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PROGRESS REPORT PLEASES GROUP

Secretary Brown Tells Loan Association of the General Condition of Business

PIEDMONT FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, C. C. CLOE, President; A. A. HOFF, Vice-President; W. E. TRUSLER, 2nd Vice-President; W. HILL, JR., Secretary-Treasurer.
1938—Annual Report

It is a pleasure to report to the members of the Piedmont Federal Savings and Loan Association of Prince William County a most constructive year in serving the public interest. A savings, building and loan association, possibly more than any other institution engaged in the gathering and disbursement of money, is carrying on a great public service, making possible things which a great majority of people ought to have. Such is the responsibility which your association accepted when it was chartered four years ago.

Assets increased during 1938. We advanced a sizable sum of money to borrowers during the year 1938; namely, \$43,450.00. Our favorable cash position has been improved. There has been an addition to reserves, we have distributed earnings at a fair rate and we close the year with more members than we started with.

The more popular and more talked of side of our work in the public interest is the lending of money to help people buy and build homes. In spite of a pretty generally felt business recession the first half of the year, savings, building and loan associations in the nation lent \$800,000,000, almost as much as in 1937. Each month increasing percentages of this loan volume were for new construction and home repairs, which create employment directly.

The loans of your association make a worthy showing alongside the total national figures. We advanced \$22,250.00 to families to build new houses; and \$21,200.00 to help them buy existing homes. We have started these people, or helped them along one step farther, to debt free ownership of their homes, the ultimate goal of our activities. There were some in our association who achieved the goal during the year. That number of citizens in this community were placed among the group which has an island of safety in an economic storm, a home free and clear of debt.

The creation of home owners is a highly patriotic activity. Democracy draws its greatest strength from citizens who have a stake in the soil of the country, who are proprietors and aware of the blessings of liberty to those who have as well as those who have not. Your association has driven a substantial rivet into the structure of democracy by the loans it has made this year. The more citizens we help to home ownership the more we do to prevent their becoming wards of the government.

The reward of our investors this year, the payment which you received for lending the use of your money, totalled \$5,369.99, counting dividends disbursed at mid-year and on December 31. The rate was at 4 per cent, which is considerably higher than that paid by other kinds of savings institutions in this community, and continues to be a real incentive to persons of common sense and business acumen to put off the use of their money until some future date. Our dividend policy has apparently met with the favor of the community as testified to by the fact that we gained 11 investors during the year. There is now invested in the Association \$140,818.75.

The dividends which we paid out at the close of June and December testified to the satisfactory earnings of your association during the year.

In contrast to conditions in our depression days there are only three loans delinquent on principal or interest. This is one of the best showing the association has made at any time in its existence and testifies to the careful lending policies of the association and the fundamentally dependable risk which we have in the ing for his home. We expect to continue that careful personal attention to appraisals, of both the property and the personal risk, which has enabled the association to have a boast-worthy record such as the above. Safety of the institution is due no less
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We are again asking our good friends and subscribers to co-operate with us by paying up by February 1, and thus saving us this additional bookkeeping and postage. You can easily figure where you stand by examining your label. We wish to thank the many who have already re-newed promptly. If for any reason, you do not desire the paper continued, please drop us a postcard.

KIWANIS CLUB NOTES BIRTHDAY

President Conner Urges Greater Membership

"The 24th anniversary of the founding of Kiwanis International will be celebrated by over 101,000 Kiwanians throughout the United States and Canada during the week of January 15 to 21, 1939," said E. R. Conner, President of the local club this week. "In Manassas all our members are planning to join in this international observance.

"The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit in 1915 and held its first meeting on January 21 of that year. Today in the United States and Canada there are 1,992 clubs," said Mr. Conner.

The Kiwanis club is expecting a special message next month from H. C. Hatfield, of Oklahoma City, Okla., President of Kiwanis International. This greeting will be read to the local group at the anniversary meeting.

"During 1939 we can increase the influence of Kiwanis through increasing our membership," said Mr. Hatfield. "Many communities where Kiwanis clubs have never been organized should have clubs. Kiwanis influence is of inestimable value," he said.

The mid-winter conference of the Capitol District is being held at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore today beginning at 9:00 A. M. All of the Lt. Governor's have been scheduled to speak, and the topic of Lyman M. Kelley, Lt. Governor of the St. Division will be "Taking our Kiwanis Objects Seriously."

The District Trustees, which body is composed of the immediate past International District officers and all present District officers constitute this body. Their meeting will be held at the Emerson Hotel, Baltimore on Wednesday, January 18th at 4:00 P. M.

The meeting last Friday evening was graced by the presence of Miss Sue Ayres and a Mrs. Kilby, of New York, who gave a demonstration of art work on the graded schools.

Mrs. Kilby gave some practical ideas as to how the whole thing works, showing a number of large pictures made by pupils in both the county schools, parochial schools and public schools in other sections.

The entertainment was rather magnetic and a number of the Kiwanians lingered for almost a half hour afterwards, asking questions and watching Mrs. Kilby, who is also a very talented conversationalist, put life into paper.

The program was under the direction of Professor Haydon, and was a new high in programs for the year.

NOTED LECTURER TO SPEAK HERE

The Fifth Sunday Union Service will be held in the High School Auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The Manassas Ministerial Association has again secured the services of Mr. Page McKendree Etchison for an illustrated lecture. Last year Mr. Etchison lectured on, "The Passion Play of Oberammergau." This year he will speak on, "The World Sunday School Convention in Oslo, Norway." Attractive preliminary features are also planned for this program.

A full announcement of the program will be made in the Journal next week. Be planning now to attend this Union Service on Sunday evening, January 29.

GAINESVILLE P.-T. A. MEETING JANUARY 26

The regular monthly meeting of the Gainesville District Parent-Teacher Association has been changed to the fourth Thursday, January 26, in order that Miss Neel may present a very instructive and interesting program.

A PROCLAMATION

Whereas, infantile paralysis yearly takes distressing toll of the citizens of Virginia and inflicts upon people of the Nation untold suffering and burdens, and

Whereas, the need for study, research and treatment of this dread disease is a pressing obligation to the end that it may be eradicated as a scourge upon the race, and,

Whereas, the Virginia Committee of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis will prosecute during the month of January, 1939, the annual campaign for public support of this worthy activity, embracing the "March of Dimes" campaign and culminating in the annual celebration and observance on January 30th, and,

Whereas, the cause in which this effort is being undertaken merits the support, help and participation of every citizen, now,

Therefore, I, Harry P. Davis, Mayor of Manassas, Va., proclaim the period from January 16th to January 30th, inclusive, as a time during which our citizens should participate in this cause, urge upon them their support of efforts that are being expended, and dedicate the day of January 26 as "March of Dimes Day" in the Fight Infantile Paralysis campaign.

HARRY P. DAVIS, Mayor.

MASTER OF CEREMONY FOR PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALL

It has been announced by Mr. E. R. Conner, chairman of the President's Birthday Ball, which will be held at the Manassas Gymnasium on the night of January 27th, that Arch McDonald, well-known Washington radio announcer, will act as master of ceremonies at the ball. Mr. McDonald is expected to draw a large crowd from among his enthusiastic radio fans. Among the Washington dignitaries who will accompany Mr. McDonald to Manassas next Friday night will be District Commissioner and Mrs. Melvin C. Hazen, District Keich, chairman of the Utility Commission, and Mrs. Keich, Mr. Edward Dent, District Surveyor, and Mrs. Dent, Dr. and Mrs. Melvin Colvin, and Mr. Roger Whiteford, a Washington attorney.

Hon. Howard W. Smith, Congressman from the Eighth District, and Mrs. Smith will also grace the ball with their presence, accompanied by Mr. Calvin Haley, Secretary to Judge Smith.

Mrs. Stanley Owens, chairman of the Ticket Committee, reports that tickets have been distributed to the members of her committee, Mrs. William Taylor, Mrs. C. C. Lynn, Mrs. Connie Kincheol and Miss Margaret Lynch and may be obtained from these members upon request at the prices of \$1.00 per person, and 50c for spectators.

Refreshments will be sold at intermission, at which time Mr. McDonald will introduce several distinguished Washington entertainers.

Mrs. P. A. Lewis, Mr. Worth Peters and Miss Mary Jane Morris are on the Service Committee, and will see to it that the gymnasium will be warm for the expected cold weather.

JUNIOR WOMEN TO SPONSOR PRESIDENT'S BIRTHDAY BALL

The regular monthly meeting of the Junior Woman's Club was held last Thursday evening at the home of the Club's sponsor, Mrs. A. A. Hooff.

Mrs. R. J. Ratcliffe, Club President, reported on plans for the President's Birthday Ball which will be held January 27th. The Club will join with the Kiwanis Club in sponsoring this event, half of the proceeds from the dance going to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and the other half being divided between the two clubs for use in their charity work.

Two new members, Mrs. Wallace Hook and Mrs. Charles Harris, were taken into the Club.

The guest speaker for the evening was Miss Alice Webb, Home Demonstration Agent, who gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "Helpful Household Hints."

The hostesses, Misses Marion Lynn and Mary C. Pattie, served delicious refreshments at the conclusion of the meeting.

MEETING OF O.E.S.

The regular monthly meeting of Wimadousis Chapter O.E.S., was held in the Masonic Temple Tuesday, January 17th.

In the absence of the Worthy Matron-Sister Margaret Lewis, associate matron; sister Viola Proffitt, presided.

After the business meeting the Chapter was invited to the recreation room where a very enjoyable New Years program was presented and delightful refreshments served by the social committee.

Watch for further announcement of a big Bingo Party to be given on Friday, February 3, 1939, at the Manassas Gymnasium.

HEAR HON. ROGER WHITEFORD

at
Grace Methodist Church
deliver his great address
on
"The Trial of Jesus from a Modern
Lawyer's Viewpoint."
Sunday evening, January 22
7:30 O'Clock

ONE ACT PLAY PLEASES LADIES

Good Housekeeping Club Entertained at Home of Mrs. Martin

The regular monthly meeting of the Bethlehem Good-Housekeeper's Club was held yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dudley Martin, with Mrs. W. S. Athey as assistant hostess. Mrs. Samuel Wright, of Pittsburg, Penna., a house guest of Mrs. W. M. Pierson, Mrs. George Michael, and Miss Melba Landis were guests of the club.

Several of the members responded to roll call with quotations from the recently published book of poems, "A Keepsake," by our young poetess, Miss Walsler Conner.

The yearly reports of the various committees were read and the new year books distributed.

Mrs. Byrd extended to the club members an invitation from Miss Eugenia Osbourn to visit the Library and see the book exhibit, recently arranged by the American History class, on Confederate material.

As the outstanding project for the new year, the club voted to sponsor the publishing of the first of a possible series of pamphlets by Mrs. Susan Morton, of Haymarket, Va., this pamphlet to describe the old churches and graveyard inscriptions of early Prince William County.

Due to the continued illness of Mrs. Hebe Jackson, who with Mrs. E. M. Boteler was scheduled to entertain the club in February, it was decided to hold the next meeting at the home of Mrs. R. A. Hutchison, with Mrs. R. I. Byrd as co-hostess. All of those present signed a card to be sent Mrs. Jackson, wishing her a speedy and complete recovery.

At the close of the business session Mrs. Hutchison and Mrs. T. J. Broadwood gave several humorous readings. Following this an unusual type of guessing game was played, and then Mrs. Frank Gue and Mrs. Broadwood presented a most entertaining one-act play, "George's Problem Solved." A salad course was served during the social hour following.

VIRGINIA OUT IN FRONT OF THE NATION

The relatively favorable economic and business position of Virginia for the fourth quarter of 1938 and for the full year in comparison with national averages was pointed out this week by the statistical section of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce.

"Virginia's standing for the last quarter of 1938, as compared with the same period in 1937, in those activities used to measure general business conditions is particularly favorable," said Clarence W. Newman, director of research of the chamber. "Virginia was as much as 56 per cent better than the average for the United States in one of the ten factors considered. In only one factor, new passenger automobile registrations, did it come below the national average. In the other eight factors Virginia's figures were from 2 per cent to 83 per cent better than those for the nation as a whole."

"In bank debts Virginia was 4 per cent better than the national average; in payrolls, 3 per cent; in farm income, 3 per cent; in life insurance sales, 11 per cent; in gasoline consumption, 3 per cent; in electric production, 8 per cent; in cement shipments, 56 per cent; in department store sales, 2 per cent; in business failures, 33 per cent. New automobile registrations were off 8 per cent from the national trend for the fourth quarter, but above the national trend by an equal percentage for the year as a whole."

A CORRECTION

We regret an error last week which caused us to state that "R. S. Hutchison" was first vice-president of the National Bank of Manassas. The line should have read that Mr. R. S. Hynson had been elected First Vice-President.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO GEN. LEE

Memorial Exercises Held for Two Great Confederates

Hon. Frank P. Moncure, of Stafford, spoke before the High School assembly on Monday, January 16, commemorating the birthdays of Generals Robert E. Lee and Thomas J. Jackson.

Mr. Moncure in paying tribute to the ability, character and military genius of Lee and Jackson and their men, said the present generation of young people had no direct or personal contact with the soldiers of the Confederacy because of the passage of years, and that they could only read and study their actions in history.

He compared the living conditions and standing of the United States at the present time with the European nations, and China and Japan, stating that he firmly believed that this condition was the result of the teaching and planning of the generations since the War between the States.

The speaker urged that the present younger generation direct their efforts to a clear understanding of the work their grandfathers performed and a determination to carry on in such a manner that this country may continue to be the best in which to live. Mr. Moncure added that if the men, who fought with Lee and Jackson, were here today they would stand shoulder to shoulder in an endeavor to make our Country safe in the principals for which we now believe to be right.

He affirmed his belief that Virginia without doubt the most desirable State in our Nation, standing firmly in the poet's declaration.

"There is nowhere a land so fair as in Virginia,
And I believe that happy land,
Is built exactly on the plan
Of Old Virginia."

Two sets of the Memorial Edition of the Davis' book, "Rise and Fall of the Confederate Government," were presented to the library. The books were given by Mrs. Bettie Hutchison in memory of her father-in-law, Rev. Westwood Hutchison and by Mrs. Roberta Lamb Gulick in memory of her mother and sister, Mrs. George Lamb and Miss Clara Lamb.

Miss Osbourn, in accepting the gift for the library, paid a beautiful tribute to the Daughters of Confederacy and warmly expressed her appreciation of the valuable contributions from the Manassas Chapter, which have been added from time to time.

Miss Osbourn extended an invitation to all to visit the library and view the exhibit of the Confederate material which had been arranged by the American History Class.

"Dixie" and "America" were sung by the school.

SIGMANS HOLD AT HOME

Mrs. Frank G. Sigman and her daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Sigman Allen had a delightful "at home" reception last Sunday afternoon at their home on Main St. Mrs. J. L. Bushong and Mrs. Noell Gill assisted the hostesses.

The guests were for the most part the younger matrons of the community: Mrs. Alan Mackenzie, Mrs. Connie Kincheol, Mrs. William Hill Brown, Mrs. Sedrick Saunders, Mrs. Jackson Ratcliffe, Mrs. Paul Arring-George Botts, Mrs. Ralph Sharrett, Mrs. Dennis Baker, Mrs. Wallace Whitmore, Mrs. Jack Merchant, Mrs. Arthur St. Clair, Mrs. Richard Haydon, Mrs. John M. DeChant, Mrs. Stanley Owens, Mrs. Jack Stauff and Mrs. William McCoy. Also the Misses Sue Ayres, Madeline McCoy, Willette Myers, Ethel Cadmus, Walsler Conner, Lucy Arrington, Nina Dalton, Katherine Lewis and Helen Lloyd.

Mr. DeChant and the host, Mr. Sigman, were the only honored gentleman guests.

GARDEN CLUB TO MEET TUESDAY

The Manassas Garden Club has secured a lecture with 65 stereopticon slides on Bermuda, the Isle of Flowers," they will show them at the Pitts movie theatre on Tuesday, January 24th, at 3:00 p.m. The public is invited, and a silver offering will be taken.

The regular business meeting will be held at the movie hall promptly at 2:00, preceding the lecture.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR JUNIORS

The local Council of Fraternal Americans had filed with the state council a plea to change its meeting nights to the fourth Thursday, only one meeting a month to be held after this month.

The regular meeting for January 24th will be held as usual.