



Stephens-Lee Band, a favorite for local Christmas parades, rounds the corner from Sutton into Cherry street.

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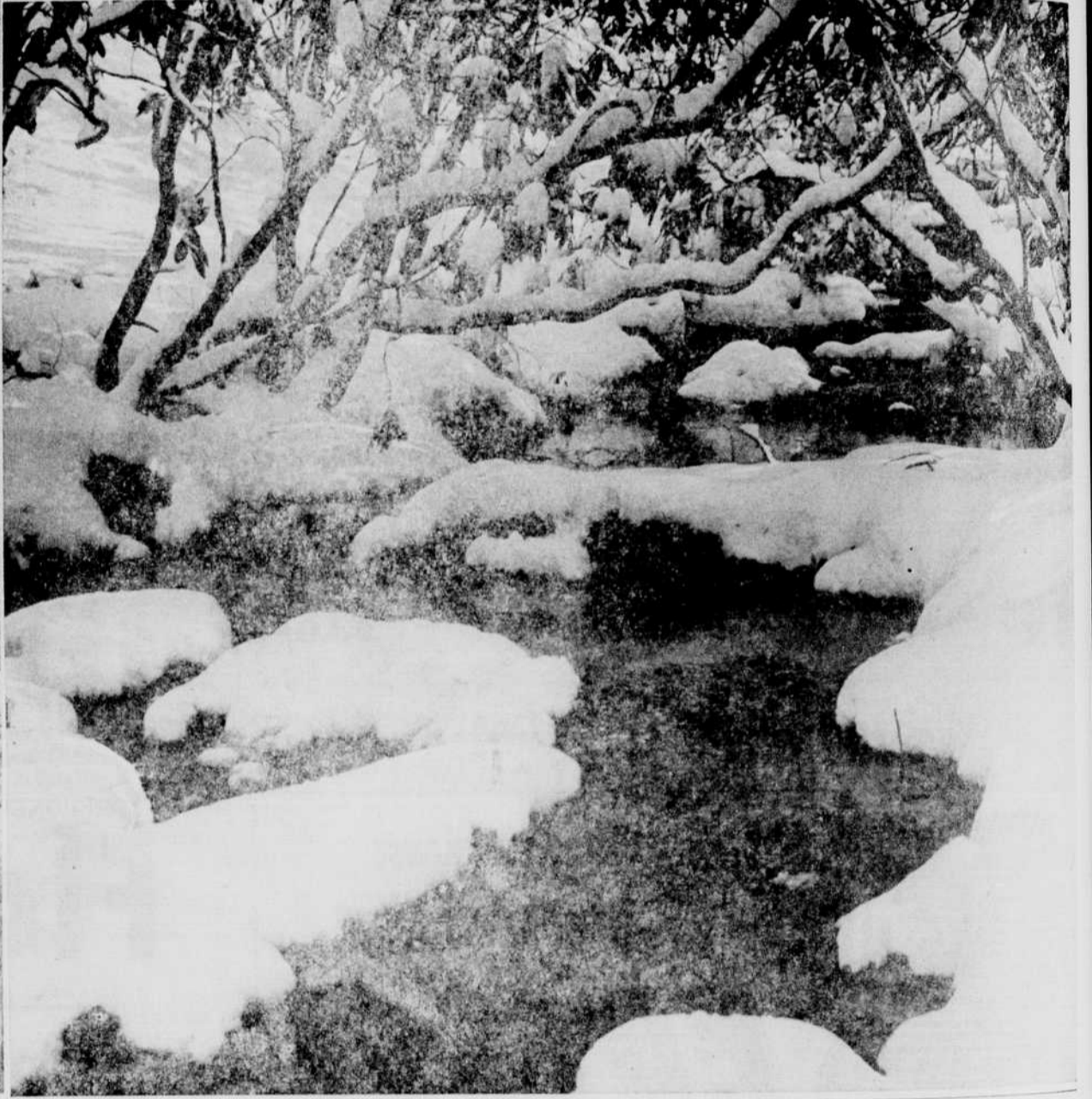
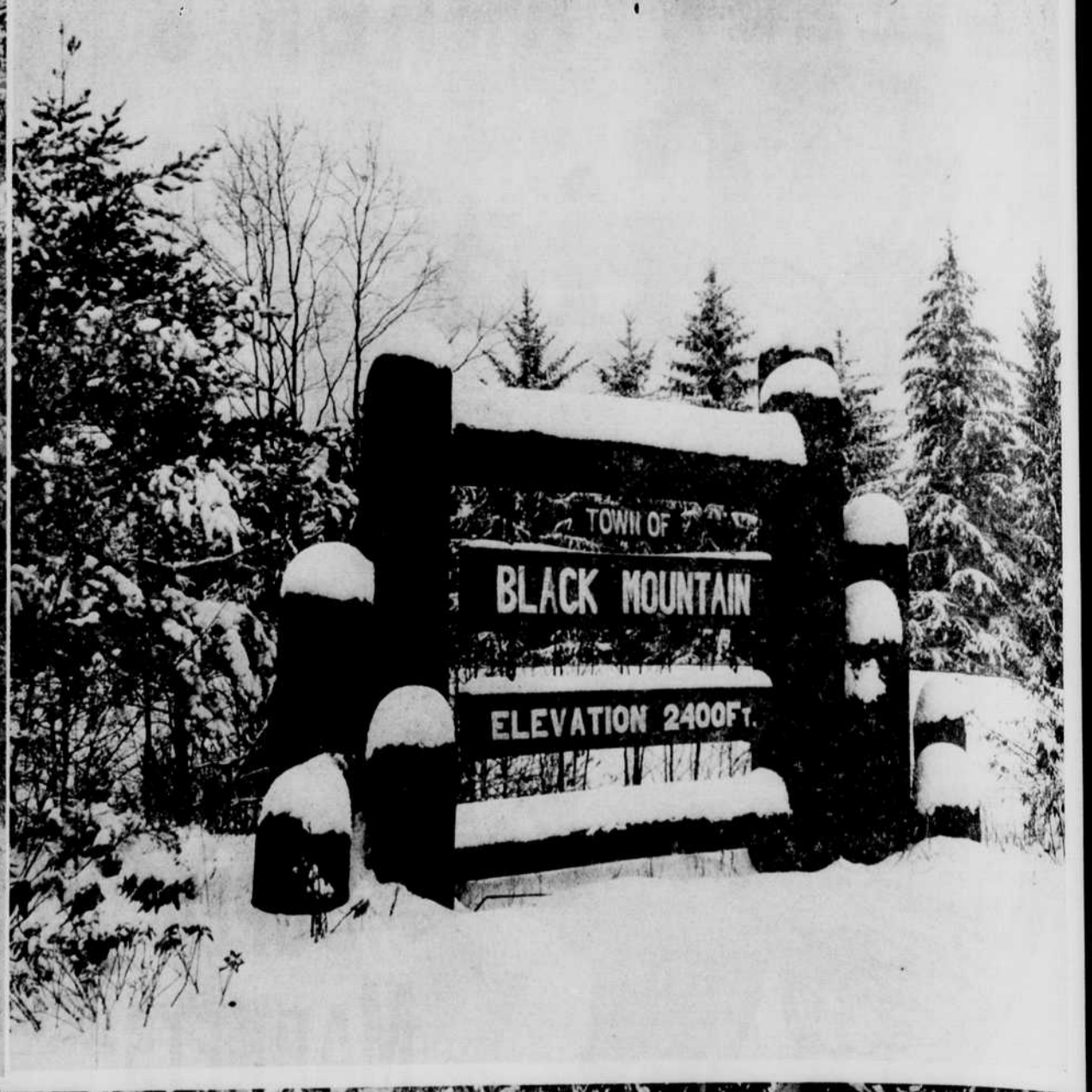
Robert D. Metcalf, aviation machinist's mate second class, USN, son of Mrs. Hattie E. Metcalf of Route 1, Black Mountain, is serving with an aircraft squadron at the Naval Station, Sangley Point, Philippines.

A new examination has been announced by the United States Civil Service Commission for filling the position of Helicopter Pilot, paying \$8,045 a year, at the U. S. Army Aviation Center, Fort Rucker, Ala. Persons appointed to these positions will instruct student pilots. No written test is required. To qualify, applicants must hold a currently valid FAA license with Instructor's rating for either rotary wing or fixed wing aircraft. In addition, they must have had at least 500 hours at first pilot of rotary wing aircraft. Those who do not hold a FAA rotary wing instructor's rating must be able to acquire this rating within three months after date of entrance on duty.

Further information and application forms may be obtained from many post offices throughout the country or from the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C.

—The nicest thing at the end of a long motor trip is your own garage doors says the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. Drive sensibly.

—There are now over 19 million dairy cows in the U. S.—about one cow for every nine Americans.



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SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS
By D. C. Nichols
Field Representative
What difference does it make if your social security

check arrives late because you're moved during the month? In one case, at least, a set of teeth hung in the balance for just such a reason.

The crisis was described in a letter from a social security beneficiary who made an urgent plea to the social security office that his next check be sent to a new address.

He had traveled to Mexico for reasons of health, and during the bus trip had removed his false teeth, wrapped them in a wet washcloth and put them in a mug on the seat beside him. When he

got off the bus on arrival he forgot to take his teeth along, and before he could get back to the depot the bus—and his teeth—were gone! All efforts to retrieve them were in vain, and he wrote his social security office complaining that "Some so-and-so stole my teeth." And he went on, "If this isn't a real honest to God emergency I don't know what is." He pointed out the real difficulties "when you can't speak Spanish, and no teeth, and you're fast running out of money."

Well, his last problem at least could have been avoided if the man had reported his change of address to his social security office before he left home. However, since his letter did get to the social security office by the 18th of the month, the social security people were able to arrange for the check to be air mailed to him.

If you are receiving social security checks, be sure to let your social security office know of any change in

your address well in advance of the date you move. This will assure the prompt arrival of your next check. If your social security office is notified by the 18th of the month, your next check will arrive right on schedule on the 3rd or 4th of the following month. If you can't give them notice until after the 18th of the month they won't be able to catch that check, but will take care to have all future ones delivered to your new address. After the 18th of the month, leave a forwarding address with your Post Office as well as the social security office so that your check can be sent on to your new address. It will take a day or two longer, but much less than if your check must be returned to the Treasury Department and then reissued.

—The driver who wins everybody's respect is the motorist who makes courtesy his code of the road, says the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

This is the Law



By Robert E. Lee
(For the N. C. Bar Association)

Raised Grade of Highway
The State Highway Commission raised the grade of an established highway by a height of 12 feet. Smith had a home in Greensboro on property abutting the highway. Prior to the raising of

the grade of the highway his property was level with the road. As a consequence of the grading of the highway his property was considerably lessened in value. His right of ingress and egress to the public highway was impaired or destroyed, unless ramps were constructed by him. Could Smith recover damages to the State Highway Commission?

No. This is a wrong done to a man for which the law provides no legal remedy.

This was an actual case decided by the Supreme Court of North Carolina in June of this year.

A jury in the superior court had allowed Smith to recover a judgement of \$7,000, but the Supreme Court held that the trial judge erred in not granting the State Highway Commission a nonsuit at the close of the plaintiff's evidence. The plaintiff had no cause of action, and the trial judge should not have let the case go to the jury.

The Supreme Court pointed out that the alterations in

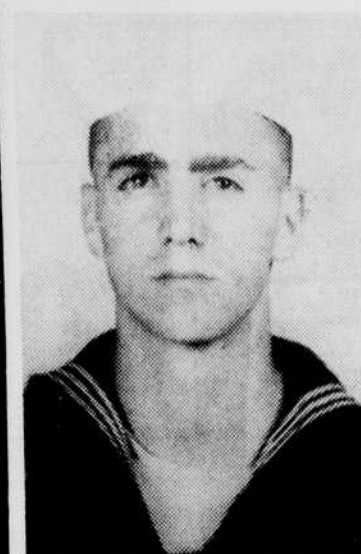
the grading of the highway were done entirely on the 100-foot right of way of an established highway.

Where a change of grade of a highway or street causes damages to the property of an abutting property owner, there is not deemed a "taking" in the constitutional sense so as to require compensation therefor as in eminent domain. This rule does not, however, apply to cases of partial takings, where damage to the remainder by reason of change of grade is involved.

—Hospitals are crowded with the victims of traffic accidents that couldn't happen—but did! Safe driving doesn't cost anything until you forget it says the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

—Error or accident? Take a year, any year, and you'll find about three-quarters of North Carolina's fatal highway mishaps are caused by someone who violated a traffic law.

Trained



Ronald H. Morrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Morrow of 722 Azalea ave., Black Mountain, completed recruit training, Nov. 16, at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the nine-week indoctrination, recruits are trained in physical fitness, basic military law, military drill, customs and usages of the naval service, swimming and survival, first aid and basic shipboard routine.

During the training, recruits receive tests and interviews which determine future training and assignments.

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