



Officials Admire Picture Of Bank Building

CONFERENCE—B. L. Nesmith, left, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors and Chief Executive Officer of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. in action taken this (Wednesday) afternoon at the annual meeting. Lawrence R. Bowers, right, was elected

president of the bank, the position formerly held by Nesmith. The two are holding a picture of the new bank building at Southport, one of the notable improvement made by the banking system during 1965. (Clemmons Photo)

Name Chairmen Of Communities In Polio Drive

Mrs. M. H. Rourk of Shallotte, Brunswick county chairman for the March of Dimes, has appointed community chairmen throughout the county to assist with the fund drive this year.

They will head local committees, who plan to stage a house-to-house canvass. Mrs. Rourk urges citizens not to sit back and wait to be solicited, but to meet these volunteer workers more than half-way by looking them up and making a contribution.

Community chairmen include: Ash, Mrs. William Mathews; Bolivia, Mrs. Kenneth McKeithan; Boone's Neck and Varnumtown, Mrs. Norman Bellamy; Calabash, Mrs. Harry Bennett; Freeland, Mrs. Raymond Babson; Exum, Mrs. Roddy Bennett; Grissetown, Mrs. Norman Grissett; Holden's Beach, Mrs. Hugh Dutton; Hickman's Crossroad, Mrs. Ernest Stanland; Leland, Mrs. William Leggett; Longwood, Mrs. W. A. Long; Myrtle Head, Lloyd Parker; Shallotte, Steve Beck; Shallotte Point, Mrs. Harry E. Williams; Southport, Mrs. Bobby Jones; Sunset and Ocean Isle Beaches, Mrs. G. E. Henderson; Supply, Mrs. Garland Clemmons; Thomasboro, Mrs. Hilton Pearce; Winnabow, Mrs. George G. Irving; Schools, C. A. Cavness.

The Mothers March will be held on Monday, January 31 starting at 7 p. m.



School Officials

CHANGE—T. M. Lee, left, assistant principal at Southport High School, will assume the duties of principal when L. R. Biggerstaff, right, takes over his new appointment as director of the Federal program for the Brunswick county school system. Biggerstaff is completing his second year as principal at Southport High School.



Pageant Rules Are Announced For This Year

Some pretty girl, unknown at this time, will become Miss Brunswick County of the year in March at the annual pageant to be sponsored by the Shallotte Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Shirley Ward of Ash, director of the Miss Brunswick Pageant, announced today that entrants were being sought for the pageant, to be held in the Shallotte High School auditorium on March 12. Interested girls may contact either Mrs. Ward or President Jackie Thomas of the Shallotte Jaycees at Route 1, Box 329, Ocean Drive Beach, S. C. for full information.

Qualifications for the pageant are: 1. Entrant must be single and never have been married, divorced or had marriage annulled. 2. Entrant must be a high school graduate by Labor Day in the year of competition. 3. Entrant's age on Labor Day in year of competition shall not be less than 18 nor more than 28 years. 4. Entrant must possess and display talent in a routine not to exceed three minutes. Talent may be singing, dancing, playing a musical instrument, dramatics, art display, dress designing, creative poetry, writing, or oration may give a talk on the profession she wishes to pursue, including teaching, nursing, business, etc.

What type of girl does the pageant competition attract? Mrs. Ward has said "It attracts the ambitious girl who is interested in furthering her chosen career through higher education and special training. The girl who wishes to be a leader in her community and would be proud to represent her school and/or community; also a girl who appreciates the value of a scholarship to help the family budget, even though college has not been denied her and one who is willing

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New Superintendent Reports For Duty



DAVID SWAIN

George F. Williams reported for duty as superintendent of Brunswick county schools on Monday, and on Monday night met with the Brunswick county Board of Education in a special session.

The Union paving project was discussed by the board. On a motion by Arthur J. Doshier, seconded by O. K. Bellamy, authorization was made for payment in the amount of \$2,495.30 to the State Highway Commission on the project.

A discussion was entered by the board on the Head Start Program. Supt. Williams gave a report on the progress as related by Jonathan Hankins, project director.

A brief report was given by Supt. Williams on the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. On a motion by Babson, seconded by Doshier, the board approved the continued absence of Mrs. Myrtle Evans, due to illness. Motion was carried.

On a motion by Delmas Babson and a second by Homer Holden, the board ordered that all substitute teachers salary be on a basis of \$10 a day.

On a motion by Babson and second by Doshier the board authorized Waccamaw High School to sell two gas type blower heaters.

On a motion by Holden and second by Bellamy, the board instructed Supt. Williams and Asst. Supt. King to study budget requirements and make necessary recommendations.

Motion was made by Bellamy, seconded by Babson, that Mrs. Henry Stone be employed as reading coordinator for the Brunswick County Schools under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, subject to project approval.

The Board entered a discussion on future plans for educational building programs in the county.

Mrs. Freeman Hewett was appointed as 1966 Heart Fund Chairman, Aubrey Johnston, treasurer, and A. Earl Milliken as the "Answer Man" to be in charge of all county benefits and serving as Shallotte chairman stated Knowles.

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Waccamaw Bank Reports Huge Gains In 1965

Stockholders of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. were told Wednesday at the annual meeting that bank assets in 1965 were more than \$2 million above the 1964 figure and gross income last year was \$300,000 over the previous year.

Deposits in 1965, according to the report, were almost \$1.5 million ahead of 1964 and operating earnings before tax and an addition for bad debts rose just over \$100,000 in the same order.

The report shows these significant advances given in the 1964-1965 order:

Assets—\$49,559,251 and \$51,727,096; operating income—\$2,575,127 and \$2,877,135; operating expense -- \$1,767,887 and \$1,963,032; operating earnings before tax and addition to reserve for bad debts—\$807,239 and \$914,102; addition to reserve for bad debts—\$120,000 for 1965 and none for 1964; tax on income—\$406,745 and \$379,249, a decrease of \$25,000; net operating earnings—\$400,493 and \$414,852.

Net earnings per share in 1964 were \$2.25 against \$2.31 for 1965. Cash dividend paid per share was 80 cents in 1965, same as for 1964. Retained

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Waccamaw Directors Elect Bowers Bank President

Lawrence R. Bowers, executive vice president of Peoples Savings and Loan Association, was elected president of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company at a meeting of the Board of Directors Wednesday.

In the same action, Ben L. Nesmith, Jr. was elevated from the president's chair to chairman of the Board of Directors and chief executive officer.

The election of Bowers to the presidency of the financial institution followed by only a few minutes the annual meeting of the stockholders during which it was announced that three additional directors were added in 1965.

Dr. Ralph C. Sadler was chosen honorary chairman of the Board. The new directors include Bowers, who was added to the board last August, A. Paul Rogers, Tabor City merchant and Milton L. Fisher, Elizabeth town oil distributor. Rogers and Fisher were named to the board in November.

Trust Officer and Vice President Henry B. Wyche was named to the Board Wednesday to bring the total number to 18 directors.

A graduate of Duke University in the School of Business Administration, Bowers is a former vice president and cashier of Waccamaw Bank but resigned three years ago after 25 years with the institution to accept the top executive post with Peoples.

The savings and loan institution, oldest financial organization in the county, enjoyed phenomenal growth during his tenure of service. Savings increased by \$3 million over the period and just this last December savings passed the \$10 million mark, a shade better than the goal set at the beginning of the year.

Bowers, who will assume his new duties at Waccamaw February 15, will be succeeded at Peoples by Ernest Edward Ford of Greensboro, a veteran in the field of savings and loan activities. Ford will assume his new duties February 1 and Bowers said he would be available during the 15-day interim for whatever counsel Peoples' new executive might need for becoming properly adjusted and acquainted with local conditions.

"I am happy to announce that Mr. Bowers is returning to Waccamaw where he was trained and gained invaluable experience in the banking field," Nesmith declared, while pointing out that Bowers' financial knowledge and banking know-how, plus his wide acquaintance in the immediate area and throughout the state, will be an asset of inestimable value in the future progress of the bank.

In addition to the four new directors, others on the board are: C. Lacy Tate of Chadbourne,

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Jaycees Observing Recognition Week

President Cabell Ramsey of the North Carolina Jaycees has announced that January 16-22, is "Jaycee Week" and has asked communities in North Carolina to cooperate in the observance.

He said that the purpose of the week is to focus attention on young men and the work they are doing and to emphasize that the state Jaycees have done an outstanding job in the fields of youth activities, community development, public affairs, Americanism, and community health and safety.

The Southport Jaycees are joining in this observance with special projects this week. Among these was the placing of flowers in the sanctuary of each local church for morning worship services Sunday.

During Jaycee Week observance, each Jaycee chapter will be recognizing the "Young Man of 1965" in their respective community. The United States Jaycees will be recognizing America's Ten Outstanding Young Men of 1965 in St. Paul, Minnesota, with national Jaycee President Jim Skidmore making the presentation.

The week celebrates the founding of the Jaycees in 1915, when Henry Giessenber saw a need for a young man's civic organization and organized the first

chapter, according to President Ramsey. The movement spread so fast that in 1920 the U. S. Jaycees were formed with 24 cities represented. The name of the national organization was changed from U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce to U. S. Jaycees last June.

Built on the solid foundation of creating for leadership training projects, the Jaycees today, over 259,000 strong, are active in 5,700 communities in the United States. National headquarters is in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The North Carolina Jaycees are 10,000 strong in 222 chapters. The State headquarters is located in High Point. President Cabell Ramsey resides in Kinston.

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Veterans Must Give Information

Crawford L. Rourk, Brunswick County Veterans Service Officer, urges non-service connected veterans, survivors and dependents who received income questionnaires with their November checks to fill them out in detail and return them as soon as possible.

Pensioners have until January 31 to return their income questionnaires, but he urged them to take care of the matter as soon as their total 1965 income can be determined.

Pensioners also must indicate on the questionnaires the amount of income they expect to receive during the calendar year 1966.

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David Swain Enters Race

A race has developed for the Democratic nomination for sheriff with the announcement this week by David Swain of Southport that he will seek election to this office.

Sheriff E. V. Leonard announced two weeks ago that he will be a candidate for reelection.

Swain is a Southport man who never before has run for public office. He graduated from Southport High School in 1955 and was one of the two Brunswick county representatives for a Morehead Scholarship that year. He entered N. C. State College in the fall of 1955, but dropped out of school to enlist in the U. S. Navy in March 1956.

Following his discharge from service he was associated with his brothers as Brunswick County Distributor for Sealtest. For the past year he has been devoting his full time to the operation of the Swain Dairy Farm.

He has been an active member of the Southport Jaycees and served for one term as vice-president of that organization. He is a Baptist. Swain is married to the former Gloria Jones of Ash and they have two children.

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

KITCHEN SHOWER
A kitchen shower for the Town Creek Legion Post No. 445 will be held Saturday night at 7:30 at the Legion Hut. The public is invited.

COMMITTEE MEETING
There will be a meeting of the Building Fund Committee for the Southport and Brunswick County Library at 7:30 o'clock in the conference room of the City Hall in Southport.

MOTHERS MARCH
There will be a Mothers March for the March of Dimes on Monday evening, from 6 to 7 o'clock, in Southport. This phase of the program is being sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Southport.

CANCER MEETING
A meeting of the board of directors of the Brunswick County Cancer Society will take place in the Southport Public Library at 8 p. m. January 25. This meeting will plan the Cancer Crusade which will be held in April and is open to the public. Any person who would like to help the Crusade of the Brunswick County Cancer Society is invited to attend.

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Time And Tide

A picture of the Brunswick County Hospital (Doshier Memorial) appeared on the front page of The Pilot for January 22, 1936. It carried with it the story of the report of the previous year, and this reflected the great good for which this institution was responsible in the matter of the health of Brunswick county citizens. The Hungarian ship Cskos, aground in the Cape Fear since Sunday, had freed herself by her own power Tuesday night.

There was a front page story on how to get out a dogwood tree—no doubt inspired by an editorial of the previous week urging a program of beautification for Southport; news of international import appeared in The Pilot that week: Rubyard Kipling famed English poet, was dead.

An influenza epidemic caused the Waccamaw High School to be closed temporarily during mid-January of 1941. This was reported in our edition of January 22 of that year. Another front page story had to do with a new theatre building for Southport, with work in progress to convert the former Northrop store building into a new and larger theatre.

Several Southport boys, including Johnnie Simmons, were interested in the Wilmington Golden Gloves Tournament; a group of Maryland sportsmen, including Joe Brooks, noted author of wildlife books and stories, were here for a few days of hunting in Brunswick; and Leland had won a double-header from Shallotte in the first game of pre-tournament championship play in Brunswick.

It was January 16, 1946, and a group of out-of-state hunters were posed for a front page picture showing their bear dogs and the hides of six bears they had killed while on a trip to this county. The government had begun condemnation proceedings in the acquisition of lands for the Brunswick River Lay-up Basin. The Annual March of Dimes campaign was on in Brunswick.

Shallotte was after street lights, with early relief in this area in view; announcement was made that freshwater fishermen must have a license to pursue their favorite sport; and Capt. T. H. Watts had acquired a 48-foot yacht, the Idle-On, which he planned to use for sports fishing.

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Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

HIGH	LOW
Thursday, January 13,	
0:51 A. M.	7:10 A. M.
1:09 P. M.	7:34 P. M.
Friday, January 14,	
1:51 A. M.	8:10 A. M.
2:09 P. M.	8:34 P. M.
Saturday, January 15,	
2:51 A. M.	9:16 A. M.
3:03 P. M.	9:28 P. M.
Sunday, January 16,	
3:51 A. M.	10:16 A. M.
4:03 P. M.	10:22 P. M.
Monday, January 17,	
4:51 A. M.	11:10 A. M.
4:57 P. M.	11:16 P. M.
Tuesday, January 18,	
5:39 A. M.	12:04 A. M.
5:45 P. M.	12:04 P. M.
Wednesday, January 19,	
6:27 A. M.	12:46 A. M.
6:33 P. M.	

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