Walkers, Retired Educators, Write About 'Something Special' at FNB

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There is something special about the First National Bank here in Scott County, Tennessee. First we would like to thank the FNB for giving educators the opportunity to help turn on young minds in the classroom by your generosity of finances.

The leaders of the bank realize the key to education is to keep students in school, making sure they graduate from high school and moving them on to college or some type of advanced training.

The FNB is doing its part trying to bring good jobs to the area. To fill these good jobs, the kids have just got to have the education, training, and skills it takes to fill these jobs. With better education in today's world of work, earning power is greatly improved. With the generosity of the FNB with grant money to schools and education in general, this has greatly improved the chances for young people to have a greater earning power in today's economy.



Figure 1 - James and Joann Walker - Retired Educators

FNB believes you are going to do better if you have an education, and you're going to be much happier if you have the education that enables you to do what one has to do in life.

The bank has been liberal in sponsoring extra-curricular activities both in education and athletics. They have also donated seed money to get community parks and recreational areas established.

We think the FNB has put the things in place mentioned above, by providing thousands of dollars in the form of mini-grants to classroom teachers. The grant money is used by teachers to purchase the many items needed to enrich the learning power of students.

Mr. W.H. Swain has a vision for higher education, when he got the ball to rolling to get the RSCC center built here in Scott County. Thousands of students have taken advantage of attending classes, getting college credit here at home. We have seen young people of all walks of life attending the local RSCC. To mention a few of the professionals that have attended RSCC are nurses, lawyers, teachers, engineers, therapists, hygienists, politicians, ministers, and many more professional people.

By having the RSCC center here in Scott County has inspired many young minds, and they have benefited from the higher education here at home, promoted by the First National Bank of Oneida.

Let's sum it up by saying thank you FNB, for making so many things possible to enrich the lives and education for thousands of children, after all they are our most precious assets.