

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q - I was just discharged from service where I worked in a medical laboratory. How do I go about getting a similar job with the Veterans Administration?

A - Contact the personnel office of the nearest VA hospital for information on employment opportunities at the agency's hospitals and clinics. You may qualify for a Veterans Readjustment Act appointment, which would

eliminate much of the paper work usually connect with Civil Service appointments.

Q - I'm thinking of going to school under the GI Bill. Will the Veterans Administration pay me education assistance to attend any school, or pursue any course?

A - Not quite. In order to receive VA assistance the course or program must not be barred by law, and must lead to a recognized educational,

professional or vocational objective. Also, the school you select must be approved by a state approving agency.

Q - The adaptive equipment that came with a car I purchased four years ago with a grant from the Veterans Administration is wearing out. Will VA replace this equipment?

A - Yes. VA since enactment of PL 91-666 in January 1971 has been authorized to repair or replace adaptive equipment for eligible service disabled veterans. Suggest you apply to your regional VA office.

BE CAREFUL

Beware of leads to unexpected inheritances. Gypsters have collected millions of dollars in fake "expenses" by leading people to believe they can inherit money from estates of distant relatives, caution extension home management specialist, North Carolina State University.

PLANTING BULBS

Planting bulbs this fall? If so, here's a tip from North Carolina State University extension specialists that may help: In loose, sandy soil, plant bulbs three to four inches deeper than the depths recommended for heavier soils. Plant them the recommended distance apart to allow room to develop new offshoots.

Tobacco in its freshly-cured state is not suitable for manufacturing purposes. Aging is required to complete chemical changes to give it improved aroma and flavor.

ON STRIP MINING The Senate has voted to ban strip mining for coal on millions of acres of home-steaded land in the West on which the federal government owns mineral rights.

Life Begins At 62½

By George Run

The loud crash Miss Madie had heard was books falling out of a small bookshelf attached to the wall. The blue-painted egg-crate, with two shelves, was the craftsmanship of "Charlie-Boy," one of Miss Fathy Hart's sons. The Harts lived in the Circle where the four-bedroom apartments were located. All ten of the children and their mother lived in apartment 28-H. How they got along was none of Miss Maide's business, therefore, she made no inquiries about Miss Fathy and her brood; but, she had taken a likeness to Charlie-Boy and they sort of swapped gifts for services rendered. He should mop and wax the kitchen each week and for this service, she gave him breakfast and a brown-bag lunch each school day. The bookshelf was a token of Charlie-Boy's high esteem for her. An extra for all the nice things she had done for him during the year. And while she stood, trying to figure out why the books had fallen, she suddenly recognized the crouching figure beside her platform-rocker. Her first impulse was to scream for help; but, upon second thought, she decided to make sure that help was really needed.

"Mister Ben, in the name of God, what is you doing piled up on th' floor like a taterhill?"

The stack of bones, covered with a white nightshirt, began shaking, with subdued laughter, like a leaf in a gale storm. "I betcha-ah-fat, man you'd better git-off-of that cold floor. And while I'm gathering mah wits, will you tell me how come mah books outah th' book case and scattered on th' floor?"

Ben Pratt stood up, gathered the nightshirt up around his waist; then he began marching around the room, chanting a limerick:

TO REPRESENT U.S.
President Nixon has named former Secretary of the Army Stanley R. Resor as chief negotiator for mutual troop reduction in Europe. Resor will carry the rank of ambassador in the talks.

FUEL RATIONING
President Nixon has ordered rationing of wholesale home heating oil and propane gas to assure even distribution to homes, hospitals, farmers and other priority users.

"Ask me no questions-ah'll tell you no lies-give me some peaches 'n ah'll make you some pies."

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Miss Madie wanted to burst into laughter, but she restrained the reckless urge. There was nothing really funny about an old, sick man showing off his nakedness. Besides, she recalled an omen that granny Hagar had always associated with sick folk showing off their nakedness. However, she could not refrain from saying in a you oughtah be ashamed of yourself tone of voice; "put your gown down-I don't need no seven years of bad-luck." And when he came within arm reach of her, she gently placed her arm around his waist and steered him toward his rumpled bed. She said, "ah've seen buckets of chitterlings straighter than your bed."

Ben chuckled, "ah won't be round much longer to worry you, Miss Madie Perkins."

Miss Madie's eyes quickened to tears; "you must have women folks teeth th' way you run off at th' mouth;" she teased.

Mister Ben grunted, "Ugh!"

Miss Madie gently tucked her patient in bed, and began picking up the books; she was curious as to what he had been doing to up-set the books and she might have gone into details, but a loud knock on the front door stopped her inquiry. Dropping what she was doing, she made a bee-line for the front door. She hurried toward the door as though she knew who her caller was. And she opened the door without the customary precautionary measure she usually took, after dark, by asking; "who is it?"

The doorway framed Jeff Boykins' handsome posture. "Jeffery Alexander Boykins!" She screamed.

"In the flesh," he answered sheepishly.

"Well! what storm blowed you my way?" Miss Madie wanted to scorn him-"cuss him until he was black 'n blue," but her fickle, weakbrain was saying one thing, while her heart and tongue were reshaping her negatives. "come in 'n set-ah-spell. I could use some company-for-ah-change."

Jeff brushed past her quickly; so quickly, quietly and stealthily that she was reminded of a cat; but, she demurred patronizingly; stand right still until I get some lights on. Have you had your supper yet?"

"Nice of you to ask, but no thank you. I came by to tell you something before Sheila Hayes beats me to the punch. How's your patient?"

"Have-ah-seat," Miss Madie answered.

"You know! You have been talking to her."

"Talking to who?"

"Sheila Hayes."

Miss Madie made no reply.

"I know things look bad for me, but I can show you a clean bill-of-health if you'll hear me out." Jeff's tone was pleading.

"No need to burn down a whole barn to get one rat." Miss Madie's face beamed with a smile. She wasn't playing cat and mouse with him, she was really happy to have him here so near to her.

"Then you are not mad with me!" Jeff blurted out boyishly.

"You won't regret your thoughtfulness."

Miss Madie signed profusely; "Jeff, I have no right to hold anything against you because I don't know, personally, of one wicked thing you're guilty of. You're-ah-nice man, far as I know-and-I forgive you, Jeff-but I tell you here 'n now, I have no intention of ever marrying you."

"What! Jeff yelled. -Continued.



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CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF CONDITION OF
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of Durham in the State of North Carolina and Domestic Subsidiaries at the close of business on **OCTOBER 17, 1973**

ASSETS

Cash and due from banks	\$ 2,496,932.54
U.S. Treasury securities	2,975,759.12
Obligations of other U. S. Government agencies and corporations	7,125,235.03
Obligations of States and political subdivision	6,989,475.09
Other securities	15,033.17
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	5,600,000.00
Other Loans	12,112,312.33
Bank premises, furniture and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises	844,868.77
Real estate owned other than bank premises	10,212.35
Other assets	320,568.50
TOTAL ASSETS	\$38,490,396.90

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	11,913,258.35
Time and savings deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	16,932,285.55
Deposits of United States Government	1,564,813.51
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	3,169,704.04
Certified and officers' checks, etc.	971,765.87
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$34,551,827.32
(a) Total demand deposits	15,107,195.23
(b) Total time and savings deposits	\$19,444,632.09
Mortgage indebtedness	212,543.88
Other liabilities	410,051.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$35,174,422.70
MINORITY INTEREST IN CONSOLIDATED SUBSIDIARIES	23,611.66

RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES

Reserve for bad debts losses on loans	169,706.29
Reserves on securities	1,500.00
TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES	\$171,206.29

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital notes and debentures	680,000.00
Equity capital, total	2,441,156.25
Common stock-total par value	690,090.00
(No. shares authorized 200,000)	
(No. shares outstanding 138,018)	
Surplus	1,277,782.00
Undivided profits	423,284.25
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves	50,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	3,121,156.25
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	38,490,396.90

MEMORANDA

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 34,507,152.27

Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date 17,446,544.33

Total deposits of the State of N. C. or any official thereof \$995,441.00

I, J. B. Anglin, Jr., Comptroller of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that this report of condition is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. B. ANGLIN JR.

State of North Carolina, County of Durham, ss: Correct - Attest:
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of November, 1973, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank. My commission expires December 10, 1974, Josephine S. Strayhorne, Notary Public.

W. J. Kennedy, Jr.
J. H. Wheeler
J. S. Stewart
Directors

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