

PUREBRED CHAROLAIS.—Herd bull on the Henry Taylor farm at Valle Crucis shortly after his arrival from Pennsylvania. Thought to be the second purebred herd in North Carolina of this type, the Charolais has been raised in France for more than 200 years, and were used as beasts of burden, for milking, and for meat. This bull is six years old.

New Breed Cattle Secured By Farm For Herd Improvement

With the arrival last Saturday of five head of purebred Charolais cattle to the farm of Henry Taylor at Valle Crucis, one of the first herds of this kind in North Carolina has been started. These purebred animals came to Valle Crucis from the Turkey Ridge farm at Portland, Pa.

Mr. Taylor has one six-year-old bull, two cows with calves, one a heifer calf and the other a bull. He plans to increase the purebred animals in this herd and also to use the bull to breed to his Hereford females.

The Charolais originated in France about 200 years ago. Being large and strong, the cattle have been used as beasts of burden, for beef and to supply milk for small family farms in France.

Since they have lived in close association with people for 200 years they are much more gentle and docile when compared to some of the other breeds.

The Charolais were imported to Mexico about 30 years ago by the French ambassador to Mexico.

As of January of this year there were only about 3,500 purebred Charolais in the United States.

Mr. Taylor says that the average weaning weight is about 20% or more higher than other beef breeds, and that they are very resistant to many of the diseases, such as pink eye, cancer eye and udder trouble.

Mature Charolais cows weigh up to 1,800 pounds, and bulls top 2,800 pounds.

It is understood that there are some herds in the area that have

Charolais blood in them, but that no purebreds except Mr. Taylor's are in the area. Herds mixed with the breed include both milk and meat type animals, and literature concerning the Charolais states that the Charolais strain shows up well in mixed breeds.

Because many small farms in France had their stables close to or connected to the house, the Charolais has become very domesticated. They have developed into good foragers because of scarce feeding periods, and are said to adjust to climates similar to that of this area, as well as climates peculiar to Mexico and France.

Mrs. Linney Speaks In S. C.

Mrs. Virginia Wary Linney, professor of music and voice at Appalachian State Teachers College, lectured on "English Diction" at the state meeting of the National Association of Teachers of Singing, at Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C., Saturday, Oct. 22.

Mrs. Linney is Regional Governor of the southeast region of NATS.

She was accompanied by two Appalachian voice students, Judy McCurry of Asheville and Susie Ford of Cramerton, who each presented numbers illustrating specific areas of Mrs. Linney's lecture.

Mr. Earny Hotard, piano instructor at ASTC, accompanied the two singers.

Rites Held For Jas. T. Lowes

James T. Lowes of Mountain City, Tenn. died Sunday October 2 at the Veterans' Hospital in Johnson City, Tenn., after a few hours illness following a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 61 years of age.

Mr. Lowes was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Lowes of Baltimore, Md., and was a graduate of Cornell University having received a degree in engineering. He came to North Carolina in 1920 and worked as a surveyor for the Whiting Lumber Co. in Watauga County and Butler, Tenn. He made his home in Valle Crucis for many years.

Having served in both World Wars he traveled to many parts of the world.

He was perhaps better known to his closest friends for his help in educating underprivileged youngsters.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Lowes Bare of Carmel Valley, California. One brother, William Lowes of Rhode Island.

The funeral was conducted in the veterans' chapel, Johnson City, Tenn. Burial was in the chapel cemetery.

Snow Removal Plan Devised

The State Highway Commission Thursday instructed Highway Director W. F. Babcock to authorize division engineers to hire private contractors with heavy equipment to aid in snow removal from highways, in the event of an emergency such as that which hit some Western North Carolina sections last February and March.

The commission also added 31.2 miles of secondary roads to the state highway system.

Babcock reported that Hurricane Donna caused an estimated damage of \$535,000 to Eastern North Carolina roads early in September.

The heaviest damage, \$250,000, was in the third highway division. Babcock told the commission. He said the second division damage was estimated at \$200,000 and the first division at \$85,000.

Commissioner Ralph Morris of New Bern reported that a lot of dunes on the outer banks were washed away by the storm.

The commission turned down two bids on erecting signs on interstate 40 because the bids were out of line with estimated costs.

Likes Tribute

Dear Mr. Rivers:

Another wonderful contribution has been placed in my scrapbook when you took your pen and let your mind travel down memory's lane, to gather the merits and feats of Mr. Watt Gragg. I wonder if you realized that you were setting an example for the whole world.

Having known you and Mr. Gragg most of my life, I don't know where the donkey would feel more welcome or the elephant would have gotten more peanuts but if our nation today would lay differences on the shelf and see a man for what he really is we would not have to tolerate the mudslinging, bigotry and falsehoods of today.

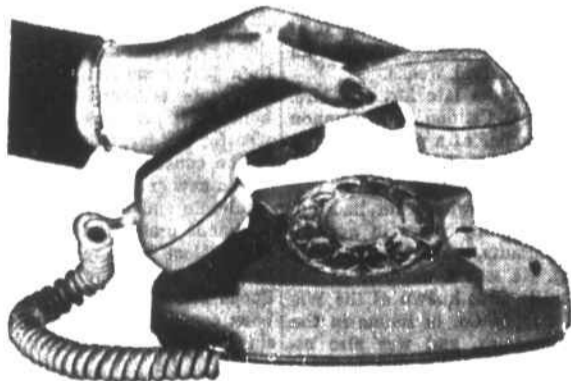
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Local Blood Donors Provide More Than Minimum Quota

Blood donors turned out for the Red Cross Bloodmobile in sufficient numbers last week to yield a blood collection above the minimum quota, according to Joe McClung, Recruitment chairman for the Watauga County Blood Program. Quota for the visit was 137 pints 158 pints were collected.

"It came at a good time, too," McClung said of the quota breaking turn out. "There is a blood shortage of near alarming proportions in the Piedmont Regional Program, and Red Cross officials were fearful of a fall visit to Boone. I guess we showed 'em, though," McClung declared happily when the final count was in.

PTA District Meeting Is Set

Kings Mountain—Kings Mountain PTA's will be host to District II of the North Carolina Parent Teacher Association Friday, October 28.

The district includes a membership of over 18,000 in 11 counties including Cleveland, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Watauga, and Yancey.

Registration begins at 9:30 a. m. at the Woman's Club after which a coffee hour will be held and the morning session gets underway. A luncheon and workshop will feature the afternoon program.

Mrs. H. S. Goodwin of Greensboro, president of the North Carolina Congress of Parents and Teachers, will make the principal address. Her subject will be "Implementing the Platform Through Total Education."

Mrs. Fred Rash of Lenoir, district director, will preside. Mrs. J. F. Mauney of Kings Mountain, vice-director will introduce special guests.

The district gathering is expected to attract a large crowd of parents and teachers from the 11 counties in the district.

Members of the Kings Mountain planning committee for the meeting include Mrs. Eugene Roberts and Mrs. Harold Crawford, co-chairmen; Mrs. J. P. Muney, Mrs. James Dover, Mrs. Otis Falls, Jr., Mrs. M. D. Phifer, Mrs. Clyde J. Bridges and Mrs. Charles Ballard.

Woestemeyer Rites In Kansas

Mrs. Clara Belle Woestemeyer of Watauga Drive, Boone, died Saturday, October 22.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 26 at Bethel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, Kansas. Burial was in the Highland Park cemetery, Kansas City.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. John Van Noppen of Boone and Mrs. J. M. Gaffney, Denver, Colorado; Two sons, S. J.

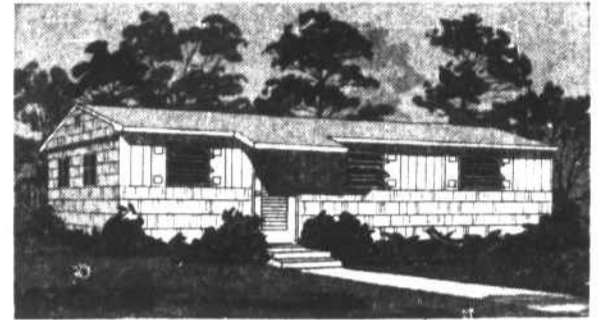
Woestemeyer, Salt Lake City, Utah, and F. S. Woestemeyer, Bethel, Kansas; One sister, Mrs. Charles B. Shipley, Kansas City, Kansas. There are 10 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

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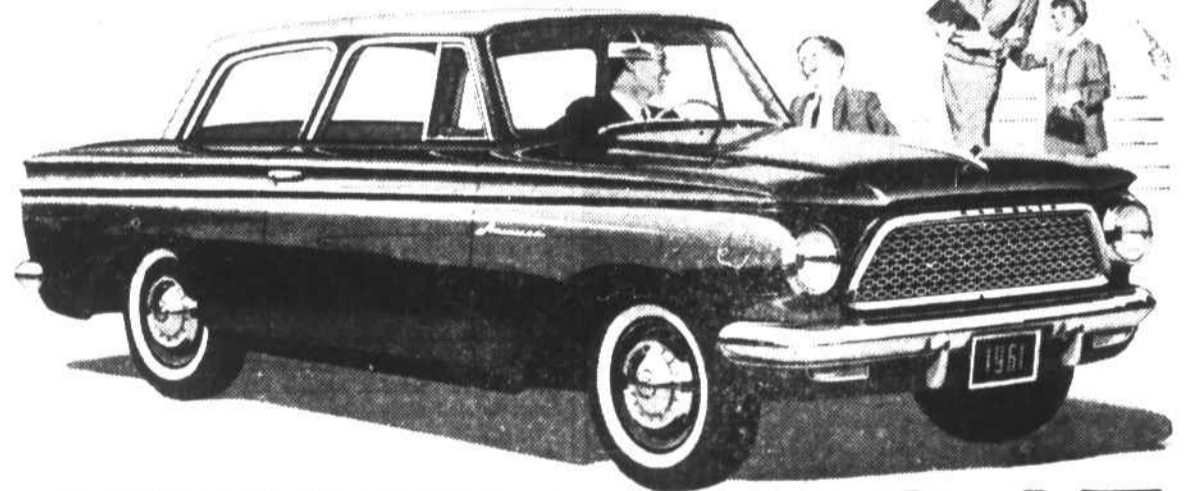
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