

BUSINESS GOOD SAYS CHAMBER

Increase Naval Contracts Boost Conditions

An optimistic picture of business conditions in general in Virginia is painted by the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce in its monthly review of business and industrial trends. The chamber points to an increase in June power consumption in Virginia that is 12 per cent above a year ago, a 34 per cent increase in Hampton Roads coal dumpings for the first six months of the year, a 7 per cent increase in retail sales in the Fifth Federal Reserve District and a 4 per cent increase in debits to individual bank accounts. In addition the crop outlook was generally improved, insurance sales were 23 per cent above a year ago and business failures were slightly less in number and more than 50 per cent less in volume of liabilities.

Outstanding construction activity centering around the national defense program in July included the request for bids on a \$1,500,000 dry dock and shipway at Newport News, a \$8,500,000 building dry dock for the navy at Portsmouth, awarding of a \$12,700,000 construction program to Virginia Engineering Company for work on the Naval Air Station, at Norfolk, and a score of other contracts which include:

Buildings at Norfolk Navy Yard, in Portsmouth, \$720,000, \$1,460,000 enlargement program at Quantico Marine Base, \$260,000 addition to the Norfolk Naval Hospital, at Portsmouth, a \$225,000 hangar and other improvements at Dahlgren Proving Ground, a \$3,000,000 building program at Langley Field, a \$200,000 building program at Fort Myer, in Arlington County, and \$74,000 for construction at Fort Monroe. At Norfolk Navy Yard it is estimated that \$50,000,000 has been expended since last September. Scores of other federal projects are in course of construction or shortly will be advertised, the State Chamber is informed. The Work Projects Administration has allocated \$1,433,000 for defense projects in Virginia. In addition numerous Virginia firms have received orders from various procurement offices of the various departments of government. Among them is an order for \$350,000 to Pollock Manufacturing Company of Arlington and another for \$103,000 for trunks and lockers to American Hardware Company, Petersburg.

Other encouraging business factors listed include the reopening, slated for early autumn, of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railway repair shops in Richmond, which have been closed for a decade. The company has appropriated \$50,000 for repair, construction of buildings and rehabilitation of equipment. The shops will give fifty men employment. The Norfolk and Western Railway recently let an order for 1,000 all-steel cars to be constructed by Virginia Bridge Company at Roanoke. The execution of the contract probably will require between one and two hundred additional workers. The order is a part of an \$8,000,000 improvement program just announced.

Installation of 250 additional looms at its Radford plant is contemplated by Burlington Mills, Inc., according to announcements, while approximately thirty new construction contracts ranging up to \$50,000 also are announced.

Earmarked for future expenditure in the Portsmouth area is \$3,000,000 by the U. S. Housing Authority, and appropriations of \$1,300,000 for construction of Blue Ridge Parkway, plus contractual obligations of \$3,900,000 is announced through National Park Service for Virginia and North Carolina.

These are in addition to large expenditures announced during the first five months of the year, which are in course of distribution at this time, while other expenditures, including \$6,000,000 for power facilities in the Tidewater area, will be announced this week.

STATE OFFICIAL TO VISIT COUNCIL

O. B. Hopkins, past State Councilor, has notified Prince William Council No. 45, D. of A. that he will make a visitation on next Monday evening, August 12th, and a full attendance is requested.

C. C. CLOE FOR HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER

It is a pleasure to endorse Mr. C. C. Cloe for the position of State Highway Commissioner. Mr. Cloe has demonstrated his fine abilities and complete fitness for such a position and his appointment would not only be very gratifying, but should serve to emphasize the importance of the road needs of this section of Virginia and inspire the hope that with such representation on the State Highway Commission we would achieve the recognition we deserve in the highway program.

J. MURRAY HOOKER DIES AT ROANOKE

State Democratic Chairman Well Known Here

Hon. J. Murray Hooker, State Chairman of the Democratic Party in Virginia, died Tuesday afternoon in the hospital at Roanoke after an illness which occurred during his return from the National Democratic convention in Chicago two weeks ago. He was 66 years of age and had been chairman of Virginia's Democracy since 1925.

Mr. Hooker was born in Patrick County, October 29, 1873 and was one of a large family of 13 children which included Judge Lester Hooker, of the State Corporation Commission and our own Mr. J. A. Hooker, of Nokesville. He was a graduate of William and Mary and of Washington and Lee Colleges and served with distinction as Representative from the fifth district on the Sixty-seventh and Sixty-eighth Congress of the United States. He was a member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention of 1901 and served two terms as a member of the Fisheries Commission.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Annie Dillard, of Henry County; by two children, John and Annie; and by seven brothers and two sisters: Lester Hooker, of Richmond; J. A. Hooker, of Nokesville; R. L. Hooker, of Botetourt County; S. H. Hooker, of Martinsville, I. T. Hooker, of Roanoke; Dr. G. W. Hooker, of Roanoke; C. P. Hooker, of West Palm Beach, Fla.; Mrs. G. S. Nolen, of Patrick County, and Mrs. Nannie Turner, of Roanoke.

"MACS WIN AGAIN"

On Sunday, August 4, 1940, the manassas A. C. had a slugging contest and defeated the N. Y. A. 14 to 4. Billy Ward hurled for Manassas and Dee Vetter lead the batters with 4 for 5.

On Sunday, August 11, 1940, Manassas will play the U. S. Navy at Manassas. The game will start at 3 p. m.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ENDORSES LIVESTOCK MARKET

At a meeting of the Prince William Chamber of Commerce, held on Tuesday in the Presbyterian Church, it was voted to give moral support to a proposition of a number of private individuals who seek to establish a livestock market here, following reported conclusions that a strictly co-operative farmer's market would not be likely to meet with success. The motion to endorse the proposition was made by Dr. George B. Cocke, and the committee working on the project, consisting of J. Carl Kincheloe, C. W. Alpaugh and C. Paul Nelson, was continued.

BENEFIT LAWN PARTY

The Altar Guild of St. John's Centreville, will give a lawn party at "Royal Oaks" on Saturday afternoon, August 17, 4:30 to 7:30.

The party will be under the auspices of Mrs. Varnell Payne who will be assisted by young ladies from Manassas.

LADIES AID MEETING

The Ladies Aid Society of Bethel Lutheran Church will meet at the home of Mrs. P. J. Cooksey on Tuesday afternoon, August 13, at 2 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Lawrenson and daughter, Julia Ellen, of Washington, D. C., were Sunday night supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Haydon.

Mrs. Victor Haydon entertained at luncheon on Friday in honor of her house guest, Miss Thelma Koon at her home on Sudley Road.

MAY FAMILY REUNION



Mr. and Mrs. F. H. May and Mrs. May, of Brentsville, Virginia, were hosts at a family reunion held Sunday, July 28. The eleven children were united for the first time.

Seated are Mr. and Mrs. May. Standing, left to right: Mrs. Wilber Bowman, Vienna, Va.; Mrs. Myrtle Hueston, New York City;

Master Tech. Sgt. Russell D. May, U.S. Marine Corps serving with the 2nd Marine Aircraft Group, San Diego, Cal., who flew here for the

reunion; Mrs. Hosea O. Duffey, Washington, D. C.; Mr. Dawson May, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Harry Hayes, Ardmore, Md.; Mr. Clarke May, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Edward Michael, Nokesville, Va.; Mr. George May, Arlington, Va.; Mrs. Lester Huff, Nokesville, Va.; Miss Helen May at home.

Seventeen of their grandchildren were present and also many friends, including Mrs. Edna Harris and Mr. Joe Storch, of New York City; Mr.

and Mrs. Grant Fitzwater, of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Harold StOnge, of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Fred Shepherd and Miss Vada Lee Stultz, of Nokesville, Virginia; Miss Jacquelyn Hueston, of New York City.

A buffet luncheon were served. Mr. and Mrs. May have resided near Brentsville for nearly twenty year.

They are prosperous farmers and church workers and have made many friends in the community in which they live.

LYONS—WATERS

Nancy Weir, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odale Dabney Waters, and Mr. George Keith Lyons, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John W. Lyons, were united in marriage at Trinity Church, Manassas, at 5 p. m. on August 3, the Rev. A. Stuart Gibson, officiating.

The bride wore a gown of lace and chiffon, with full length veil, held by a coronet of orange blossoms. She carried an arm bouquet of gardenias and baby's breath. Her only attendant was her sister-in-law, Mrs. Odale Dabney, Jr., who wore a gown of powder blue silk Jersey, with leghorn hat. She carried an arm bouquet of yellow roses and blue delphiniums.

The best man was Lieut. Odale Dabney Waters, Jr., U. S. N. The ushers were Mr. Kenneth Lyons, brother of the groom; Mr. Jack Lyons, of Washington; Mr. John Waters and Mr. John Drew Elliott, of Charlotte, N. C.

Miss Waters entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage.

Mrs. Waters, mother of the bride, wore a gown of dusty rose lace with 'leghorn' hat and corsage of pink roses and delphiniums.

Mrs. A. Stuart Gibson presided at the organ and Mr. Charles Armistead Sinclair, Jr., sang the wedding hymn. The church was beautifully decorated with ferns and gladioli.

Among the out of town guests were Mrs. Fannie Herrell, grandmother of Mr. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Lyles, Mrs. Bessie Burton, Mr. Stanley Lyles, Mr. Charles Burton, Mrs. Jack Lyons, Mrs. Owen Duff, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Herrell, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Lyons, Mr. F. J. Mulhall, Mr. Jack Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Cohn Herrle, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lyddane and Misses Lyddane, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stewart Lyddane, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. McGehee, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Lemon, Lt. and Mrs. E. W. Hurst, Lt. and Mrs. Samuel Moncure, Mr. and Mrs. Sue Parker, Mr. and Mrs. R. Weir Waters, Mr. and Mrs. R. Weir Waters, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Tietiens, all of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Crigler, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Roberts, and Miss Katherine Welsh, of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Longwell, of Wheeling, West Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Henderson, Mrs. D. M. Pitts and Mr. D. M. Pitts, Jr., of Columbia, Va.; Mrs. J. L. Elliott, Mr. Robb Carter Weir Elliott and Miss Anne Mauldin, of Charlotte, N. C.; Miss Mary Berkeley Nelson, of Richmond; Dr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Hulfish, Mr. D. N. Hulfish, and Mr. and Mrs. Robb Murphy, of Alexandria; Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Freaser, of Leabrook, Md.; Mr. and

PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICIAL VISITS KIWANIS CLUB

Kirk Miller, director of public relations of the Sanitary Grocery Company, was guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club last Friday evening. He gave a very human picture of the place which his company occupies in the various localities where branch stores are located. The speaker cited many instances in which his company, was of vital assistance to the community.

The speaker also gave some good selling points of interest to business men, and got very close attention. As a frequent visitor in the vicinity for many years past, Mr. Miller was welcomed as an old friend of many of the members of the club. Prior to his association with his present employers, he was a noted sports writer for the Hearst newspapers.

"Bucky" Harris made a presentation of a loving cup to past president, E. R. Conner for which Ed made brief remarks of thanks.

The club is very sorry to lose its sponsor, Mrs. John Beard, who left this week for Saluda, Va., where she will live hereafter.

R. E. A. APPROVES ALLOTMENT FOR BULL RUN POWER CO.

Information has been released in Washington to the effect that the Rural Electrification Administration has approved an allotment of \$192,000 to the Bull Run Power Company, of Manassas for line extension and construction of additional generating facilities.

It is stated that \$95,000 of the allotment will be used to construct some 100 miles of additional lines, which will serve between three and four hundred new patrons in the counties of Prince William, Fauquier, and Stafford.

Mrs. R. G. Pierce, Mrs. Charlotte Lawson, of Rectortown, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alvey, Catharpin, Va.; and Lt. and Mrs. W. D. Coleman, of Dahlgreen, Va.

After the wedding an informal reception was held at the home of the bride on Grant Avenue for relatives and out of town guests, after which Mr. and Mrs. Lyons left for Virginia Beach and Wrightsville Beach, N. C., the bride wearing a travelling suit of navy blue mesh with accessories to match and a corsage of talisman roses. Upon their return they will make their home with the bride's parents in Manassas.

Miss Waters is one of the most accomplished and popular girls in Manassas both she and Mr. Lyons being leaders in the social activities of the younger set of the town.

PRICE URGES D. C. GAS BOOST

Present Low Tax in Washington Hurts Virginia Dealers

Acting for the Governor of Virginia, Marion S. Battle, Director of Motor Vehicles of Virginia, urged an increase in the retail price of gasoline in the District of Columbia this week. Mr. Battle appeared personally before the Congressional Committee and sought a two cent increase in the National Capital to remove the hardships and inequities now existing because of the lower gas price across the Potomac.

In addition to the great loss of revenue by dealers in northern Virginia and near-by Maryland, it was pointed out that revenues from the proposed increase could well be used to improve some of the roadways within the District of Columbia which are now in bad condition and greatly reduce the speed with which commuters to the government offices now reach their daily work.

It is believed, however, that interests within the District of Columbia are fighting to retain the low gas price as a means of drawing business from the surrounding areas, and that unless a definite need of road revenue there is substantiated, that the proposal will not get much favorable consideration in Washington.

At present the District tax is two cents. In Virginia the rate is five cents, and in Maryland four cents, and it is pointed out that as long as such inequalities exist there will be continual difficulty over the problem of the retail price of gasoline in the areas of Virginia and Maryland adjacent to the National Capital.

URGING INCREASED POLICE PATROL

The Prince William County Chamber of Commerce has gone on record as urging the State Motor Vehicle Commissioner to assign more State Troopers to duty on the roads of Prince William which connect the Lee Highway with the Jefferson Davis Highway. At present it is felt by many that these officers now only come to Manassas when they have a prisoner, and that there should be enough of them here to patrol roads other than the two arterial highways which cross the county. Mr. E. R. Conner states, however, that the proposal which he favored to increase the number of State Troopers was killed by the General Assembly, and that it will be difficult to find officers enough to assign to these additional highways.

DAIRY EXPERTS AT CLOVER HILL FARM

Scientist Of National Standing Gave Valuable Talk At Jersey Meeting

Nearly two hundred farmers, county agents and dairy experts gathered within the hospitable folds of Clover Hill Farm yesterday to witness a meeting of the Virginia State Jersey Cattle Club.

Operating as a general farm since 1793 by the Johnson family, registered Jerseys have been kept there since 1900, and the herd has gradually become an acknowledged leader in Jersey circles in Virginia.

"Judge" was kept very busy going from one point to another all day making his guests at home, and looking out for their comforts and interests in every way. Beginning at an hour some time before noon, he made an address of welcome to which proper response was made by T. T. Curtis, of Orange, formerly county agent here.

The demonstrations by H. E. Dennison in which he described how to start a Jersey herd, and the 4-H feature presided over by D. J. Young were of equal and current interest both to those who breed Jerseys and to those present who came to learn.

The picnic lunch gave all hands a chance to spread around and have a good time, as well as to stroll about the beautiful premises. A cool breeze was blowing most of the day, and it registered well with the picnickers.

After lunch a general introduction was made of some of the more prominent guests, and then the herd classification followed which was a very important item of the day's proceedings. Dr. Yapp, of the University, of Illinois, took the individual cows and cited his scientific classification of them in very interesting and easily understandable phrases. Dr. Yapp is a national figure and his

glances rating.

Prince William is proud of Clover Hill Farm, not only for its history and for the sterling citizens who have so long operated it but for the high grade agricultural standing it lends to this entire area.

ATTEND AGRICULTURAL CREDIT MEETING

Director T. Otis Latham, of Prince William County, and Directors Hurt, Legard, and Wilson, of the Warren Production Credit Association, attended a group directors' meeting along with representatives of three other associations at Orkney Springs on August 5, 6, and 7, reported Secretary-Treasurer Thos. D. Jones today, who also attended the conference.

These annual get-togethers afford the opportunity to discuss mutual problems in open, round-table fashion and constitute one of the highlights in the progress that associations have made in providing a sound production credit lending system for farmers, Mr. Jones said.

The three days were devoted to discussions of credit and collection policies and an attempt to seek better means of meeting the needs of farmers in areas by the associations.

BULL RUN GRANGE FIELD DAY, AUGUST 9

One of the outstanding County annual events; the Field Day of the Bull Run Grange, which will be held Friday, August 9, at Peter's Field, Haymarket.

The program this year is "bigger and better", and includes a baby show from 10 to 11 a. m., and children's contest and musical entertainment from 11 to 12 noon.

From 1 to 3 p. m. will be contests and an opportunity to patronize the McIntyre show.

From 3 to 5 the base ball game will take place between Kensington, Md. A. C. vs. Capital Cafe, of Washington.

At 5:15 will occur the "battle Royal", which promises much in the way of entertainment and excitement. A group of colored contestants who have kindly volunteered for the event, will fight it out in a free for all with boxing gloves, and the last man standing will be awarded a prize of ten dollars.

A dance in the evening will conclude the event, which is more fully advertised elsewhere in this newspaper.

Mrs. James Smith, of Culpeper, is with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Smith. Mrs. Smith is here to attend the wedding of her grandson, Maurice.