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Lori Reese with her dog . . . See Page 3

## Rescue Squad Helps Save Mr. Spry's Life

Thanks to the Davie County Rescue Squad, my dad, J. B. Spry Sr., is alive today.

He had been missing more than four hours in freezing temperatures when found by a grandson, Mike Spry who, along with other relatives and friends, were assisting the Rescue Squad.

He was immediately taken to the Davie County Hospital by the Rescue Squad ambulance, where he was treated for exposure. He should be back at home very soon.

I would also like to say a "thank you" to Dr. Foster and the nurse on duty, Mrs. Coley, and to the many others who are so nice to other people, even though they had to work on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Again, let us say thanks to the many Rescue Squad members who turned out, although I don't know their names. We think Davie County should be real proud to have such a nice group of citizens.

—M. O. SPRY

## Friendly Reminder

One year ago, Mac Stout, local plumber, promised "Fuzz" Foster to fix a faucet for him. Well

Christmas Day a gift was delivered to Mr. Stout.

It was a trophy cup and inscribed on it "WORLD'S BIGGEST LIAR."

The card was signed — "Fuzz".

## In Swannanoa Fire

# Grimes Creason's Life Saved By Shepherd Dog

Grimes Creason's life was saved by a German Shepherd dog last week as fire swept the staff quarters at the State Juvenile Evaluation Center at Swannanoa where he works.

Creason, a former Cooleemee resident and brother of Mrs. Margaret Myers, was the only staff member in the building when fire broke out at 5:30 a.m.

He was awakened by the crackling of fire, but the smoke was so thick he could not find his way out of the building. A German Shepherd, whom he had petted since joining the staff and with whom Grimes had made friends, came through the smoke and fire, grabbed him by the leg and led him out of the building safely.

Grimes said he'd have never made it out alive if the dog hadn't led him.

He saved only a pair of pants, shirt, raincoat and house shoes that he'd placed on the foot of his bed. The rest of his clothes and belongings, including his wallet, were destroyed by fire.

A fire had broken out earlier in the day but had been distinguished. The second fire destroyed three of the center's 80 buildings.

The center, which attempts to rehabilitate youthful offenders, houses about 275 boys and girls and 116 staff members. Grimes was the only staff member in the house that burned. One fireman was injured.

For supper the night of the fire, the center served chicken and dumplings. Grimes ate the dumplings, he told his sister, but he saved the chicken for the faithful German Shepherd.



John L. White . . . Winner.

# White Home Best Decorated

During his 23 years in the military service, John L. White never had time or the opportunity to decorate his home for Christmas.

He made up for it this year in his first effort at decorating.

His home on Gladstone Road won first place in the annual decorating contest sponsored by the Cooleemee Division of Burlington Industries.

Mr. White, now employed at Fiber Industries, said he was determined to have lots of decorations to make up for lost time, but he said he'd never given any thought to winning a prize for it.



His prize was a \$50 gift certificate.

The John Henry Hamptons on Center Street won second prize, a \$35 gift certificate.

Hayden Benson of Edgewood Circle won third place and a \$15 gift certificate.

Judges said theirs was a difficult decision and that so many homes were beautifully decorated it was difficult to narrow the decision to three. Sponsoring Erwin Mills expressed its appreciation to all the people in town for the many home decorations displayed this year.