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FARM BUREAU ANSON Anson County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting Monday, October 3rd

Location: Lockhart-Taylor Center 514 North Washington Street • Wadesboro, NC

Time: **Doors will open at 6:15 p.m.** Dinner starts at 6:30 **p.m.** Business meeting starts at 7 **p.m.**

Admission: We can only allow 2 people per membership

You must be present for your guest to come. *Please present your membership card at the door.

This is the Annual Meeting of the members of the Anson County Farm Bureau, Inc., a North Carolina corporation (the "Corporation"). During the meeting, the members will consider a proposed amendment to the Corporation's bylaws regarding the eligibility





National Hotel & Coffee Shop

The National Hotel and Coffee Shop goes back quite a few years - yet has many interesting "happenings" for so many people who are still here.

The hotel was open for business when we moved to Wadesboro - and was a busy place on the block that began at Parsons Drug Store - going down the hill west to the corner and including the First National Bank, a bakery, offices, other businesses that included parts of the foundation of First Baptist (now on Lee Avenue). Dave Mills was operating the hotel then, later Mattie Davis (sister of Pines) and husband Vic...and still later M. J. Hamer and wife Louise kept it going until it was sold to D. B. Goodman.

Many traveling salesmen lodged there, even some who had come to town on the train.

Talking with Harry Hodges as he remembered friends of his dad (H. G. Hodges, Sr.), some of whom made their home at the hotel. One was Burgess Medley. He had a room there, as did Deacon Rivers who was at that time President of Wade Manufacturing Company and Mayor of Wadesboro. Deacon had a new Buick, but he couldn't

The coffee shop was a good Allen Lyon's place to eat. grandfather, Dr. Bob Lyon, who was the first Wadesboro Lions Club president, dined there in the early years while planning, and then, after chartering in 1949, the Lions Club. The Wadesboro Lions had their monthly meetings there - all enjoying a "good home cooked" meal, home made hot rolls, dessert and coffee/tea....all this for \$1! Loretta Oliver, who was a young waitress there, still remembers some of her early working days.

The barber shop next door was operated by Ned Harkey and Dewey Hildreth for a time – later Dr. James Smith had his office there (later moving to South Greene Street) and the last ones in that part of the building were J. B. Crider and his wife. They opened their jewelry and repair business in the 1940's.

About to forget, I only did signs on the hotel windows one time...in the 1940's. I did gold letters with black trim – and the cost – well it couldn't have been much!

Now the main hotel/coffee shop building was closed about 1950, and D. Bruce Goodman opened a furniture store, displaying furniture not only in the lobby, but in special rooms as well. However, on March 31, 1958, a very disastrous fire destroyed the entire building, including Bun and Gertrude Crider's jewelry store.

requirements for the Corporation's Officers and Directors.

We look forward to seeing you there. Ronnie Mills, President



drive it - instead, he depended on Harry Huntley's dad, "Mr. Henry," to drive or have someone who could take him to the office!

About the two men in the picture sitting on the bench close to the barber shop entrance – they could have been hotel guests or "haircut customers!"

Thanks to so many who have shared some of their memories on this and other articles! Ed



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