Plans Made To Merge Banks

WILSON - Plans to merge the Bank of Halifax, Halifax, North Carolina, into Branch Banking and Trust Company were announced August 8 by the Boards of Directors of both banks. The consolidation is subject to approval by the stockholders of each institution and by State and Federal

authorities. Combined resources of the two banks would exceed \$190,-000,000. The Bank of Halifax has offices in Halifax, Littleton, Scotland Neck and Weldon, and construction is being completed on an office in Enfield which is scheduled to open in September. Branch Banking and Trust Company

join two of the State's oldest banking institutions: The Bank of Halifax was established in 1906 and Branch Banking and Trust Company, North Carolina's Oldest Bank, was founded in 1872. BB&T is the sixth largest financial institution in the State and has more capital

funds in relation to deposits than any major North Carolina bank.



Warrenton's Biggest Fire Oakley Discusses Little most disastrous fire at Warrenton, although it is the second worst. The worst fire in the history of the town occurred on June 21, 1881, when a majority of the business houses in the town were destroyed. This fire followed a fire in 1878 when every store between a corner building at Main and Franklin Street and Diamond's present store on the corner of Main and Market Streets. The fire of 1881 originated in the block where Allen Son and Company building is located and destroyed most of the stores in that block and all but one store in the block where the barbershop is now located. The fire occurred on a calm night and was discovered about 1 a. m. Most of the stores were of frame construction, but the firemen had little water and little equipment and soon raged out of control. Mrs. Montgomery, in her book, "Old Times In Warrenton," related: "There was some hope that the break between the Bellamy Hotel and the Montgomery (Katzenstein) store would save the block, but it jumped the distance and consumed every building to a corner store, later known as the Shaw Building." (This was at the corner of Main and Macon Streets.) Mrs. Montgomery continued: "This was a terrible disaster to the town, and one from which its people were years in recovering."

MRS. HERMAN FISHER HICKS

Miss Davidson And Herman Hicks Wed

Miss Linda Kay Davidson and Herman Fisher Hicks were married August 12 in Memorial Baptist Reed Church, Asheville, by the Rev. Henry O. Hearn, former pastor and the Rev. Luther Osment, pastor. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell Davidson of Fletcher, and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Hicks of Norlina.

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The bride, given in mar-riage by her father, wore a gown of peau de soie made in empire style with batteau neckline and long fluted sleeves edged with Alencon lace. The A-line skirt and detachable court train were bordered in the same lace. Her bouffant veil of illusion fell from a double crown of Alencon lace and seedpearls. Her attendants wore mint green peau satin gowns and carried

bouquets of yellow pompons. Miss Susan Grant of Durham was maid of honor and bridesmaids were Miss Karen Jones of Florence, S. C., Miss Beverly Cansler of Newton, Miss Annette Clyde of Clemson, S. C., and Miss Charan Dibert of Greenville, S. C. The Rev. Charles E. Stines of Wilmington was best man

Fire

(Continued from page 1) out any water and facing destruction of its business section. Water was brought in by tankers and rural trucks and kept the fire from spreading. Power was restored within about 15 minutes but the pumps could not keep the mains full due to the large number of fire engines pumping water.

and ushers were Gordon Porter of Norfolk, Va., the Rev. Otis Wheelhouse of Roxboro, Graham Hicks of Franklinton, brother of the bridegroom and Bob N. Goode of Hendersonville.

Music was provided by Mrs. Dowe Roberts of Asheville and Mr. Darryl M. Reed of Whitmire, S. C. Assisting at a reception in the church fellowship hall following the ceremony were Mrs. Joe Lyda and Mrs. R. C. Crawford, Jr., both aunts of the bride and of Asheville, Miss Barbara Fow-

> Madelyn Davis of Winston-Salem. For the wedding trip the bride changed to a burnt orange and olive green crepe dress with olive accessories and the orchid from her bouquet.

> ler of Matthews and Miss

Mrs. Hicks is a senior at Mars Hill College and will graduate in December. Mr. Hicks is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. He is Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Hendersonville where the couple

South Hill, Va., sent full

will live.

equipment, including a rescue squad. Units were also sent from Mecklenburg County, Va., and from Clarksville, Va. Louisburg sent one pumper, and a rescue truck; Centerville in Franklin Cou nty, sent a pumper and tanker; Justice sent a pumper and tanker, and a tanker was sent from Franklinton. Roanoke Rapids dispatched

George W. Davis of Rt. 3, Warrenton, N. C., has been graduated from the U.S. Air Force technical training school at Keesler AFB, Miss. He completed the tele-comber of the Air Force Com-

Davis Graduates From A. F. School BILOXI, Miss. - Airman munications specialist course Second Class George W. conducted by the Air Training Davis, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Command which provides technical and specialized education programs for the

The late Tom Weldon told the writer that following this

fire many persons wated to move the county seat to

Warren Plains in order to be on the railroad. Had that

been done the Richmond spur of the Seaboard would have

come to Warren Plains instead of Norlina, and Warren-

ton would have had another fate.

nation's aerospace force. He is being reassigned to Misawa AB, Japan, as a mem-

"While we have had the cooperation of many of our merchants and business men, as well as individuals; and although we collected several munications Service.

the contest.

Airman Davis, a graduate of John Graham High School, attended East Carolina University, Greenville, N. C., and Louisburg (N.C.) College.

hundred dollars from passing the hat, we still need about \$400.00 to clear the board," Oakley said.

League At Lions Meeting

Howard Oakley, owner of

Colonial Lodge Hotel, Little

League umpire and civic

worker, was the principal

speaker at the regular meet-

ing of the Warrenton Lions

Club held on Friday night at

Oakley, introduced by Lion

Ed Rooker, told of the forma-

tion of the Warrenton Little

League and Pony League; of

its value to these partici-

pating; of the loyalty of those

who have given of their time

as coaches, umpires and man-

agers, and thanked the Lions

club for what part it had

played in its contribution and

for the support of its mem-

bers. He gave a rundown on

some of the games of the all

stars and said he was quite

proud of the showing our boys

made; that with only two years

of little league play, as against

five and six years for some of

the other teams, that he felt

Warren Plaza Inn.

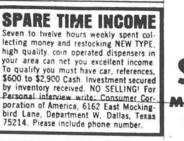
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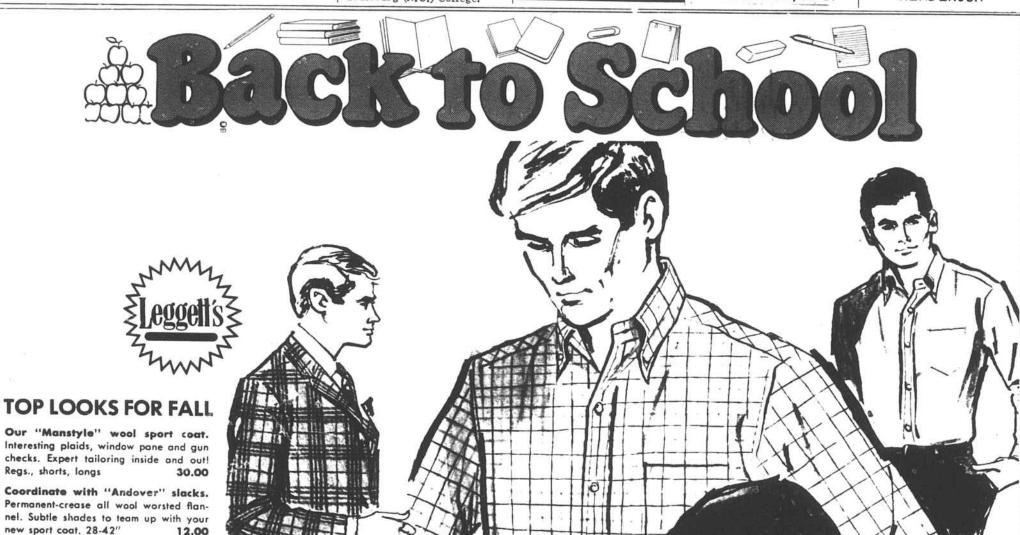
The program was in charge of Lion Billy Bugg. President F. P. Whitley presided over the meeting with singing lead by Gene Odom, Lion Duke Jones said the grace. Lion Sherrill Harris was Lion X and Lion Bill Lanier won the dollar. In the jackpot feature Lion Coon Currin was the winner.

Guests for the meeting were Howard Henry, mests of Lion W. R. Drake, and Bill Jones, a guest of his father, Lion Duke Jones.

Benedict Arnold, Revolutionary War traitor, escaped to England and died an outcast.

The British fought the Boer War Against the African settlers, who were largely of







that our boys showed well in Dutch descent.

When the water tank collapsed, Charlie Bowen, Chief of the Warrenton Fire Department issued a call for all available rural units to report at Warrenton, and Highway Troopers were asked to issue a call to all fire departments within a 30 mile radius of the town. Some responded from an even longer distance.

Damage to polls and transformers and telephone cables in the vicinity caused part of the the town to be without power for a short time, and also caused the loss of telephone service for several hours.

State Troopers also aided Warrenton police in directing traffic and keeping back the crowds of spectators.

Sheriffs from Vance, Franklin and Granville Counties and Deputies from Halifax County came to Warrenton to offer their services.

When it looked like the Dameron building was doomed, Comer Plumbing and Heating removed the contents from its store in the building, and suffered some loss due to damage in moving. The Warren Record, also housed in the building, removed its light offset machinery, without damage.

Equipment sent to Warrenton included large and small fire trucks, plus tankers with a capacity of 1,500 to 2,000 gallons. Many of these were refilled from Connell's pond on the outskirts of Warrenton. In addition to fire trucks, many Rescue Squads responded to the call for help. Vance County unito included a big pumper truck from Henderson and tankers from Ep som, Bearpond, Kittrell and Townsville.

a truck and six men. A pumper truck was sent

from Rocky Mount. The fire, the second largest in Warrenton's history, was brought under control within about two hours through the cooperation of other communities. Some members of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department remained on duty until about 4 a.m. Wednesday. Several members of the Warrenton Fire Department kept

building under surveillance until 7 a. m. Wednesday. Charlie Bowen, Chief of the Warrenton Rural Fire Department, yesterday asked this

newspaper to express his deep appreciation to members of the rural fire department and to firemen from neighboring towns and communities for the help given. Mayor W. A. Miles and other officials, as well as McCarroll Alston, assistant Chief of the Warrenton Fire Department. also expressed their deep gratitude for the assistance given.

PRIORITY

During the fire drill on the cruise liner a number of passengers crowded around a lifeboat. From the foredeck, an officer called out, "Women, children and those on the 'Go Now, Pay Later' plan please go first."-Irish Digest

Despite what the fashion experts say, most men would like their wives to wear their dre longer - about three years longer.-Herm Albright The kingfisher is son times called "Old Tou TOD.'

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