

Commissioners Hear Bank Petition

Frank L. Harrelson of Raleigh, state commissioner of banks, conducted a hearing Tuesday afternoon on a petition from two local financial institutions to operate on a five-day week, being closed on Saturdays.

Although several people from the business community appeared at the 3 P. M. hearing in the Municipal Building, only two spoke in opposition to the petition and a third raised some questions which would arise if the petition was approved.

Alton G. Elmore, manager of Belk-Tyler's, said he does not think it would be in the best interest of the town for banks to be closed Saturday mornings. While, Elmore said, there seems to be a trend in this direction, he does not feel the trend should move into Edenton.

Elmore said it would not only be an inconvenience on the citizens but would

be a hardship on the business establishments.

Jack Evans, manager of Byrum Hardware Company, suggested that if the banks want to operate on a five-day week, they should pick some day other than Saturday to be closed. He said Wednesday would be more convenient for the citizens in the area.

George W. Lewis, vice president, Peoples Bank & Trust Company, said because other banks throughout the area are now closing on Saturdays, Edenton banks are out of touch with them. He cited other businesses which close on Saturday and said it is time for banks to adjust their hours of operation.

Lewis said local banks now operate from 9 A. M. to 4:30 P. M., Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 9 A. M. to noon on Wednesday and Saturday and 9 A. M. to 6 P. M. on Friday.

Chuck Benson, assistant vice president, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, supported Lewis in his statements. He added that the Saturday closing would benefit the merchant since it would spread the workload over other days in the week.

Henry Quinn of P & Q Super Market said he was neutral in the matter. However, he raised such questions as dealing with night deposits and obtaining change.

The decision of the commissioner is expected in the near future.

New Books At Local Library

New books received at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library this week includes the following:

The Gabriel Hounds, a novel by Mary Stewart.
Wild Season by Allan W. Eckert.

Topaz, a new novel by the author of Exodus Leon Uris.

Soldiering For Peace by Major General Carl Von Horn.

The Seasons of Heroes, a novel by Paxton Davis.
King Cohn by Bob Thomas.

The Futile Life of Pito Perez, a novel by Jose' Ruben' Romero.

Speaking Spanish, third edition, by Carl A. Tyre and Annemarie B. Tyre.

Tree Frog, a novel by Martin Woodhouse.

How to Defend Yourself, Your Family and Your Home by George Hunter.

Mouchette by George Bernanos.

The Scavengers and Critics of the Warren Report by Richard Warren Lewis.

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Boyce wish to express deep gratitude and appreciation to the many friends who were so kind and thoughtful of them during Mr. Boyce's recent hospitalization in DePaul Hospital, Norfolk. Mr. Boyce is now recuperating and coming along fine at his Strawberry Hill home.

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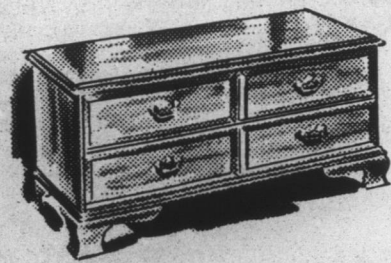
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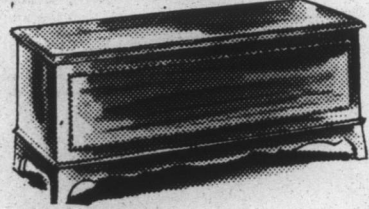
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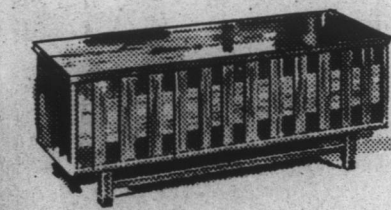
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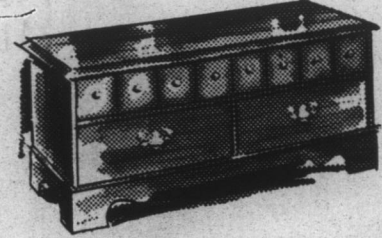
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