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Charles Gillespie receives "Citizen of the year" Award from G.D. Bailey while James A. Graham, N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture and James F. Davis look on.

## CHARLES B. GILLESPIE RECEIVES "CITIZEN OF THE YEAR" AWARD AT FARMERS NIGHT PROGRAM

The Farmers Night and Awards Program, sponsored by the Burnsville Men's Club, held on Monday night, Oct. 28, at the Community Bldg., was one of the most popular events of the year in Yancey County. A capacity crowd, seated around beautifully decorated tables in the fall motif, enjoyed the bountiful meal served by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Olin Shepard, Vice Pres., of the Men's Club, presiding, introduced Attorney G. D. Bailey, who made the "Citizen of the Year" award to Charles B. Gillespie, consisting of a beautiful silver tray, suitably engraved and a framed certificate, gifts of Glen Raven Mills.

In making the award, Mr. Bailey cited some of Mr. Gillespie's outstanding qualities, among them being his high character and his deep concern and regard for the welfare of his fellowman.

A native of Burnsville, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Gillespie, Charles is a graduate of Burnsville High School, and in 1954 was graduated from the University of North Carolina's School of Pharmacy. Married to the former Rebecca Turner of Pink Hill, N. C., they are the parents of 6 year old twin sons, Joe and Davis.

After working in Pink Hill and Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie returned to his home town in 1960, where he, in partnership with Ferrell McCurry, bought Pollard's Drug Store.

Since his return to Burnsville, Mr. Gillespie has participated actively the civic life of the town and county. He has served as President of the Men's Club; also as President and Vice President of the Chamber of Com-

merce. While serving as Pres. of the Chamber of Commerce, Burnsville launched its first Christmas Parade.

A dedicated churchman, Mr. Gillespie is a member of Higgins Memorial United Methodist Church, and is an associate district lay leader for the church. He is a Sunday School teacher and past superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mr. Gillespie is presently serving as chairman of the Yancey County Board of Elections, a job which he fills capably with no thought but for the welfare of the county, disregarding the hours spent on the job or the effect it might have on his business.

O. W. Deyton, Chmn. of the County Board of Commissioners, introduced James A. Graham, the N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, who was guest speaker. In his talk, Mr. Graham stated that the mountains of Western N. C., could be the "fountainhead" of vegetable production in the United States. He said that the warm days and cool nights put a flavor in tomatoes and other vegetables that cannot be matched anywhere. He also told the gathering that the special needs of the mountain area are reflected in several appropriation requests the N. C. Dept. of Agriculture has proposed for the 1969 biennium.

Mr. Graham also stated that a central service laboratory is required for improved milk testing, and that the Lab would be installed near Asheville, replacing a surplus, step-van panel truck now stationed at Fletcher.

In referring to food distribution, Graham said, "We have only two warehouses in the

state but need five to handle the increased volume. Asheville is a central, suitable location for another warehouse."

The Commissioner added that progress made by W.N.C. citizens in recent years has been "truly phenomenal", adding that several counties have literally pulled themselves up by their own bootstraps.

E. L. Dillingham, Farm Extension Agent, announced the Community awards. James F. Davis, President of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council and chief, USDA's Eastern Aerial Photographic Laboratory, made the awards, as follows: First prize of \$150 to Newdale Community Club; second prize of \$125 to Arbuckle Community Club; third prize of \$100 to Green Mountain Club; fourth prize of \$75 to White Oak Community; and fifth prize of \$45 to Rocky Springs Community. In the Youth Program, first place went to White Oak, with Newdale winning second place.

Money for these awards was given by Northwestern Bank, French Broad Electric and United Fund — the Bank providing \$100, French Broad Electric, \$100, and United Fund \$296.

In Horticulture awards, Lawrence Ray won first place, with a prize of \$50.00; and John S. Ramsey second place with a \$25 prize. These were given by the Yancey Chamber of Commerce for trellis tomatoes. These awards were figured on a per acre basis. On this basis, Mr. Ray, with 6 tenths of an acre, would have made \$5,494.20, while Mr. Ramsey, on his 14 one hundredths of an acre would have made \$4,731.80. This should be very

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## NORTHWESTERN BANK PURCHASES PROPERTY FOR NEW BANK BUILDING

### Fouts Named Area Director



Dover R. Fouts, Jr., has been named area director-South America for International B. F. Goodrich Company, a division of The B. F. Goodrich Company, Akron, Ohio.

He had been president and managing director of B. F. Goodrich do Brazil, S. A., International B. F. Goodrich subsidiary in Sao Paulo, Brazil, since 1966.

In his newly created position, he will be responsible for all operations of International B. F. Goodrich in South America. He will continue to serve as president of B. F. Goodrich do Brazil and will retain his head-

quarters at the Sao Paulo offices of the Brazilian subsidiary.

Fouts joined BFG in 1958 as sales manager for the then newly organized Brazilian subsidiary. He was named managing director of the subsidiary in 1965 and became president, as well, in 1966. He was graduated from Wake Forest College with a B. S. degree in economics. He is a native of Burnsville, N. C.

According to an announcement this week, The Northwestern Bank here is in the process of purchasing property for the construction of a new banking facility in Burnsville. Bank officials said the property being purchased is the Briggs property at the east corner of the town square. The tract of land is being purchased from Mrs. Olive Ford, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Briggs.

The Burnsville office of The Northwestern Bank is one of the original banks to come under operation by the Northwestern chain of banks. The bank began operation here July 1, 1937 under the new charter. For a short period previous to that date, a branch of Merchants and Farmers Bank of Bakersville was in operation here.

Although construction will not begin before 1970, current plans are for the construction of a complete banking facility, including drive-up windows for customer conveniences.

Members of the local Board of Directors are Robert Presnell, Reece McIntosh, Joe Young, J. G. Edge, James A. Anglin, James W. Ray, and E. F. Hunter, Jr. Mr. Anglin is a member of the General Board of Directors of the bank.



Mrs. Nancy Boone receives first place award of \$150.00 for Newdale in Community Development Program from James F. Davis