink

Watauga: Miss Jane Smith, Robert Shipley and Wade Wilmoth; Wilkes: John V. Idol, John German and Claude Shaw; and Yadin: W. P. Ellis, Harry Dunningan and H. V. Shore.

She succeeds Kennedy Sharpe of Alexander County.

Mrs. Potter is president and general manager of four radio stations — WKBC in North Wilkesboro, WDSL in Mocksville, WATA in Boone and WLAK in Lakeland, Fla. Her husband, Roland B. Potter, is a beef cattle and poultry farmer in Wilkes County and is associated with her in broadcasting.

Mrs. Potter served the association for several years as chairman of its travel and recreation division, and has been a booster of all programs in behalf of general development of this area and the state as a whole. She is a past president of the N. C. Travel Council.

Other officers are Cecil Viverette of Lenoir, manager of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corp., vice-president; Dalton D. Ruffin of Winston-Salem, a vice president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., second vice president, and Neil Bolton, secretary and treasurer.

Division chairmen for the coming year are:

Agriculture, George Collins of North Wilkesboro, chairman; and Atwell Alexander, vice chairman; community development, Mrs. Barbara Deverick of Lenoir, chairman, and Harold Boles of Stokes, vice chairman; home economics, W. J. Hudson of Wilkes, chairman and Mrs. J. N. Moore of Lenoir, vice chairman; industry, Edwin Duncan Sr. of Sparta, chairman, and B. Eugene Seats of Mocksville and C. Zell Taylor of Winston-Salem, vice chairman.

Also: Industry planning, H. F. Snyder of Winston-Salem, chairman, and J. Sam Gentry of Surry and H. R. Hendrix of Davie, vice chairman; and travel and recreation, Dr. Howard Thompson of Wilkes, chairman, and Carl Haigh and Miss Mary Nelson, both also of Wilkes, vice chairman.

A slate of directors for the coming year was approved. They are:

Alexander County: Raymond Spangler, Sloane Payne and William Stoney; Alleghany: H. E. Gray, John Woodruff and J. Scotty Lawson; Ashe: A. B. Addington, James Allen Jr. and James Baldwin; Caldwell: W. F. Simmons, Herman Anderson and George Kirby; Davie: Henry Howell, Hubert Ballely and Duke Tullerow; Forsyth:

WHS Band To Give Concert

The Watauga High School Band will present its Christmas concert at 3 p. m. Sunday in the auditorium of the high school.

A special one-hour session program of music has been prepared by the 75-piece band under direction of Otis Strother.

The public is invited. It will be the 50th Christmas concert for the band.

6,000 "Santa Clauses" To Fete Children Of County

Six Thousand "Santa Clauses" will entertain all children of Watauga County Wednesday night, Dec. 17, when they are guests of ASU students at a community Christmas Tree to be held on the baseball field.

Students at Appalachian State University have raised money to provide all the children of Watauga County with candy and favors. The invitation is extended to all residents, but especially to children.

The Community Christmas Tree is sponsored by the Community-Campus Relations Committee. Last fall the committee sponsored several welcoming projects for ASU students.

A committee spokesman said it is hoped that thousands of residents from all over Watauga will attend the event. The program for the old-fashioned neighbor-to-neighbor Christmas observance will last 30 minutes.

Invocation will be given by the Rev. Robert Young, pastor of the Boone United Methodist Church. Brief comments will be heard from Dr. Herbert Way, ASU president, Boone Mayor Gordon Winkler and Perry Greene, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners.

The ASU and Watauga high school bands will present Christmas music and lead the crowd in carols. A Christmas story will be read by Rogers Whitener.

In event of inclement weather, the program will be moved inside Varsity Gymnasium.

Miss Watauga, Snow Queen To Add To Event

More than 50 units, including beauty queens, marching bands and Santa Claus, will participate in Boone's Christmas parade at 3 p. m. Saturday, Dec. 13.

Jimmy Kilgo of WSOC-TV in Charlotte will be honorary parade marshal. He will be accompanied by his five Kilgo Girls of Kilgo's Canteen.

The annual parade, expected to be larger this year, is sponsored by the Boone Chamber of Commerce and directed by the Boone Recreation Commission.

Along with Santa's colorful North Pole float, the Jaycees will feature the float of Miss Watauga County adorned with Ollie Jackson, Miss Watauga of 1970.

Directing the parade production this year are Jimmy Hastings, Nelson Storie and Mark Hodges. G. D. Barnett is parade marshal.

Hastings said the parade will start promptly at 3 p. m. He said the Boone police department has developed a plan that will close off feeder streets into the parade route to prevent interruptions of the procession.

A total of seven floats will be in the parade. In addition to Santa and Miss Watauga, there are entries from Beech Moun-

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JIMMY KILGO

3 Watauga Places Win Spots In Area Contest

Five communities in five categories were awarded top prizes of \$300 each at the Northwest North Carolina Development Association banquet in Elkin. They are:

—Small rural communities, Lone Hickory in Yadkin County.
—Large rural communities, Clingman in Wilkes County.
—Small towns and villages, Taylorsville in Alexander County.

—Suburban Communities, Bethlehem in Alexander County.
—Urban areas, Jonesville in Yadkin County.

For outstanding progress in the various development divisions, five counties were cited and awarded \$100 each. They are: agriculture, Davie; community development, Forsyth; industry, Alexander; home economics, Surry; and travel and recreation, Wilkes.

Forsyth communities took three \$100 top places in special projects added to Northwest programs this year—beautification, Sunset Hills; people involvement, West Central; and youth, Wilkes.

Other awards in these categories: Beautification; second, Elizaville, Alexander; and third,

Granite Falls, Caldwell; people involvement; second, Taylorsville, Alexander; and third, Valle Crucis, Watauga; and youth, second, Lone Hickory (no third).

Other awards in community development are:
Small rural—Mulberry, Caldwell, second, \$150; Turkey Knob, Alleghany, third, \$125; Drumstand, Alexander, fourth,

\$100; and \$75 each: Buffalo, Ashe, Cranberry, Wilkes; Center, Davie; Mamey, Watauga; and Union Cross, Surry.

Large rural—Advance, Davie, second, \$150; Oak Hill, Caldwell, third, \$125; Gwaltney's No. 2, Alexander, \$100; and \$75 each to: Grassy Creek, Ashe, Goodwill, Forsyth; and Vilas, Watauga.

Small towns—Clemmons,

second, Forsyth, \$150; Hudson, Caldwell, third, \$125; Jefferson, Ashe, fourth, \$100; and Mocksville, Davie, runnerup, \$75.

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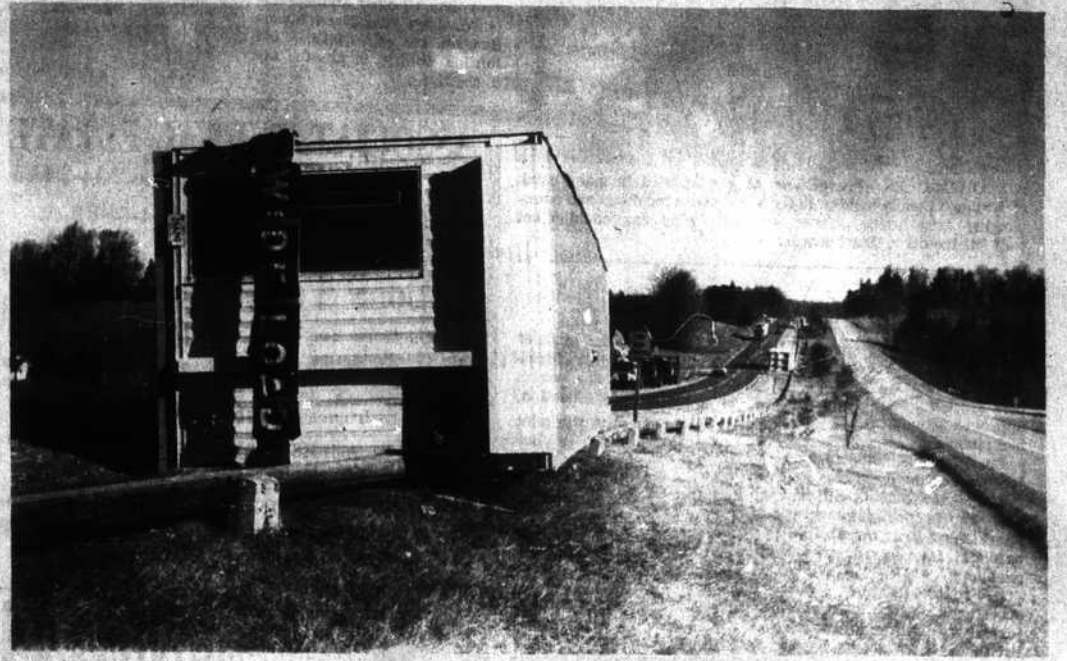
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Bigger And Better Santa Claus To Feature Bright Christmas Parade



FLIPPED BY WIND—This is the result of the heavy winds that whipped across Watauga County last Wednesday, Dec. 3. These three mobile hospital offices were bound for Winston-Salem. (Staff photo)

Violent Wind Overturns Trailers

Strong winds whipping eastward along US 421 at Parkway School last Wednesday overturned three trailers being towed to a Winston-Salem hospital.

Four other trailers in the caravan were routed to safety.

According to highway patrolman George Baker, the tractor-trailer units were just coming through the gorge at Grandview when the wind upset the trailers. The units were in transit to the Crippled Children's

Hospital in Winston-Salem. "We had stopped trailers and other large vehicles and warned them of the danger," Baker said. But this group was not spotted in time, he said.

Each of the three units was

damaged approximately \$1,000. Drivers were listed as James R. Hansen, James P. Herber and Richard B. Baird, all of Fort Wayne, Ind. Wrecker crews had the highway cleared by 4 p. m.

Week End Ice Storm Shuts Off Power, Closes Schools

A weekend ice storm knocked out electric power temporarily in large areas of Watauga County and gave children a school holiday Monday.

Up to an estimated 800 families were affected at one time or another by power lines that snapped under weight of the ice.

The storm, which began Saturday night, was described as "the worst" ice storm in recent times

for the area by Grant Ayers of the New River Light and Power Company.

The storm continued throughout Sunday, with rain, sleet and heavy fog blanketing most of the three counties in northeast North Carolina, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany.

Neil Faries, Watauga manager for Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, estimated that 800 families in Watauga County were affected by power interruptions.

Faries said the Winkler's Creek section was the hardest hit area of the county. There were a large number of trees falling on lines, there, he said.

Faries said that power lines in the county were snapped into at up to 40 different locations. However, he said, only three poles were broken from the ice. Early Sunday night, it looked

like everything had been repaired, Faries said. But ice became heavier during the night and caused more damage. Crews had all of the secondary damage repaired by 10 a. m. Monday.

Faries said that Blue Ridge crews from Caldwell County and a private crew were brought in to help local linemen restore service. He said a total of 40 men and 15 major pieces of equipment worked at the project.

Telephone service interruption was at a "minimum," according to Bill Rucker of Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company. Crews worked around the clock, he

said. "A considerable amount of cable was broken," Rucker said, "from falling trees and limbs." Crews were expected to complete repairs by Tuesday morning.

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Norris Named To National Legion Position

J. W. Norris, Watauga County Veterans Service officer, has been named to the national membership and post activities committee of the American Legion.

The appointment was made by the national executive committee of the American Legion and announced by J. Milton Patrick, national commander, from the national headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind.

Patrick told Norris that "This appointment is made with the recommendation of your department officers and in recognition of the services you have rendered to your post and department."

Norris' term will run until the close of the 1970 fall meeting of the National Executive Committee.



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS—The Christmas shopping season officially arrived in Boone Saturday as the town's Christmas lights were turned on. Officiating at the ceremony Saturday morning were Stanley Harris Sr., John Robinson and Bev Hunsing, all serving on behalf of the Boone Chamber of Commerce. (Staff photo)