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**Educators Discuss Community Colleges**

Senator Donald R. Kincaid, representatives John Walter Brown, Jeter L. Haynes and William E. Stevens representing counties in the Western North Carolina area were guests of four community colleges and technical institutes Saturday at the Lenior Country Club. Talk traced the history of the North Carolina system and emphasized the role being played by Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute, Mayland Technical Institute, Western Piedmont College and Wilkes Community College. It was pointed out that the four institutions in our section of the state have an inventory of major equipment valued at more than three million dollars. The current expense budget of

these schools is almost five million for this school year. These four institutions today offer 65 occupational programs to the thousands of adult students. W. B. Wilkins, chairman of the board of trustees of Mayland Tech. explained the budget requests of the four institutions. The role the institutions play in the growth of the communities they serve was outlined by Milton J. Ingram, trustee of Wilkes Community College. Mark Bennett and James Fox of Burnsville, members of the board of trustees of MAY Tech. also attended. From left to right: Ralph Gwaltney, Mayland Tech.; Dr. O. M. Blake, Mayland Tech.; William B. Wilkins; Kincaid; Mark Bennett and James Fox.

## First Citizens Bank To Hold Open House Monday; Valuable Cash Prizes Slated For Lucky Winners

Six lucky people will be loaded down with money when they leave First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company's formal opening of the bank's new Burnsville office to be held Monday, January 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p. m.

The cash prizes are 100 silver dollars, 180 half-dollars, 340 quarters, 800 dimes, 1,500 nickels and 5,000 pennies. Conversion of these prizes to dollars are respectively as follows: \$100, \$90 in halves, \$85 in quarters, \$80 in dimes, \$75 in nickels and \$50 in pennies.

Each prize will be on display in heavy plastic bags during First-Citizens' Open House which immediately follows the opening ceremonies.

First-Citizens new Burnsville Office is located on Highway 19 and will open for business at 9:00 a. m. Tuesday morning, January 23.

In announcing the prizes,

Ben Floyd, assistant vice president and executive officer of the bank, explained that all prizes would be awarded at the conclusion of the Open House. To be eligible to win, simply come by the bank during the opening and fill out a registration card. All area residents are invited to attend, Floyd said.

The silver coin prizes will be for those 16 years old and over. The 5,000 pennies will be awarded to a youngster 15 and under.

Participating in the opening ceremony will be George Broadrick, executive vice president of First-Citizens; Sidney Hughes, senior vice president and regional supervisor; Burnsville Mayor James Anglin; County Commission Chairman O. W. Deyton; the Rev. Harold McDonald, pastor of First Baptist Church and Ben Floyd, manager of the bank.

The new Burnsville Office of First-Citizens Bank will provide all major banking services. These include savings, checking, lending as well as drive-up window, safe deposit boxes and night depository. Banking hours will be from 9 to 5 Monday through Thursday, and 9 to 6 on Friday and 9 to 12 on Saturday.

Staffing the First-Citizens Office, in addition to Floyd, will be Brenda Edwards, Faye

Hughes, Wilma Woody, Maxine Miller and Denise Wentz.

The bank building is constructed of native stone and is designed for maximum customer convenience. The story and one-half structure contains approximately 4,500 square feet with 3,400 square feet on the main banking floor.

The Burnsville Office is the 179th office of First-Citizens in North Carolina. The Smithfield based bank has offices in 76 Tar Heel cities.

## Town Left Without Water Two Days Due To Failures In Water System

As a result of two separate and unrelated failures in the Burnsville water system last week, the town was virtually without water last Thursday and Friday. It was an example of the frequently observed fact that when things start to go wrong, the failures don't seem to occur singly.

First, the main line bringing water down from the water shed at the head of Bolens Creek broke. For several hours the location of the break was not discovered, as the escaping water failed to surface, but found a channel under ground directly into Bolens Creek. For some hours the town's maintenance force worked under the assumption that the line had gotten plugged with ice or other material. All they knew was that no water was reaching the filter plant.

Once the break was discovered, which was in front of Roy Ray's house on Bolens Creek, the line was promptly repaired.

This was late in the day before the biting cold night last Thursday. Then the second blow struck in the form of a freeze-up of this severity would not normally occur in the town's water system. But last week both intakes were vulnerable because the work of rebuilding the dams as part of the town's project of improving the water system were still incomplete.

Town officials have expressed strong criticism of the contractor, the Brown Construction Company, for leaving construction work on the dams, high up on the side of Celso Mountain, until winter. The Town's maintenance force, after several hours of bitter cold work in and around the ice choked streams, contrived an arrangement that gets ice-free water into the filter plant. Once the contractor finishes his work, the town should be safe from a recurrence. Also, if the new two million gallon reservoir had been

## YCPA Discusses Tomato Co-op Plight; Urges Farmers To Market Crop At Home

By Jody Higgins

At the annual meeting of the Yancey County Producers Association held January 15, tomato growers in the county discussed the prospects for the coming year with emotion and determination.

Less than half of the tomatoes grown in the County were marketed through the local tomato house in 1972, causing the house to face possible shut-down if more tomatoes are not processed by the YCPA in 1973. The approval of the FHA loan for operating the co-op insures operation for the 1973 tomato season.

Yates Bailey, president of the Producers Association, said "The doors were almost closed, but they are wide open now and it is up to us whether or not we keep them open. If tomatoes aren't marketed through the tomato house, it won't be open for another year."

In 1972, forty acres of tomatoes were grown in the county, more than enough to keep the tomato house open, but only about 19 acres were marketed through the co-op.

Bailey added that local growers who sell their tomatoes to other markets are losing as much as 50¢ per box by not bringing their produce to the tomato house. He stressed that the tomato house is for all Yancey County producers and can survive only if they market their crops through the house.

Bailey was optimistic for 1973. "If the farmers of Yancey County will try we can market at least 40 to 50 acres of tomatoes through the tomato house." Important to the success of the house is not only marketing through the house, but increasing acreage.

Several of those present ex-

pressed their feelings about being tomato growers and the need for the packing house.

Ms. Dorothy Fox, a member of the Directors of the Producers Ass'n said, "If the tomato house closed, it would be like taking my arms off, because that's the only real money I make on the farm."

Tomato grower Earl Fox said, "It's the best thing people can grow to make a cash crop -- it's better than tobacco."

"Last year was my first year," added grower Wayne McCurry, "I made \$2,600 on 4/10 acre -- there's more money in it than in tobacco."

In other business, the terms

of three of the directors of the Producers Ass'n expired. Yates Bailey was re-elected as President, Wayne McCurry replaced John G. Ramsey as Secretary after Ramsey announced that he could not serve again. The Association then voted to make Ramsey an Honorary Director.

Molt Hensley was also elected as a Director. Other officers re-elected were Hugh Pate, vice-president and Jerry Wilson, treasurer.

Summary of the annual audit showed the following:

Sale of Tomatoes.. \$112,114.60  
Payment to Yancey  
County growers.. 78,753.31  
Salaries and Wages.. 15,567.53

Net Income for Yancey County... \$94,320.84  
These figures show that the Tomato House brought more than \$94,000.00 to Yancey County residents for the 1972 season which ran from August 1 through October 1.

Although this is a substantial figure for a seasonal operation, it does not indicate the potential of the tomato house if Yancey growers would support their cooperative.

Yates Bailey closed the annual meeting by urging all members of the YCPA to contact the farmers interested in growing tomatoes and explain to them the cash potential in growing tomatoes.

## Mt. Mitchell Lands Golf Architect Finalizes Plans For Yancey Course

Fred W. Hawtree, famed English golf architect and his partner A. H. F. Jiggins, are in Yancey County to finalize plans for the Mt. Mitchell Golf Club.

The proposed 18-hole championship golf course is part of a 500-acre development in the South Toe River area which will also include homesites.

The dual project is organized under a two-family ownership which includes E. V. Floyd and son Jim of Alamance County and Harold King and son Lee of Hickory.

The Mt. Mitchell course is Hawtree's first venture in the U. S., however, he has designed courses in many parts of the world. This is his second visit to the Mt. Mitchell site.

On his first visit, in July of last year, Hawtree described the site as having the potential to be one of the most beautiful golf layouts anywhere, but dur-

ing this second visit he has changed his mind.

"I am even more enchanted with the course than I was before. Without the trees that were there in the summer, you can visualize what a superb

site it really is," explained Mr. Hawtree.

The golf course site is located below the towering beauty of Mt. Mitchell, the highest point in eastern America, with

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## Northwestern Financial Corp Shows Gain For Past Year

The unaudited, consolidated net earnings of Northwestern Financial Corporation for the year 1972 were \$6,964,139 or \$1.53 per share. This compares with \$6,501,402 or \$1.43 per share for the year 1971, an increase of 7.11 percent or approximately 10 cents per share. The 1971 figures are adjusted to reflect a 50 percent stock dividend and the restatement of equity in net earnings of a nonconsolidated Bank subsidiary.

The Northwestern Bank, the principal subsidiary of Northwestern Financial Corporation, contributed the major part of the earnings for the Corporation. Total deposits of the Bank on December 31, 1972 were \$769,577,134, an increase over 1971 of 21.88 percent. Loans increased 22.81 percent. Assets at year end were in the amount of \$867,000,000 an increase of 22.22 percent over

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## Lions Sponsor Snack Stand

The Burnsville Lion's Club is sponsoring a snack stand located between the Burnsville Post Office building and the old court house.

The stand which will carry soft drinks, candy and cigarettes, will be operated by Pete Hensley. The Lions Club gave \$125 in cash to stock the stand.

The stand was originally built by the Lions for Ralph Peterson, a Burnsville Policeman who lost his sight in the line of duty. Peterson is now disabled and unable to operate the stand.



Pete Hensley



**Officers Installed At Lodge Meeting**

Officers for 1973 were installed in Burnsville Lodge No. 717 A. F. & A. M. on December 29th. Shown above (first row) are Henschel Holcombe-DDGM, installing officer and secretary of the Lodge; James C. Evans, Treasurer; Howard Buchanan, Jr., Steward (proxy for Larry Wilson); H. Paul Branton, Master; L. Terrell Wilson, Sr., Warden; Howard D. Silva, Marshall; W. Rodney Howell, Tyler; and Bruce C. Smith, Sr., Steward. In back row are R. Dennis Carroway, Jr., Warden; Richard D. Wilson, Sr., Deacon; J. Lee Thompson, Jr., Deacon and Lawrence C. Wilson, Chaplain.