

Seaboard Bank Plans Merger

SEABOARD — The Board of Directors of the 66-year-old Farmers Bank of Seaboard has voted to merge with Bank of North Carolina, N. A., subject to approval by stockholders at a special meeting which has been called for June 27.

The announcement was made jointly by H. R. Harris Jr., president of the \$3.5-million Seaboard bank and J. Hugh Rich, president of Bank of North Carolina, N. A.

The merger will bring to 52 the number of branches making up the \$290-million Bank of North Carolina system.

Seaboard is in the heart of Northampton County, some five miles from the Virginia state line. It has a thriving agricultural economy, with emphasis on the production and marketing of peanuts and cotton.

Seaboard bank's directors, noted that "since 1906 The Farmers Bank of Seaboard has played an important role in the development of agricultural and commercial interests."

President Harris of the Seaboard bank noted the "continual and exceptionally vigorous growth of Bank of North Carolina since it was formed less than 20 years ago." He also said his board gave "careful consideration to the interests of our customers and neighbors" in electing to merge with Bank of North Carolina.

One of many benefits noted was the sharp increase in the legal lending limit for The Farmers Bank — increasing from approximately \$36,000 at present to \$1.2-million after that bank becomes part of the BNC system.

Approval of the merger plans is also required from the Comptroller of the Currency.

450 Northampton County Seniors Graduate From Five High Schools

JACKSON — Four hundred and 50 seniors are candidates for graduation in commencement exercises at Northampton County's four public high schools and one private school.

Northampton County High School has the largest graduating class with a total of 195 senior candidates for graduation. Gumberry High is

second with 103, W. S. Creecy High School is third with 63 and Gaston High has 57.

Northeast Academy at Lasker, with 32 seniors, has its largest graduating class since the school was established six years ago. This year's class marks the academy's fourth graduating class.

Northampton Graduation exercises will be held at Northampton County High School Thursday, June 1, at 8 p.m. H. J. Campbell, principal, and R. F. Lowry, superintendent, will present the awards and diplomas.

The following students will be in charge of the program: Gary Woodard, Paula Barnes, Debra Gatling, Betty Jo Woodard, Fred Vaughan, Elizabeth Parker, Joan Fisher, Michael Edwards, Donna Britton, Kent Stephenson and Russell Johnson III. The Glee Club will also have a part in the program.

Members of the graduating class are as follows:

Rickie Lee Alexander, Bettie Jean Allen, Dianne Anderson, Dennis Wilson Artis, Andrew Thomas Barnes, Charles Leander Barnes, Paula Lassiter Barnes, Steve Alan Barnes, Virginia Burwell Bass, Joseph Ward Beasley, Clarence Leroy Bell, George Thomas Blowe, Gladys Marie Blythe, Patricia Marie Blythe, Marjorie Lois Boone, Thornton Fennell Boone, William Lee Bowser, James Randolph Bradley Jr., Connie Branch, Melvin Branch, Dorothy Mae Branch, Lois Odessa Branch, Rosa Lee Branch, Tyrone Branch, William Steven Bridges, Donna Marie Britton, John Sherrod Britt Jr., Judy Ann Buffaloe, Roberta Buffaloe, Steven Randolph Burgess, Geraldine Delois Bynum, Karl Clanton, Elizabeth June Coffield, Janie

Cooke.

Joyce Mae Cowan, Billy Crocker, Trudy Lee Crowder, Willie Arthur Cumbo, Barrington Keith Davis, Cynthia Elaine Davis, Joey Weathers Davis, Brenda Joyce Daye, Carlton Harvey Daye, Jacqueline Diane Daye, Diane Deans, Tony Hugar DeBerry, Annie Mae Debow, Dennis Deloatch, Dorothy Ann Deloatch, Emily Lucinda Deloatch, Thonald Deloatch, Jesse Julius Dickens, Mary Madaglene Dickens, David Lewis Dillman, Joan Creach Draper, Michael Charles Edwards, Patsy Christine Edwards, Charlie Fermon Everette, Roslyn Orneader Everette, Charles Lenwood Faison, Sandra Kaye Fields, Beverly Joan Fisher, Cornelius Flood, James Earl Flythe Jr., Sharon Lorraine Flythe, Barbara Elaine Freeman, Annie Lurine Futrell, Earleen Futrell, Pamela Rose Futrelle,

William Earl Futrell Jr., Pauline Dickerson Gary, Brenda Diane Gatling, Calvin Lee Gatling, Debra Teresa Gatling, Emma Lean Gatling, Reaver Rebecca Gay, Sandra Elizabeth Gay, Marian Lee Gibbons, Pamela Scott Grant, Ueritta Grant, Willie Louis Grant, Albert Sidney Harrell, Denise Ray Harrell, Joe Theodoro Harrell, Raymond Harrell, Clarence Harris, Joyce Annette Harris, Martha Watson Harris, Robert Diego Hasty, Pamela Denise Herbert, Helen Ann Hines, Ethel Mae Hoggard, Jesse Lamont Hood, Deborah Jean Howard, Mary Beth Hughes, Nancy Dickens, James, Smitty James, Ernest Thomas Jeffries, Geraldine Yvonne Jerman, Donald Ray Jernigan Jr., Alice Jean Johnson, Russell Hagood Johnson III, Leroy Jones, Carolyn Cornelia Jordan, Daniel Ray Joyner, Kenneth Gregory Joyner, Sallie Marie Joyner, Tony Lee

Joyner, Mary Elizabeth Kee, Amy Diane Lane, Ricky Marvin Lanier, Deborah Gail Lassiter, Jo Ann Lassiter, Judson Alexander Lassiter Jr., Julian Perry Lassiter Jr., Marshall Wayne Lassiter, Ovell McKinley Lawrence, Cynthia Lee, Robert Earl Lee, Annie Parks Little, Deloisteen Long, Earl Long, Larry Donnell Lynn, Cecil Jarvis Maddrey III, Pauline Majette, Clyde Otis Manley, Carrie Martin, Donnie Gene Martin, Eleanor Wilson Martin, Larry Leon Martin, Tony William Martin, Phil Adam Matthews, Katherine Deloatch Mitchell, Melton Wendell Mitchell, Diane Motley, Leon Carl Motley, Joseph David Motzno Jr., Cecil Steven Newsome, Ralph Gregory Newsome, Delois Odom, Elizabeth Lamay Parker.

Kathlyn Carnell Parker, Laurel Jean Parker, Larry Ray Parks, Henry Cecil Parrish, Marion Gray Peoples, Patricia Ann Pernell, Thomas Lewis Person Jr., Claude Bailey Pope, Margaret Yvonne Price, Mildred Arleen Ramsey, Milton Cornelius Rawles, Clifford Gail Rice, Cynthia Adelia Richey, Grady V. Ricks Jr., Keith Hill Ricks, Douglas James Rinker, Anna Mae Rogers, Ida Jean Rogers, Brenda Ann Rose, James Edward Savage Jr., Lucille Sharp, Annie Ray Smith, Macon Smith Jr., Michael Wayne Smith, Ella Louise Stephenson, Mary Elizabeth Stephenson, Shirley Line Stephenson, Thomas Kent Stephenson, Eloise Stewart, Alexander Deal Taylor, James Patrick Taylor, Nancy Sue Taylor, Warren Douglas Taylor, Randy Curtis Thomas, Patricia Ann Turner.

Cynthia Evette Tyner, David Frederick Vaughan, Jesse Harold Vaughan, Patricia Ann Vaughan, Raleigh Thomas Vaughan Jr., Robert Eugene Vaughan Willie Lee Vaughan, Willie Clinton Vinson, Earvin Lee Wade Jr., Frederick O'Neal Walton, Donald Keith Warren, Robert Lee Wilkins Jr., Barbara Williams, Eula Mae Williams, Gladys Virginia Williams, Betty Jo Woodard, Dennis Ray Woodard, Gary White Woodard.

Gumberry Six honor students will address their fellow graduates when Gumberry High School holds its commencement exercises at 8 p.m. May 30.

The Rev. Millard L. Boone, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Emporia, will be the baccalaureate speaker at the services May 28 at 5 p.m.

Students who will address the 103 seniors are Ernestine Epps, Paul Hardy, Wynona Sykes, Helen Williams, Carolyn Bracy and Michael Clark.

L. H. Mosely, principal, will present the diplomas to the graduating class.

Honor graduates in ranking order are Helen Maxine Williams, Ernestine Epps, Wynona Sykes, Michael A. Clark, Carolyn LaVerne Bracy, Barbara Ann Edwards, Jewel Rita Buffaloe, Esther Michelle Murphy, Georgia Ella Dailey, Malinda Hughes, Hattie Mae Banks, Wendell Pasco Broadnax, Joan Peebles, Madeline Harris, Rose Ann Edmond, Imogene Greene, Freida Peele, Annie Marie Williams, Shirley Lassiter, Harold Louis Williams.

Other graduates are: Joe Bennett Anderson, Wilson Lee Anderson, Carl Durantye Belle, Jesting Benjamin, Arthur Lee Best Jr., Willie Lee Blount, Emma Allee Boone, James Lee Boone, Lavonia Mae Boone, Calvin Ronald Boone, Jerry Brooks, Sondra Drew Brown, Brenda Faye Brown, Russell Donnell Carroll, Lannie Clanton, Napoleon Jerome Coates, Sandra Coleman, Vivian Copeland, William Agustus Cumbo, Eddie Wilson Deloatch, Eula Mae Deloatch, Audrey Lea Demory, Janet Orstall Demory, Joyce Ann Douglas, Gail Sue Edwards, Saint Paul Edwards Jr., Donald Lee Galloway, Ella Mae Galloway, Dinah Mae Gary.

Shirley Marie Gary, Yvonne Gary, Clarence Davis Gee, Darries Ghee, Simon Lee Goods, Vance Greene, Paul Thomas Hardy, Robert Payne Hardy, Bobby Lee Harris, Ronald Ray Harris, Jesse James Hill, Percy Lee Jacobs, Regina Durham James, (See SCHOOLS, Page 5)

FLASH!

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Second District counties (Edgecombe, Halifax and Northampton) have been approved for extended deadline date of June 10 for planting peanuts under Federal Crop Insurance Program.

Regards, L. H. Fountain.



The Farmers Bank of Seaboard Building

Run-Off Set For Saturday, June 3

JACKSON — When Northampton voters go to the polls Saturday, June 3, for the second primary of Campaign '72 they will see 10 names on the ballot. If they are registered as Republican they will have only one choice to make — that will be for governor and it will be between James C. (Jim) Gardner and James E. Holshouser Jr.

Democrats will have four times as much to do as they will have to make choices concerning a U.S. senator, governor, commissioner of insurance and commissioner of labor.

For senator in the Democratic Party there will be Nick Galifianakis and B. Everett Jordan.

In the governor's race there is H. P. (Pat) Taylor and Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles.

Commissioner of insurance finds John Ingram and E. Russell Secrest in the race. Commissioner of labor has John C. Brooks and W. C. (Billy) Creel running.

Polls in Northampton will be opened from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Returns will be posted as they come in the parking lot behind the courthouse.

County Marks 6th Fatality

GASTON — Northampton County recorded its sixth highway death for the year and second in less than a week last night when a Garysburg man was killed instantly in a single car accident.

According to Deputy Otis Wheeler of the Northampton County Sheriff's Department, Ely Coy Bell, 23, appeared to

have lost control of his car on the rainslick N. C. 46 two miles east of Gaston.

The accident report stated that the Bell car ran off the right shoulder of the road, struck a light pole and overturned on its side, throwing the driver from the vehicle. The car had just come out of a slight curve when the accident occurred at 9:35 p.m. There were no passengers in the car.

Memorial Day Off And On Holiday

JACKSON — Monday will be an off and on holiday. For some it will be a day away from work, for others it will be the same old Monday routine.

Most state and federal workers, including postal employees will have the day off to celebrate a long Memorial Day weekend. County offices in the courthouse will also observe the (See HOLIDAY, Page 5)

Three-Month ABC Sales At \$756,493.45 Mark

RICH SQUARE — Northampton County's ABC Board has reported a net profit of \$66,368.11 for the first three months of this year. This is an

increase of \$958.37 over the same period a year ago.

Out of a gross sales, of \$756,493.45, the system paid the State of North Carolina \$137,138.29 in a sales tax and surtax of five cents per bottle sold. Also paid out was \$11,985.60 for alcoholic rehabilitation for the state.

The \$66,368.11 net profit was distributed as follows:

Northampton general fund, \$49,776.08.
 Town of Rich Square, \$3,708.31.
 Gaston, \$3,087.77.
 Jackson, \$2,132.08.
 Woodland, \$1,952.88.
 Conway, \$1,942.93.
 Seaboard, \$1,826.78.
 Severn, \$967.32.
 Garysburg, \$632.16.
 Lasker, \$341.80.
 Rich Square led in gross sales with \$178,462.85. It was followed by Conway with \$174,231.85; Gaston, \$164,712.35; Jackson, \$121,817.20; and Garysburg, \$117,269.20.

Three Calls Reported By Sheriff

JACKSON — At least two cases of larceny and one of attempted larceny are currently under investigation by the Northampton County Sheriff's Department.

One of the larcenies and the attempted larceny may be related, according to Sheriff E. Frank Outland.

The Charles Demory home in Garysburg was broken into May 12 and a television set and a 50-pound ham stolen. The same day that the Demory home was burglarized, a case of (See CALLS, Page 5)

Demo Precinct Meeting May 27

RALEIGH — State chairman of the Democratic Party of North Carolina, John T. Church, today reminded county chairmen of the considerable business that must be handled at this year's county conventions to be held Saturday, May 27, at 2 p.m. Church pointed out that only delegates elected at the precinct meetings could vote.

According to Northampton County T. G. (Sonny Boy) Joyner of Garysburg the election will be held in the courthouse in Jackson.

Officer Election Officers of the County Executive Committee must be elected. This includes a chairman, first vice-chairman, which must be of the opposite sex to the chairman and a second vice-chairman. If the chairman and first vice-chairman are of the same race, the second vice-chairman must be of that race other than the race of the chairman and first vice-chairman, which constitutes at least 20 per cent of the registered Democratic voters

Other Positions Other positions to be filled are: Members of the State Executive Committee, members of the State Senatorial, House of Representatives, Judicial and Congressional Districts and delegates and alternates to the Congressional Convention to be held in each district on Saturday, June 10.

Church added, "Our 100 county chairmen have spent considerable time recently in planning for their county conventions and they have been urged to follow the guide lines set down by The Plan of Organization. Our young people, women and blacks are becoming involved and we welcome their help. We anticipate successful conventions in each of the counties on May 27."

Old Northampton Homes



Gary-Collier House

By HAZEL GRIFFIN (Editor's Note: This is one of a continuing series of old Northampton County homes and structures. The aim of this series is to create an interest in the welfare of these old structures as well as the history of the area.)

GARYSBURG — The Gary-Collier House in Garysburg was built in 1840 by Roderick Gary, who used slave labor to build it.

Built for a hotel, it is an immense, long, rectangular two-story structure with a two-story wing built later to the rear on the right side. Room additions have also

been made to form a left rear wing. The building is of white clapboard and has windows of both average and slightly under-average size, but no shutters. It has no distinctive architectural features.

A porch extends across the front and right side. Its many chimneys are both exterior and interior ones, the exterior ones being gabled-ended.

For many years it served as a hotel as it was on the railroad and Garysburg thrived as a commercial and traveling center because of its being located on a main travel road and on the railroad.

The hotel was sold to a

Yankee Hunting Club, then to Bill Kee, whose son-in-law, John Livesay, had placed in it a door retrieved from a wrecked railroad car. In 1910, J. R. Collier purchased it. His heirs own it today.

Garysburg took its name from the Gary family. Maj. Roderick B. Gary, who built the hotel, was postmaster and hotel keeper and in 1849 donated the land on which the Garysburg Methodist Church was built in 1853.

Both the Wilmington-Weldon and Raleigh-Gaston-Weldon were completed in 1840 and went through Garysburg.