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Sam Dixon To Be Executive Of New Bank

Sam W. Dixon of Pinehurst has been employed by the First National Bank of Boone as the executive officer and is expected to establish residence in the vicinity by February 1, where he will aid in the completion of the organization of the new financial institution, one of its promoters said.

He recently resigned from the Carolina Bank at Pinehurst.

The 43-year-old native of Elm City (Wilson county) is a graduate of Elm City High School where he was a member of the National Beta Society. He was graduated from the Naval Academy Preparatory School later.

Dixon was graduated from the School of Consumer Credit at the University of Virginia where he wrote a thesis entitled "Chat-tel Mortgage Law."

He has completed special academic work at Asheville-Biltmore College and has finished five AIB courses.

Until recently he was vice-president, cashier, and manager of the Pinehurst bank. He was employed there on December 19, 1960.

Previously he was employed for fifteen years at the Bank of Asheville where he was vice-president and cashier.

In state banking, Dixon has



SAM W. DIXON

served as chairman of the Consumer Credit Division and as a member of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Bankers' Association.

He is a charter member of the Young Bankers' Division of NCBA.

His banking experience includes consumer loans, commercial and real estate loans, heavy duty equipment loans, personnel work, operations, public relations, solicitation, and farm loans.

Married to the former Miss Mildred Wofford of Athens, Tennessee, Dixon has four children: Jane, 18; Sam, Jr., 14; and twin daughters, Marie and Mildred, 18 months.

A Methodist, Dixon has been active in various civic, educational and church activities.

Dr. Plemmons Speaks At AHS

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, addressed the student body of Appalachian High School in assembly on January 11.

After commenting briefly concerning his own life in high school, as a student, coach, and principal, Dr. Plemmons turned to his subject: "Your Education Is Showing." He stated that education shows in all phases of life—social, family, religious, educational, and political.

Dr. Plemmons spoke of the coming evaluation of Appalachian High School by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. He commented that Appalachian High was one of the very first high schools in this area to be accredited by the Southern Association.

Anyone who terminates his education before high school graduation will regret it, continued Dr. Plemmons. Statistics show that the higher one goes educationally, the greater will be the amount of his lifetime earnings be. Education, Dr. Plemmons concluded, is the means by which one can lift himself.



MONDAY MEETING.—Attending a meeting at Northwestern Bank in Boone Monday to discuss plans for a new business venture in Watauga county were, front row (l. to r.)

Bob Hardin, Alfred Adams, H. W. Wilcox, and Frank Andrews, and second row, L. E. Tuckwiller, Troy Perry, and Guy Angell.—Staff photo.

THOSE WANTING JOBS ASKED TO MEET

New Industry For Watauga Area Is Strong Possibility

An industrialist interested in locating a plant in the Watauga county area will be at the County Courthouse from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m., January 30, to interview persons who are not currently employed at local industrial concerns.

In making the announcement at a meeting held Monday at the Northwestern Bank, Troy Perry emphasized that persons already in employment at such local firms as Shadowline and International Resistance Company would not be considered by the prospective industry.

"We would not attempt to take workers from other businesses," Perry said. "We are interested only in those persons who are not currently employed in this county."

He did state, however, that persons employed outside the county would be eligible for an interview.

Perry, manager of the Employment Security Commission office in Wilkes county, set forth the specifications for applicants as follows: must be between the ages of 18 and 40, must have at least a seventh grade education, and must fill out application papers at the Watauga County Court House on January 30.

Through the interviews, the company representatives will make a sampling of available labor and form conclusions. The

type of company was not disclosed at the Monday meeting in Boone.

The interested industrialist heads a well established industry operating in other parts of the country. According to Perry, the industrialist is impressed with the reports on the number of people available for work in this area and wants to get first hand information about the number and quality of available personnel to man such a plant.

In supporting Perry's statement, the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce noted that the plant would at

first employ from 125 to 150 people. Most of the initially employed persons will be men, they said, but as the plant grows, more and more women will be hired.

Perry added, "The company in mind is interested in locating in this area. We think they will come here. If so, the company will provide the local people with an opportunity to get local employment."

Attending the meeting Monday were Alfred Adams, H. W. Wilcox, L. E. Tuckwiller, Guy Angell, Frank Andrews, Stanley Harris, Bob Hardin, Mr. Perry, and Dale Gaddy, a representative of the Democrat.

Hickfang Presents Concert At College Friday Evening

The Artist and Lecture Series of Appalachian State Teachers College will present Paul Hickfang, bass-baritone of the Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, in a concert on Friday evening, in the Fine Arts Auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Mr. Hickfang, presently director of opera and voice teacher at Woman's College, received his musical study at the Universities of Texas and Michigan under the noted Metropolitan Basso Chas Baromeo. As a recipient of a Fulbright scholar-

ship in 1955 he studied under the late Heldentener Fritz Wolf and under Hedwig Fichtmueller at the State Academy of Music in Munich.

The singer has appeared in recital, oratorio and opera performances in this country, Europe and Hawaii and is acclaimed "a combination of voice, personality and sense of dramatic that should carry him far in the field of opera and concert."

The program is free and all music lovers are invited.



PAUL HICKFANG

Postal Take In Boone Up Two Percent

Postal receipts in Boone in 1962 increased approximately two percent over receipts for the calendar year 1961.

Figures released at the local postoffice by Postmaster Ralph Beshears listed 1962 receipts at \$102,030.12, an increase of \$1,283.85 over \$100,746.27 in 1961.

The Boone Post Office experienced an eight per cent increase in receipts in December over the December of 1961, Beshears said.

POSTAGE RATES, OTHER COSTS BLAMED

Subscription Rates To Be Upped

Increased postage rates, effective January 1, and huge production costs increases since the Democrat's present subscription rates were established, have necessitated an increase in price which will become effective February 1.

The postage rate increase, which is the first stage of a three-year graduated series of increases, does away with free in-county mailing which newspapers have long enjoyed, and levies even higher rates for out-

of-town mailing. Under our new rates subscribers in North Carolina will pay \$3.00 per year rather than \$2.50, while outside the State of North Carolina the rate will be \$4.00 per year. The per copy rate will be 10 cents, but it is to be noted that the several hundred readers who get the Democrat off the stands in Boone and Blowing Rock would still pay only about six cents a copy as mail subscribers. North Carolina subscribers will still be

charged the 3 per cent sales tax. The publishers point out that there has been no change in subscription rates for six years, during which time production costs have soared, and the weekly press is caught in the same sort of cost squeeze which is plaguing metropolitan newspapers, and nationally-circulated magazines. The increase puts the price of the Democrat only even with many weekly newspapers in the State which have

charged this much for a great many years. At any rate the line has been held well at the Democrat, and all present subscribers have an opportunity to renew for one year each at the old rate anytime up to February 1. The Democrat's circulation has sky-rocketed in the past few years, and the publishers solicit the continued support and good will of its huge family of readers.

ONE HELD IN SHOOTING

James Matheson Fatally Hurt By Shotgun Blast

Officers Investigating; Inquest Set For Friday

By DALE GADDY

A young Watauga county man was killed instantly with a blast from a 12-gauge shotgun Saturday night near Vilas, according to Sheriff Dallas Cheek. Held under \$2,000 bond Monday at the county jail in Boone was Len Hicks, a relative of Bill Hicks at whose home the incident occurred.

The name of the dead man was given as James Henry Matheson, aged 21. He had been shot directly in the face, officers said.

Bond had not been posted as of late Monday, according to jailer Smith Brown.

Local authorities and officers of the State Bureau of Investigation questioned seven persons Sunday, after tracking one across the mountains with bloodhounds, and administered a lie-detector test in Shelby Monday to one of the suspects.

It was not until Sheriff Cheek returned Monday afternoon with the three suspects who were taken to Shelby for further



Suspect Len Hicks at County Jail

BULLETIN
Len Hicks was released Tuesday morning, under \$2,000 bond.

questioning earlier in the day that it was made known that Len Hicks was the one being held. The other suspects, whose identities were not given to the Democrat, were released.

An inquest has been set for Friday at the court house at 10 a. m., to determine whether the shooting was accidental or intentional. A representative of the SBI will attend the inquest.

Those questioned and released by the law enforcing agencies are listed as Len Hicks, Don Clay Hicks, Dean Hicks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hicks, and two of the Bill Hicks daughters, all of whom are relatives.

The sheriff said Matheson's body was found in the yard of Bill Hicks' home around 11 p. m. Saturday. The 21-year-old man had been shot in the face.

When officers arrested the others for questioning, Bill Hicks jumped from the cruiser and ran to the rear of his house, grabbed a jug of wine, fled on foot into the woods; and avoided the pursuing officers until 3:45 a. m. Sunday when he was caught near the Don Hodges residence in the Bairs Creek section.

Sheriff Cheek said Sunday that he had pieced together the following story:

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hicks, Len Hicks, and Glenn Mullis went to Wilkes county Saturday night to get some wine. When they returned, a car pulled in front of them, forcing them to stop. It is believed that an occupant of the second car was mimicking the sound of a siren, causing the occupants of the Bill Hicks car (Continued on page three)



Jailer Brown and Sheriff Cheek examine weapon which killed James Henry Matheson.—Staff photo.

Bowling Matches Will Aid March Of Dimes

Everyone in the community, particularly those who engage in sports, will have an opportunity to strike a blow at crippling ailments in the upcoming March of Dimes bowling tournament.

The event, the proceeds from which will be given to the local March of Dimes fund, has been arranged by Jake Jacobs of the Skyline Lanes and Mrs. Joyce Greer, local March of Dimes campaign director.

Mr. Jacobs gives the following tournament details:

The tournament dates are for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, January 21, 22, 23 and 24. Games may be bowled between the hours of 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. on any of the dates.

The tournament competition will be a three game scratch set. Entry fee will be \$2.00 and prizes will be given in the ladies and men's division. You may enter as many times as you like during the dates allotted and your best three game set will count in the competition.

Prizes in the two divisions will be donated by local merchants. But they're not the real stakes in this tournament. You'll be bowling to help youngsters who face a desperately hard future unless they are helped in overcoming severe disabilities caused by birth defects, arthritis and polio.

Everyone is invited to enter the tournament, so go out and bowl that others may walk.

ASTC Will Host Science Institute

Appalachian State Teachers College has been selected by the National Science Foundation to conduct an eight-week Summer Institute in Field Biology on campus from June 25 to August 17 for 50 high school teachers of biology.

The announcement is made by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of the college.

The summer institute, sponsored and financed by the National Science Foundation, will be directed by Dr. J. Frank Randall, associate professor of biology at ASTC. Associate director of the summer institute will be Dr. I. W. Carpenter, Jr., associate professor of biology at Appalachian.

Others on the faculty will include Dr. Frederick S. Barklow, Jr., professor of zoology, N. C. State College, and Dr. W. T. Batson, professor of botany, University of South Carolina.

The purpose of the institute is to improve the subject matter competence of the participants, to increase their capacity to motivate outstanding high school students to elect science as a career, and to equip the participants with the necessary field techniques for the teaching of basic ecological concepts.

The institute will consist of a concentrated course in field botany and field zoology. The

entire course will consist of a four-week unit in field botany and a four-week unit in field zoology. Each unit will be taught for two four-week periods, and the participants will be divided so that there will not be more than 25 per class. This is necessary because a large group cannot be taught effectively in the field.

All participants will be enrolled in field biology and will be given twelve quarter hours of graduate credit by Appalachian upon the satisfactory completion of the course.

Each participant may receive a maximum of \$75 per week during the institute and a maximum of \$15 per week for each (Continued on page three)

Blowing Rock Dimes Dance

A benefit square dance will be held at the American Legion Hall in Blowing Rock January 19th, starting at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. Richard Gragg and Mrs. Richard Bolick are sponsoring the dance, the admission charge will be \$1 per person, and the proceeds will go into the March of Dimes fund for Watauga county.