

Local Pair Charged In Murder

BURNSVILLE - A man and his wife, John Willard Metcalf and Elsie Pate Metcalf, were charged with murder Tuesday in the fatal shooting of a Cleveland, Ohio man, Mrs. Metcalf's brother.

According to Yancey County Deputy Sheriff Fred Robinson, Vance R. Pate, 37, of Cleveland, formerly of Burnsville, was fatally wounded late Sunday afternoon at the home of his brother-in-law, John W. Metcalf of Burnsville Route 3.

Pate was shot once in the chest with a 9 mm. automatic pistol, Robinson said.

The couple have made no statement up to this time, and Sheriff Robinson declined comment on circumstances surrounding the shooting. The amount of Bail Bond has not yet been determined and they are being held in the Yancey County Jail.

Surviving are the widow Mrs. Betty Collins Pate; a daughter, Miss Helen Pate, and a son, Bobby Pate, all of Cleveland; the parents, Mr. and Mrs. John D. Pate Sr. of Burnsville, Route 3; four sisters, Mrs. Elsie Metcalf and Mrs. Mafra Wilson, both of Burnsville Route 3; Mrs. Nola Bradford of Burnsville Route 4 and Mrs. Lurene Hawkins of Old Fort, Tennessee; four brothers, Cartie, Charley and John D. Jr., all of Burnsville and H. B. Pate of Cleveland.

Services for the deceased were held at 2 p. m. Wednesday in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Swiss.

Letter From Governor Appoints Briggs To Beautification Post

The Area Development President has appointed Mrs. Ernest Briggs of Burnsville, N.C., as a member of the Area Beautification Committee and chairman of the Yancey County Beautification Committee.

In a letter to Mrs. Briggs, Governor Robert W. Scott also appointed her as County Beautification Coordinator for Yancey County to work with the Governor's own Committee.

The North Carolina Governor wrote, "In the near future, you will hear from James B. Godwin, Governor's Beautification Committee President, who will in-

Industries Solve Big Problem: Provide Care For Workers' Kids

Who will keep little Johnny while his mother goes to work to help his father earn a livelihood?

If other industries in North Carolina follow the example set by the Skyland Textile Company located in Morganton, there won't be a problem, he'll go to work with her.

This company, which employs mostly women in its manufacturing of children's clothing became concerned when in one year 90 women had to quit their jobs to take care of their children.

Scores of others took countless days off to tend to their tots. Many more were kept from working there because they can't

find a nursery or baby sitter for the kids.

When someone estimated that it cost the company about \$800 to hire, train, and get full-production from a new employee, action followed at Skyland, nestled in the foothills of Western North Carolina.

The response of Skyland was to spend \$100,000 to build and equip a day care center big enough to care for 118 children between the ages of two and six.

Day Care Consultants from the North Carolina Department of Social Services worked with the company in its plans for the center and Skyland has become the first industrial day care cen-

ter in the State licensed by the Department.

Skyland hired four teachers, a director and a dietitian to operate the plant, which opened July 7 with 18 children.

Since then, the enrollment has doubled and inquiries about the program from other industries and even from the mayor of Cleveland, Ohio have flowed in to the plant's personnel office.

An outstanding feature of the Skyland Center is that child development is stressed over the mere operation of a baby sitting service.

Ned Thompson, personnel director at Skyland, who has experience and training in educational work, explained that while

the main purpose of the center is to enable mothers to continue working, it is also a help in upgrading the community by developing a child's ability in learning to work and play constructively with others. This program will build up good potential for later years by developing a child socially. By the time they get to school, after going through our program, they are well prepared," he said.

Planners hope the center will be financially self-sufficient with a full enrollment. However, the profit from the enterprise will be derived by reducing absenteeism, turnover and allowing more mothers to enter industry with adequate child care provided.

Before a child is enrolled, he must have a physician's certification. Fees after acceptance are \$11.50 per week for one child, \$18 for two children of the same family and \$24 for three from the same family.

Since Skyland opened its center in July, the Vanderbilt Shirt Company of Asheville has opened a similar day care center.

Herbert Wadopian, president of the Vanderbilt Company, said that the center will be operated as a child guidance and development center similar to the Skyland program. He pointed out that emphasis has been placed on guidelines established by the State Department of Social Services to provide for the physical well being of the child, and to give him a definite head start on the formal learning processes.

North Carolina Commissioner of Social Services Clifton M. Craig, whose department provides consultation and voluntary licensing for day care centers, states, "We are extremely glad to see North Carolina's industry move in this direction. We feel it will provide more mothers the opportunity to work. In addition to our consultation and licensing services, we provide funds for the payment of day care for children of certain welfare recipients who become employed. This provides them with an incentive to work and become self-sufficient. Adequate day care facilities are not always available for these children, but if more industries follow the example these two companies set, the problem would cease to exist."

Yancey Chamber Of Commerce President Appoints New Committees For 1969-1970

The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce held their regular monthly meeting last Thursday night and elected Bill Banks to finish out Paul Wooten's term as vice-president Paul Wooten moved from this vicinity, having been reassigned to another area by the telephone company. The president, Garrett D. Bailey, appointed the following people to 1969 - 1970 Committees:

1) INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS
George Roberts, Chairman
Members: W. A. Banks, James Ray, J. A. Anglin, Philip Ray, Fred Bacon, R. K. Helms, Luther Ayers, Lowe Thomas,

Edgar Hunter, Jr., Lacy Johnson and Arney Fox.

2) ROADS

Philip M. Thomas, Chairman
Members: Harlan Holcombe, Donald Westall, Francis Robinson, Joe Young, Paul Biggerstaff, Jay Edge, Ivan Peterson, Charles H. Anglin, Dr. R. K. Ransom, Cecil G. Anglin, Reece McIntosh, John B. Westall.

3) YANCEY PROMOTION

Ray Vance Miller, Chairman
Members: J. C. Styles, Olen Shepard, Jack Biggerstaff, Mrs. Margaret Tyner, George Downing, Rush Wray, Everett Kivette, Jerry Holcombe, Ellis T. Moody, Edward A. Yuziuk, J. Arde H

Sink, Richard Lee McIntosh and Dean Chrisawn.

4) AGRICULTURE

Oss Deyton, Chairman
Members: J. F. Robinson, Joe Young, Earl Young, E. L. Dillingham, B. T. Howell, Clayton Whitson, Ed Gouge, and Wilbur Howard.

5) EDUCATION

Jack Biggerstaff and Mrs. Margaret Tyner, co-Chairmen
Members: J. C. Styles, Philip M. Thomas, Charles Hensley, J. F. Robinson, Claude Vess, W. A. Banks, James Ray, Cuss Peterson, Woodrow M. Anglin, Dr. Garland E. Wampler, I. E. Clevenger, Phillip O. Styles, Bess Lewis, Julia A. Banks, Charles Gillespie and Lloyd Miller.

6) YOUTH OPPORTUNITY

Claude Vess, Chairman
Members: Bill Banks, Olen Shepard, Donald Westall, James Ray, Dr. E. R. Ohle, Hal Cooper, Tommy Hylemon, Donald Buckner, James Byrd, Bill Hess.

7) RECREATION

Charles Hensley, Chairman
Members: Donald Westall, Fred Bacon, D. K. McClure, Arnold Higgins, Bob Thomas, John Maddox, Ben Lee Hensley, Ted Ballou and James Covington.

8) ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTSMANSHIP

J. C. Styles, Co-ordinator
9) MT. MITCHELL CRAFTS FESTIVAL - August 7 and 8, 1970



Mrs. E. L. Briggs

, Director

form you in more detail of the purpose and objectives of the beautification program in North Carolina."

"By working together we will be able to accomplish what could never be done individually: for our state to be known as the cleanest, most beautiful state in the nation."

These words from Governor Scott bring added significance to the work which many Yancey Countians have already been doing towards beautifying our area. We congratulate Mrs. Ernest Briggs on her appointment.