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The Governor's Mansion in Raleigh was the site last week for a meeting of volunteers in the Mothers March and their teenage guests.

'Marching Mothers' Are Guests Governor's Mansion

More progress has been made in the treatment and prevention of birth defects in the last 10 years than in all history.

sponsored by The National Foundation—March of Dimes.

problem." The speaker is executive secretary of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs and the mother of Carol Ann (pictured) who was born physically handicapped.

Ski Report

Area ski slopes were recovering from a warm weekend Tuesday morning and making preparations for a snowy week ahead.

conditions were developing to assure a full re-opening during the week.

The speaker said "one of the most exciting new developments is treatment of the baby while it is still in the uterus."

A light snow was falling over all slopes in the area, giving promise for a full weekend of skiing.

All slopes at Hound Ears were in good condition Tuesday with a 30-inch base. Temperature was 24 degrees.

"The unborn child has no lobbyist," Mrs. Grant said, "and as a result the federal government has made drastic cuts in health research grants."

It was 23 degrees Tuesday morning at Appalachian Sid Mountain. Beginners and intermediate slopes were open with a 21-inch base.

Sugar Mountain, beginning its second full week of operation, reported beginners and intermediate slopes in fair to good condition with 25-degree temperature.

Birth defects touch one family in 10, Mrs. Grant added. More than 6,500 babies were born in North Carolina last year with major birth defects and more than 2,488 of these died from a defect.

All slopes were open at Beech Mountain with good skiing conditions reported. Base ran from 15 to 18 inches at 22 degrees.

All resorts employ the use of machines to manufacture a good skiing base.

Six years ago, the number climbed higher because of a German Measles epidemic. Development of a German Measles vaccine, spearheaded by March of Dimes research, is a major contribution in preventing birth defects.



JIM OLLIS

Police Arrest Two In Robbery Of Drug Store

Boone police arrested two young Watauga men Friday in connection with the Thursday night robbery of the Boone Drug Company.

Charged with larceny in the case was Terry Gargis, 19, of Blowing Rock, William Everett Sheffield, 18, of Orchard Street, Boone, was charged with receiving stolen goods.

Sheffield was an employee of the drug firm, Boone Police Chief Clyde Tester said.

Gargis was arrested about 6 p. m. Friday, Tester said. He was released after posting \$1,500 bond. Sheffield was still in jail on Monday. Tester said the pair will be given preliminary hearings during the January 26 term of Watauga.

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Ollis Speaker For Jaycees' DSA Banquet

Jim Ollis of Laurinburg, president of the North Carolina Jaycees, will be the guest speaker Monday, Jan. 26, at the annual DSA banquet held by the Boone Jaycees.

The recipient of the club's Distinguished Service Award will be announced at the banquet to be held at 7 p. m. at the Holiday Inn.

Ollis, 34, is a professor of physical education and a coach at St. Andrews Presbyterian College. He is a graduate of Appalachian State University, class of 1956, and received his masters of arts degree at ASU in 1957.

The DSA award is presented each year to a member of the club who has distinguished himself in community and club affairs. The recipient must be between 21 and 35 years of age.

Last year's honoree was Joe Miller, a local druggist.

Schools Close Again Tuesday

Watauga public school students missed another day of school Tuesday, Jan. 20, the tenth day they've missed this school year.

School Supt. Dr. Swanson Richards called off classes early Tuesday morning after snow had begun falling throughout the county.

A number of county roads were slickened Monday night by freezing light rain and snow.

200,000 Are Expected To Visit Ski Resorts

The fantastic growth of North Carolina's young ski industry, which will attract some 200,000 skiers to the five resorts in the Blowing Rock-Boone-Banner Elk triangle this winter, is causing area ski officials to make rapid expansions in their services and facilities.

Appalachian Sid Mountain, for example, this week expanded its night skiing schedule from three to five evenings per week to accommodate its overflow crowds. Skiers are now using its three lighted slopes on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights.

A new double chair lift and a lengthened intermediate run were installed at the beginning of the season to improve customer service.

At Beech Mountain near Banner Elk, the ski explosion demanded more room to grow, and the result is a new beginners' slope with a J-Bar lift and rope tow. In addition all other slopes at Beech were widened before the beginning of the 1969-70 season.

The story is much the same at Seven Devils between Boone and Linville where an additional slope has been opened this season and a new double chair lift installed to accommodate the increased traffic.

Hound Ears Club near Boone also operates a modern skiing facility, but its membership is closed and no lateral expansions have been needed.

At Banner Elk's Sugar Mountain, slopes were opened for the first time in early January, but acreage for expansion is available when needed.

\$28,000 Pumper Truck Ordered

Town Acts To Maintain Fire Insurance Rating

Says Premiums Would Have Risen In Boone

BY RACHEL RIVERS

The Town Board of Aldermen Thursday night ordered a \$28,000 fire truck on approval and put in an order for 1,500 feet of two and a half inch hose.

The action was taken to appease the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau, which had notified Mayor Gordon Winkler that the Boone Volunteer Fire Department grading is NB 10, considering the coverage required of it outside the city limits and on the ASU campus as well as the population growth of the town itself.

Chief Engineer R. Kenneth Scott wrote "We feel that improvements should be made to justify the present fire defenses classification of NB 8." Attached were four recommendations the town would have to meet in order to keep fire insurance premiums from soaring in Boone.

Fire Chief R. D. Hodges and several of the volunteers were present as the Mayor estimated what the change in the fire department's grading would mean.

On a dwelling of \$10,000 worth, insurance under the 8-rating would be approximately \$22, the Mayor said. Under the NB 10 grading, the same insurance would cost about \$13 more—a hike of more than 50 per cent.

Equipment One recommendation was to have a pumper of at least 750 gallons-per-minute capacity. Listed third was that "A minimum of 3,000 feet of standard 2 1/2-inch fire department hose be maintained in serviceable condition at all times."

The order of 1,500 feet of hose would meet the required total of foot-candle.

But because of the slight difference in cost between a heavy duty 750-gallon pumper and a 1,000-gallon pumper, the board ordered the larger of the two.

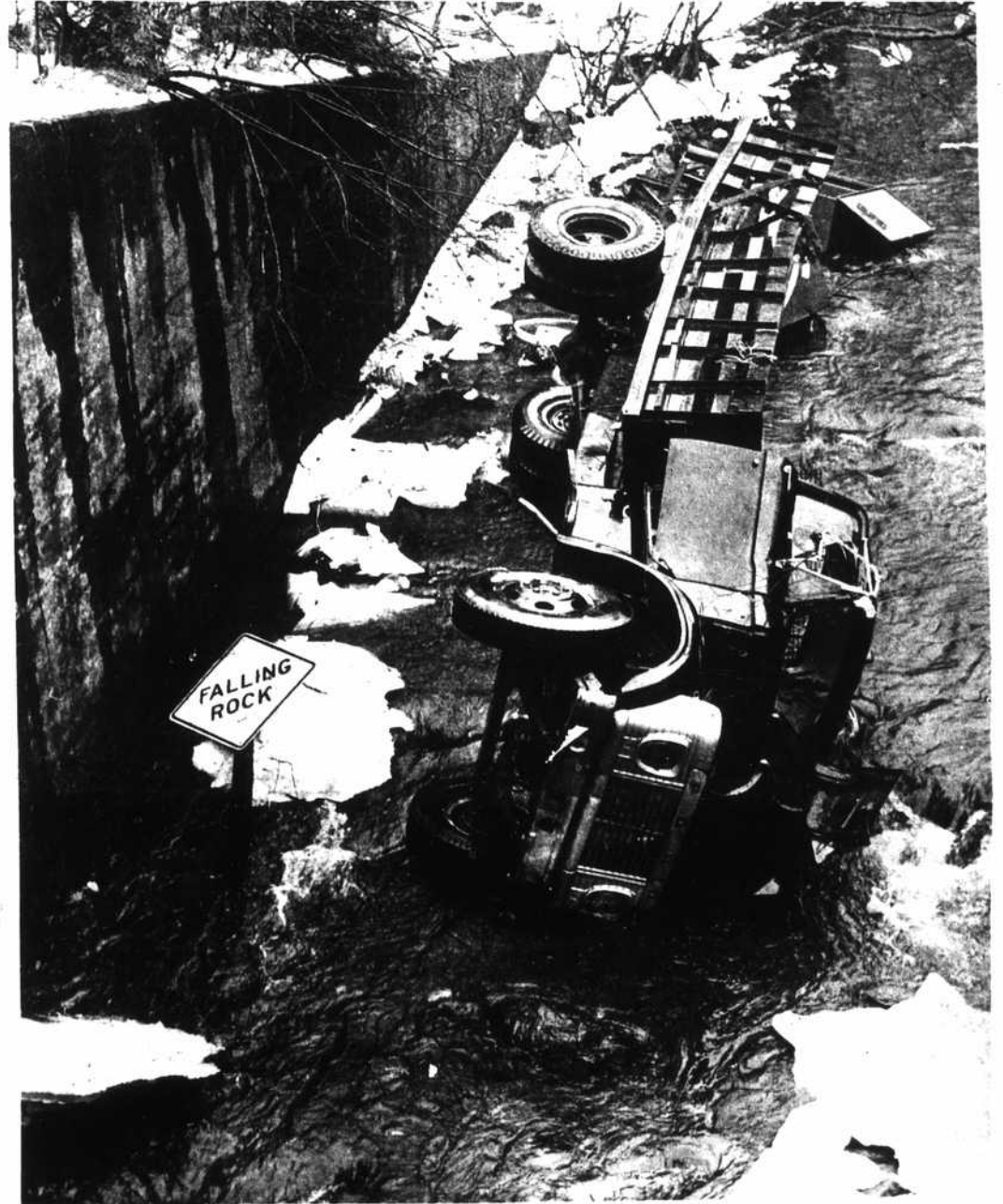
The sales talk was given by Henry Burgess whose Burgess Fire Department Company in Lenoir has sold Boone two trucks in the past. He handles Ward La France trucks which have Ford engines.

Burgess told them it is "more economical to have a 1,000-gallon pumper because Boone is growing." He explained that the truck with the hydraulic command tower can be used by two men "to do the work of 14 men."

He suggested the town consider the demonstrator for about \$28,000 since it comes with a guarantee to 100,000 miles and the mileage indicator is set back to zero. It would take 5,000 miles use to break in the heavy duty vehicle anyway, he calculated.

New, the truck is worth \$32,000. "I've watched Boone grow a lot in 10 years," Burgess said. "It's time to consider buying a

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FALLING TRUCK—This is the resting place for a tractor-trailer loaded with fire-fighting equipment that skidded off US 321 in front of the entrance to Boone Golf Club early Saturday morning, Jan. 17. The truck, along with the falling rock sign, landed in the New River. (Flowers photo)

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'South's Improbable Event'

Snow Carnival Of South

The South's most improbable event, a week-long festival commemorating the sport of skiing and the winter season, will be held in and around Boone Feb. 9-16.

Launched last year as the North Carolina Snow Carnival, the event has been extended to a full week of activities and renamed the Snow Carnival of the South.

"Because of its wide regional appeal, we felt the Carnival should be more closely identified with the growing number of people who ski in the southern states," explained Robert Bingham of Boone, president of the sponsoring North Carolina Winter Sports Association, Inc.

Co-sponsors of the Carnival are the Boone, Blowing Rock, and Avery County Chambers of Commerce.

In addition to apres-ski events, a parade, ice sculpture contest and annual Snow Ball, reduced rates for skiing and equipment rental will be offered Monday through Thursday, Feb. 9-12, at the area's five ski resorts.

Participating resorts are Appalachian Sid Mountain, Beech Mountain, Hound Ears Lodge and Club, Seven Devils and Sugar Mountain, newest of the major ski resorts in Western North Carolina.

Après-ski events will be scheduled at one or more of the resorts each weeknight during the Carnival.

Highlights of the Carnival will be a parade through downtown Boone at 5 p. m. Friday, Feb. 13, and the annual Snow Ball Saturday night, Jan. 31.

Each township will set up an organization and recommend to the County Convention a man and a woman for membership on the County Executive Committee.

Announcement comes from F. Cecil Miller, chairman of the county's Republican Executive Committee. A county chairman, vice-chairman and secretary will be elected at the convention, an executive committee will be appointed and delegates to the Congressional and State conventions selected.

Competing for the Snow Queen crown now worn by Miss Pat Mazingo of Charlotte will be contestants from area colleges and ski clubs.

Special services for skiers will be held at area churches at 9 a. m. Sunday, Feb. 15. Half-price skiing and equipment rental will also be offered

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