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BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1958

Northwestern Bank **Merges With State** At Hendersonville

Trust Company of Hendersonville of the state's largest banking inwith the Northwestern Bank, stitutions. Currently it has capital mountain and Piedmont areas of North Carolina, was approved by directors of the Hendersonville bad debts of \$1,230,000. institution at a meeting Tuesday

the North Carolina Banking De- \$335,000. partment and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, was made president of Northwestern.

The Hendersonville stockholders meeting will be held Tuesday, Oct. posits.

Officers, directors and employes of State Trust Company will continue in their present positions, Edwin Duncan, Jr., vice president of the Northwestern Bank, said here yesterday after the directors'

eral policies which since 1930 have contributed greatly to the upbuilding of Henderson County," he said. "Stockholders and customers will, we believe, give the same loyal support that has characterized the bank through the years."

In addition to President Hodges, senior officers of the State Trust Company are F. V. Hunter, executive vice president; B. B. Massagee and F. L. FitzSimons, vice are Hodges, Hunter, Massagee,

Yates was in Watauga Hospital

and reported to be recovering

Rotary Sponsors

Rummage Drive

Crippled Children's Fund.

rummage collection drive next

The collection will be made at

Boone homes from 1 to 3 p.m.,

Sunday, October 12, said Glenn

Wallace Wilcox, chairman, Boone

residents are asked to gather up

any items of clothing, furniture,

or other personal and household

items to be donated, and place

them on the porch or in the yard

with smaller items in boxes if

possible. It was stressed that col-

lectors will not knock on anyone's

door but will only pick up items

left in a conspicious place outside

the collecting will be postponed to

Democrats

Open Office

of the headquarters.

Ernest Hodges said.

satisfactorily Tuesday.

live on Route 1, Vilas.

Grady Yates Is Shot

Wiley Stansberry is free under Sheriff Hodges gave this account \$1,000 bond charged with shooting of the incident, as related by

By Father-In-Law

his son-in-law, Grady Yates, in an those involved:

which has offices in a score or of \$1,000,000, deposits of \$63,000, more cities and towns in the 000, resources of \$70,000,000, sur

The State Trust Company has resources of \$12,800,000. Its de-Announcement of the action, posits are about \$12,000,000, capiwhich is subject to approval by tal \$175,000, surplus \$350,000, and stockholders of both banks and by undivided profits and reserves

If the merger is consummated by approval of stockholders the North by W. B. Hodges, president of Carolina Banking Department and State Trust Company, and Edwin the Federal Deposit Insurance Duncan of North Wilkesboro, Corp. Northwestern will have \$7,approximately \$75,000,000 in de-

Under the agreement to be acted upon by stockholders, the capital stock of the Northwestern Bank will be increased from 100,000 shares to 150,000 shares by issuing continue to be operated by the same personnel and under the general policies which already and the issuing and selling to the stockholders of the Northwestern shares to the present stockholders 2,500 shares at \$70 a share. The remaining 17,500 shares of commo stock of The Northwestern Bank would then be exchanged for 17,-500 shares of the State Trust Company, this being the entire issued and outstanding stock of the State Trust Company

In addition to North Wilkesboro, Northwestern branches are operated in Hickory, Wilkesboro Statesville, Valdese, Black Mounpresidents; John L. Brown, cashier tain, Spruce Pine, Boone Sparta, and trust officer; and S. H. Hunt, Jefferson, West Jefferson, Taylorsassistant to the president. Directors ville, Blowing Rock, Stony Point, Old Fort, Newton, Maiden, Cleve-FitzSimons, Hunt; Bruce Drysdale,
C. M. Ogle, O. B. Crowell, George
W. Boys and W. B. W. Howe.

Northwestern, with principal ofwill be added.

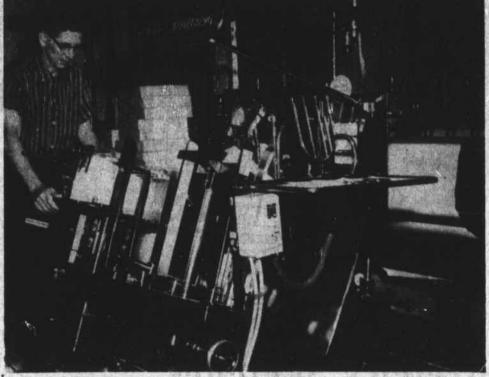
Yates, about 35, and his wife,

Stansberry's daughter, had been

quarreling over car keys, and Mrs.

Yates had picked up a baseball bat with which she was trying to

to get it away from her.



BILL RUSH, printer-pressman, who has just rounded out 25 years of service with the Democrat, is shown with the plant's newest press, a Heidelberg. This German-made, high speed machine is the last word in precision platen press field.

a stock dividend of 30 per cent on the presently outstanding 100,000 Election Registration Will Start In Watauga Saturday

The dry spell was broken the

last day of the month, and record-

of rain fell. The following day

Palmer's Photo

Shop Remodeled

portion of the store to several

cooms on the second floor direct-

ly over the photo shop, where

there is a well-appointed studio,

reception room, dressing room,

Thus, space was provided down-

stairs to enlarge the dark room to

more than double its former size,

said Mr. Flowers. The result has

been to increase the service faci-

An "open house" event was held

last week to introduce the public

to the new look and increased

space and facilities and Mr.

Flowers reported that he was well

pleased with the response. Valu-

able prizes were awarded to lucky

ticketholders in connection with

fold, he added.

First Killing Frost Is Seen On Tuesday

Soone was noted Tuesday morning when temperatures dropped to 28 degrees. This was about three ed on October 1, when a half inch days before the average time of

Ordinarily, frost can be expected by October 10, the observer said. Sometimes, however, killing frost have occurred in this area in the early days of September.

For some time now, the nights have been cool, and frost was expected at any time. Wind and cloudy weather the past few weeks were given credit for hindering the arrival of the frost. On the morning of September 29 a low temperature reading of 35 degrees was noted at the local weather observer station, and there were some reports of frost before Tuesday morning of this week. However, most gardens and flower beds apparently were not affected until hit her husband, and he was trying

September will probably be re-Stansberry, about 60, came into corded as one of the driest in rethe house from his home next door and shot Yates with a .32 cent years. Less than an inch was measured by the weather ob-Special revolver as Yates advanced server during the month. On Septoward him with the baseball bat, tember 18 .24 of an inch was noted, The Boone Rotary Club an Stansberry said. The bullet entered and on the 21st .62 was measured. ounces that it will conduct a the right side of Yates' face near Four other days just a trace (less lities of the shop and studio manythe nose and lodged in the back of than .01 of an inch) was noticed Sunday for the benefit of the his neck from where it was exin the measuring can.

tracted Sunday night, the Sheriff Normal rainfall for Boone, according to records, is just over Stansberry was taken into cusfour inches. Last year's measured tody by Sheriff's deputies Sunday night, and posted bond of \$1,000 rain was the most for September in several years, when 11.29 inches fell. In 1954, 1.08 inches were the date for which had not been

ember election will be open at the various polling places in the county next Saturday, for the purpose of registering new voters, it is anounced by J. D. Winebarger, chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

Mr. Winebarger states that the books will be open also on the 18th and 25th, and Saturday November 1 will be observed as challenge day. The election will be November 4: On other days than Jack Frost's arrival, according to
an observer.

Ordinarily, frost can be expect.

13 was recorded, and on the 3rd Saturdays the Registrars will have the registration books available at their homes or places of business.

The Board of Elections office is open in the building formerly occupied by the Black Bear Market, opposite the Thrift Food Cen-Palmer's Photo Shop on East ter on East King Street, where ab-King Street, operated here for sentee ballots are now being isnany years by the late Palmer sued by Chairman Winebarger for Blair, has recently undergone a qualified civilian and soldier votremodeling and expansion pro- ers who are absent from the coungram by its present owner, George

A. Flowers, Jr., who assumed Election Officials

operation of the shop early in For the convenience of the voters the names of the Registrars The studio for portrait sittings and Judges of Election in the difhas been moved from the rear ferent precincts are given. The first named in each case is the registrar, followed by the Democrat and Republican Judges: Bald Mountain: J. B. Ragan,

Glenn Howell, Leslie Norris. Blowing Rock: Dan Klutz, Rudolph Greene, Roy Holder. Blue Ridge! Mrs. R. C. Greene

M. O. Coffey, George Keller. Boone: Gurney Luther, Barnard Dougherty, B. H. Watson.

Brushy Fork: M. J. Wililams, A. Y. Howell, Ralph Wilson Beaver Dam: Claude Wilson Lynn Norris, John Winkler,

Cove Creek: Clinard Wilson, Dana Greene, Otto Thomas. Laurel Creek: Custer Ward,

Ronda Norris, Welborn Rominger. Meat Camp No. 1: Worth Winebarger, Willard Norris, J. C. Stan-

Meat Camp No. 2: Forest Moretz, Stacy Tester, Wade Moretz. (Continued on page three)

Scholarships Are To Be Given By **Local Oil Dealers**

In connection with Oil Progress pose of which is to provide Appascholarships for needy Watauga

the building formerly occupied by bred calf sale at Boone on October ourebred breeders will have some the beef market. With many cull Many service station operators the Ayers Electric Co. near the 11. these sales. Only the calves that ket at around \$200 per head, it the movement and those particigood enough for foundation or re- are good enough for seed stock would seem that a good registered pating will display decals indicat-It is hoped that this project may

prospects for top commercial herd bulls and steer calves that grade calves to a sale should not expect the same price per head that they head is less than for older cattle.

This is a general agreement that there is a definite need for more continued year after year, the continued year after year, the first recipient of a scholarship under this plan will be selected next April, and will be entitled to enter college in the fall.

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North Carolina is grass. A calf usually sell at a favorable price most people say that now is the ment, the Superintendent of A few informal polls of townspecsale will best meet the needs of as compared to older cattle. The time for strict culling of poor Schools, a member of the oil dealple and students have shown that in addition to the Hardwicke propurebred breeders who depend feeding and management of many producing cows.

Calvin Hicks Dies In Crash On 421

State Highway **Employee** Is Victim

Calvin H. Hicks, 57, resident of Vilas Route 1, and an employee of the State Highway Department, was killed instantly Tuesday morning when the highway dump truck he was driving was rammed from the rear by a tandem dump truck, loaded with sand and operated by Kermit Cyrus Brittain of Route 4, Morgan-

The accident occurred as Hicks was driving his empty truck west on 421, not far from the Forest Wilson home on Brushy Fork. According to Brittain truck failed to hold, and it overtook the State truck, knocking away the empty dump body, the chassis careening down the highway for a distance of 216 feet before it left the road, turned over and burned. The body of Hicks was found on the right shoulder of the highway near the point of impact, Mr. Baker stananeous and was due to severe head injuries.

Officer Baker said the Brittain truck, its battered front end dragging the pavement, went 548 feet before it stopped against a bank on the right side of the road, remaining upright. The State truck was a total loss while the privatelyowned machine was damaged about \$1,000.

Mr. Baker indicted Brittain for manslaughter and operating a truck with improper equipment. He was released under a \$3,000 bond, pending a hearing which will be held at the courthouse Saturday afternoon at four o'clock before Magistrate C. F. Thompson.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Hicks had not been made when this was written.

Lee Fletcher, 67, former resi-

Lee Fletcher Rites Are Held

dent of the Cove Creek section, died at the home in Hunter, Tenn., September 28, after a long illness. Funeral services were held at the Hunter Baptist Church, and burial was in the church cemetery. There are four children, Fred and Coke of Hunter; Mrs. Dora Dean Hollie, Elizabethton, and Burl of

"CHRIST'S MANGER."-This beautiful night blooming Cereus, mor commonly known as Christ's Manger, burst into bloom about 9:00 Highway Patrolman George E. o'clock last Tuesday night in the home of Mrs. Walter Johnso Baker, who investigated the King Street. Mrs. Johnson, who has had the plant for eight years, says accident, the brakes of the it is the first time it has bloomed for her. In natural surroundings, the flower can be expected to bloom every seven years, according to a local biologist. For several days prior to blooming, Mrs. Johnson had noticed three "buds" on the plant, but it was not until just before going to bed did she know it would bloom. Several friends and neighbors came in to see the delicate blossoms, which, Mrs. Johnson said, would last only until daylight came.-Staff photo.

Fund Drive Will said. Coroner Richard E. Kelley stated that death was instananeous, and was due to

tauga United Fund drive is complete and workers are in readiness morning, said Dr. L. H. Owsley, president, and Leo Derrick and Herman Anderson, co-chairmen of the campaign committee.

The campaign, which combine many organized charities into one concerted drive and allocates funds to each according to the budget, will be conducted from October

This year's goal has been set at \$15,498.50.

The payroll deduction plan will be stressed this year for employees working for a salary or wages, said Richard Morhouser, chairman of the "advance gifts" drive. This enables a contributor to spread his donation over an entire year if he or quarterly.

This method can be handled in a hauser. The employee may arrange with his employer to make regular deductions from his wages. In some firms such plans are not used, but a key employee is as-signed to collect payments from ation. each pledgor, usually on paydays Or employees may elect to make payments direct to the United Fund. Arrangements may be made with the secretary of Watauga United, Mrs. Howard Carlson, to send pledgors a statement each quarter of the amount agreed upon

National statistics show that the average of the United Funds re-

The organization for the Wa- porting indicate that they receive use United Fund drive is comscribed through employee campaigns (industrial, commercial, and public employees.) Several Boone

firms have already instituted a payroll deduction plan for the current campaign, it was announced. Included in the 1959 Watauga United budget, over 90 per cent of which will be used for the benefit of local organizations, are the

following agencies: Watauga County Crippled Children, U. S. O., Boy Scouts of America, Watauga County Disaster and Dread Disease Fund, N. C. and Watauga County Mental Health, Children's Home Society, American Red Cross, Teen Canteen, National Recreation Association, Watauga County Empty Stocking Fund, National Travelers' Aid Society, Appalach ian High School Band, National So cial Welfare Assembly, Watauga 4-H Clubs, Girl Scouts, Florence number of ways, said Mr. Mor- Crittenton Home, Watauga Agricultural Workers Council United Research Foundation, International Social Service, Watauga School Children's Clothing Fund, and

Claud Todd, 42, Ends Own Life

American Social Hygiene Associ-

J. Claud Todd, 42, native of Boone, but for many years a resident of Hampton, Va., died Monday morning from a gunshot wound in the head, which is said Sir Cedric Hardwicke to have been self-inflicted.

Word reaching relatives here is to the effect that Mrs. Todd found the body on her return from a trip to town. Further details were not available to members of the family.

Mr. Todd was a son of the late W. G. Todd and Mrs. Todd of Boone and had been in Hampton for about 16 years, where he was employed in the ship yards.

Funeral services are to be held in Hampton this (Wednesday) morning at 10 o'clock. The be will be returned to Boone, where graveside rites will be held at Mountlawn Memorial Park Thursday at 2 o'clock by the Rev. G. A. Arthur and the Rev. E. F. Trout-

Survivors include the widow, the former Miss Helen Gragg of Be programs of the North Carolina Jormer Muss Revenue Congrams of the North Carolina Jormer Muss Revenue Congram home. The mother, Mrs. W. G. Todd of Bel Air survives. A broth-er, Joe Todd, resides in Beone.

State Extension Official Is Pleased With Hereford Sale

(Animal Husbandry Extension the following Sunday at the same Specialist, N. C. State College) fall of the year through organized and sale. breeding association sponsored sales. I am pleased to know that The Democrats have opened the Watauga Hereford Breeders

By J. S. BUCHANAN,

In this type of sale heifer calves Mr. Gurney Luther is in charge nt females in a purebred herd, bull calves that are good ed to the purebred calf sale.

mostly on grass and roughage as purebred herds should be handled idea is also popular with breed- calves except replacement heifers

have proven to be the most profi- purchase a good bull calf for \$250 table way for commercial product to \$350 knowing that they can retheir campaign headquarters in Association will sponsor a pure- ers to market their calves, and all cover most of their bull cost in

The main crop produced on should be a good demand for high good bulls in the commercial remain crop produced on should be a good demand for high good bulls in the commercial remain crop produced on should be a good demand for high good bulls in the commercial remain crop produced on should be a good demand for high good bulls in the commercial remain crop produced on should be a good demand for high good bulls in the commercial remains in western quality calves this fall and they herds of Western Carolina. Also, the head of the Welfare Depart.

Organized feeder calf sales age bull. They are more likely to most saleable commodities. A lot

For a number of years I have ers who are not equipped with are marketed at weaning time.

A lot of small commercial probreders should sell calves in the bor to fit older cattle for show ducers do not feel like they can ing to set up the Watauga Oil justify paying \$500 for a service Scholarship Foundation, the pur county students.

should be registered and consign- heifer calf should be one of our ing their interest in the venture.

nter college in the fall.

Programs committee, has announced in the programs committee in the program committee in the pr

lachian State Teachers College vision, and the reading platform, the finest traditions of the thearic will be heard as a replacement for Raymond Massey, who is prevented by illness from making his scheduled tour.

Sir Cedric Hardwicke, well- sey, and well liked. No one could know actor of stage, screen, tele- be found who represents better will appear in Boone on October tre, and he has had much experi-21 at the college auditorium as ence in the kind of informal prothe second number of the ASTC gram he will give at Appalachian." Admission to Sir Cedric's pro-gram will be by season ticket only.

To Appear In Boone

Tickets for single programs can-not be sold because of limitations of space and the increase in college enrollment. Season tickets are on sale at

the Boone Chamber of Commerce and the college business office. They will admit the holder to the rams of the North Carolina

Bloodmobile In New Place

The Bloodmobile will be at he Methodist Church in Boone Thursday October 9th from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m., rather than at the Baptist Church, as has for-merly been the case.