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Food Fair's financial woes continue

Food Fair Inc., which filed for voluntary bankruptcy Oct. 2, Wednesday reported losses of $4.8 million for the four weeks that ended Nov. 18.

The figure represented a 41 percent decline from the $8.1 million in continuing operation losses incurred for the previous four-week period, which was the first since the company filed under Chapter 11 of the Federal Bankruptcy Act.

Losses from closed operations for the four weeks that ended Nov. 18 amounted to $5.2 million, compared with $2.6 million in losses for the preceding four weeks.

The firm, the nation's eigth largest supermarket chain and operators of Food Fair and Pantry Pride stores, said it was anticipated that these losses will be applied to a reserve fund that will be charged to company operations for the Fiscal Year ending July 29, 1979.

John R. Lilly, vice president and chief financial officer of Food Fair, said the continuing operating losses for both periods do not include the losses from stores closed since Oct. 2.

Those stores included 89 supermarkets in New York and Connecticut which closed Oct. 30.

Lilly said the results do not include the gain or loss from the liquidation of inventories and sale of stores, leases and fixtures of the closed units.

The company's supermarket division's operating loss for the latest four week period was $1.8 million while the company's J.M. Fields discount department stores' loss was $2.2 million.

Consolidated sales from continuing oprations for the four weeks totaled $140 million, compared to $100 million for the preceding four weeks.

Despite the closings in New York and Connecticut, the firm has 340 supermarkets open in nine states, including New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, Georgia, Florida and South Carolina.

It has not closed any of the J.M. Fields operations.

In Washington Tuesday, the agriculture department said Food Fair, which also operates packing firms, has paid off $2.6 million in debts to livestock producers and has been warned not to pile up more livestock debts.

Shortly after Oct. 2, the government charged Food Fair with failure to pay for livestock bought from at least 42 livestock firms.

The government andthe firm's attorneys worked out payment of the debts under a law which requires meat packers to pay promptly for livestock and meat. Officials said all cash sellers were paid in a short time.

The Agriculture Department said the firm waived an oral hearing and consented to the administrative order without admitting or denying violation of the law.

Food Fair's packing firms are the Allen Packing Co., Elizabeth, N.J., Midtown Veal and Mutton Co. in Newark, N.J., and United Packing Co. in Denver.

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Army begins enlistment program

A new enlistment incentive program entitles persons enlisting in selected U.S. Army Reserve units in the Baltimore - Washington area to receive either an enlistment bonus of $1500 or educational assistance of up to $2,000. Persons who qualify for enlistment in the selected units will have their choice of either the bonus or educational assistance.

The new program is open to high - school graduates with no prior military service who enlist in the Army Reserve for six years.

Half of the $1500 enlistment bonus is paid upon the satisfactory completion of active duty training. The remainder is paid at the completion of the second, third, and fourth years of service.

The educational assistance program provides for payment of up to 50 percent of educational expenses incurred at a nationally accredited institution during the period of enlistment. The maximum payment under this program is $500 per year, or a total of $2,000 over the six - year enlistment.

In addition, persons already serving in selected Army Reserve units are now eligible for reenlistment bonuses: $900 for a three - year reenlistment and $1800 for a six - year reenlistment.

Local Army Reserve Centers and Recruiting Stations have further details on the new enlistment and reenlistment incentive programs.

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"We started the company by friends getting together. The contracts started coming through and we're doing pretty good now," says William Braxton, the area manager of Able.

The company started out with the aid of the U.S. Small Business Administration and the Morgan State College - Minority Business Enterprise Project.

Today the company has about 150 employees and according to office manager Charlene Boyer, it hires about 20 to 30 employees per month.

Its services include complete janitorial services, carpet shampooing, tile stripping, window cleaning, wall washing, restroom services, and man - power.

It has contracts with Westinghouse, General Motors, Coca Cola, C and P Telephone, Bethlehem Steele, and the Hecht Co.

"If the service we offer is good the people we have will continue their contracts with us," Ms. Boyer said.

The two representatives from Able said the company is licensed and bonded and boasted that they had obtained some 10 or 15 leads for future contracts from the mini - fair.

"We wanted our shop to come to a point where people could come to and feel comfortable," said Mrs. Gloria Mallory while at the fair. She and her husband Andrew are the owners of Mallory's.

"Flowers are an economic gift to buy because the florist will make the gift and deliver it," she said.

Mallory's is a member of the Telefloristl Wire Service, which makes them capable of sending flower orders anywhere in the world. The shop has occupied its North Ave. location since Dec. 1971.

The Mallory's say their business has supplied many orders in the Baltimore area, both big and small.

AFRO photo by Fred Hines

ABLE AND WILLING — William Bayton and Charlotte Boyer, managers at Able Building Maintenance Services, say they are giving good services and this enjoying many contracts.

AFRO photo by Fred Hines

FLOWER PEOPLE — Gloria and Andrew Mallory, owners of Mallory's Flower Shop, at the Minority Purchasing Council's Mini-Fair.

Md. businesses discuss trading with China

Maryland business officials said Wednesday efforts have been initiated to expand trade with the People's Republic of China following President Carter's announcement that diplomatic relations will be resumed with the communist nation.

Don Kline, a spokesman for the Maryland Port Administration, said port representatives were in Hong Kong on a fact-finding mission to discuss trade with Chinese officials.

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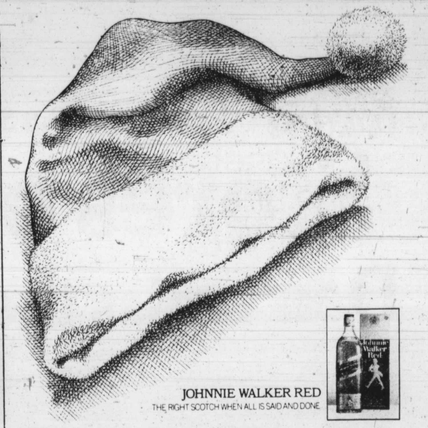

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Bonnie Cannon of Forest Park High School is still in the lead with 174,600 votes. Joann Davis of Western High School is in second place with 94,000 votes and Dora McManus of Booker T. Washington Junior High with $85,500 votes.

No votes will be accepted after Jan. 3 and winners will be announced in the Jan. 6, 1979 AFRO. Winners will be notified by mail the date to receive prizes.

The first place winner receives $500. Other winners also receive cash prizes.

To enter, all you have to do is clip coupons from Tuesday and Friday AFROs and mail or bring them to the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St.

Five coupons or 500 votes enter a student. You must attend an accredited junior or senior high school in Maryland to be eligible.

A student can win 1,000 bonus votes by selling one six - month subscription.

Fires at Garwyn Center ruled arson

Baltimore fire officials are still investigating four fires which broke ot this week at the Garwyn Medical Center.

Investigators said eveidence shows the fires which broke out in a medical laboratory at the Northwest Baltimore center in 2300 block Garrison Boulevard may have been arson.

According to reports, fires apparently started in already burned debris from a more serious fire which broke out in the basement lab last month.

The blaze was discovered about 90 a.m. Tuesday in the laboratory owned by Herman L. Carter for analyzing urine, blood and other specimens.

The lab had not been used since Nov. 4 when a two - alarm fire damaged it extensively. One person was injured in that blaze.

A physician discovered the fires when he heard "lass popping" and smelled smoke, investigators said.

The utility room was unlocked, fire officials said and the bathroom was locked but evidence showed that the lock had been tampered with. Fire officials said the burned lab was also locked but could be entered by an adjacent room.

Garwyn Medical Center houses about 30 offices as well as a public clinic.

The fire Tuesday was the fourth in two days. Three other fires had been set early Monday and are currently under investigations.

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