

Northwestern Bank Grows With Area

The Northwestern Bank had its beginning in 1903 with the founding of the Bank of Sparta. The Burnsville bank became a part of Northwestern in 1937 and has grown from a branch office with one employee to a full-service, two-building operation with twenty-seven employees.

In 1931 the Citizen's Bank of Yancey which was constructed in 1926 did not reopen after President Franklin Roosevelt's Bank Moratorium was declared. Later, in 1933, the Merchants and Farmers Bank of Bakersville opened a branch office in Burnsville. Then on July 1, 1937 banks in Bakersville, Burnsville, Boone, Sparta and North Wilkesboro were merged to form the Northwestern Bank.

In 1970 a new main office building for the Burnsville branch was completed. The attractive new building on the

town square contains 3,000 square feet of floor space. Until June, 1972 the old building, with its massive vault and ornate ceiling, still housed the Installment Loan office of the Bank. However, a new Northwestern Installment Loan office was constructed on the Bypass in the Silvers and Dellinger Shopping Center and opened for business on June 23, 1972. This branch is now a full-service office.

In November of 1972 the old building on the town square was given to Yancey County by the Northwestern Bank to be used as a public library. Hazen Ledford, executive vice president of The Northwestern Bank in Burnsville; James Anglin, member of the Burnsville Board of Directors of the Bank as well as the overall board of the bank; and Reece McIntosh, Chairman of the Board of the Bank, made the presentation to O. W.

Deyton of the Board of Commissioners, Yancey County. The main office on the Town Square has, in addition to the greater amount of space, a drive-in window. This office has 15 employees. The new Bypass Branch, with Martin Shuford as manager, has 12 employees.

The local Board of Directors

of the Burnsville office consists of James Anglin, who is also on the main Board of Directors; Reece McIntosh, Chairman; with the following members: Edgar F. Hunter, Jr., J. G. Edge, Robert Presnell, James Ray, Joe Young, Charles Gillespie, Jr., James Proffitt, Oscar Dayton and J. Ardell

Sink. The progress of the Northwestern Bank in Burnsville is attributed not only to the modernization of facilities and equipment, but to the excellent personal relationship of the directors, officers and employees with the people of Yancey County.



Attractive Main Building Of Northwestern Bank

Yancey Builders: Progress

Yancey Builders Supply has served the building needs of this area for the past 16 years.

In 1959 Roberts and Johnson Lumber Company was on the point of liquidation when a group of Yancey County citizens—George Roberts, Ivan Peterson, J. O. Shepherd and Bis Randolph joined hands to buy the business so that the people of this area would not be deprived of a builders' supply company. A short time later, J. O. Shepherd and George Roberts purchased Ivan Peterson's interest in the business.

In 1959 the new owners changed the name to Yancey Builders Supply Company and appointed Olen Shepherd to serve in the capacity of general manager, secretary, treasurer, and vice president, with George Roberts acting as president.

According to Shepherd, the past fourteen years of growth and progress by Yancey Builders can be attributed to the response and cooperation of the

people of this area.

Yancey Builders is engaged in serving the people of this area by selling all types of building materials and by general contracting. They presently have over 50 employees, which includes five building crews. According to Shepherd, the annual payroll is in excess of \$150,000.

In the past few years, Yancey Builders has contributed a great deal to the growth of the county by providing materials as well as labor. In fact, the demand for general contracting cannot always be filled immediately by the five expert crews at Yancey Builders. Shepherd said that at present contracting jobs must be placed on a waiting list.

The people at Yancey Builders have always been conscientious in both business transactions and work performance. Shepherd feels that these factors, along with the cooperation of the people of the county, have allowed Yancey

Builders Supply to progress—and in turn contribute to the growth of Yancey County.



Northwestern Bank Installment Loan Office On By Pass

Mohasco Corporation Achievement

Burnsville Mill has been a part of the carpet industry since 1956 when The Firth Carpet Company leased a building owned by the Duplan Corp. and set up facilities for the manufacture of yarn. The carpet industry at the time was entering a new era of growth, and in establishing Burnsville Mill, Firth was assuring itself of a dependable source of yarn for its growing line of nationally known carpets.

In 1962, when the assets of Firth were acquired by Mohasco Industries, Inc., Burnsville Mill became associated with a dynamic new company that had been formed a mere 6 years earlier with the merger of two time-honored names in carpeting: Mohawk Carpet Mills and The Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company.

In the comparatively short time that Mohasco has been in existence, it has become widely known as a company on the move. Through product innovations, market expansion, merger and acquisition, it has become the world's largest manufacturer of carpets and rugs, and a leading maker of interior furnishings. Today, the sales well in excess of half a billion dollars, Mohasco is on the final step of a five year, multi-million dollar plan that will enable it to take full advantage of the rapidly growing home furnishing and commercial furnishings market.

Burnsville Mill was one of the first divisions of Mohasco to benefit from this capital improvement program. During the past three years more than three million has been invested in the Burnsville facility in new plant and equipment. As a result of this expansion approximately 250 new job opportunities have been created at Burnsville Mill.

The progress being made at Burnsville Mill is typical of the dynamic growth and change that has taken place in the carpet industry. Advances in technology have so revolutionized this industry that 90% of all carpet produced today features methods, techniques and materials unheard of 20 years ago.

One such product is the new, modified worsted yarn now being spun at Burnsville Mill. At one time, the very best carpets were woven of worsted woolen yarn. However, because the process of producing woolen worsted yarns was so costly, it was discontinued by carpet manufacturers many years ago. Today, thanks to modern

technology, a new way has been discovered to produce the worsted type yarns from synthetic fibers at reasonable cost, and Burnsville Mill is in the forefront in the utilization of this technique.

Young and dynamic though Mohasco is, the firm is not without its history and tradition. Its roots go back to 1878 when four Shuttleworth brothers brought 14 used looms from England and set them up in the basement of a mill in Amsterdam, New York.

The Shuttleworths have been identified with weaving for centuries. The family name refers to the shuttle of the loom, and the father of the four brothers, William—himself the son of an English weaver—had received a certificate of merit signed by Napoleon III at the Paris Exposition in 1855. The carpet company formed by the Shuttleworth brothers grew over the years to become the famous Mohawk Carpet Mills.

More history and tradition were added in 1955 when Mohawk merged with Alexander Smith and Sons Carpet Company to form Mohasco Industries, Inc.

The Smith Company, too,

possessed an old and honored name. In 1845, a young man by the name of Alexander Smith bought a small rug mill consisting of 18 hand looms and some spinning equipment, located at West Farms, New York.

In 1856 a breakthrough came in the development of a power loom and patents were secured for the Axminster Power Loom—an innovation that eventually changed the manufacturing of carpets all over the world.

On January 31, 1962, The Firth Carpet Company, with its long record of achievement in featuring products of exceptional quality and design since 1884, merged into Mohasco Industries, Inc. thereby adding its measure of experience and integrity to those of the world's largest carpet manufacturer.

In 1974 the stockholders at the annual meeting approved a change in name from Mohasco Industries, Inc. to Mohasco

Corporation with a goal to create greater awareness of the range and diversity of Mohasco's products and services.

Flowers By Vance—A Successful Business

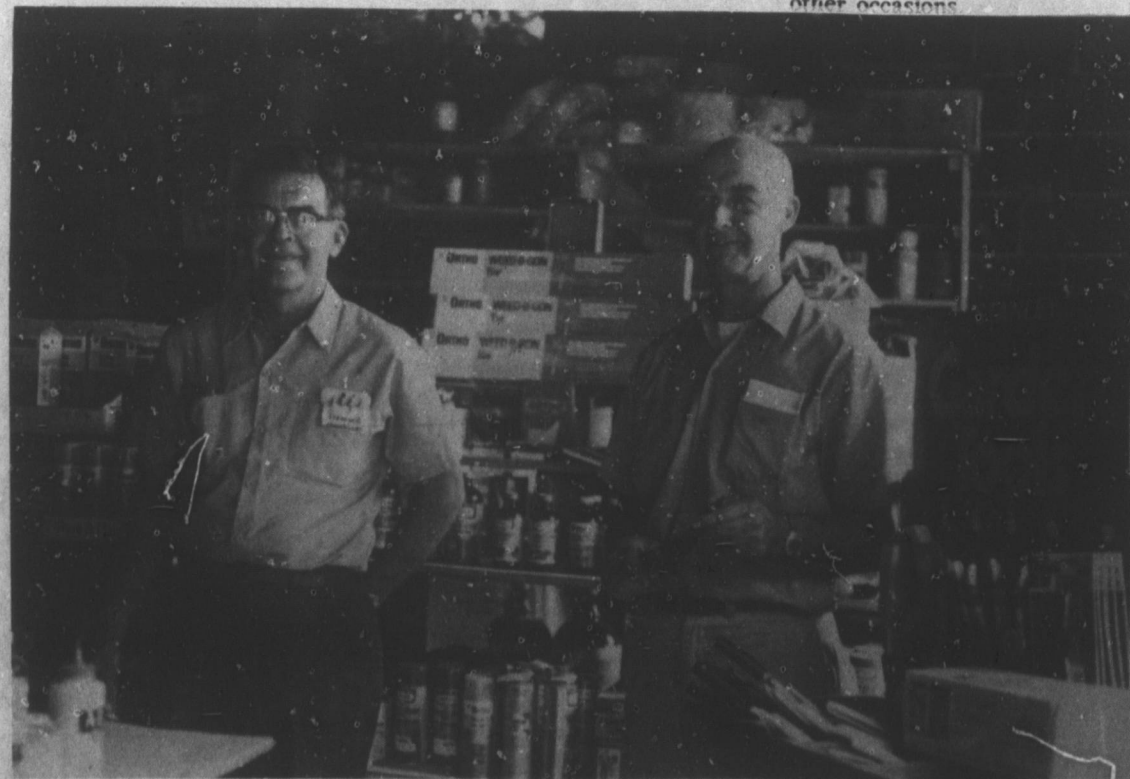
On March 3, 1969 Vance McKinney purchased the flower shop business of Ruby's Flowers and Gifts uptown. In the past four years this shop, located on Main Street across from Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home, has proven to be a highly successful operation for McKinney.

The shop includes a full line of fresh flowers, artificial and cemetery flowers, and home arrangements. Vance also supplies flowers to weddings, both large and small, all over Yancey

County. Employees who work in the "Flowers by Vance" shop are skilled in the art of flower arranging. They include Peggy Bailey and Mary Glen Penland.

The present building occupied by Flowers by Vance was formerly a service station. It took creativity and a lot of hard work to convert it into a flower shop with a unique look.

Flowers by Vance is open from 8:30 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., but the employees put in many long hours for funeral work and other occasions.



Deyton Farm Supply Supplies Area Needs

Deyton Farm Supply, located on West Main in Burnsville has been supplying the feed and farm needs of Yancey County since 1951. Since beginning the operation 23 years ago, this farm supply company has added milking equipment and a custom feed milling service. Another service offered by Dayton Farm Supply is delivery of bulk feed orders. According to owner O. W. Dayton over 90% of their business comes from Yancey County farmers and dairymen. Pictured above with Dayton [right] is J. B. Stamey who is a partner in the business. In addition to these two men, Rex Byrd is employed at Dayton Farm Supply, as well as Willoree Jobe.

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