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VIRGINIA BANKS MAKE MANY LOANS

Figures Refute Charges That Commercial Banks Are Not Lending

Countering the assertion that banks are not lending, the American Bankers Association published here today the results of a survey of bank lending activity in Virginia showing that the commercial banks in the Old Dominion made 250,000 new loans totaling more than \$200,000,000 in the first six months of 1939 and renewed 900,000 outstanding loans aggregating \$800,000,000.

The survey also indicated that only one-third of the "open lines of credit" maintained on the books of the banks for regular established business borrowers is being used by these borrowers.

These figures are based on reports received from 114 of the commercial banks in Virginia holding membership in the A.B.A., or 35 per cent of the total banks in the state.

The 114 banks replying to the association's questionnaires reported they made 92,526 new loans totaling \$85,477,378 between January 1 and June 30, 1939, renewed \$25,546 outstanding loans totaling \$285,371,085, and made 2,866 new mortgage loans to home and other real estate owners totaling \$5,529,997.

The average number of new loans per bank was 812 and the average loan was for \$924.

The average number of loans renewed per bank was 2,856 and the average renewal was for \$87.

The average number of new mortgages per bank was 25 and the average mortgage was for \$1,930.

In addition to making loans on individual applications, the banks of the larger cities maintain what are known as "open lines of credit" on their books, available to regular business borrowers at all times. Sixteen banks reported such "open lines of credit" totaling \$22,167,681. However, only \$7,452,472 or 33 per cent of this credit was being used by business firms on June 30.

BULL RUN GRANGE HOLDS HARVEST SUPPER

The Bull Run Grange Haymarket held its harvest supper Tuesday night, November 28, at 7:30. All members in good standing were present and it was one of the most enjoyable affairs ever held by the Grange.

The supper was most bountiful. The tables fairly groaned with good things and there was a happy fellowship and thankfulness for a harmonious meetings through the year.

The speakers for the occasion were Repr. Fred Breachman, of Washington, D. C., who organized the Bull Run Grange eleven years ago and Mrs. Mark Turner of Forestville, Va., whose husband is now our state master. Mr. Turner was unable to be present having been called to Richmond on Grange matters but another speaker, Mr. Walker from Forestville, Va., a charter member of the Grange, spoke of the wonderful things accomplished by the rural people of that community for the better meeting of schools and farm problems.

Last but not least we were entertained by Mr. Flynn, with a recitation, "Toast to my wife."

The next meeting of the Grange will be the second Thursday in December at 8:00 o'clock, at which time the 1940 officers will be elected. A full attendance of members is requested, as this is the most important meeting of the year 1939.

FINANCIAL APPEAL FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The County Council of Religious Education proposes to make a systematic canvass of the Town of Manassas on Sunday, December 10. The program of Week Day Religious Education is now in its fourth year. The success of this work merits the support of the Town.

This year 185 pupils in the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades in Bennett School are receiving the instruction. Twenty-five percent of these pupils do not attend Sunday School.

The canvass will be made on Sunday afternoon by persons appointed from the various churches of Manassas. The Council will be most grateful for your hearty cooperation in this matter.



MAURY WELLS

BENEFIT FOR MAURY WELLS

Athletic Association Sponsors Dance For Injured Player

The Athletic Association of the Manassas dance on Friday, December 15. The entire proceeds of the dance will go to Maury Wells, who, as you all know, broke his leg in a football game at Front Royal.

Maury for several years has been one of the outstanding Athletic in Manassas as well as this county. Maury has performed in every phase of high school athletics also with the local town teams. He has been active in the high school activities, acting as chairman of several Committees and at present Secretary-Treasurer of the Student body and the Athletic Association.

You all know what spirit and sportmanship Maury always displayed. He formed the backbone of each team he played, he encouraged all his fellow teammates to play together and to maintain the right school spirit. Maury was a promising football player, he was aggressive and perhaps it was his aggressiveness that cost him his injury. It was the opening kick-off of the first game that Manassas ever played. Grady kicked off, Maury charged down the field and tackled hard, another player fell over his leg and when the whistle blew Maury lay on the field with a broken leg. He had to be taken to a hospital and while he was being carried off he told his teammates not to worry about him but go on and play hard and win the game.

It has not been easy for Maury these past two months. He has to wear a large cast which we know is no pleasure or comfort to anyone. He will miss school all year and have a very large doctor bill to pay.

BENEFIT CARD PARTY AT MRS. LARKIN'S

There will be a benefit card party at the home of Mrs. Marie Larkin on Tuesday evening, December 12th. The proceeds will be used to help pay for publishing the History of Prince William County, which Mrs. Susan Morton is compiling. All are urged to attend and those who wish to engage tables for the evening should call Mrs. Larkin as early as possible.

CHURCH LEADERS AID CAMPAIGN

Christmas Seal Sale Renders Service To National Health

Leaders of Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish groups have added their endorsement of the Christmas Seal Campaign, now going on throughout the Old Dominion and the rest of the country, J. Vaughan Gary, president of the Virginia Tuberculosis Association, announced.

In Virginia 119 local tuberculosis organizations and 104 Negro auxiliaries are participating in this thirty-third Seal Drive which provides funds to carry out the educational program against the white plague, Mr. Gary said.

The Rt. Rev. Harry St. George Tucker, D. D., of Virginia, presiding Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, wrote: "I am glad to give my hearty endorsement to the annual campaign of the National Tuberculosis Association for the sale of Christmas Seals. This association is, in my opinion, rendering very great service to the

health of our people and I trust that it will receive widespread and generous support."

The Virginia Association is one of 2,000 organizations which join the National Association in this campaign every year.

"The Knights of Columbus gladly encourage the very important constructive program of the National Tuberculosis Association that has been so successfully carried on through the sale of Christmas Seals," said Martin H. Carmody, supreme knight of that organization.

Cyrus Adler, president of the American Jewish Committee, said: "The fight against tuberculosis carried on by the National Tuberculosis Association is one which unquestionably commends itself to the approval of all good people. That this scourge, which has been gradually diminishing in this country through the work of the tuberculosis organizations, should be wiped out is very essential to the health and welfare of the American people."

FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS

The Manassas Maulers were mauled by Fairfax on Friday afternoon, December 1. The degree of the mauling was 25 to 0. The Fairfax group took the lead right from the start and increased the score as the game progressed. The local boys seemed quite satisfied with the doings of Fairfax as they made no attempt to put a stop to it. The backfield tried hard but there was no cooperation from the line, as a result they could get no place.

Some of the players saw their last game. Harry Parrish, Alva Wheeler, Junior Lonas, and William Knox have worn a high school uniform for the last time.

Next year we shall present a different picture. We shall have more experienced players on the team and get an earlier start than we did this year. We all feel that the boys did their best considering that this was their first year in football. We played larger and more experienced teams but we gained some valuable experience for the coming teams.

The coaches and athletic council appreciate your interest and spirit that you all have given to our boys. We hope that you will continue to follow our teams as well in basketball.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO MEET MONDAY

The Manassas Woman's Club expects to have one of its outstanding meetings of the year on Monday afternoon, December 11, at 2:30, in the Parish Hall when the Music Section of the Alexandria Woman's Club will present a program of Christmas music. It is hoped that all the members of this club will attend the meeting.

The hostess will be Mrs. R. M. Graham, Mrs. Ayleene Guthrie, Mrs. Marshall Haydon, Mrs. R. C. Haydon, Mrs. A. A. Hoof and Mrs. Thomas Howard.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA TO HAVE DANCE

The Daughters of America are sponsoring an old fashioned square dance at Buckhall school house tomorrow evening, (Friday).

ASSEMBLY BALL

The Christmas Assembly Ball will again be the outstanding social event of the nearing holiday season. This Ball is given by the Woman's Club of Manassas for the benefit of the young people of Manassas and vicinity. It will be given on Christmas night, December 25, this year.

The Osbourn High School gymnasium will be the scene of this brilliant affair. Mr. Joe Lyon has again very kindly consented to do the decorating and as all those who have attended these Balls know, Mr. Lyon has always done a magnificent job.

Mrs. T. J. Broadbuss, the chairman of the Ball, and all her committees have been constantly working for its success. They have been very fortunate in securing a very prominent dance orchestra which has furnished music here manassas for very successful dances.

The Woman's Club hopes that this Ball will be a success, the finishing touch to a day filled with many joys and much happiness.

W. C. T. U. RALLY

The W.C.T.U. Rally Day was held Wednesday, November 29th, at the Methodist Church. Our president, Mrs. Saunders, being absent, Mrs. Sudd, vice president; acted in her place opening the meeting by the group singing, "America."

Mrs. Blough led the devotional and offered up a prayer. She gave as the subject of her talk, "Woe unto him who putteth a bottle to his neighbor's lips."

Mrs. Sudd then introduced Mrs. Amy C. Weach, State President, who gave a wonderful talk. In the beginning of her talk, she stressed wearing our white ribbon pins; also that before repeal Rally Day was called "Carry On," and now we must rally our forces and work together for the cause. In closing she read her radio speech, which she gave at the Convention in October.

The meeting adjourned to meet in December.

Do your Christmas Shopping in Manassas

AN APPEAL

There are now five children from Prince William County who are in Richmond as wards of the State. These children have been placed there through no fault of their own, but because of the neglect and delinquency of their parents. We believe that besides the happiness of receiving Christmas presents, which after all, is the birthright of every child, that they are taught sharing, receiving and giving and enabled to see one of the forgiving sides of human relationships.

Contributions in the form of money will be greatly appreciated and forwarded immediately to the Director of the Children's Bureau for these children's Christmas.

Please leave your contributions at the Journal Office.

GARDEN SECTION CHRISTMAS TEA

Annual Event Enjoyed At Home Of Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe

The Garden Section of the Woman's Club met at the hospitable home of Mrs. G. R. Ratcliffe on Monday afternoon for its annual Christmas tea, with Mrs. Ed. Wissler and Mrs. R. C. Haydon as co-hostesses.

After a short business session the meeting was turned over to the program committee who, in turn, introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Stewart McBryde. Mrs. McBryde spoke on Christmas decorations for indoor and exterior uses and displayed some illustrations that she had sketched, which were very attractive in their simplicity and practicability and in keeping with the Christmas spirit. The ladies loudly applauded Mrs. McBryde for the charming manner in which she presented her subject.

Mrs. John E. Slaybaugh, accompanied by Mrs. Dennis Baker at the piano, very beautifully sang, "Night of Nights," by Berdly Vandewater, which was greatly enjoyed by all present.

After this enjoyable program the guests were ushered into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served. The house was delightfully decorated with Christmas decorations and tall red candles, and the Yuletide spirit was truly present.

The Garden Section is again sponsoring the Christmas decoration contest and it is hoped that every home in Manassas will be decorated this year. The judges of the contest will make the survey of homes decorated on Christmas Eve after nightfall, after which the final decision will be rendered and an announcement made in the Manassas Journal.

NEEDS OF BOYS' ORGANIZATION CITED TO KIWANIS

The history of the present Prince William County boys club was recited to the Kiwanis club at its meeting on Friday evening by Mr. C. H. Wine, one of the organizers.

Mr. Wine, who has been a life long friend of the youth of the community, gave a feeling description of the needs of the work and how the club came into existence. The difficulty of having a regular meeting place was assigned as one of the chief obstacles in this valuable work. Rev. John DeChant also spoke briefly in behalf of the movement.

The Christmas committee is at the high point of its work. Boxes will be placed on the tables from now till the holidays.

Mr. J. C. Kincheloe gave some preliminary details of the work, stating the a place would be designed later where folks could leave toys and other things for the committee to distribute.

Eather Widmer was named head of a committee to transport the children from Woodbine to the Pitt's Theatre on Monday afternoon at a special showing of the famous movie, "The Wizard of Oz."

MRS. MUDDIMAN TO ENTERTAIN LADIES AID

The Ladies Aid Society of Bethel Lutheran Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Aubrey Muddiman on Tuesday afternoon, December 12th, at 2:00.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

We urge our readers to patronize the merchants advertising on page 2 of this newspaper. They offer highest values at lowest prices.

PHONE COMPANY ENJOYS BANQUET

Central Mutual Entertains Many Appreciative Guests

The Banquet held by the Central Mutual Telephone Company of Prince William County for its officials and employees took place on Wednesday evening, November 29, at the Prince William Hotel. There were present also a number of distinguished guests and also quite a number of C. & P. employees who had been so helpful here at the time of the Military Maneuvers.

Dr. George B. Cocke, president of the local Telephone, presided as toastmaster with the genial efficiency for which he is so noted, and introduced the various speakers most entertainingly. The principal speakers were Mr. George A. Colton, Connecting Supervisor, of Richmond, Mr. C. W. Vaughan, Jr., Mr. B. E. Humphrey, Mr. Walter Joyner, Mr. J. Barringer, Mr. F. A. Keck, Mr. Charlie Clemens, all of Richmond, Mr. W. A. Catlett, of Warrenton, Mr. F. A. Gould, President of the Independent Telephone Association, of Harrisonburg, and Hon. Harry P. Davis, Mayor of Manassas and Secretary-Treasurer of the local Telephone Company.

Others present included Mr. A. S. Turner and Mr. Harold Warner, of Richmond; Mrs. Ruth Jensen, Mrs. Elva Cornwell, Mrs. Marion Sauls, Mrs. Ruby Lynn Hornsby, Mrs. Edna Gooding, all operators at Triangle.

The Board of Directors was represented by Mr. J. A. Vetter, our local manager and by Messrs. T. E. Didlake, R. S. Hynson, A. A. Hoff, and Dr. George B. Cocke, and among the special guests was Mrs. C. E. Nash, whose husband, the late Mr. C. E. Nash, was a former President of the Company.

The Manassas Operators were represented by Mrs. Minnie Coomer, Mrs. Pearle Libeau, Mrs. Muriel Gairies, Mrs. Bessie Akers, Mrs. Ivol Williams, and Miss Sarah Vetter. Other employees of the Company present included Wire Chief Floyd Vetter, Foreman Charles Mathias and Linemen David Yates, Carter Crouch, "Dec" Vetter and Maury Wells.

The Banquet was one of the most enjoyable events recently held in Manassas and following it the guests proceeded to the Telephone Building to see a movie in technicolor of the Maneuvers exhibited by Mr. A. L. Turner, of Richmond.

THE MANASSAS GARDEN CLUB

Mrs. C. W. Staggs was hostess last Tuesday afternoon to the Manassas Garden Club. In the absence of Mrs. Didlake, the meeting was presided over by Mrs. Cooksey.

The treasurer reported that over twenty dollars had been realized from the plant sale recently in Dr. Dowell's window. A five dollar membership was voted to the Red Cross. Mrs. Marshall Haydon and Mrs. H. E. Pickeral were appointed as a committee to see the merchants about the Christmas store windows.

Christmas ideas for home decorations were exchanged and recipes for tale dainties given. The birds were not forgotten. A large cone filled with suet and other bird delicacies made by Mrs. Didlake was exhibited.

The program committee is planning for two sets of slides, to be shown at the January meeting.

JUNIOR BOARD FORMED FOR S. S. COOPERATIVE

Confirmation of a junior board to serve during the coming year for Southern States Cooperative's Manassas-Nokesville agencies featured a supper conference of the advisory and junior boards at the Methodist church in Manassas several evenings ago, J. J. Baker, district manager, has announced.

Members of the junior board are Paul Kline and Kite Roseberry, Manassas; Cleveland Flory, Nokesville; Elwood Long, Bristow, and A. B. Rust, Jr., Haymarket.

It was pointed out that the young farmers of today are the future owners and operators of the cooperative, and it is the organization's plan that the junior farmers shall have an active part in its program.

The group present expressed satisfaction with the report for the cooperative's activities during the quarter ended September 30.



MANASSAS HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SQUAD

Front Row: Left to Right, Richard Callis and Johnny Biglow, assistant managers.
2nd Row: William Knox, Charles Mays, Charles Breeden, Billy Hinton, Frank Browning, Alva Wheeler, Marsh Callis, Lamar Wolfe, and Frank Parish.
3rd Row: William Uglov, Earle Fife, Harry Parrish, James Vetter, William Grady, Guy Bowers, Carl Oleyar, and Frank Beeton.
4th Row: Mr. Saunders, ass't. coach, Harry Jarmans, manager, Joe Lonas, Robert Robinson, George Oleyar, Leonard Lonas, Edward Collins, Roger Cross, Harold Lion, and Mr. Litwin, coach.