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ACCEPTING THE FIRST PLACE PLAQUE AND CERTIFICATE FOR ADVERTISING on behalf of the Watauga Democrat, Mrs. R. C. Rivers, associate editor, is greeted by Edward L. Rankin, Jr., director of the Department of Administration. The award was made by the North Carolina Press Association Thursday night in Carroll Hall at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Rankin stood in for Gov. Dan K. Moore, who fell ill that afternoon. J. D. Fitz, editor of the Morganton News-Herald and secretary of the Association, is in the background. (Rivers photo.)

Democrat Is Winner Of Award

Capping off 1964 in fine style Democrat staffer Ralph Tugman has won the first place plaque and certificate for advertising in the weekly division of the annual North Carolina Press Association contest.

He was notified of the judge's decision the first week in January. The ads he entered comprised a homecoming ad, a home improvement ad and ads from his "Show of Confidence" theme. All entries were submitted by Oct. 1, 1964, deadline for the contest.

"Basically, all the ads we used were ads which, in themselves, triggered campaigns (continued on page two)

Progress Report Is Made At Northwestern Bank Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Northwestern Bank was held at 11 a.m. on Jan. 19 in the Directors' Room of the home office in North Wilkesboro.

Edwin Duncan, Sr., bank president, reported as follows: "I am pleased to report that the net operating profits of The Northwestern Bank were \$3,317,975.65 in the year 1964, compared with \$3,013,639.21 in 1963.

"The financial activities of the bank expanded substantially in 1964. Deposits increased from \$186,000,000 at the end of 1963 to \$200,000,000 at the end of 1964, or a growth of \$34,000,000.

"Thirteen million dollars of this increase can be attributed to consolidations with the Bank of Yanceyville, Yanceyville, N. C.; Security Bank and Trust Company, Rutherfordton, N. C.; and First State Bank, Hazelwood, N. C.

"Therefore, \$21,000,000 of this increase represented the growth of The Northwestern Bank in the territories served before these consolidations. Total assets reached a new high of \$235,000,000 as compared with \$191,000,000 the previous year. Loans increased from \$115,000,000 to \$140,000,000 at year-end.

"To support this large growth, the bank's directors continued their policy of low dividends in proportion to earnings. A decision was made to sell \$5,000,000 Subordinated Debentures dated May 1, 1964, due May 1, 1969. These debentures serve the same purpose as capital with the added advantage to our stockholders that their equity is not reduced.

"We increased our Reserve for Possible Loan Losses from \$3,297,937.11 to \$6,146,176.57 or an increase of \$2,848,239.46 during the year 1964. All assets considered doubtful by the federal examiners, state examiners, our own auditors, or the committee of the Board of Directors charged with this responsibility, were either charged to expense or to specified reserves."

The stockholders re-elected the following directors: W. H. Allen, President, Byrd Furniture Co., Statesville; W. B. Austin, attorney, Jefferson; R. T. Chatham, Jr., Executive Vice-President, Chatham Manufacturing Co. (continued on page two)

Mrs. Ora Greene Dies On Monday

Mrs. Ora Nancy Greene, 71, of the Beaver Dam community, wife of Wilby J. Greene, died Monday at Cannon Memorial Hospital at Banner Elk after an illness of a week.

She was born in Watauga County to Roby and Jane Sherill Wilson and was a member of Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

Surviving besides her husband are two sons, Vaughn Greene of Vilas and Don Greene of Boone, Route 4; six grandchildren; a great-grandchild; four brothers, George A. Wilson of Boone, Route 3, Frank Wilson of Vilas, Manley Wilson of Bessemer City and Dallas Wilson of Neva, Tenn.; and three sisters, Mrs. Raymond Eiler of Vilas, Mrs. Grady Wilson of Boone, Route 2, and Mrs. Zilda Miles of Evansville, Ind.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at 2 p. m. at Beaver Dam Baptist Church by the Rev. Bennie Greene and the Rev. R. C. Eggers. Burial was in Beaver Dam Cemetery.

Mrs. J. G. Cook Fatally Hurt In Fall At Home

Mrs. Grace Cook, 84, of Lenoir, widow of James G. Cook, died Tuesday morning in a Lenoir hospital from injuries suffered in a fall at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Fred W. Craig.

Mrs. Cook was born in Watauga County to Jack and Betty Morris Cook. She was a member of Three Forks Baptist Church for about 60 years.

Surviving besides her daughter, is a sister, Mrs. C. C. Pennell of Morristown, Tenn., and a son-in-law, Fred Craig of Lenoir.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday at Three Forks Baptist Church by the Rev. Charles Smith. Burial was in the Cook family cemetery.

Body Of Infant Is Found At Boone Disposal Area

The body of an unidentified male infant was found Tuesday, January 19, at the City Garbage Disposal area.

The discovery was made by an employee of Mr. H. G. Greer who was walking past the area on his way to work.

According to Sheriff Dallas Check, he was called at about 3 p.m. and went to investigate and found the infant in a partially burned box which had been covered with plastic.

Evidence pointed to the fact that the body had been left there sometime Monday. Normally there is an attendant at the dump to direct the disposal of garbage, but due to the severely bad weather Monday, the attendant was not on duty, and it could not be determined as to how the body had come to be there.

The body was taken to Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home, and the physician's examination revealed it to be of a male child, weighing approximately seven pounds, newly-born and had lived. Death was attributed to suffocation.

Intense investigations are being made by the Watauga County Sheriff's department in an effort to locate the principals involved in the death of the infant.

Burial arrangements were handled by Reins-Sturdivant.

Rites Held For Mrs. J. F. Jackson

Mrs. Minnie Johnson Jackson, 81, of Boone, Rt. 2, widow of Jesse Frank Jackson, died Wednesday at Watauga Hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Jackson was born in Mountain City, Tenn., to Dixon and Cynthia Calloway Johnson and moved to Watauga County 52 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, Tom Jackson of Boone, Route 2, and Arvil Jackson of West Jefferson; a brother, McKinley Johnson of Mountain City, Tenn.; and two sisters, Mrs. Flossie Smith of Knoxville, Tenn., and Mrs. Lethia Stubbs of Washington; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Friday at Bethel View Methodist Church by the Rev. Garland E. Smith and the Rev. John Christy. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Yates Dies In Ashe

West Jefferson.—Mrs. Annie Lou Yates, 70, of West Jefferson, widow of Connard Yates Sr., died at 6:30 a. m. Tuesday at her home after a long illness.

She was born in Watauga County to Lenz and Jennie Phillips Hendrix. Her husband died in 1937.

Surviving are three sons, Gwyn Yates of West Jefferson, Connard Yates Jr. of Boone and William Yates of Brownwood; four grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. Mattie Hough of Pennsylvania; and a brother, Hooper Hendrix of Boone.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday at West Jefferson Methodist Church by the Rev. Russell Young. Burial was in the Yates family cemetery.

Concert Ends Program Northwest Band Clinic Is Slated For Weekend

27 High Schools To Send Bands; Starts Friday

The 15th annual Northwest North Carolina High School Band Clinic will be held at Appalachian State Teachers College Friday through Sunday, January 29-31, concluding with a concert for the public at 2:30 Sunday afternoon in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Charles L. Isley, Jr., clinic chairman, announces there will be 190 band students from 27 high schools, and their directors present. These students were selected from nearly 400 who applied.

The clinic will be divided into two complete bands, and each band will prepare a short concert. Dr. Allan Bone of Duke University and Dr. William Spencer of the ASTC faculty will be conductors. Dr. Bone is chairman of the Music Department at Duke University, and Dr. Spencer is chairman of the music department of ASTC.

A highlight of the clinic will be a concert by the New York Brass Quintet and the Appalachian State Teachers College Band Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The members of the Quintet will conduct a brass clinic Saturday morning. The concluding event, a concert by the two clinic bands at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, is open to the public free of charge.

Schools represented at the clinic and their band directors include:

Appalachian High School, Boone, Mr. James Shugert.
 Boyden High School, Salisbury, George Wilson and Beaver Robinette.
 Davie County High School, Mocksville, Paul Reichle.
 Booneville High School, Booneville, Mr. Edwards.
 Drexel High School, Drexel, Miss Katherine Sipers.
 Glen Alpine High School, Glen Alpine, Miss Martha Thomason.
 East Rowan High School, Salisbury, Bill Coble.
 Elkin High School, Elkin, Roy Russell.
 Gray High School, Winston-Salem, John LaCava.
 Griffith High School, Winston-Salem, Herbert Clark.
 Hildebran High School, Hildebran, James Williams.
 Hudson High School, Hudson, Robert Love.
 Lenoir High School, Lenoir, Bernard Hirsch, John Miller, Capt. James Harper.
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DR. WILLIAM SPENCER DR. ALLAN BONE

Hospital Rates Are Advanced

Effective Jan. 1, the Watauga County Hospital made a rate change in room charges in order to bring the hospital to a break-even basis.

A hospital spokesman who made the announcement said that even with the change in rates, Watauga still charges far below rates at other hospitals in the state. The new rates are as listed:

Three or four-bed ward, \$10.50 a day; five-bed ward, \$10; semi-private room, \$12; private room without bath, \$13.50; and private room with semi-private bath, \$15.50.

First National Reports Good Year; Names Board, Officers

Officers and directors were re-elected at the stockholders' meeting of the First National Bank at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21.

Directors are G. R. Andrews, Mack D. Brown, R. Worth Clawson, E. F. Coe, Sam W. Dixon, S. C. Eggers, Sr., Council L. Main, C. Gordon Taylor, Phil H. Vance, Jr., Kenneth Wilcox, and John T. Winkler.

Officers: Chairman, S. C. Eggers; president, G. R. Andrews; executive vice-president, Sam W. Dixon; and cashier, James E. Rhoades.

Staff: Pat Hallett, Linda Harrigan, Janet Moritz, Jerry Moritz, Ann Norris, Mary Jon Wells, David Whittington, and Carrie Williams.

In a comparative statement of condition as of Dec. 31, 1964 and 1963, assets were listed as: cash, \$194,398.67 — \$294,525.06 in 1963; U. S. Government, Federal Reserve Bank stock and other securities, \$541,908.65 — \$253,154.50 in 1963; loans and discounts, \$909,731.20 — \$553,395.22 in 1963; banking house furniture, fixtures and equipment, \$37,401.19 — \$23,754.73 in 1963; other assets, \$15,185.19 — \$9,786.25 in 1963.

Total assets: \$1,598,624.90 in 1964; \$1,134,615.78 in 1963.

Liabilities: deposits, \$1,296,651.61 compared to \$844,454.65 in 1963; income collected but not earned, \$27,345.72 — \$25,109.08 in 1963.

Total liabilities: \$1,323,977.33 in 1964; \$869,563.93 in 1963.

Capital accounts: capital stock, \$150,000 compared to \$150,000 in 1963; surplus, \$75,000 — \$75,000 also in 1963; undivided profits, \$49,627.57 — \$40,051.85 in 1963.

Total capital accounts: \$274,627.57 in 1964; \$265,051.85 in 1963.

Total liabilities and capital accounts: \$1,598,624.90 in 1964; \$1,134,615.78 in 1963.

Executive Vice-President Sam Dixon said that "although the bank was established in July of 1962, it has grown into a \$1,500,000 bank and has paid out \$9,734 in interest in 1964—despite heavy expenses in salaries and advertising."

Dixon also said the bank has improved its property some \$7,000 in 1964.



TED H. RHUDY

Savings & Loan Has Rapid Growth, Stockholders Told

Stockholders of the Watauga Savings and Loan Association met last Thursday and heard a report of a gain in resources of \$1,696,811.39 during 1964 to bring the total assets of the association to \$12,113,793.74 as of December 31, 1964.

H. Grady Farthing, President of the association, opened the meeting, and addressed the stockholders on the progress made in the county and the part the Savings and Loan has been able to play in the mounting construction program in the area, and later turned the meeting over to James P. Marsh, secretary-treasurer, who submitted the detailed report to the gathering.

Directors Named

All the directors were re-elected, after having been placed in nomination by Mr. Paul Winkler, and one new director, Paul J. Smith, assistant treasurer, was added to the

directorate. The board now consists of:

H. Grady Farthing, Walter H. Greene, Rob Rivers, Guy W. Hunt, Dr. William M. Matheson, H. P. Holshouser, Howard W. Mast, Wayne R. Richardson, James P. Marsh, G. Perry Greene, Grover C. Robbins, Jr., and Paul J. Smith.

Board Has Meeting

Following the stockholders' meeting the Board of Directors had its monthly meeting and re-elected the following slate of officers: H. Grady Farthing, President; Rob Rivers, Vice-President; James P. Marsh, Secretary and Treasurer; Paul J. Smith, Assistant Treasurer.

Text Of Report

Following is the text of the report made to the stockholders by Mr. Marsh:

"The Watauga Savings and Loan Association had another excellent year during 1964.

Total assets of the association increased by \$1,696,811.39 from total assets at the close of 1963 of \$10,416,982.35 to \$12,113,793.74 at the close of 1964. This increase was made possible through the continued savings inflow by the fine people of Watauga County. Total savings at the close of 1964 were \$10,719,029.78 for an increase of \$1,774,602.53. We had 5,062 savings depositors at the close of 1964, where in 1963 we had only 4,710, thus a net increase of 352 new savers for 1964. This represents an average of better than one account for each family in Watauga County.

"At the close of 1964 we had 2,057 loans amounting to \$10,301,225.52. This is a net increase for the year of \$1,302,698.91. All loans are secured by a first mortgage on real estate. During the year the association made 120 loans for the construction (continued on page two)

Named Manager At Shoe Factory

Ted L. Rhudy has been appointed plant manager of Blue Ridge Shoe Company effective Jan. 1, 1965, succeeding R. D. Ray.

Rhudy, who is a native of Elk Park, Virginia, was first employed by this company in the Wilkesboro plant in 1962. He was transferred to the Boone plant as a section manager in April, 1963, and continued in that capacity until his recent promotion.

Prior to his entry into the shoe manufacturing field, Rhudy had several years experience in the textile industry in Virginia and North Carolina, after serving a tenure of service in the Air Force being discharged in 1949.

A member of the Boone Lion's Club, Rhudy is married to the former Bonnie Cooley of Galax, Virginia. They have two children, Carolyn, age 14 and Roger, age 9. They reside on Deerfield Road and attend the Deerfield Methodist Church.

J. T. Simmons Funeral Held

John Thomas Simmons, 99, a stone mason of Blowing Rock, died last Tuesday at Thomas Nursing Home at Morganton after a long illness.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Belle Maze of Chandler, Ariz., and Mrs. Emma Peterson of Morganton; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Blowing Rock Church of God by the Rev. Ray Jenkins and the Rev. Alfred Potts. Burial was in Blowing Rock Cemetery.