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Coburn Reports Steady Gains In Growth Of Bank

Annual Stockholders Meeting Of Waccamaw Bank Held Friday Afternoon; Officers Re-Elected

REPORT REVEALS LARGE GROWTH

Cashiers And Assistant Cashiers Also Named For All Banks Of The Chain

Steady gains in all phases of operations during 1945 were reported by J. N. Coburn, executive president of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust company, at the annual meeting of stockholders Friday afternoon. Of a total of 2,000 shares, 1,802 shares were represented either in person or by proxy.

In addition to the annual report, the meeting was featured by the re-election of all officers and directors and the addition of L. Nesmith of Tabor City as director from the Tabor City branch. Heretofore, the Tabor City branch has not been represented on the board of directors.

The officers and directors for 1946 are: K. C. Council, president; Dr. R. C. Sadler, first vice president; Glenn F. Strole, second vice president; C. L. Tate, vice president; J. N. Coburn, executive vice president.

During the growth of the bank since 1939, Mr. Coburn said deposits at the end of 1939 were \$3,424,329.84 compared with \$5,081,781.78 on December 31, 1945, representing a 670 percent increase. Investments in United States and other high grade securities were reported as increasing from \$498,665.61 in 1939 to \$1,450,596.37 by the end of 1945. All other phases of our operations and activity have increased in similar proportion," Mr. Coburn reported.

He welcomed the return of the former employees who served in the Armed Forces; namely Lester Lowe, Mitchell and Henry Wyche. Another employee, Lawrence Bowers, is expected to be released in the near future. Mr. Coburn reported that he will resume his duties with the bank.

"Our bank is in a very healthy condition," Mr. Coburn told the stockholders. "Its growth has developed from a solid foundation. It is felt that a large measure of any success we have achieved has been due to the high ability and motives of those who are responsible for shaping our policies and guiding the affairs of the bank. They have had, and will continue to have, a very real responsibility and obligation to the community; and it is their attitude which always look ahead in the determination to find new and better ways to serve our customers." He spoke of plans for handling the increasing demand for credit service. He declared also that the period of reconversion will increase the opportunities to make loans for business and agriculture. (Continued on Page Six)

Brief News Flashes

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

Harold Russ Milliken, son of Mrs. Alvin Milliken of Charlotte, has returned home with honorable discharge from the Army. Since returning from overseas some months ago he has been stationed on a ship at Treasure Island, Cal.

LEAVE

LT. Teby Lewis of the Army Air Force is spending a leave with his mother, Mrs. Brady Lewis.

AUXILIARY MEETING

The Auxiliary of Oosher Memorial Hospital will meet on Thursday night at 8 o'clock with president Mrs. H. B. Smith. All members are urged to be present to attend, for several projects are planned.

RETURNS HOME

Harold Aldridge has received an honorable discharge from the Army and has returned to his home here. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aldridge.

RETURNS HERE

Captain Arthur Clark of the Army Air Force is spending a leave here with his wife and their young son following his return from overseas duty.



PROGRESSING—The March of Dimes campaign is making good progress locally, but thus far Chairman G. O. Rogers has been unable to obtain complete reports from the county. The program continues through January 31.

Show Down Regarding USO Building Is Due

Representatives Of Federal Works Administration Here Monday To Confer With City Officials On Subject

BUILDING CLOSED PENDING DECISION

Meeting Of Board Of Aldermen Called By Mayor For Friday Night To Be Taken By City

Two representatives of the Federal Works Administration were in Southport Monday to confer with Southport officials regarding the disposition to be made of the USO building, and it was indicated that unless the city is prepared to make a reasonable offer for this property both the building and its contents will be put up for public sale.

City officials held a one-year lease on the building which expired December 31. During their stay here yesterday the government representatives conducted an inventory of equipment for the building, and in the interest of having all of it at hand when a final settlement is made, city officials have decided to close the USO building.

Mayor John Eriksen said yesterday that he will call a special meeting of the board of aldermen for Friday night at the city hall, at which time proposals will be considered for further operation by the city of the USO club. He urged that individuals or groups who believe they have some solution to offer to the question of what to do with the building attend this meeting and offer their suggestions.

It is the hope of the city officials in the event of the sale of the building and equipment, it is understood that the building site will not be included. The site was secured from the U. S. Engineers office on the basis of a (Continued on Page Four)

Welfare Officer Action Delayed

Brunswick County Welfare Board In Session Here Friday But No Successor Named For Mrs. Maude Phelps, Who Resigned

No definite action was taken by the Board of Welfare Friday as to the appointment of a permanent Welfare Officer to succeed Mrs. Maude Phelps, who resigned some time ago.

Miss Dorothy Swain, who has been stenographer to the Welfare Officer for a number of years, was appointed to continue to act as Welfare Officer until the board could find some one to replace Mrs. Phelps. Miss Swain was instructed to write Mrs. Phelps and ascertain if her resignation was final. Her resignation, it was stated, was because of her health. The board wished to learn if there was any possibility of her returning.

Unusual Run In First Initials

Of the nine persons engaged in waiting on folks at the Shalotte Trading Company in Shalotte, seven of them have their first names to start with "L." Nobody knows just why—unless their parents had something to do with it.

These seven whose first names begin with the letter "L." are, Miss Lucille Holden, Mrs. Lillian Milliken, Miss LeRue Ward, Miss Lois Fornyduval, Leon Galloway, Lindsey Clemmons and Linwood Gray. The only folks in the store whose first names do not begin with the letter "L." is Hobson Kirby, proprietor, and Guy McKeithan, manager.

Prospects Good For New Basin

Representatives Of Oil Companies Here This Week To Determine To What Extent They Are Willing To Back Project

Prospects for Southport's new yacht basin and sport fishing center appeared to be even better this week.

Representatives of four large oil and gas companies are due here, to look into the oil and gas servicing possibilities. Head offices of all of these companies are said to be very much interested in the possibilities and the visits of the representatives this week is to determine how far they will go on the undertaking. The company most interested will obtain exclusive control of the yacht basin re-fueling facilities. The companies sending representatives here this week are the Sacyony-Vacuum, Standard, Texas and Gulf.

In addition to the basin, a marine railway and dry dock for servicing boats are also planned, as well as a complete machine (Continued on page six)

First Candidate Is Announcing

The first 1946 political announcement to reach this paper was brought in Monday by Boyd Robinson, young Lockwoods Folly township man who served 42 months during the World War. His last 18-months in service were spent overseas.

Mr. Robinson is announcing himself a candidate for the office of county commissioner on the Democratic ticket and subject to the action of the primary election. So far as is known he is the only avowed candidate of either party for this year's elections. However it is rumored that plenty of men are grooming themselves for the various offices and hope to receive favorable consideration from both the Democratic and Republican voters.

Criminal Cases Heard In Court Here On Monday

No Session Was Held Yesterday Due To Necessity Of Judge Burney's Absence Due To Death In His Family

CASES OF MINOR IMPORTANCE HEARD

Clerk Expresses Doubt That Docket Can Be Cleared Of Criminal Cases In Time For Civil Matters Tomorrow

Owing to the fact that Judge John J. Burney had to attend the funeral of a near relative in Bladen County, no session of Superior court was held Tuesday. Court resumed work on the criminal docket this morning and Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett stated that he hardly thought all of the criminal cases could be disposed of today to permit the beginning of the civil term Thursday.

Solicitor Clifton Moore had no definite plans this morning as to which of the criminal cases still pending he would call today. In answer to an inquiry he stated that he planned to call anything he could.

The grand jury, which found a number of true bills Monday, resumed its sittings this morning.

Cases disposed of by the court Monday before adjournment was taken were as follows:

D. I. Mintz, reckless operation, direct verdict of not guilty.

T. B. Edge, reckless operation, continued by consent.

Corudell Babson, possession of stolen property, not guilty.

James Anderson, breaking and entering of occupied home, plead guilty to forcible trespass, judgment withheld until today.

Ronie Varnum, non support, continued by the State.

Tobias Simmons, trespass, continued by consent.

Douglas Ballard, murder, continued until defendant is released from federal prison.

Wildlife Club Meets Tuesday

Organizational Meeting Will Be Held Tuesday Night, January 29, In Brunswick County Courthouse

The Brunswick County Wildlife Club will hold its organizational meeting for the purpose of electing officers Tuesday night, January 29. L. T. Yaskell, who was appointed temporary chairman at the first meeting two weeks ago, stated this week that he was very anxious to have a large representation of Brunswick county sportsmen and farmers present to hear a discussion of the game and fish situation.

An added reason for desiring a general attendance is that the club is intended to represent the whole of Brunswick county, not (Continued on page six)

Brunswick Draft Board Members Given Awards

Governor Cherry Yesterday Presented Medals And Certificates To All Draft Board Members Serving Two Years Or More

ONLY ONE CHANGE IN LOCAL BOARD

James Carr Took Place Of Late H. M. Shannon At Time Of His Death; Original Members Served Five Years

Governor R. Gregg Cherry yesterday presented medals and certificates to draft board members of 27 of the 100 North Carolina counties. The recipients were men and women who have served two years or more without renumeration of any kind.

Considering the small number of counties to which awards were made the Brunswick county board is outstanding.

There has been only one change in the Brunswick county board since the Selective Service began functioning. The late H. M. Shannon (Continued on Page 4)

Chairman



Lt. Col. R. I. Mintz, Southport attorney, has been named chairman of the annual Red Cross Fund drive for Brunswick county.

Steelworkers Strike Is Greatest In U. S. History

Strike Of 750,000 CIO Workers Begins In Grim Quietness; Strike Blankets Nation

TRUMAN CALLS FOR CONGRESS TO ACT

Wants Sweeping Program To Promote Greater Output Of Lower Cost Goods

PITTSBURG—Strike of 750,000 CIO steelworkers for higher pay—the greatest strike in American history and the one most far-reaching—started in grim quietness today. The strike blanketed the nation. About 2,300 plants, ranging from mills which make steel to shops which turn it into useful things like railroad rails or can-openers, were shutdown in 30 states.

WASHINGTON—President Truman today asked congress to get behind a sweeping program he said will promote a greater output of lower cost goods by higher paid workers. He cautioned that "voices of desunity" which "are beginning to cry aloud . . . must not prevail."

Four Boys Are Arrested Here

Young White Boys Arrested Saturday Night For Removing Parts From A Parked Automobile

Chief of Police Otto Hickman, with Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett assisting, took steps Saturday night to put a stop to some of the petty thievery from automobiles that has been going on in Southport for several weeks when four young white men, all living near town, were arrested.

All were of teen age, Monroe Norris, the eldest, is 18. Arrested with him was his brother, John Norris, 16; J. W. Hewett, Jr., 16 and Edgar Burnswerr, 15. (Continued on Page 6)

Brunswick Boys Enter Service

The following Brunswick county boys have enlisted in the Army during the month of January: Lindburgh Holden, Winnabow, Paige Bernard, Bolivia.

The following young men have recently enlisted in the Navy: C. B. Fornyduval, Freeland, George K. Andrews, Ash, Ralph E. Potter, Southport, Thomas Fulwood, Jr., Southport.

County Agent Makes Report On Seed Corn

Numerous Brunswick County Growers Experimented Last Year With Hybrid Corn And Various Results Reported

HIGHER YIELD WAS IN EVIDENCE

However, Another Result Was That New Type Of Grain Appeared To Be More Susceptible To Weevils

Various Brunswick farmers experimented with hybrid corn the past year, a variety that has attracted much attention in higher and dryer climates. Here, according to County Agent Dodson, it showed both good and bad points. It evidently produces better than other varieties in this section, but at the same time it seems more susceptible to weevil damage than harder native varieties.

Since this hybrid corn was the subject of much comment in 1945, Mr. Dodson was interviewed this past week regarding the results of growing it in Brunswick. He issued the following statement:

"Along about this time of year farmers, as a rule, begin to make plans for the coming crop season and during the past year they have heard a lot about hybrid seed corn over the radio and through the press.

"Last year we had in four one-acre corn demonstrations using hybrid seed corn furnished by the Experiment Station. These demonstrations were with J. B. Ward, Jr., Ash; A. Luther McKeithan, Longwood; George Danford, Bolivia and Mrs. Gertrude (Continued on Page Six)

Parts Of County Hit By Storm

No Freeze Occurred Last Week Along The Coastal Area, But Sleet And Ice Were Bad In Some Sections Of Brunswick

Brunswick county got only the tail-end of last Wednesday's freeze, with only spots in the county finding itself in the grip of ice. At Orton there was no ice. Likewise none appeared at Southport. Supply, 16 miles northwest of Southport, had some ice. Bolivia, north east of Supply, and only seven miles away had a good bit. Shallotte, southwest of Supply, had a heavy freeze and from there on all of the upper and lower part of the country was in the grip of ice.

Leland, Bolivia, Shallotte and Waccamaw schools all closed Wednesday and resumed classes Monday. The trouble appears not to have been due so much to the ice, but from the roads which were in a terrible condition from previous wet weather. The school buses simply could not make it with their loads of children. Shallotte, with a school enrollment of nearly twice that of Southport and Bolivia, is largely dependent on buses to get the children to school. Southport was the only school that remained open right along.

The Brunswick REA had trouble, especially in Columbus and Bladen counties, where the ice was heaviest. All available workmen had to be out for long hours, repairing breaks from falling limbs, trees and wires. Dr. E. D. Bishop, manager of the corporation, said that the trouble was quite bad.

Is Admitted To The State Bar

D. C. Herring, who entered the Navy soon after the completion of his law study, was sworn in as a member of the bar before Judge John J. Burney, Monday.

Mr. Herring and S. B. Frink have formed a law partnership with offices in Southport under the name of Frink and Herring.

Crime Wave Is Predicted By Judge Burney

In His Charge To Brunswick County Grand Jury Here Monday, Wilmington Jurist Pointed To Alarming Juvenile Delinquency

LEWIS IS NAMED FOREMAN OF BODY

Grand Jury Is Named To Serve During Coming 12-Months; Members Instructed Regarding Duties

In his charge to the Brunswick county grand jury here Monday at the opening session of the January term of Superior court Judge John J. Burney gave sober warning to the members of that body that they had been named to serve during a critical period in the history of this county.

"I am afraid that during the next years we are going to see a crime wave like none we have ever experienced before," Judge Burney declared. "The tragedy of it is that it is the young boys and the young girls who are getting into trouble, and the blame belongs to their parents, who have been too much interested in the almighty dollar.

"I have had some pathetic cases to come up before me during recent months, and when I question these youngsters I find that most of the time their trouble dates from when they left school to take some high-paying war job. Now that some of the war industries are cutting off their employees, they find themselves unable to keep up with the pace they have set, and they turn to crime as a means to finance their continued high living."

Judge Burney pointed out that there has been a fantastic increase in the arrests among the teen-agers, girls as well as boys, and he spoke of the harm that bad boys and bad girls can do in a community. The jurist was frank to admit that he didn't know the answer to the question of what is to be done. He pointed out that it is much easier for the young people to get into trouble now than it ever has been before, simply because they are subject to temptations that were never a problem for the older people.

In connection with the increase in crime, Judge Burney mentioned the situation of the returning veteran who has come home in a mentally sick condition. His advice to the members of the grand jury and to the law enforcement officers was to handle these men with sympathetic intelligence.

In touching briefly upon the present National situation with regard to strikes, Judge Burney didn't attempt to say who is right and who is wrong. "Usually," he said, "there are three sides to every question. My side, your side and the right side. All I can say about present conditions is that I have every confidence that they will be straightened (Continued on page six)

Rev. A. L. Brown Leaving City

Has Served As Pastor Of Southport Baptist Church Since January, 1937; Has Accepted Call To Beulahville

Rev. A. L. Brown, pastor of Southport Baptist church for the past nine years, has accepted a call to Beulahville Baptist church in Duplin county and will move with his family from Southport next week.

The Rev. Mr. Brown came here in January, 1937, from Benson. For a period of five years he served the Mill Creek Baptist church as pastor, resigning for that work in 1942. He has served for two years as moderator of the Brunswick Baptist Association, and through his work with that organization is well known throughout the county.

Another county-wide activity with which the Rev. Mr. Brown has been prominently identified is the Red Cross. To this and other worthwhile undertakings he has given unselfishly of his time and efforts.

Church officials say that no replacement has been secured thus far but that several promising contacts have been made. They state that arrangements will be made to have the pulpit filled each Sunday until such time as a permanent pastor can be secured.

Our ROVING Reporter

County Attorney and Mrs. S. B. Frink has recently moved into their new brick home near the yacht basin. At the time of selling their former home Mrs. Frink was not pleased with the procedure, but she was finally consoled with the promise of the new brick structure. Meeting the attorney result that we should ask how he liked the new home, and how many rooms has it got? There was no trouble about answering the first inquiry. He likes it alright. But on the subject of rooms he was hazy and could not recollect offhand. Finally he called for a pencil and paper and proceeded to list the various facilities, as follows: "One living room, one dining room, one breakfast room, one kitchen, four bedrooms, one sun-parlor, one dressing room, two bath rooms, one large basement, two halls, one dog house—for me."

Charlie Harvell of Leland, was telling us a day or so ago that he was the champion coon hunter in Brunswick. He failed to go into details as to how many coons he has caught this winter, but he left the impression that he and Charlie Sellers, hunting together, have caught plenty. That is easy to believe. We are satisfied they have been doing some mighty good coon hunting. Charlie's favorite houn' dog has a wing spread of 24-inches from tip to tip of his ears where they are spread out. This dog cost him \$150.00.