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Pictured at Ground Breaking Ceremony, left to right, Mrs. Jack Boone, Jack Boone, Al Henderson, General Superintendent, and Rev. John Powers.

GROUND BROKEN FOR EXPANSION OF PACEMAKER PLANT AT MICAVILLE

Much has been written about "industry seekers" — men from Chambers of Commerce and other interested citizens traveling throughout the country trying to induce industry to bring their plants, and, more importantly, their money into their town or county.

Two men from Micaville without fanfare, have gone quietly about the business of bringing a thriving manufacturing plant to the little village of Micaville. These two men are Rev. John Powers and Jack Boone. Mr. Boone, a native of Micaville, and son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Boone, is employed by the State Highway Department. Rev. Powers is a native of Ohio, but, being a Presbyterian minister, presently pastor of the Micaville-Estate Presbyterian church, has traveled extensively throughout the country, and from all reports has always left the section to which he is called better than he found it. Certainly that is true of Micaville and Yancey County.

THE PACEMAKER MANUFACTURING CORPORATION operates three plants — one in Hickory, where the headquarters office is located; one in Spruce Pine; and one in Micaville. Al Henderson is general superintendent, supervising the operation of all three plants. They manufacture high type men's and boys' blue jeans.

Plant No. 2 of PACEMAKER MANUFACTURING CORP. began operation about two years ago in a plant, formerly used as a roller skating rink, owned by Powers and Boone, who were responsible for bringing the plant to Micaville.

The present facility, with approximately 6,000 square feet

floor space employs approximately 78 people. With the exception of a maintenance man, a machine

fixer, inspectors and packers, the workers are machine operators, and, as might be expected, women. Mrs. Georgia Burleson is plant manager. Mrs. Marcella Hughes is floor supervisor. Practically all employees are residents of Yancey County.

The plant is on a five-day operating schedule, except during rush periods when it goes on a six-day schedule. Wages are good and are in line with wages paid by similar manufacturing plants throughout the country.

Ground for the expansion of the present plant was broken two weeks ago. This will be a steel, cinder block and concrete fire-proof building, with approximately 20,000 sq. ft. floor space. When completed and in operation it will employ an additional 200 people. The building will be done by local carpenters and workmen insofar as possible, with Rev. Powers, a master builder himself, keeping an eye on the overall construction.

When this building is completed and in full operation it will mean that 275 residents of Yancey County will have an opportunity to work near home. These same people, without this opportunity, might find it necessary to travel a distance of perhaps 50 to 75 miles a day to get to and from work. In addition to the time spent on the job there is the time spent in travel, wear and tear on automobile, to say nothing of the hazard of mountain driving during the winter months.

Our congratulations to Messrs Boone and Powers. "May their tribe increase."

OBITUARIES

JOHN W. ATKINS, Jr.

Services for John W. Atkins, Jr., 38, of Asheville, who died Sunday night in an Asheville hospital, were held at 10 a. m. Wednesday in the chapel of Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home.

The Rev. Ralph Mumpower officiated. Burial was in Holcombe Cemetery. Nephews served as pallbearers.

Mr. Atkins was a native of the Pensacola section of Yancey County and had resided in Asheville for the past 10 years.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Myrtle Atkins of Asheville; four sisters, Mrs. Gilbert Hutchins of Black Mountain, Mrs. Louise Fowler of Charlotte, Mrs. J. B. Taylor of Marion and Miss Jewel Atkins of Asheville; seven half-sisters, Mrs. T. M. Farr of Black Mountain, Mrs. G. H. Farr of Swannanoa, Mrs. Charles Wagner of Bristol, Tenn., Mrs. Shirden Pate and Mrs. Ray Blankenship, both of Pensacola, and Mrs. Essie Rayburn and Mrs. Ethel Robinson, both of Swannanoa; and a half-brother, Gary B. Allen of Asheville.

MRS. MARTHA HAWLEY

Mrs. Martha Hawley, 78, died Thursday, Jan. 18, in Yancey Hospital, after a brief illness.

Services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m., in Berry Chapel Baptist Church in Spruce Pine. The Rev. Dickerson, Rev. J. D. Price and Rev. Ellis officiated. Burial was in Grassy Creek Cemetery. Grandsons acted as pallbearers.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence Wilson of Pensacola, Mrs. Clifford Lane of Adrian, Mich.; three sons, Lewis Hawley of Spruce Pine, Glen of Adrian, Mich., Perry of Hickory; one sister, Mrs. Charles Gunter of Spruce Pine; 17 grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

Wingate College

Scholarships

To Be Awarded

Up to \$40,000 in Wingate College Trustee Scholarships will soon be awarded to a number of outstanding high school seniors it was announced today by Dr. Budd E. Smith, president of the college.

Established by Wingate's Board of Trustees five years ago, the scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding high school seniors for study at Wingate College. Recipients of the awards may enroll in any of the many Wingate programs which lead to a four-year college degree.

Nominations for trustee scholarships — valued at \$1,200 for a two-semester year, or associate trustee awards of \$600 yearly — are made by principals and guidance counselors of leading high schools throughout the

Nominations, to be considered this year, must be submitted before March first according to Dr. Smith. Nomination forms will be sent to school officials requesting them.

Dr. Smith emphasized that nominees must rank in the top ten percent, academically, of the graduating class and individuals must possess qualities of enthusiasm, high moral standards, and leadership ability. Financial need is not a determining factor.

Winners are selected by personal interview before central committees made up of business and community leaders, faculty members and trustees.

All-State Band Clinic At W.C.U.

CULLOWHEE — Talk about the sound of music!

That's what they'll be making at Western Carolina University tomorrow and Saturday (January 26-27).

Hundreds of high school students from 17 Western North Carolina schools will be hootin' and flutin' for two solid days of music making on the university campus.

It's the annual All-State Band Clinic for the Western District of the North Carolina Band Masters Association. The clinic, under the direction of William F. Curtin, will give the students two days of intensive instruction, climaxed by a public concert at 7:30 p. m. Saturday in Hoey Auditorium.

The clinic will get under way at 9 a. m. Friday.

Young To Seek Judgeship



W. HALL YOUNG

Avery County lumberman has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination as district court judge in the 24th Judicial District.

W. Hall Young of Micaville is contacting many people over the district and being encouraged by citizens who will be affected" he decided to offer himself as a candidate.

The district is composed of Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey counties.

In 1962 Young was an unsuccessful candidate for the state senate. In 1964 and 1966 he ran unsuccessfully for the 10th District congressional seat.

The son of Mrs. Nell Burleson Young and the late P. L. Young, the candidate is a native of Avery County.

He is married to the former Frances Buchanan and they have three children.

Young is a member of Minneapolis Christian Church where he teaches Sunday School and is a deacon and chairman of the church board.

A graduate of Cranberry High School, Young holds a B. S. degree from Appalachian State University.

Young is a Mason, past master of the Cranberry Lodge (a member of Royal Arch Bodies and a Shriner).

Young will be opposed in the primaries by J. Ray Braswell of Newland and James E. Holsinger Sr. of Boone.

The three candidates will be bidding for the two judgeships in the 24th District.

Antique Show

The second annual Spartanburg, South Carolina, Antique Show will open with a preview January 30 at the National Guard Armory on Spartanburg-Greenville Highway 29. Hours Tuesday night will be from 7 until 10. The show will continue Wednesday through Friday, January 31-February 2, and will be open each day from 11 a. m. until 10 p. m.