

William P. White

Class of 1936



William White distinguished himself in the field of banking at both the local and national levels. Raised in Grove City, White launched his banking career with the Commercial Credit Company. For two years, 1944 to 1946, he served in the U.S. Navy then joined the Grove City National Bank where he was promoted to vice president and loan officer. In 1959, White accepted the position of executive vice president of the First National Bank in Ebensburg, Pa. Under his leadership, the bank grew from a single bank with \$8 million to nine branches comprising the Laurel National Bank System worth nearly \$100 million.

White was recognized by state and national bankers as an authority in his field. He was president of the Pittsburgh Bankers Club, state chairman of the Pennsylvania Bankers Public Affairs Committee of the Pennsylvania Bankers Association and a member of the Advisory Council of the Comptroller of the Currency, Third National Bank Region.

In 1973, he co-authored a feature article in *Banking Magazine*. The article, "Two Ways of Looking at the Real Value of Correspondent Banking," led to several speaking engagements across the country.

In addition to his banking, White was active as a community leader in both Grove City and Ebensburg. At the time of his award, he was treasurer of the Ebensburg Unit of the Salvation Army and president of the Ebensburg Area Industrial Development Association.

White retired in 1980 as president and chairman of the board of the Laurel National Bank in Ebensburg. In 1998, he was named one of Cambria County's Outstanding Business Leaders.

He passed away July 29, 2009.

Additional education: Graduate School of Commercial Banking, Rutgers University; Honorary Doctorate, St. Francis College