

Angus Madden Was One Of Dixon's Prominent Citizens

Angus C. Madden was one of the most widely known and respected men in Dixon's history.

Angus, the son of a pioneer family, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Madden. Other children in the family were Willda and Winfield Madden.

Following his grammar and high school education, Angus entered the University of California, where he developed into one of the best class speakers and debaters. He was a member of Theta Chi Fraternity. After his graduation he returned to Dixon where he was employed by W. J. Weyand for a short time. In 1911 he joined the staff of the Northern Solano Savings Bank as an assistant cashier and in 1916 was appointed cashier, a position he held until his death in 1945.

He had something that was especially worthwhile to all bankers, especially those in farm communities. His philoso-

phy, concerning the bank (known by many and expressed in the Dixon Tribune upon the death of Mr. Madden in August, 1945, by Fred Dunncliff, Sr., editor of the paper, customer of the bank, long-time friend and next-door neighbor) was: "There must be ethics in big and little banking, that bankers should be rated as more than interest collectors. . . Give any worthwhile person a loan after you have established the applicant's social, religious and good citizenship attributes. . . Help the aspiring boy to get a start. . . Give any worthwhile person a loan after you have first found that there is a chance for him to make good; if not, then have the courage to tell him there is no chance at that particular line and point a way if possible to some other line of activity."

Angus Madden was prominent in the affairs of the California Bankers Association and served terms as chairman of the agri-

culture committee of that association. He was one of the sponsors of the 4-H Club in Solano County, was appointed to the State Fair Board by Governor Culbert Olsen, and found time to act as director of the Solano County Fair and trustee of the Dixon Grammar School. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Shrine, Knights Templar, Eastern Star and Dixon Rotary Club.

Mr. Madden married Grace King in 1911. They had three children: Judson (deceased), who followed his father in the bank, and daughters, Marjorie (Kloster) who resides in Davis, and Marian (Sansone) who lives in Eureka.

A large, new building and cafeteria at the Dixon fairgrounds was named Madden Hall in memory of the town's beloved Angus Madden, and many young people have and will be aided with a scholarship through the Angus Madden Memorial Fund.