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## FORMAL OPENING OF WATAUGA COUNTY BANK'S NEW BUILDING NEXT SATURDAY

### NEW BANK BUILDING IS MONUMENT TO FAITH OF BANK'S OFFICIALS IN FUTURE OF COUNTY

**Attractive Structure Sets New Pace in Building Activities of Boone; Erected to Furnish Needs of Growing Bank and Rapidly Developing Community for Many Years; Seven Splendid Offices On Second Floor Provided.**

The new Watauga County Bank Building stands as a monument of re-inforced brick and limestone to the faith of its officers and stockholders in the business future of Watauga County. The structure represents a large outlook upon the growth and development of the territory it serves. It was built to take care of the bank's needs for half a century. It is strictly modern in every detail and was constructed for convenience and durability and safety.

The building occupies probably the choicest business site in Boone, on corner of Main and Depot streets. It forms part of a new block with frontage of 110 feet on Main Street and 100 feet on Depot Street. The building is constructed of the best material with concrete base and cap, Johnson City slate brick and Indian limestone. The lobby floor of the banking room is made of terrazzo with marble border and the fixtures are marble and mahogany. Doors and windows trimmed with mahogany. The building is a steam heated and equipped with water and toilets.

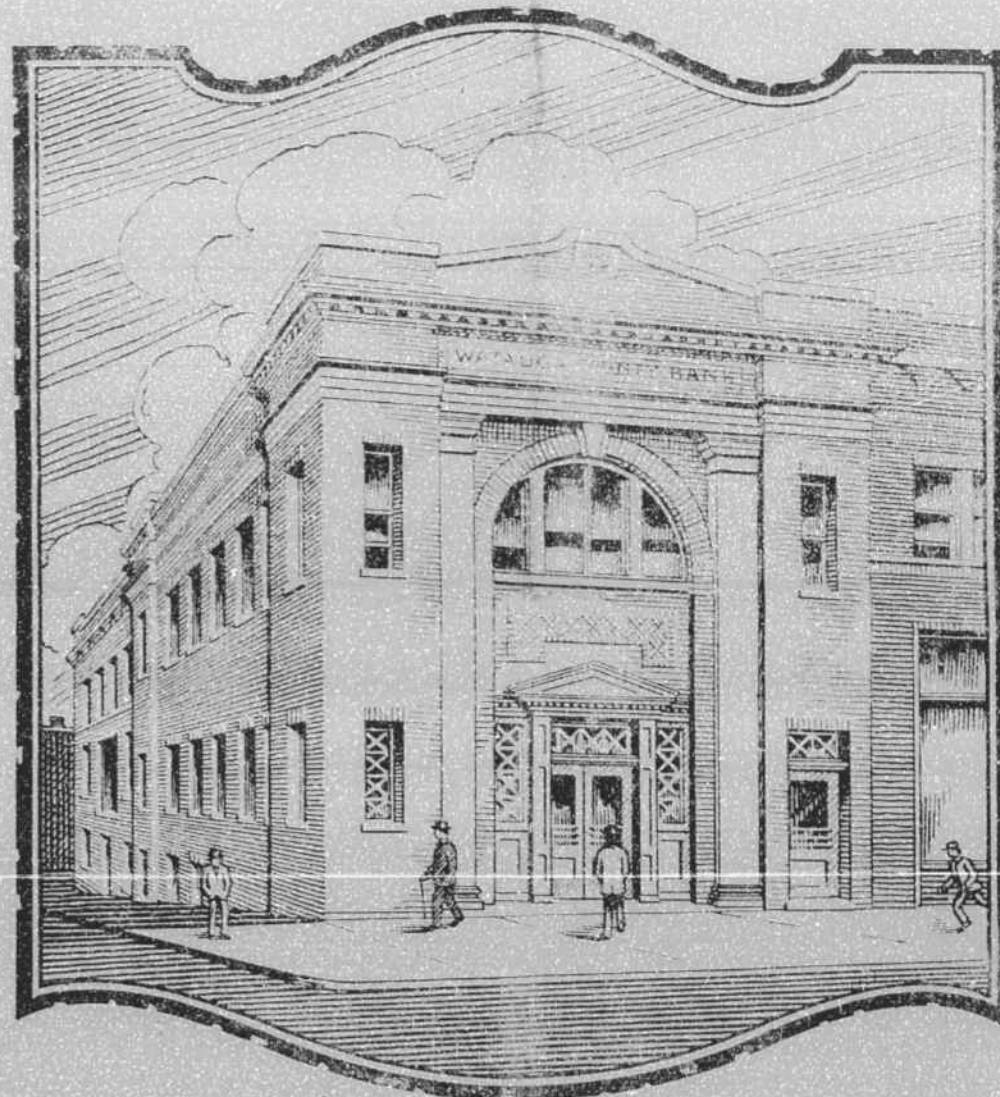
The vault walls are built of concrete 21 inches thickness, reinforced with steel rails and is constructed after the most modern methods of vault construction. The vault door

### OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THE WATAUGA COUNTY BANK OF BOONE

N. L. Mast, President.	L. A. Greene, Vice President.
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Carrie Coffey, Stenographer.	G. P. Haganan, Cashier.
<b>DIRECTORS</b>	
N. L. Mast, President.	

### MUSIC, FLOWERS AND CORDIALITY TO FEATURE OPENING OF HANDSOME NEW HOME OF BANK ALL DAY SATURDAY

**Public is Invited to Visit New Building and Join in Spirit of Neighborliness and Jollification, Enjoy Music From 3 to 5; Inspect Building From 9 to 5 A. M., and Receive Souvenirs and Any Banking Information Desired.**



The Watauga County Bank will celebrate the opening of its new banking quarters on next Saturday.

No formal program has been arranged. The public is invited to visit the building, take a souvenir, enjoy the music, admire the Powers, and inspect the building and join in the spirit of jollification with the bank officials.

The opening will be an all-day event starting from the banking hour of 9 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the evening. A program will be arranged from 9 to 5 o'clock.

Invitations have been issued in formal style and given general distribution while the page announcement elsewhere in this issue reveals something of the pardonable pride of the bank officials and bears this striking general invitation to the public.

Join us in joy and jollification. Join us in neighborly spirit. Join us in the dedication of our lives to those clean ideals and earnest purposes from which come the advancement of our common welfare. Join just to see the sun of The Watauga County Bank rise to the very zenith of personal and public service."



N. L. MAST

Mr. Mast, President of our bank since its organization, is one of the best known business men in our county. He takes a leading part in the promotion of good roads, better farming and the best schools and is always to be found on the right side of every proposition looking to the development and betterment of our county. . .

built by Diebold Safe and Lock Company of Canton Ohio is of the highest grade material obtainable, is 7 inches, solid steel exclusive of bolt work and weighs 14,000 pounds. The interior of the vault has modern equipment including ample safety deposit boxes.

The plans of this building were drawn by C. B. Kearfott, Architect, Bristol, Tenn.

The building was erected by McGee Bros. and Hodges local contractors—a bank building of which any city in the state would be proud.

### HISTORY OF BANKING IN THIS CITY DATES FROM YEAR 1904

The Watauga County Bank opened for business in Dec., 1904 and was the first bank organized in Watauga County. Mr. N. L. Mast was elected President, W. C. Coffey, Vice Pres. and E. S. Coffey, Cashier. The capital stock paid in was \$10,000.00. The general patronage and confidence of the people of the county have contributed to the steady

### DIRECTORY OF THOSE WHO WILL OCCUPY BUILDING

In the offices over the bank will be found Linney & Coffey, Attorneys at Law; Dr. Mc. G. Anders, Physician & Surgeon; W. H. Gragg, Lumber Co.; Agency Atlantic Life Insurance Co.; J. M. Bauguss, photographer, and W. M. Hodges, barber will occupy the basement, while on the first floor in the same block, the first door is occupied by the Boone Hardware Co., the second by T. Hill

Farthing Department Store and the third is the post office. Watauga Lodge, A. F. & A. M. No. 273 has one of the most up to date halls to be found in Western North Carolina, over the Department Store of T. Hill Farthing and over the post office are splendid offices occupied by Brown & Bingham, Attorneys at Law, H. H. Greene, Secretary Watauga B. & L. Association and others.

Mrs. Mc G. Anders is chaperoning a bunch of Boone's younger set on a short camping expedition to Grandfather mountain. They are expected back today.

### RAPID GROWTH OF NORTHWEST MAKES NEW BUILDING NECESSARY

Our new Bank Building was erected for the purpose of taking care of the rapid growth of this sector of our state, especially Watauga's varied interests.

It is the Bank's ambition to stand in the very face front of every interest that makes for the educational and material growth of our County. Ours being largely a farming and stock-growing County, we are especially interested in everything that tends to enhance the interest of the farmer; improving his soil, improving his live stock, better marketing and larger returns for

### LOCAL DENTIST ACCUSED OF SHOOTING NEGRO

As a result of a shooting affair on last Saturday night, John Grimes, a negro living in Boone, is suffering from a bullet wound in the knee, and the officers are experiencing difficulties in getting correct clues as to who the perpetrator of the crime was. According to Grimes, he had quit work and placed his team in the Council barn, near Dr. Jones', fed them, and after going home decided to return to the stable to find

whether he had made all the doors secure. He was accompanied by a small boy. When almost ready to go under the barn shed, he noticed a man partly concealed behind a post, only a few feet away, whom he claims to have recognized as Dr. L. B. Bingham, of this place. John says he spoke to him, and his salutation was acknowledged by a hail of bullets, the first passing near his head, at least two going wild, and one taking effect near the knee cap. This story as told by the negro is all that is known of the affair, and

We figure that the more we can help you the more you can help us, and by mutual help, we shall grow together.

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L. A. GREENE

Mr. Greene is too well known to require more than a brief paragraph. He has served our county as County Commissioner almost continuously for a number of years. At the death of our first Vice President, Mr. W. C. Coffey, Mr. Greene was elected to fill the vacancy. He is a farmer and one of our most substantial citizens.

he gives no reason why it should have happened. So far as we know these statements haven't been verified by any one else and all the known facts are that John was shot from ambush to take his life. Grimes has never had the name of being other than an inoffensive, working negro, and there has been no reason assigned for the foul play.

Of course from this information it was necessary for an official search to be instituted for Dr. Bingham, which continued on through Sunday night, but proved fruitless, and at this time his whereabouts are unknown.