

First National Bank: Community Influence

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My father, Dan B. Walker and I could always count on the First National Bank (FNB) and Bill Swain for his financial help, as needed, in the operation of Walker Oil Company, the Texaco distributor in this area from 1940 through 2000.

Dan B. served on the Huntsville Utility District water board from its beginning with Bill Swain until 1969, and I was appointed to serve on the board with Bill also, until Bill resigned. The FNB was always instrumental, with Bill's leadership, in being a conduit and leader for all of the HUD expansion projects throughout its history.

FNB has always been a leader in promoting industry, job growth and community service through its operations and influence. Almost all the current manufacturing facilities were a result of efforts and money commitments made by the FNB and Bill Swain to promote industrial development and job opportunities for the community, Scott County.

I have served on the FNB Advisory Board for several years and have seen first-hand the many efforts of FNB and Bill Swain to encourage community service with its employees, associates, and customers.

I have been involved with the FNB's and Bill Swain's efforts to encourage excellence in our teachers and our educational systems as a mini-grant reader and as an organizer of the various Science Fairs within the school systems in Scott County and Oneida. Both of these efforts have been a positive influence in our community and educational systems for our students and teachers.

I have been involved with the FNB's and Bill Swain's efforts to start, from scratch, the RSCC-Scott County Community College campus here in Scott County. This facility and effort have made a real impact and difference for our community and our young people just starting out. Many people have taken advantage of this facility to work toward college and technical degrees and to improve their work skills without having to leave home or travel great distances.

Overall, the FNB has been a huge influence in almost every facet of life, as we know it today, here in Scott County.

My family has had the opportunity to work closely with FNB and Bill Swain over the years and truly appreciates all the efforts put forth for the benefit of Scott County and its people.



Figure 1 - Bert Walker - FNB Advisory Board Member