



Fort Mill Bank Completes Many Improvements

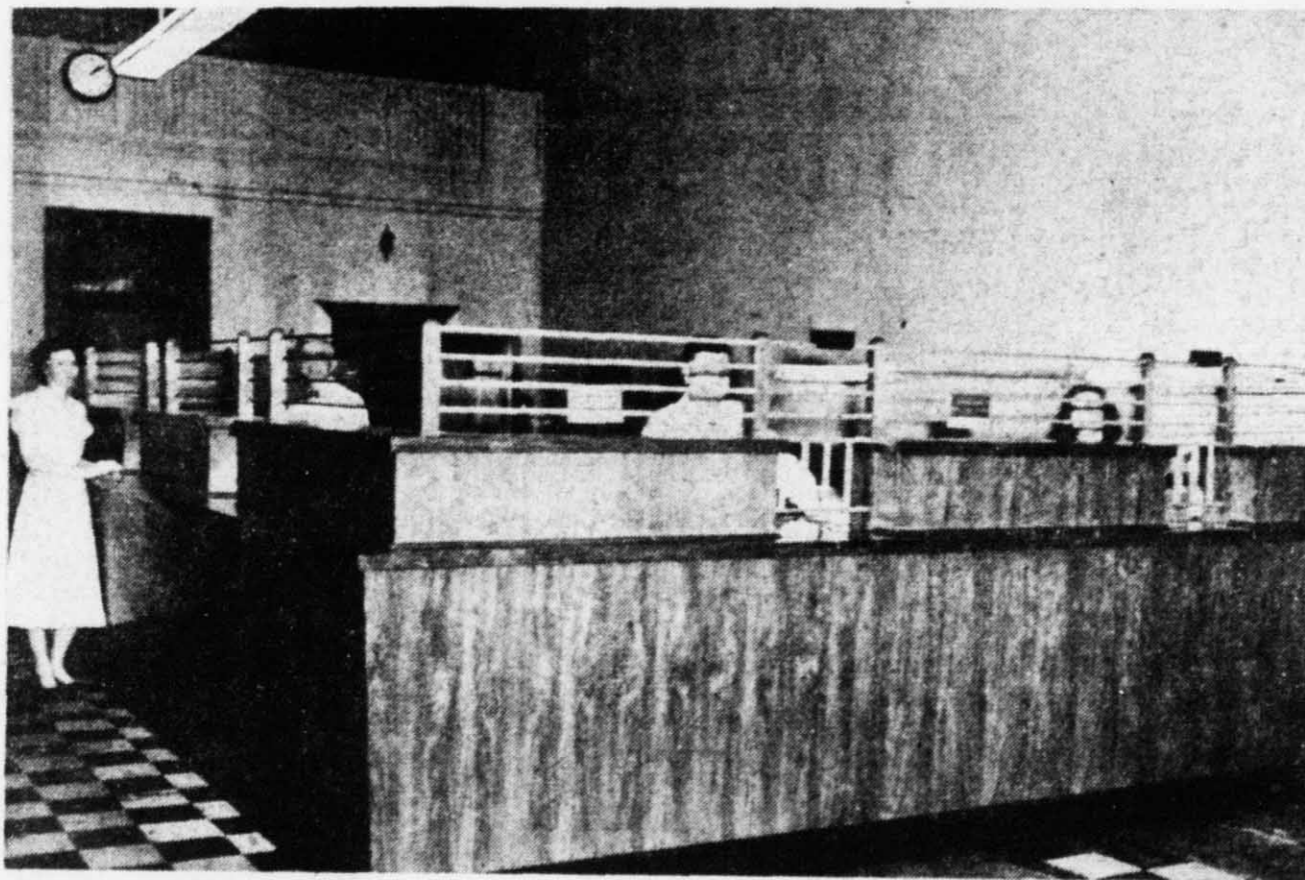
FORT MILL — The Bank of Fort Mill has recently been remodeled inside and a complete set of new fixtures installed.

Improvements made include a new tile floor, interior decorations, new fluorescent lights installed, and modern walnut finished fixtures placed throughout the bank. The teller cages and windows are of the most modern design.

This bank, the only one in Fort Mill, was organized in 1948 by John M. Spratt, who is still president. A state charter was granted immediately after the bank was organized. The institution began operations with a capital stock of \$50,000 and a paid-in surplus of \$10,000. Total resources now are about \$90,000.

Directors are Spratt, Luther G. Patterson, Dr. W. H. Martin, R. P. Harris, L. F. Abernethy, W. T. Barron and E. S. Parks, Jr. Personnel who operate the bank include Spratt, president; Abernethy, executive vice president and cashier; Barron, vice president and assistant cashier; Parks, vice president and assistant cashier; Mrs. Sara Helms, teller; Mrs. Elva D. Cantrell, secretary; and Mrs. Annie Case, bookkeeper.

An insurance agency is also carried on in connection with the banking business.



FORT MILL BANK EMPLOYEES — are happy about the extensive remodeling program recently completed at the Bank of Fort Mill. The interior of the bank (part of which is shown in the bottom photo) was completely remodeled with new lighting and a new tile floor being among the improvements. Employees pictured here are. (left to right) E. S. Parks, Jr., vice president and assistant cashier; Mrs. Elva D. Cantrell, secretary; Mrs. Annie Case, bookkeeper; W. T. Barron, vice president and assistant cashier; Mrs. Sara Helms, teller; John M. Spratt, president; and Lon F. Abernethy, executive president and cashier. (Herald Photo.)

Vote On Extension Of Fort Mill Town Limits Set Aug. 18

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FORT MILL—In two weeks, Fort Mill town limits may be extended by approximately 45 acres.

In the regular monthly meeting last night at City Hall, the Town Council voted to hold the annexation election August 18. Councilman J. T. Young made the motion that an election to determine whether approximately 35 acres of land in the Whiteville Park section and some 10 acres of land adjacent to the golf course shall be annexed by the town be held Tuesday, August 18. Youngs' motion was approved by the Council.

Election Postponed

Originally scheduled for August 4 the election was postponed because of legal entanglements. City Clerk Tom Gaither told the Council that City Attorney John Spratt had notified him that all legal kinks had been ironed out and that the election could be held August 18 without violating state and municipal statutes regarding special elections. State law requires that notice of the election be advertised at least ten days prior to the election. Notice of the election will appear in this week's edition of the Fort Mill Times.

Last week Gaither told the Herald that the proposed annexation area adjacent to the golf course included about five acres of land. However, the city clerk informed the Council last night that a recently completed survey of the area indicated that approximately 10 acres of land were included. This brings the total number of acres in the two proposed annexation areas to 45.

Gaither told the Council that three polling places would be used in the election—one in the City Hall and one in each of the proposed areas. Three managers will supervise voting at each polling place. These managers, appointed by the County Board of Elections, will be paid by the town.

Report on Paving

Mayor Frank Lytle reported on the progress of street grading by a county crew. Approximately seven miles of streets within town limits have been graded in the last three weeks.

Councilman J. B. Mills made the motion that City Clerk Tom Gaither work with the Finance Committee to determine if the town's bank balance will necessitate a loan within the next 60 days. The Council adopted the motion.

Walter S. (Bob) Griffin, acting chief of police, reported that a total of \$636 in fines had been collected during the month of July.

Following the disposition of the above items, the Council went into executive session to consider the eight applications which have been received for town chief of police. The session lasted about twenty minutes, but no recommendation was made. Three of the applicants for the post are Griffin, Fred (Hoof) Wilson, and Q. E. Britt. Since the Council took no action last night, it is unlikely that a new chief will be named before the September 7 meeting.

All six Councilmen, Mayor Lytle, Gaither, and T. F. Lytle, superintendent of the town's street and water department, attended the meeting.