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BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CABOLINA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1956



GMC TRUCK AWARDED TO BEECH CREEK MAN-A large crowd of tobacco farmers and other interested persons gathered last Wednesday, January 11, at Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1 as the long-awaited drawing for the free 1956 GMC truck was held. The lucky holder of the winning ticket, No. K-815123, was Mr. Stacey Moody of Beech Creek, who is shown in inset being presented the keys to his prize by Joe Coleman. Mr. Moody said he sold all of his tobacco this year in Boone, as usual, and averaged \$61 for his his first crop and \$56 for the second. W. H. Gragg acted as

master of ceremonies at the drawing, and Howard Cottrell, town councilman, said few words to the gathering on behalf of Mayor Gordon H. Winkler. Jerry Oaks, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Oaks, of Beech Creek, drew the ticket from the barrel. Final sale of the 1955-56 season was held Monday, January 16. Although official season's figures were not available, the market sold in the neighborhood of three million pounds at an average of more than \$57 per hundred, it was estimated.

### Northwestern Bank Has Record Year

western Bank, which has home Reeves of Laurel Springs, Wade offices here and branches in 17 H. Shuford of Hickory, C. L. Whisother North estern North Caronant of Hickory, Gordon H. Winklina cities and towns, has just pass- ler of Boone, Herbert M. Yount of ed through the most successful Newton, C. M. Bailey of Burnsyear in its history, stockholders ville. were told in annual meeting here Directors in meeting following last week by Edwin Duncan, ex- the stockholders' meeting re-electecutive vice president.

359,216.44 on December 31. Meanwhile, the gross profit of the bank increased nine per cent and expenses eight per cent.

The bank paid state and federal income taxes totaling \$337,879.57. and dividends paid or accrued totaled \$93,000. In addition, the bank placed \$303,767.97 in the undivided profit account, which made the total capital account \$3,394. 034.92. · The bank also has a reserve for possible loan losses of \$930,890,61.

The bank closed the year with sets totaling \$51,921,783.76.

Mr. Duncan advised the stockholders that the Yadkin Valley Bank of East Bend was consolidat-

Duncan, E. F. Gardner and J. H. gone all out for the light and post, everywhere it is a glit-Pearson of North Wilkesboro, W. dark-banded wooly worms of autering wonderland of ice and snow B. Austin of Jefferson, W. C. Berry tumn days. of Bakersville, J. D. Brinkley of By and large the worms had a Valdese, J. K. Doughton of Strat-ford, C. G. Fox of Hickory, G. M. weather until Christmas maybe;

North Wilkesboro.-The North- Peterson of Spruce Pine, M. E.

ed all officers: Dr. B. B. Dougherty Mr. Duncan presided at the stock- of Boone, president; Edwin Duncan Mr. Duncan presided at the stockholders' meting in the absence of
Dr. B. B. Dougherty of Boone,
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in Florida.

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> in Boone, Sparta, Blowing Rock, Bakersville, Burnsville, Jefferson, Taylorsville, Valdese, Spruce Pine, Black Mountain, Old Fort, Newton, Maiden, Hickory, Stony Point, Wilkesboro and East Bend. Aug. 31, 1957.



DR. J. C. FARTHING, Boone dentist, who succumbed to a heart attack on the seventh.

Tulsa, Okla.-Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Murano recently complained to po-Rogers Jr., of North Wilkesboro, liee that every week end while manager of the credit department. they were out of town, some dirty Northwestern Bank branches are prowler enters their home. The intruder doesn't take anything, except a bath, and leaves a dirty ring in the tub.

## Wooly Worms Fail To Call Weather Shots

Blowing Rock — The Wooly weather in late March, perhaps.

the daily radio and tv forecasts is bending deep under the most Stockholders elected directors as who look askance at even the spectacular freeze we've ever seen. follows: H. C. Buchanan Jr., Ralph Farmer's Almanac, have always Every tree and twig, every wire

ed into the Northwestern Bank on worms sure "done us wrong" here But as of this date there have been few days since mid-Novem and they intend to see that money January 3, and that none of the assets of that branch was included in the December 31 statement on which figures given in his report.

Those of us who pay little attention to the U. S. Weather Bureau reports, who laugh aside is falling and all the mountain-top might occur.

been few days since mid-November and they intend to see that money is provided to care for cases alterated weather. Today our twentieth snow is falling and all the mountain-top might occur.

First Aid Class sculpture such as we shall never forget.

> And we're not mad at the wools worms at all. Such beauty as we

#### Kirkpatrick of Taylorsville, John then a long expanse of lightest C. McBee, Sr., of Spruce Pine, W. brown—a warm and gentle mid-W. Mast of Valle Crucis, Dr. C. A. winter; then an even shorter band ed to the eyes of mortal man. Says Watauga's School Housing

By GUY W. ANGELL.

County Superintendent of Schools
An analysis of the State Board
of Education statistics discloses that only 50 of North Carolina's

100 counties are matching their
at the bottom of economic ability, close neighbor, ranks lowest from

ability to pay with contributions of local funds for their schools. The remaining 50 counties are spending less than they are able to spend, based on their economic standing in relation to the other counties.

The bottom of economic ability, close neighbor, ranks lowest from pays \$4.52 per pupil annually as the standpoint of ability to pay, however, they are now paying \$4.52 per pupil annually as compared to some place below Watauga; however, they are now paying \$4.52 per pupil annually contributions pre pupil annually contributions pre pupil annually

Needs Would Require \$700,000

based on their economic standing in relation to the other counties.

Watauga county is spending only as compared to our \$3.70.

From the standpoint of effort expended in relation to economic ability. Watauga ranks 98th in the states are got \$23.40. According to statistics compiled by the State Board of Education, this county ranks 92nd from the top in ability to pay from an economic standpoint. However, eight counties rank lower in this respect but are spending more per pupil annually. Clay county ranks 100th in effort to meet their economic ability and are paying only

The counties spending more per local contributions pre pupil annually is \$23.40. Watauga county has a pended in relation to economic participation in schools to help improve the physical facilities so badly needed in many of our ability to pay economically. Curricular ability to pay economically. Curricular

## Letters Are Mailed For March of Dimes

Hugh Hagaman and Stacy Eggers, Jr., announced this week they have mailed to Watauga citizens letters requesting money to help carry on the March of Dimes program in Watauga county.

Said the co-chairmen of the drive for funds: "Children in the county who have had polio cannot be helped by vaccine." There are sevpersons in Watauga county who have had polio in past years, and for whose care the money col-lected by the March of Dimes is paying.

need help and they are looking to the people of Watauga county for help. They have a right to," according to the announcement by the co-chairmen

"The local Watauga chapter is out of money, yet these children, many of them, still need a great deal of help. They are only asking W. H. GRAGG, secretary of the for an opportunity to be made as Watauga Savings and Loan Aswell as possible-no more than sociation has been notified by well as possible—no more than sociation has sociation and sociation and I would ask if we had had polio. This is not charity but a ment as a member of the Board of Directors of the Business Develop.

Blowing Rock C. of C. girls to be well again. ment Corporation of North Caro-"In all good conscience we can-

not forget or neglect these chil- designed to make loans to small

Prompt attention is requested to contributed by subscription these letters, because the need banks, insurance companies and for the money is urgent, Mr. Hag- other financial institutions willing aman and Mr. Eggers said. "Polio to contribute the funds to be loan-Isn't Licked Yet." is their slogan, ed.

#### Ellar Hicks, 57, **Taken By Death**

Ellar Hicks, 57, of Sugar Grove, Route 1, died Saturday, January 14, at Watauga Hospital.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, January 16, at St. John's at the college.

Episcopal Church by the Rev. Carl Many members of club groups Wilson, and burial was in the

She is survived by two sons Dean and Glenn Hicks, both of welcome. There will be no charge Sugar Grove; four brothers, Millard Hicks, Lenoir, Walter Hicks, charge for the text to be used. Vilas, Conley Hicks and Clayton Hicks, both of Sugar Grove; three sisters, Mae Hicks, Sugar Grove, Mrs. Don Dotson, Sugar Grove, and Mrs. Grover Ward, Butler, up the pressure on delinquent tax-

Winter wheat forecast indicates notices and attaching salaries,

## Watauga Men Attend **Travel Council Meet**

ment Corporation of North Caro-

industrial projects from a pool

**Being Organized** 

The First Aid classes which were to have started recently, were

postponed because of bad weather.

The first session will be held

Thursday evening, January 19, at

7:30 p. m. at the new gymnasium

indicated they would be interest-

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

putting liens on property.

all over the country are stepping

payers, shortening the time be-

# All-State Band Clinic Again Set for Boone

## McCalmon Is Named Director of "Horn"

#### Parkway To Be Toll Free Again **During This Year**

The Blue Ridge Parkway will be toll-free again this year, the Democrat was advised yesterday by Congressman Hugh Alexander of the ninth district.

Rep. Alexander said he had been informed by Rep. Michael J. Kirwan (D-Ohio), chairman of the House sub-committee on Interior Department appropriations, that no tolls would be charged in 1956. Allays Concern

This news serves to allay the concern felt both in North Carolina and Virginia that the National Park Service, a division of the Department of the Interior, would insist on tolls this year.

Rep. Kirwan said the Park Servbut he assured the Asheville law- Daniel Boone Theatre, Boone, maker that the sub-committee from June 30 to September 3. would not permit them.

tolls would be charged beginning theatre and drama education. May 1, 1955, under a regulation issued in 1942. Protest Followed

A storm of protest arose in North Carolina and Virginia. As a result, on April 19, 1955, Secretary of the Interior McKay anabandoned toll plans for 1955.

#### DRIVERLESS AUTOMATION

Decatur, Ill.—A car without a driver rolled backward and moved Decatur, Ill.—A car without a Stock Company Productions.

driver rolled backward and moved diagonally across an infersection, tor of "The Lost Colony" in 1955. bounced off a traffic island, turned

Blowing Rock Chamber of Com-

Mrs. Helen B. Cleer, executive

secretary; and Walter K. Keys,

Directors of the Chamber of

Commerce are: H. P. Holshouser.

Dr. Robert G. Dennis and Larry

publicity director.

C. Harris.

**Elects New Officers** 

Blowing Rock, January 16-The 136 members at an early date.

merce was reorganized at the first dent, was given a standing vote of

mell E. Wilson, vice-president; tire area through the local Cham-

George McCalmon, Director of the Cornell University Theatre, Ithaca, New York, has been ap pointed the new director of the



GEORGE McCALMON

1956 production of Horn in the West which will be presented for ing counties, including Watauga. ice had asked for tolls this year, the fifth straight season at the

Mr. McCalmon comes to the In January, 1955, the National "Horn" with a broad experience Park Service had announced that in the field of dramatics, both in He holds most of the degrees

offered in the field of dramatics including a B. F. A. in Dramatic Arts from Carnegie Institute of Technology, a Master's Degree in Speech Education from Columbia University, and a M. F. A. and Ph. nounced the Park Service had D. in Drama and Theatre from Western Reserve University.
In addition to his wide experi-

ence as a director, he has also had the male lead in a number of

The Southern Appalachian His completely around and headed up torical Association is anticipating a railroad embankment, where it its greatest production of Horn in stopped, unscratched. Its owner the west under the direction of got in and drove off.

Mr. McCalmon.

G. C. Robbins, retiring presi-

#### **Annual Event** To Close With **Public Concert**

Plans are now completed for the annual Northwestern Division of the All-State Band Clinic which will be held on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College, Friday, and Saturday, January 27

A concert will be given on Saturday, January 28, in the Fine Arts Building at 7:30 p. m. and

the public is invited.

Conducting the band clinic this year will be Mr. Frank J. Prindl, director of bands and professor of music at the University of Kentucky. Mr. Prindl is well known throughout the country as a band director and musician. He has directed clinics and judged bands in several of the southern states and in Hawaia where he has been invited to direct the annual festival of the Hawaian Music Educa-

The band students, is in previous clinics, will come from high school bands from the surround-Each high school band will be re



FRANK J. PRINDL Clinic Conductor

presented by from three to six bandsmen to make a total number of about 111 members.

Because of the housing shortage

on the campus, the students will necessarily have to be housed in homes in the town again this year, and the townspeople are being asked to share a room if they have an extra one. If you have an extra room and care to entertain a student for Friday night please contact Mr. Robert Gilley or Mr. Wilmerce was reorganized at the first dent, was given a standing vote of thanks for the long and faithful service he has rendered to the town of Blowing Rock and this en-

Loytsville, Ky.-Mrs. Leah Golin reecutly received a letter c taining a \$10 check from a Lims (O) business man. The man said the \$10 was to pay for parts for Little Rock-When 17 prisoners a model-T Ford he owned 25 years at the county jail recently went on ago which he had picked up from Walter K. Keys, Robert B. Hardin, strike, officers didn't get too alarma a scrap metal yard in Lima which G. C. Robbins, Rathmell E. Wilson, ed. While they refused prison Mrs. Goldin and her husband had ed. While they refused prison Mrs. Goldin and her husband had meals, officers remembered that owned. The man explained he rethe inmates had bought \$7 worth cently had "become a Christian" The annual report of the work of candy the day before the strike, and wished to pay for the parts he done in 1955 will be mailed to the which lasted only 30 hours.

#### and other interested citizens have Walk-Up Window at Local Bank To ed in such a course. Anyone is **Expand Modern Banking Services** Internal Revenue Service offices

The Northwestern Bank

Boone announced the installation tween mailing out final overdue this week of the latest in modern banking equipment for after-hours service, and the establishment of new hours for regular banking

A so-called "walk-up window of stainless steel and bullet-proof glass construction, has been in-stalled at the front of the bank building, and will be open daily from 1 to 4 p. m., or later, depend ing upon the needs of the bank's clients, except Wednesdays, when it will close carlier. There is a two-way speaker for communication between teller and customer.

At the same time, it was announced that regular hours of the bank will be from 8:30 z. m. to 1:00 p. m. daily except Wednesday, when the hours will be from 8:30 to 12:00.

The "walk-up window" will be placed in service Monday, January 23, and the change in regular banking hours will go into effect the same date. There will be five tellers on duty at all times during regular hours. Every banking service can be

carried on at the "walk-up window except note transactions, said James P. Marsh, assistant cashier. It is the only such facility in whereby various students observe western North Carolina, and one actual banking transactions and It is the only such facility in of seven in the state, he said.

A private conference room is sonnel. also being installed to the rear North Carolina students at the of the lobby to replace the open Rutgers University Graduate Sch of the lobby to replace the left of of Banking, who have observe office now located to the left of

chines were acquired last Octo he said, and the very latest in IBM equipment is now on order for March delivery.

Mr. Adams makes periodic talks on banking at high schools in the county and at Appalachian State Teachers College, and the bank conducts a program of practical experience for college students co sisting of 90 hours each quarter have them explained by bank per

in a discussion of general improvements, Alfred T. Adams, cashier, said more than \$11,000 has been spent in the past five years to speed up service and add to the efficiency of the bank's opera-