

# THE CREDIT UNION REFLECTION



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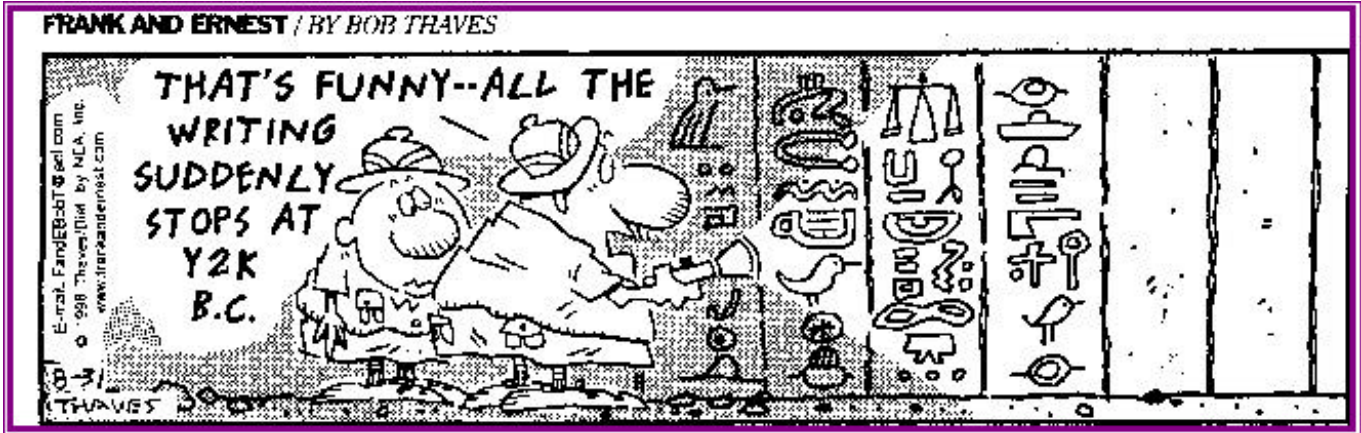
As most of you know, this is a very familiar face. Some of the credit unions would say "here he comes again." With 77 credit unions and 24 years of service investigating state chartered credit unions you have seen him once or twice over the years.

Steve was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He has a wonderful wife and two children, Kyle and Brooke. He has many hobbies such as NASCAR racing and being an assistant coach for various sports that involve his children. He graduated from Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia in 1973 with a Bachelor of Science degree in management. He started with the State Corporation Commission in August, 1974 as an Assistant Credit Union Examiner examining credit unions and savings and loans.

Today, Steve has worked his way up the corporate ladder of success. He is now a Principal Financial Institutions Analyst. He reviews and edits credit union examination reports for all of the credit unions, helps to develop the credit union examiners and works on special projects. Steve works mostly in the office now and has developed an extensive knowledge of the credit union industry. Steve's regulatory approach includes fairness, common sense, and dependability. Most co-workers agree that Steve is somewhat like a carpenter: he measures twice and cuts once. Steve is a precise worker and a reliable employee of the Bureau of Financial Institutions, and we are proud to have Steve on our team.



# YEAR 2000



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## YEAR 2000 QUARTERLY REPORTING

The Year 2000 Quarterly Credit Union Report has been a challenge for credit unions to complete and for the regulator to collect. Congress requires the NCUA to report on a quarterly basis the Y2K status of the institutions that are federally insured by that agency. Since state chartered credit unions are federally insured, they are required to file the report. Below are some commonly asked questions pertaining to the Year 2000 Quarterly Credit Union Report.

### **Who has to file the report?**

All federally insured state chartered credit unions must file the report, using the form provided by NCUA. The form will be mailed to you by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the last month in the quarter. The next quarterly form will be mailed to you by the 15<sup>th</sup> of December 1998.

### **When is the report due?**

Each quarterly report is due before the end of the quarter. That is, the fourth quarter of 1998 report is **due before December 31, 1998**. You must mail your quarterly report early enough so that its received before the last day of each quarter.

### **Where do I sent the report?**

The report is sent to the Bureau of Financial Institutions. Section 6.1-225.6 of the Code of Virginia prescribes fines of \$100 per day, up to a maximum of \$5,000, for neglecting or refusing to file reports required by the Commissioner in a timely manner.

### **Why is testing important?**

The testing phase is the most important phase of the Year 2000 process. NCUA's May 12, 1998 Letter to Credit Unions (98-CU-10) outlines the Federal Financial Institution Examination Council's guidance on testing. That letter can be downloaded from the NCUA Webpage at [www.ncua.gov/ref/letters/98-cu-13.html](http://www.ncua.gov/ref/letters/98-cu-13.html). The purpose of testing systems is to make sure that they process transactions correctly before, during, and after the transition from 1999 to 2000 and that the correct dates are stored in the computer system. All credit unions are expected to be active in Year 2000 testing.

## **DEPUTY COMMISSIONER LATHAM'S NOTES:**

I recently was given a copy of *The Virginian*, the Virginia Credit Union League's newsletter, dated December, 1949. On the front page was the announcement of the hiring of Garland K. Keeling as managing director of the League. Some of you remember or have heard of Mr. Keeling. I remember when I became an examiner in 1974 that his name was spoken of with reverence. He served the League until 1967 when Gene Farley was given the reins.

Seeing this old newsletter made me pause to reflect on how things have changed in the nearly 50 years since then. There were 28 state-chartered credit unions with a total of about \$2 million in assets.

In 1981 there was a peak of 135 credit unions, and assets today total about 2.3 billion. From "plain vanilla" shares and loans operations in 1949, credit unions today offer a wide variety of financial services. As the commercial used to say, "You've come a long way baby"!

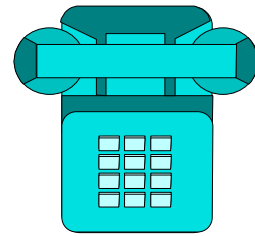
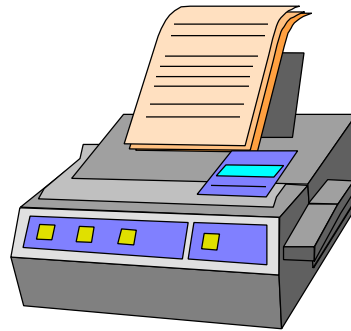
As we close out 1998 the Bureau wants to thank you for your cooperation and sound decision-making. Credit unions are in better, stronger condition than they have ever been. But with that accolade comes more responsibility. So, keep up the good work. See you in 1999!



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR  
FROM THE BUREAU OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS STAFF**

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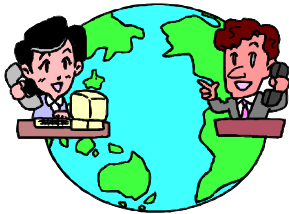
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