

## Thomas Says Eliminate "Hot Air"

State Senator R. P. (Bo) Thomas, speaking before the Young Democrats of Haywood County in Canton Thursday night, stated that the seasonably adjusted 6 percent unemployment rate during a period of economic crisis is one indication of possible reduced living standards for the workers of our next generation, when they come into their job market.

Thomas stated that our industrial and service complex was financed by savings accumulated over several hundred years, and that government policies and inflation have almost extinguished new capital formation.

"We are at the lowest levels of capital formation in the history of our republic; and in this period of minimum growth of our gross national product the textbook implies an unemployment rate considerably higher than the reported 6 percent."

"Our business managers have determined that hiring additional employees at present wages is cheaper than energy or capital expenditures, even if available, and the additional workers do not increase fixed costs. Such determinations violate the theme of the industrial revolution, from whence much of the western world's higher standard of living originated. The spirit of our work force has declined, and so has our productivity. In many cases more employees are required to maintain production at 1976 or 1977 levels. Higher purchasing power and better working conditions would result from modernization of our manufacturing facilities enlarging workers' confidence and increasing productivity."

Thomas stated that our industrial complex must remain competitive and efficient, if we are to keep our markets and provide good paying jobs for the

## 20 Years Ago

Mrs. Karl Bosse has resigned as minister of music at the Tryon First Baptist Church to accept the position of organist and accompanist for two of the church choirs of the Hendersonville First Baptist Church.... Republican Precinct Chairmen are: Clarence Henson, Columbus; H. L. Wilson, Coopers Gap; Hall Arledge, White Oak; Miss Elizabeth Stanwood, Tryon; Ed Johnson, Saluda; Vernon Horne, Green Creek. Paul C. Smith of Tryon is county chairman.... Supt. David Cromer tells Kiwanians about the progress and plans of the new central high school which is being built near Mill Spring ... Avant Electric Co. in Tryon goes out of business.... Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lynch and daughter, have returned to Greer, S. C. after a visit with Mrs. Lynch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Jones. Mr. Lynch is with the Homelite Company.... Marvin D. Edwards, electrician for Avant Electric Co. for more than 25 years, has gone into business for himself.... Tommy Arledge, the magician, student at Mars Hill College, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Arledge of Tryon.... Many expressions of approval are coming forth for the development of a crafts and art center in Tryon.... Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Mize and daughter, Miss Margaret Mize, have returned from Atlanta where they attended the 15th class reunion of Dr. Mize at Emory University School of Dentistry.... The Landrum Civic League celebrated its 50th Anniversary at the home of Mrs. W. M. Lambricht. Rudolph Earle, in whose home the league was born, gave a history of the organization.... Dr. C. W. McCall attended the 20th anniversary of his class reunion at Emory University Dental College in Atlanta. Tryon High School baseball team line up: Alton Case

Green, Melvin Owens, Jim Bradshaw, Bobby Tucker and Donald Pettit. The team is coached by Billie Metcalf.

## Health Watch

By N. C. Medical Society

The clinical name for it is conjunctivitis, but you probably know it simply as "pink eyes." This bothersome infection, caused by the Koch-Weeks bacterium, inflames the delicate membranes that line the eyelids and cover the eyeball, causing them to become a bright red (hence the name, "pink eye"). It is most prevalent in the early spring and fall and is prolonged by natural irritants common during these seasons, such as pollen and dust, and bright light.

Some early symptoms of pink eye include itchy eyelids and a watery discharge from the tear ducts. As the infection develops, the discharge become thicker and often "glues" the lids together during sleep. Pink eye is highly contagious and can last up to a month. Special care should be taken not to rub the eyes with the hands and thus spread the infection. Anyone with pink eye should also use separate linens and towels and separate lavatories if possible.

Antibiotic ointments are generally prescribed to reduce the burning and are usually effective within two or three days. If the infection persists beyond this time, your physician may suspect an allergy and prescribe treatment accordingly. Pink eye is not a serious infection but can spread quickly if not treated.

## Red Fox W.G.A.

Winners of last Thursday's W.G.A. low-net event at Red Fox were Class A: Nancy Ernst, Class B: Jean Masologites and



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