

Carter's Column

By—W. Horace Carter



BANK: Again we had the pleasure of attending the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company annual stockholders meeting last week. While we hold no bank stock, we have attended this gathering regularly for many years and find it a real inspiring meeting. It is a meeting that every year shows a steady climb in business and progress of a fine banking chain.

Again this year, like all the years in the past that we know about, the bank showed a gain in number of depositors, amount of money, profits, surplus and in general great progress.

Then to emphasize the continued growth of the organization, bank officials announced at the meeting the approval by the State Banking Commission of a branch at Riegelwood to better serve the Riegel Paper Company and its employees.

While no bank and no other firm has 100 percent friends, we believe the Waccamaw Banks have as great a percentage as any financial institution almost anywhere and as far as we are concerned, Tabor City is fortunate to have the organization handling the money business of the community.

We certainly wish for them continued progress in every phase of the operation.

JAYCEES: The Junior Chamber of Commerce in Burlington, N. C., certainly tackled a unique project a few years ago. They were telling us about it up there Monday night when we spoke at their annual Bosses Night and DSA Banquet.

Several years ago they were needing to make some money for a project and found a man who had a two acre tobacco allotment that he wasn't going to plant. The man agreed to let them have the allotment and to furnish all plants and fertilizer, plus equipment. The Jaycees were to do all the work. The profit was to be split 50-50. They tackled the money-raising project on that basis and all of them being city boys, you can imagine the troubles they had. It's a scream to hear them tell about working the tobacco, harvesting it, trying to grade and tie it and eventually getting it to market. When they sold the two acre crop, it brought exactly \$750. This was made into two checks for \$375 each, one going to the club, the other to the landowner.

But the landowner had watched all the sweat and toil of the Jaycees through the hot months and just didn't have the heart to keep his half of the money. He mailed the check back to the club with his regrets that a more profitable tobacco crop hadn't been realized.

As a token of their appreciation to the landowner, the Jaycees took one of the tobacco leaves and had it bronzed. It's still a valued possession of the man who loaned his land to the Jaycees for a most unusual project.

YAMS: The N. C. Yam Association has launched its "300 Bushel Per Acre" project at Goldsboro last Thursday. This is an effort to increase yield per acre in the commercial growing sections and some fine tree trips will be awarded the winners. We think the Tabor City area has a fine chance of winning out in this competition and we are hopeful that a number of the really good sweet potato growers will do their best to take top honors. The Kande variety, that is making big steps forward in this section, is a high yielding variety and there's a good chance that some local farmer will come up with a championship yield of Kande.

H. D. SCHEDULE

January 30	Williams Int. 4-H. Wednesday, 9:45 a. m.
January 31	Williams, Jr. 4-H. Wednesday, 10:45 a. m.
February 2	Edgewood Jr. b-H. Wednesday, 2:20 p. m.
February 3	South Whiteville H. D. Thursday, 3:00 p. m. with Mrs. T. F. Alexander
February 4	Cerro Gordo Jr. 4-H. Thursday, 8:40 a. m.
February 4	Cerro Gordo Int. 4-H. Thursday, 9:30 a. m.
February 4	Cerro Gordo Sr. 4-H. Thursday, 10:40 a. m.
February 4	Delco Jr. 4-H. Tuesday, 9:40 a. m.
February 4	Delco Sr. 4-H. Tuesday, 10:40 a. m.
February 4	Whiteville Jr. 4-H. Tuesday, 2:15 p. m.
February 4	Weyman H. D. Wednesday, 2:30 p. m.
February 4	Hallsboro H. D. Wednesday, 3:00 p. m.
February 4	Williams Sr. 4-H. Wednesday, 8:45 a. m.

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The State Capitol Building at Jackson houses a State Hall of Fame, the State Museum and Library, the legislative chambers and the Supreme Court. Conducted tours are free. The Old State Capitol was completed in 1842. It is considered by many to be the most distinguished historic building in the state. In the central rotunda is a statue of Jefferson Davis, who made his last public appearance here. The Governor's Mansion at the city's busiest corner served as headquarters for Generals Grant and Sherman during the Civil War.

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MIXED EMOTIONS

One must view the recent Distinguished Service Award banquet by the Jaycees with mixed emotions.

We find ourselves in accord with the decision that no award should be given if a worthy recipient is unavailable. To tender awards at random for the sake of giving an award is folly and tends to cheapen the act.

Not many groups would have courage to claim no winner when a banquet was held for the specific purpose of honoring a winner. We find this courage refreshing.

On the other hand it is with sadness that we view the plight of young men in the community. It is difficult to realize that not one single individual contrived that extra effort that provides the dividing line between those who trod along the showprow path and those who show initiative and a greater sense of responsibility.

Already the picture is brighter for 1959 as a number of young men are showing a greater willingness to assume responsibilities for the progress of the town.

The future of the town is often vested in the wisdom of the older men and the energy and enthusiasm

of the young. It is this energy, enthusiasm and leadership that is honored with the presentation of the DSA.

We hope 1959 will find several young men qualified to win the DSA. Our town needs the services of young men to direct the movement of civic projects that benefit all the people.

MOVE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Greeley Long, Superintendent of Schools in Brunswick County, is to be commended for adoption of a "Career Day" program.

The program is designed to give junior and senior students an opportunity to hear not only about rewards in various professions but to become acquainted with the problems.

"Career Day" gives students the needed chance to think about their future. Undoubtedly it leaves a few students in doubt but for the most part it motivates them and arouses interest in higher education.

We hope Brunswick County schools will make this a permanent affair. Certainly there is everything to be gained and nothing to lose.

Behind The Scenes

—by Reynolds Knight—

NEW YORK, Jan. 5—Like the mighty Atlas orbiting the bridge, the "missile gap" that existed between the United States and Russia a year ago, the nation's economy soared into new heights as 1959 rolled in.

U. S. production, steadily picking up speed during the last half of the year, rose to within four points of its pre-recession peak of August, 1957, and at year's end was two points higher than at the close of '57.

And, as Atlas portends more space conquests, the 1958 business comeback points to a new and exciting phase of the economy. Gross national product, faltering after soaring past the \$100-billion mark in 1955, once again sets its sights on new peaks. By the end of 1959, GNP should reach the threshold of a half-trillion-dollar economy.

Viewing 1958 in retrospect, it was a year marked by slump at the beginning and recovery at the end . . . a year of bad and good months for the keystone auto mobile industry . . . a year of bad and good months for building . . . a year of leveling off in industrial spending for plants and equipment . . . a year of under-capacity operations for steel . . . and a year of new records for retail sales, for investment, and for saving.

RAPID RECOVERY — Although many consumers deferred purchases of automobiles and other durables during the 1957-58 slump, there was a bright side to the installment credit picture.

"There was never any doubt as to the judgement and integrity of the average time buyer, and repayment for earlier purchases continued, as always, on a sound basis," according to the head of the nation's largest consumer and industrial financing firm.

Now, says Arthur D. Dietz, president of C. I. T. Financial Corporation, some of the "backlog demand" from the slump will be added to other purchases to swell total credit extension for 1959. Rapid recovery from the recession and the surge of the economy toward the peak of the 1960's will make 1959 "a very good year for consumers and business," he adds.

U. S. consumers in 1959 will use a record \$42.5 billion of installment credit, including some \$16.2 billion for automobile purchases, Dietz predicts.

RUBBER BOUNCES BACK — The rubber industry, bouncing out of its 1958 dip, will resume its long-term growth pattern

through 1959, in the opinion of F. Ward Keener, president of the F. F. Goodrich Company. In 1958, Goodrich would well run a "loss leader" of the rest of the industry this year, says Keener.

Keener's analysis bases his prediction upon the upturn in the rubber market, the rebuilding of depleted customer inventories, substantially greater sales of new automobiles, and continuing strength in replacement tires sales. (Passenger tire replacement sales in 1958 exceeded 60 million units, about 67% more than in record 1957, while original equipment tire sales dipped with auto production.)

In the United States, Keener estimates, will consume about 1.5 billion long tons of new rubber, compared with 1.35 billion long tons in 1958.

TILE CAPACITY UP—Home builders closed out the old year in housing starts running at an annual rate of more than 1.3 million. That is expected to carry over several months into 1959. But while 1958 was somewhat less than a boom year in housing, some manufacturers of building material redied plant capacity for the rise expected with the population upsurge of the Sixties.

Manufacturers of ceramic floor and wall tile have been steadily expanding to the point at which their present annual output of approximately 200 million square feet could be doubled with plant capacity at hand. The industry is equipped to meet the demands of the seven per cent increase in construction forecast for 1959, as well as the even greater rise anticipated for the next decade, according to Richard B. Alexander, president of the Tile Council of America. The council is an organization of manufacturers making 90 per cent of the ceramic floor and wall tile produced in the U. S.

To keep tile, the world's oldest building material, up to date, the Council in 1959 will intensify research and development at its new half-million-dollar research center near Princeton, N. J., opened in 1958.

GAS RISE SEEN — The gas equipment industry plans to take advantage of stepped-up home construction and modernization this year by launching a "Gold Star" promotional program to earn a larger share of the quality market. The program, sponsored by the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association, will involve expenditure of more than \$30 million by indus-

trials. Shipments of gas appliances in the final quarter of 1958 showed that the economy is benefiting from the reversal of the public's earlier tendency to defer purchases of major consumer items, according to Edward R. Martin, GAMA's director of marketing and statistics.

Shipments in 1959 should top last year's total by 9.1 per cent, GAMA has determined through analysis of a poll of manufacturers who usually account for 70 per cent of the industry's output of household and commercial gas equipment.

Perhaps the most important advances of all have been made in the field of surgery. Parents who once felt despair when told their child had been born with a defective heart, now know that practically every heart malformation may be corrected by surgery. Mrs. Meares added, "To bring hopeful facts such as these to public attention will be the job of Mrs. Price and she will also be responsible for publishing the first national Youth Conference on the Atom Heart Conference in Atlantic City April 30-May 1.

The student and teacher will be given an expense-free trip through a Speakers Bureau to the conference by CP&L. The winner will be chosen from among participants representing speak on such topics as modern CP&L's North Carolina service treatment for various forms of heart and blood vessel diseases, to be held in early Spring.

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Heart Group Names Public Education Head

Mr. Allen Price will be in charge of public information and education about heart disease, it was announced today by Mrs. Luther Meares, chairman of the newly formed Columbus County Heart Committee.

"One of the aims of the local Heart group, which is affiliated with the North Carolina and American Heart Association, is to inform the public about the hopeful side of heart disease," said Mrs. Meares. "Despite the alarming increase in the number of people who are being stricken by heart and blood vessel diseases, and in the rate of deaths from these diseases, heart research has led to some significant advances in treatment."

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CP&L To Send Tar Heel Youth To Atomic Meet

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PLAIN TALK



I heard a schoolboy say the other day that when he grew up he was going to change his name to Castro and liberate the students.

Speaking of teachers there are many who are beloved by their students but two in particular who teach in the grammar grades at Tabor City are constantly being praised by parents and children. They are Mrs. O. V. Hicks and Miss Ann Brooks McGough.

I tried to phone someone the other day and each time the line was busy. After the eighth time I finally found the line clear only to learn the party I sought was out of town which accounted for their not answering he phone. Then my curiosity got the best of me. I checked the phone book to find out who was on the party line with the person I tried to call. To my amazement it was a lady whose only reason for using the phone that much must have been classic gossip. Armed with suspicion that she was a healthy gossip I casually inquired about her ability to spread the rumored word and learned from her best friends that she bore the title of a "malicious gossip". Seems she heads the class and that's quite a distinction in this fair city.

IN THE MAIL — There was no signature on the card but the handwriting on the envelope served the same purpose. The sentiments expressed in the card were quite clever:

"What in the Hell would you write about Windy if it weren't for your daughter Cindy?"
(Strike out the words Hell and Windy and it sounds like something my wife asked me not long ago.)

If you know how to do just one thing in particular have no fear even about your most bitter enemy — he'll come around one day wanting you to do something for him!"

KIDS DON'T CHANGE — Johnny Grainger and Joanne Beck were selected as the most outstanding seniors at Williams Township High School. My wife taught both of these students when they were in the seventh grade. She commented back then that they were among her outstanding students. So you see—things don't really change. We just get older.

NEW SYSTEM
I was in a county school a while back and saw a teacher using an old method of teaching. She was wielding a wicked paddle on the youngster's seat. I always thought that was a father's duty, but then maybe the fathers these days are teaching the youngsters to read and write and sending them to school for their discipline.

Most people act like the brotherhood of man means being nice only to relatives.

REPUTATION LINGERS
On the way to Fort Lauderdale we stopped in a small Florida town. The man asked where each of us lived. One was from Hamlet and the other from Lumberton.

When he learned I was from Tabor City he commented, "I've never been there but tell me is it still the meanest town in North Carolina?"
I vowed it wasn't a rough place and explained that all the rowdy exhibitionists got into trouble around the outskirts.

Somehow or other I don't think he believed me.

A BIT OF COURAGE
It was encouraging to find that the Jaycees held a DSA banquet to honor the outstanding young man in the community only to find no one had done enough to warrant such an award.

It speaks well for the Jaycees in not wanting to cheapen the award. Now when a man wins it he can be certain he deserved it.

Too many organizations give awards like hotcakes with little thought other than banquets have a nicer atmosphere if someone is presented an award.

FUTURE IS BRIGHT
Having been on the Jaycee banquet trail for the past two weeks makes me have hope for the future.

There will come a day when meals are neatly packed in a capsule. You can have a steak, potatoes, lettuce and tomato salad or anything else in only the time it takes to swallow the capsule.

Also there will come a day when speeches will be in capsule form. Then you can stay home, have your banquet dinner and select your own kind of dinner speech. At the most it won't take over three minutes.

Williams School Health Survey Gets Underway

and other intestinal parasite survey among students.

When the survey was conducted last year, it was discovered that 45 per cent of the students had intestinal parasites some kind.

The first specimen will be taken from students in grades 3 and 4 and sent to the State Laboratories in Raleigh on Monday, January 26.

Working with the Columbus County Health Department, Williams Township School is making a hookworm, roundworm Monday, January 26.

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