

## UCB Names Caudle To President's Club

Irene Caudle, a banker at UCB's Ocean Isle branch office, is one of 59 employees of United Carolina Bancshares to receive special recognition.

They have been named members of UCB's President's Club for exceeding their company goals and consistently demonstrating superior performance throughout the year. They qualified out of UCB's 1,900 total employees.

They and their guests were honored at a banquet during the President's Club weekend May 21-23 at Grove Park Inn in Asheville.

United Carolina Bancshares Corporation has assets of \$2.8 billion. Its two major subsidiaries, United Carolina Bank and United Carolina Bank of South Carolina, operate 130 offices in 76 Carolina communities.

### Osteopath Becomes Board Certified

Dr. Patrick K. Ryan of Little River Medical Center was recently notified of his board certification in general practice by the American Osteopathic Board of General Practice.

Dr. Ryan, an osteopathic physician, earned his bachelor's degree in biology from California State University at Fullerton. He graduated from the University of Health Sciences College of Osteopathic Medicine in Kansas City, Missouri.

He completed a one-year rotating internship and a two-year residency program in general practice at Still Regional Medical Center in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Dr. Ryan has been practicing at Little River Medical Center since August 1992.

### Pension Seminar Set

A one-hour seminar on the Simplified Employee Pension (SEP)

retirement plan will be offered at Brunswick Community College north of Supply Tuesday, June 1, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the ALS Building teaching auditorium.

The presentation by Roger G. Simmons is aimed at business owners, sole proprietors and independent contractors. Simmons will discuss the current tax-saving benefits of SEP plans and will discuss tax-deferred investment growth.

No registration fee will be charged; however preregistration is advised by calling BCC's Small Business Center at 754-6900, 343-0203 or 457-6329.

### Take Real Estate Class On Saturdays

An introductory course in real estate will be offered Saturdays starting May 29 through Brunswick Community College's Continuing Education Department.

The class will meet weekly through July 24 on the main campus north of Supply from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

"Fundamentals of Real Estate" will introduce students to the real estate industry and meets the educational requirements of the North Carolina Real Estate Licensing Commission. Students who successfully complete the course can be admitted to the real estate sales licensing examination. The course covers basic principals and theories of real estate, terminology, state licensing law, organizational structure, brokerage, contracts, leases and ownership.

Registration costs \$35 and the required textbook (available at the BCC bookstore) costs \$27.50.

For more information contact BCC Small Business Director Velva Jenkins at 754-69900, 343-0203 or 457-6329.

## BEMC Asks Federal Appeals Court To Reconsider Enforcement Ruling

BY SUSAN USHER

A federal appeals court is being asked to reconsider its decision last month that upheld an order directing Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. (BEMC) to rehire fired union leader George Douglas Smith and begin negotiating "in good faith" with an employee union.

BEMC General Manager David Batten said the co-op is asking the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals to review its decision in light of a ruling in a Texas case in which the court ruled that the NLRB had no jurisdiction over member co-operators in that state.

BEMC had originally asked the appeals court to review the 1992 ruling by the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) with the hope of it being overturned rather than enforced.

The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) has been trying to reach a collective bargaining agreement with BEMC since 1989.

Smith, the union unit president, was fired in May 1990, the day after an altercation between him and Robert "Chip" Leavitt, the co-op's assistant general manager, at a collective bargaining meeting between BEMC and union employee negotiators.

The NLRB ruled that Smith's involvement in the tussle was not sufficient to cause his firing, and ordered BEMC to offer him his job back with lost wages and to clear his record; to begin bargaining with IBEW Wilmington Local No. 495 in good faith; and to require co-op managers to refrain from threatening union members, keeping tabs on union meetings, and prohibiting, through an unwritten rule, members from talking about the union at work.

The member-owned power company serves more than 40,000 members/customers in Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties.

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## Construction Tops \$1.8 Million

Permits were issued for more than \$1.8 million worth of new construction in Brunswick County during March, including 76 permits for mobile homes and 13 for other single-family dwellings built at an estimated cost of \$877,218.

According to figures compiled by the county planning department, 11 permits were issued for commercial construction valued at \$769,050 along with two permits for \$44,952 worth of additions, eight for garages valued at \$97,100 and three for decks or porches valued at \$8,320.

There were a total of 388 permits issued during the past month, including 158 for building, 156 electrical, 36 plumbing and 38 mechanical.

In the first three months of 1993, there were a total 174 permits issued for mobile homes and 38 for single family homes valued at a total of \$2.73 million. The average value of the homes permitted this year is \$71,701.

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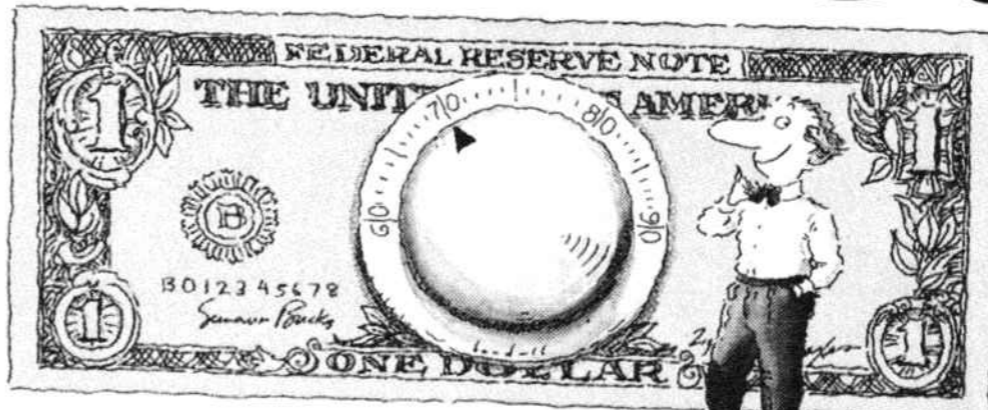
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