## Bancshares

RALEIGH - Banshares of North Carolina, Inc., parent company of Bank of North Carolina, N.A., had net income of \$1,135,206 (53 cents per share) for the three months ended March 31, 1982, an increase of 24.2 per cent over net income of \$914,080 (43 cents per share) for the three months ended March 31, 1981.

There were no gains or losses on securities transactions during either period. Total assets of Bancshares of North Carolina, Inc., \$441,348,007 at March 31, compared \$379,554,024 at March 31, 1981.

## On Old Age

By Ernest Messer

RALEIGH - Old age is revered and respected in many counties, but attitudes toward the elderly vary widely. They range from ancestor worship in some countries to downright disdain in others.

In American the elderly have earned the respect of their families and society. Through hard work they have acquired knowledge, experience and abilities. That wisdom is a national resource.

May is Older Americans Month and the theme of "Aging Together" reminds us that as a nation senior citizens are the fastest growing segment of the population.

'Aging Together' involves the intergenerational approach - the meeting of senior citizens, family members and youth. The theme also underscores the idea that the support provided to older people today will benefit our youth tomorrow.

Perhaps these young people will be able to dispel all the myths connected with aging by the time thy reach the so called golden age. These myths prejudice the thinking of many people against the abilities and resources of the older population.

Some of the myths suggest that the older worker is more of a burden than an asset when evidence points to the fact that older workers are more reliable, less frequently absent and more responsible in job attitude. They also show more care and precision in carrying out work assign-

It is also said that older people cannot change and they have trouble learning. Both of these are myths. Emotional disorders that make elderly appear senile can be mistaken for organic brain disease simply because the person is older. Or intellectual performance between young and old differ because of social and educational factors. There is no biological - based decline in intelligence based on age.

Older people do not lose their creativity. In music, art, writing, science, education and politics there are those whose later years of life can be the most productive and rewarding. Alexander Fleming developed penicillin between his 60th and 70th birthdays and then went on to develop uses of the first antibiotics. Louis Pasteur received acclaim for his work while in his 60's. Winston Churchill was at his peak in his late 60's. leading his country through World War II. There are many more examples of progressive, and productive older people. During Older Americans Month the achievements of older adults should be recognized and honored. The young, the middle aged and the elderly can all learn from group interaction.

After all, as a nation, as a state, as a community, we are all aging together.





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