

Southeastern North Carolina Bankers Gather in City



It was a "bank holiday" for 200 officers and employees, and their guests, of Southeastern North Carolina banks here last night. Above are shown men from most of the counties represented. They are, left to right, John Russ, cashier, First Citizens Bank and Trust, Burgaw; C. R. Jordan, Jr., cashier, Bank of Elizabethtown; Prince O'Brien, cashier, Waccamaw Bank and Trust, Southport; W. L. Bozeman, cashier, Wilmington Savings and Trust and chairman of the Sixth District Bankers' association; Claude Harrill, cashier, State Bank, Maxton; Paul Stewart, cashier, First Citizens Bank and Trust, Fayetteville; and B. L. Nesmith, cashier, Waccamaw Bank and Trust, Tabor City.—STAR STAFF PHOTO BY BOB HODGKIN.

BERRY CEILING REMOVAL OKED

Bowles Expected To Act Immediately To End Control On Fruit

Strawberry growers and warehousemen were last night awaiting final action by Economic Stabilizer Chester Bowles on the removal of price ceilings on the fruit with many growers contending they can't sell at auction under the present ceiling price.

OPA Approves

According to a special dispatch received by the Star last night, the OPA and Department of Agriculture yesterday approved removal of the price ceilings but opposition from the strawberry preserving companies is preventing final okay by Bowles, Representative J. Bayard Clark, of the seventh North Carolina district, is pressing Bowles' office for action of the matter.

Marketing Starts

Both Chadburn and Wallace, the state's largest strawberry centers, are beginning to move strawberries to the market under a ceiling price of \$10.56 a crate with ceilings slated to drop April 15 to \$9.88 and on May 2, to \$7.50.

Action Expected

Meanwhile, another dispatch from Washington quoted Senator Clyde R. Hoey as expecting that Bowles would act to remove the ceilings not later than tomorrow. According to O. O. Phillips, in Wallace, the fruit is coming to the market at an accelerated pace with 255 crates being sold the first three days of the week. All offerings brought the top ceiling price of \$10.56, he said.

RAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS



HEAP O' FOLKS WHUT'S REEKIN' WID CONFIDENCE IS SMELLIN' UP EVY-THING WID CONCEIT!!

"BANK HOLIDAY" 200 Attend Group Convention Here

Bankers And Employes From Southeastern North Carolina Hold Annual Meeting; Association Secretary Speaks

It was "bank holiday" at the Plantation club last night as the Sixth District North Carolina Bankers association convened for its annual convention.

Prominent bankers, their employes, and guests—about 200 strong—from New Hanover, Pender, Brunswick, Columbus, Robeson, Cumberland, and Bladen counties attended the gala informal affair.

Banquet Opens Meet The evening's festivities opened with a banquet, during which Warren Johnson, president of the Peoples Savings Bank and Trust company and second vice-president of the North Carolina Bankers association, introduced the guests.

Green gave a short but informative talk on "banking and community development." He stressed the importance of banking in relation to the well-being of the individual community and urged that all bankers cooperate more closely than ever not only with one another but with the rest of the public in order to develop a strong economic system in local communities as well as throughout the entire nation.

Bozeman Host W. L. Bozeman, chairman of the association and cashier of the Wilmington Savings and Trust company, was host to the delegation.

EHRINGHAUS TURNS DOWN OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT JAPS

RALEIGH, April 10. — (P) — J. C. B. Ehringhaus, former governor of North Carolina, said Wednesday that he had declined an offer of the War department to serve as chief American defense counsel for Japanese war crime trials.

BESS'S CLUB MEETS

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CITY DEVELOPMENT PUSHED BY SOLONS

Council Authorizes New Drainage Project And Opens Up Market

Two steps toward Wilmington's future as a flourishing and clean city were taken yesterday when the City council (1) threw open the city produce market to all comers and (2) authorized a new \$30,000 storm drainage project.

The city market has long been a very dead duck. Under the existing ordinance, only local farmers are permitted to sell their produce there. Further, each farmer is allowed to sell only his own produce; he cannot act as agent for his neighbor farmer and dispose of his produce for him.

Wholesalers Barred Moreover, all wholesalers of farm produce are barred from the market.

Under this situation, much local farm produce is being diverted to markets in Burgaw, Whiteville, and Wallace, and local consumers here are eating, not New Hanover-grown food, but food imported from far sections of the country.

The entire matter was brought before the council by a delegation from the agricultural committee of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce composed of H. A. Marks, R. W. Galphin, Kyle Bannerman, and George Hutaff.

Petitions Submitted The delegation submitted to the council two petitions—one signed by 47 farmers and one signed by 45 food merchants—asking that the council rescind its market ordinance and draw up a new one allowing not only New Hanover farmers and wholesalers, but also farmers and wholesalers from other counties to use the market "in open competition."

The council directed City Attorney W. B. Campbell to draw up a new ordinance in line with the proposal.

Along The Cape Fear

PUREST INDIA RUBBER — There is no limit on how far one can stick one's neck out, especially when one's neck is made of the very purest India rubber—like ours.

We have stuck our neck out several times lately in our muddled efforts to nose out historical tidbits along the Cape Fear—and twice or thrice we have almost lost our head.

Being made of the very purest India rubber, however, our neck has so far always snapped back with the head, such as it is, still intact.

What's more, we shall continue to stick our neck out for the cause of those things dear to all of us who dwell along the Cape Fear. Just to prove how earnest we are, we want to tell you that we have turned down flat a most engaging offer from a traveling circus in need of an India rubber man.

HEY, GALS, HOLD IT "Hey, gals," yelled a photographer. "Hold it."

"Goodness," said Mrs. Leslie Shaw, "isn't this amazing?"

2,700,000 HOMES FOR VETS PUSHED BY SENATE ACTION; POLES BLAST FRANCO SPAIN

Crack-Down By Council Is Sought

Spanish Accused Of Aiding Germany In "Devising Warfare"

IRAN CASE PENDING

UNO Majority Expected To Back U. S. In Hearing Russian Dispute

NEW YORK, April 10. — (AP) — Poland accused the Franco government of Spain before the United Nations Security Council Wednesday of endangering world peace, sheltering Nazis, and aiding German scientists in "devising new means of warfare."

The Polish charges against Generalissimo Francisco Franco were announced by the United Nations Secretary General as the Council, in executive session, decided to meet again next Monday at 3 p. m. E. S. T.

Iranian Case At that time the council will be confronted once more with the Russian-Iranian case. Russia is demanding that the whole affair be dropped from the Council agenda. Iran is insisting it should be held pending until May 6 to see whether Red Army troops completely evacuate Iran.

The consensus of U. N. observers Wednesday was that Russia See POLES on Page Two

AIRPORT BUDGET IN BOARD AGENDA

Authority To Discuss Plans For Bluethenthal Field Operation

The New Hanover County Board of Commissioners and the Wilmington-New Hanover Airport Authority will meet this morning in special session to discuss the possibility of setting up a temporary budget for operation and maintenance of Bluethenthal airfield for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Need Grow With the field already being used by National Airlines, Southeast Airlines, and Pennington Flying service, and more users anticipated soon, the need for an operations budget has grown urgent.

Addison Hewlett, county board chairman, and Hamilton Hicks, authority secretary, said yesterday that they hope to get the budget matter straightened out at today's meeting if at all possible.

Employ Personnel Soon The authority is planning to employ personnel for operation and maintenance of the field soon, and hence a budget is necessary for establishment of salaries as well as other matters pertaining to the operation of the field.

Sisters Of Mercy For The Sick



Two members of the order which will be charged with the operation of the planned new Catholic hospital in Wilmington are shown above. They are, left, Mother Electa and Mother Antonilla, of the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, international organization which operates Catholic hospitals throughout the world. They are in the city as the hospital drive gets underway.—STAR STAFF PHOTO.

BISHOP IS GRATEFUL

Waters Speaks Here On Catholic Hospital

Colonel Titus, Campaign Organizer, Tells Workers Of Plans Underway For Raising Funds For New Institution

Expressing appreciation to the people of Wilmington for their fine cooperation to date on behalf of the proposed Holy Family hospital project, the Rt. Rev. Vincent S. Waters, bishop of Raleigh, yesterday told campaign chairmen and drive leaders he had early seen the need of more hospitalization in North Carolina and that he was only too glad to donate the site and assume expenses of a campaign to place a hospital here at the earliest possible moment.

TOBACCO GROWERS SEEKING SUPPORT

Warehousemen Urge Washington Action To Keep Prices Up

DANVILLE, Va., April 10. — (P) — Growers of the South's million dollar tobacco crop are looking to Washington for legislation to prevent "a drastic price drop" for the 1946 crop, warehouse officials declared here Wednesday.

Fred Royster, of Henderson, president of the Bright Belt Warehouse association, led the discussions in which various leaders called for these steps:

- (1)—Approval of the loan being sought by Great Britain. (2)—Passage of parity legislation that would incorporate the cost of farm labor. (3)—Relaxation of a recent Chinese embargo on importation of leaf from America. (4)—A definite announcement on ceiling price plans for 1946, des-

TOUGH ON THE LADIES

It's Nylon Situation; It's Bad, Getting Worse

WASHINGTON, April 10. — (P) — Senators had a look at the nylon situation Wednesday and learned:

- (A) It's bad, and (B) It isn't likely to get any better for at least a year. Major Herbert Rose of the Civilian Production Administration told a Senate Special Committee on Small Business that he thinks nylon will be scarce until a new plant is completed next spring. Hysterical Buying But he said he thinks women could get by easily on the hose

Big Subsidy On Material Also Passed

\$600,000,000 Provision Written Into Measure By Upper House

CONGRESS TO CONFER Proposal For Price Ceilings Of Buildings, Lands Turned Down

WASHINGTON, April 10. — (AP) — A veterans housing bill designed to speed the construction of 2,700,000 new dwellings by the end of next year passed the Senate Wednesday and went back to the House for consideration of numerous amendments.

The Senate provided for \$600,000,000 in subsidies on scarce building materials—an item denied by the House—but neither body gave its approval for the establishment of price ceilings on existing homes and building lands. Housing Expediter Wilson Wyatt had laid great stress on the necessity for both those provisions.

Roll Call Vote Final approval came on a roll call vote of 63 to 14. Twelve Republicans and two Democrats voted against it.

While the veterans housing measure headed toward a conference with the House for adjustment of differences, the Senate made a long-range housing measure its unfinished business and will get down to work on that Thursday.

Although the administration lost, 33 to 41 in its attempt to apply price ceilings on existing houses, See HOMES on Page Two

CITIZENS TRIPLED IN JACKSONVILLE

Bureau Of Census Enumeration Shows Increase Of 223.7 Per Cent

JACKSONVILLE, April 10. — A special census compiled by the Bureau of the Census revealed Wednesday that the total population of Jacksonville last February 28 was 2,826, which represents an increase of 1,953, or 223.7 per cent over the 873 inhabitants on April 1, 1940.

The bureau said that the 1946 population was made up of 2,354 white persons and 472 Negroes. Between 1940 and 1946, there was an increase of 329.6 per cent in the white population and 45.2 per cent in the Negro population.

RUSSIA APPOINTS NEW AMBASSADOR IN MAJOR MOVE

NEW YORK, April 10. — (AP) — Soviet Russia, in a major diplomatic move, relieved Andrei A. Gromyko of his duties as ambassador to Washington Wednesday so that he could devote his full time to the United Nations Security Council. Fyodor V. Novikov, minister-counselor under Gromyko, was named the new ambassador in his place.

And So To Bed

Yesterday afternoon a local lady was stopped on the street by a panhandler. He gave her the old nickel-for-a-cup-of-coffee patter.

A somewhat generous person, she responded. As the panhandler walked on down the street she noticed her husband approaching. The panhandler stopped her husband and gave him the patter too.

A somewhat generous person, he also responded. But it was too much for the lady. She came up to the panhandler and gave the panhandler down-the-county for soliciting two nickels from the same combine.

The panhandler pulled ten dollars worth of nickels from his pocket and returned one coin to the husband. Consider that a dividend, friend.