

# Opening Scenes At

# The New Bank Building



Photo by Fred J. Sass

Mrs. Edward F. Norton steps up to the teller's window to be the first depositor at the new First National Bank of Red Hook. Taking her deposit is Miss Jean Cotting. Working at rear are Miss Martha Smith and Stanley Lynk, assistant cashier at the bank. Nearly a dozen persons were present at the bank to transact business when the doors opened Monday.



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Ezra B. Cookingham, president of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Red Hook, talks with his brother, Oakleigh T. Cookingham Sr. during the open house ceremonies at the bank Saturday. Some 1,500 persons attended the open house.



The Board of Directors is shown Tuesday at its first meeting in the new First National Bank of Red Hook building. From left to right are Albert F. Kerley, vice-president; Herman Wilken, president Ezra B. Cookingham, Edmond P. Redder, Lloyd H. Rockefeller, Donald E. Norton, William J. Walsh, and assistant vice-president Lloyd Hapeman.

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Early depositors are shown making their transactions Monday morning. Miss Jean Cotting, Lloyd Hapeman and Stanley Lynk are the tellers.

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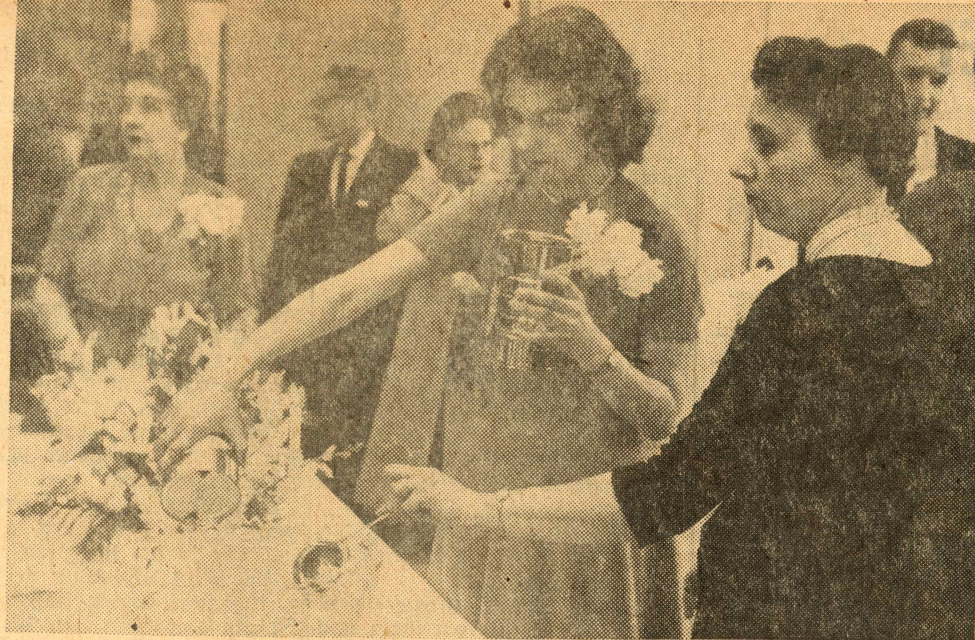


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A popular point at the bank's open house Saturday was the refreshment table. Here Mrs. Ruth Sheldon, Miss Martha Smith and Mrs. Lloyd Hapeman help replenish the punch bowl. Persons from both Red Hook and out-of-town points visited the new building during the bank's open house on Saturday.



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Miss Elizabeth Kerley, a teller at the First National Bank of Red Hook, pins a boutonniere on the lapel of her father, Albert F. Kerley, vice-president of the bank. Bank officials and staff members were on hand Saturday to greet residents who came to inspect the new building.



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With Thomas Kane (l), and Board of Directors President Ezra B. Cookingham (rear) standing by, bank Director Donald E. Norton walks out of the vault at the new First National Bank of Red Hook. The vault was one of many features inspected by residents during the open house at the bank Saturday.

# 1,500 Tour Red Hook Bank At Saturday's Open House

Last Saturday was a Bankers' Holiday at Red Hook, not the usual holiday when bankers and depositors retire from the world of business for a round of golf but a day when bankers and depositors got together to view what has been acclaimed the most modern banking edifice in Dutchess County.

An estimated 1,500 county residents and interested parties from throughout the Mid-Hudson area gathered in Red Hook for an open house at the new quarters of the First National Bank of Red Hook.

Public reaction to the new building was one of compliments and commendations for the bank and its officers and personnel. On the more serious side the bank in the eyes of many visitors has brought downtown Red Hook out of the doldrums appearance-wise and was noted as a harbinger of better things to come for the area as a whole.

President of the Board of Directors, Ezra B. Cookingham indicated that he felt that the new plant was "well received" by those who attended the Saturday Open House. Mrs. Cookingham noted that the new building "is nothing fancy and has not frills, but is all new and modern."

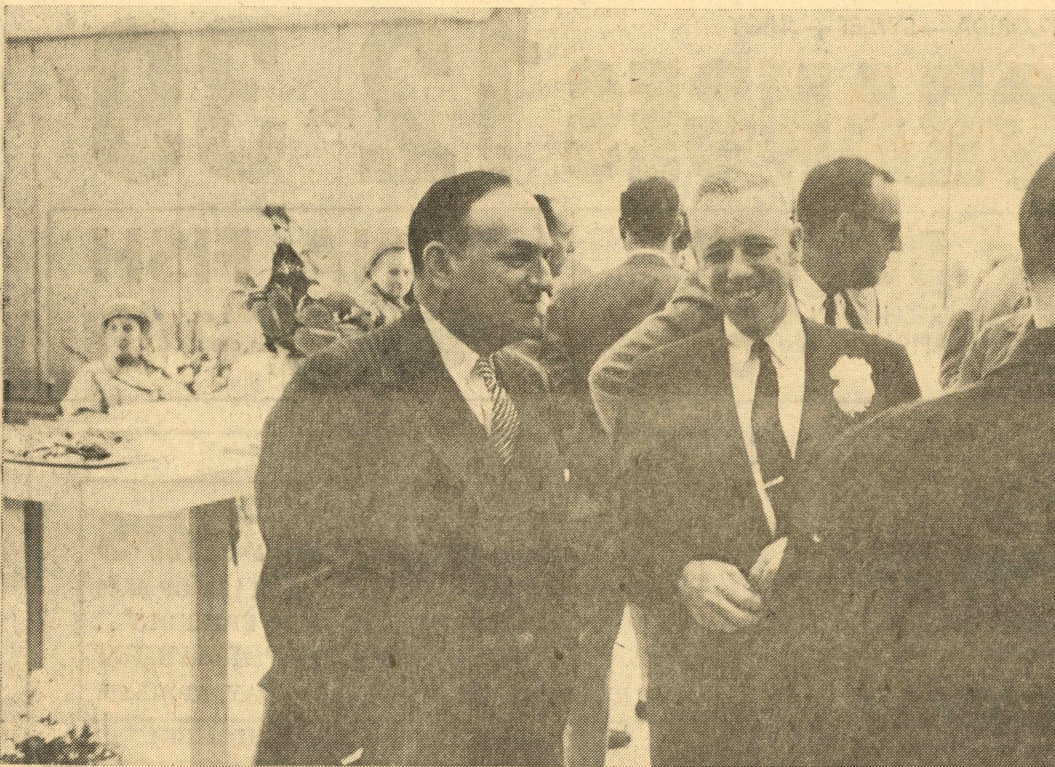
Statements from residents at the open house as to their feelings about the new building and its meaning to the area ran much in the same vein, lauding the bank for bringing such a modern structure to the area and taking the lead of the business community in an endeavor to sharpen the appearance and demeanor of Red Hook's commercial area. The bank opened for business as usual on Monday.



(Photo by Sass)

**THE TELLERS WINDOWS** came in for close examination from the business side of the fence

during "Open House" held by the First National Bank of Red Hook Saturday afternoon.



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**RHINEBECK VISITS RED HOOK** in the person of Myron Fuerst seen chatting informally with William Walsh a member of the board of the

First National Bank of Red Hook during their "Open House" Saturday afternoon.

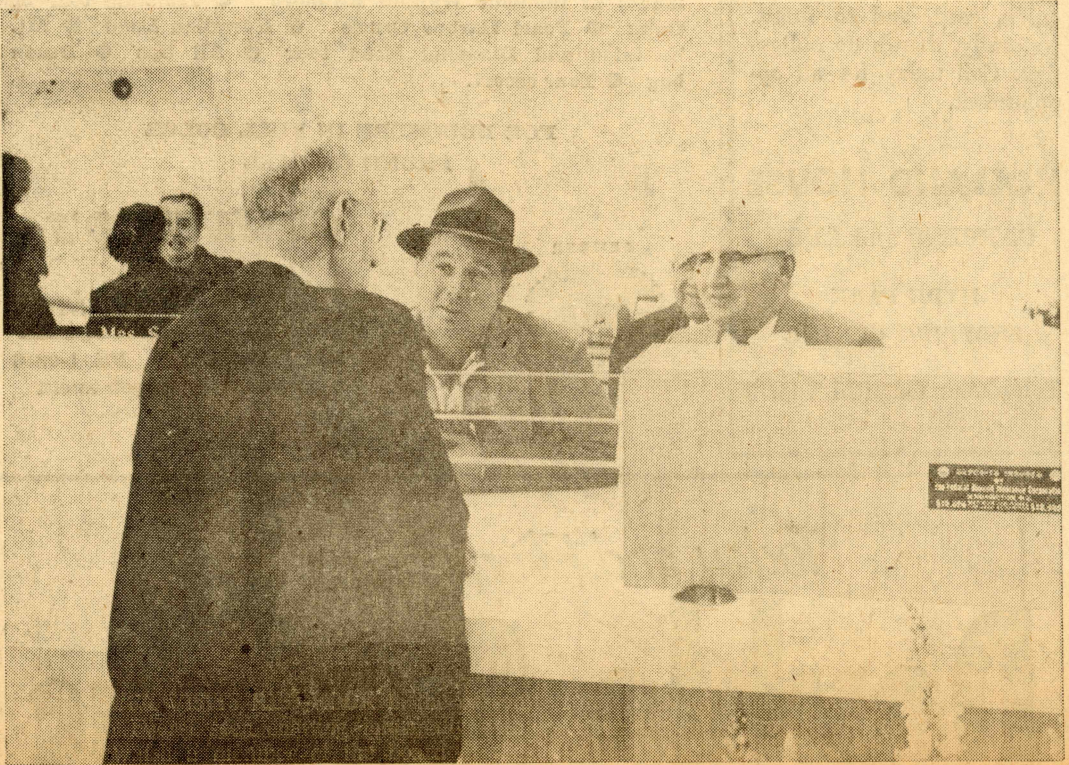
# Red Hook Greets New Bank



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**PUNCH AND COOKIES** made a big hit with the kiddies who, along with their parents, visited The First National Bank of Red Hook during their Open House Saturday afternoon. Serving at

the table are Mrs. Lloyd Hapeman, (back to camera) and Mrs. Ruth Sheldon formerly of Peters Red Hook Inn.

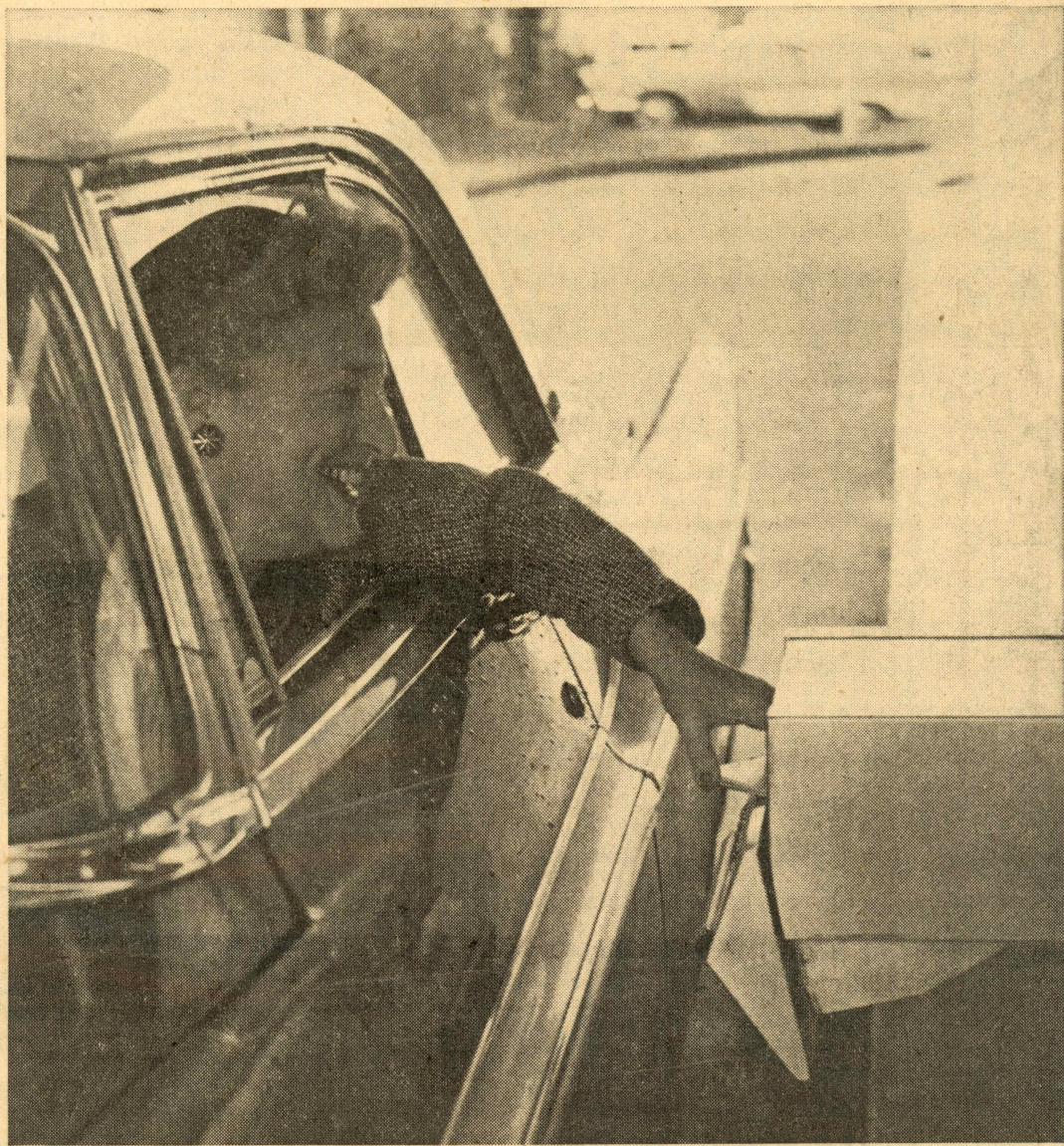


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**ENGAGED IN CONVERSATION** "across the board" are L-R: Albert Kerley, Treasurer and member of the board of the First National Bank

of Red Hook, Irving F. Fraleigh, Irving P. Fraleigh and Edmond Redder, member of the board.

## *First Depositor at Drive-In Window*



(Photo by Sass)

**MRS. HOWARD LAIB**, wife of the genial owner of the Color Center, Red Hook, N. Y. waited 25 minutes to be the first person to make use of

the Drive-in window feature of the new First National Bank of Red Hook. (Story and photos on page 4).



Photo by Fred J. Sass  
Mrs. Howard Laib reaches from her car window to use the drive-in window at the new First National Bank of Red Hook. In car with her is Mrs. Thomas Jennings. Mrs. Fred I. Sass a teller at the bank, makes the transaction. Dozens of bank patrons used the window during Monday's rain.