

Town Topics

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Someone Goofed

It should not have snowed today. The snow pictures that have heretofore provoked snowfall have been put away since we used them and called forth the first snow in time for Christmas. Even the weather man seemed unsure of himself for in his forecast in the early morning he did promise snowfall in Eastern Tennessee and Eastern North Carolina but of the Western part of the state he said nothing except cold and flurries late in the day. Old timers say this is the worst snowfall in many, many years.

We were interested in John Parrish's column Sunday telling of New Year superstitions and customs peculiar to the mountains. These things are as accepted, if one has lived in the mountain region, as are the seasons and their effectiveness is questionable although the mountain people are as healthy as the national average (except for poor teeth).

Now it is Thursday and traffic is almost as paralyzed as it was late Tuesday afternoon. The problem now is to find a place to park, once downtown. Snow plows have had a difficult time clearing the middle of the roads, now the next project is to get this that has been banked thus closing many entrances. As the temperature rises some of the accumulation will be automatically taken care of. Service stations were so swamped with work Tuesday that it was impossible to get anyone to go out of town to give aid. Many was the story of cars abandoned and owners walking home. At the present we have a green and white station wagon in front of the NEWS that has been there since Tuesday afternoon; the way the snow is banked against it perhaps it will be there until the spring thaw.

Feed Them
Our friends the birds are asking to be fed now. One doesn't realize how many are around us until they accumulate in a feeder. There has been nothing exceptional, just the usual friends, the sparrows, wrens, starlings, jays, titmice, towhees, cardinals, juncos, woodpeckers (only one) and the real boss of the feeder, Mr. Brown Thrasher. We were amused at his success as a dictator. His extra long bill is more persuasive



ness shown by others as well. Sometime in the past weeks we have either stated outright or have implied that the office space in the McGraw building is occupied in its entirety by Dr. H. R. Miller. At one time I believed this to be true and possibly said so, but we have found out since then that this is not the case.

OBITUARIES

Lewis Cooper

Lewis G. Cooper, 72, of Greenville, father of Mrs. Benjamin L. Marett of Black Mountain, died Sunday, Dec. 29. Mr. Cooper was a former Judge in Pitt County, and a Veteran of World War I. Funeral services were held Tuesday morning in his home at 706 Evans St., Greenville. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery with Masons conducting Graveside Services.

Surviving in addition to Mrs. Marett are another daughter, Mrs. Edwin S. Poul of Raleigh; a sister, Mrs. A. Zillicoffer of Henderson; three brothers, John D. and Marshall Y. of Henderson and David A. of Philadelphia, Pa.; and six grandchildren.

Paul Tierney

Paul Tierney, 53, of 25 Burnsville Hill road, Asheville, a former resident of Black Mountain, and operator of Quality Dry Cleaners for five years prior to moving to Asheville, died in an Asheville hospital Wednesday, Jan. 1, after a long illness. He was a native of Dayton, Ohio. Funeral services were held Friday in the Chapel of Harrison Funeral home. Burial was in Mountain View Memorial Park. Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Myra L. Tierney; two daughters, Mrs. Martha Spurrier of Asheville and Miss Judy Tierney of the home; the father, Thomas B. Tierney of Asheville; a brother, Clarence Tierney of Dayton; and two grandchildren.

John Wilson

John Wilson, 69, of 104 Carver St., Black Mountain, died Friday night, Jan. 3, in an Asheville hospital following a brief illness. He was a native of Buncombe County, a World War I Veteran, and a member of the Mills Chapel Baptist Church. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in the Mills Chapel Church with the Rev. W. G. Boyce, pastor, officiating. Burial was in the Church Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Lula Perkins Wilson; a brother, Claude Wilson of Morganton; and a sister, Mrs. Fannie Mae Daugherty of Black Mountain.

A. J. Earwood

A. J. Earwood, 64, of Buckeye Cove, Swannanoa, a life-long resident of Buncombe County and a retired employe of Beacon Manufacturing Co., died in an Asheville hospital Wednesday, Jan. 1, after a long illness. Funeral services were held Saturday morning in the Swannanoa Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. Milton Hollifield and the Rev. G. A. McCurry officiated. Burial was in Mountain View Memorial Park.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Minnie Wilson Earwood; a son, James Earwood of Oakley; a stepdaughter, Mrs. Latt McMahan of Swannanoa; a sister, Mrs. Roy Sayles of Oakley; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Harrison Funeral home was in charge.

Luther B. Hall

Funeral services for Luther Brown Hall, 68, of Black Mountain, were held Saturday, Jan. 4, at Stone Mountain Baptist Church. The Rev. Franklin Justice officiated. Burial was in the Church Cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Cecil Smith of Black Mountain, Star Route; a son, Marcus of Nebo, Rt. 2; two brothers, Harold of Atlanta, Ga., and Ned of Old Fort; two sisters, Mrs. Grover Collins of Hildebran and Mrs. Maggie Earley of Marion; and five grandchildren.

Employment To Level Off As Season Passes

EMPLOYMENT in the Asheville area is feeling the effects of seasonal retrenchment. A drop of 1,150 is noted since September but employment is up 1,200 from the level of a year ago, all among nonfarm wage and salary workers.

Manufacturing trends show net employment gains of 60 and 140 over the two and twelve months ago periods respectively. Trends have been mixed with durable goods reflecting losses of 65 and 485 over those respective periods while nondurables show payroll increases of 125 and 625 over both periods. Compared to November, 1962, weak spots among durables have been in furniture and electrical products due to slack orders. Among nondurables, textiles, apparel, and chemicals have proven strong over the year with employment increases in excess of 600.

Most nonmanufacturing industries have undergone seasonal retrenchment in employment over the past two months, led by services, trade, and construction. Significant increases are noted over the year ago employment levels in all industry groups totaling 1,060 and reflecting the economic growth of the area.

UNEMPLOYMENT is currently estimated at 2,400. It is 300 above that of two months ago and 150 above the level of a year ago. The ratio of unemployment to the total work force is now 4.3 per cent compared to 3.7 per cent in September and 4.1 per cent a year ago. The unemployed ratios of the area continue to fall under the national average although they are higher than most metropolitan areas in the State. The recent increase in unemployment is of a seasonal nature and normal for the area. THE OUTLOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT is further net reductions of about 1,100 by mid-January and 330 by mid-March. Basically, these are seasonal trends with expected heavy losses in trade, service, and construction and smaller reductions among the self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics. Manufacturing anticipates a loss of 60 workers by mid-January and a gain of only 10 workers by mid-March. Durable goods employment may continue to decline with net losses of 100 and 50 over both respective periods, while nondurable employment may increase slightly. Textiles and apparel show combined increases of about 120 workers over the next four months while most other nondurables anticipate minor reductions.

ENKA JETS TAKE—(From Page 1)
BOYS' GAME
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