FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CHICAGO

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO DIRECTORS

ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR 1945



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ACTIVITIES OF THE HEAD OFFICE AND DETROIT BRANCH
During the Year 1945

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND EXPENSES
Years 1945-1944

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONDITION December 31,1945 -December 31,1944

and

STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND EXPENSES - DISPOSITION OF NET EARNINGS
Years 1914-1945 Inclusive

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ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT:

Bookkeeping Division functioned 2,614,000 entries during the year 1945 to the accounts of our member banks. This compared with 2,503,000 entries during the year 1944 and reflected an increase of 4.4% which, for the most part, was due to the handling of transactions involving United States financing and redemptions of Savings Bonds. Approximately 90% of our total membership continued to maintain active accounts throughout the year.

Federal Reserve Books Division effected 1,885,000 entries during the year 1945 in maintaining accounts with other Federal Reserve Banks and Branches and with our Detroit Branch. This compared with 1,920,000 entries effected during 1944 and represented a decrease of 1.8% over that year. In addition to the functioning of entries, the investigation and adjustment of errors in cash letters sent direct to other districts by our member banks constituted a substantial part of the work of the division.

General Books Division functioned 358,000 entries during the year 1945. This compared with 377,000 during the year 1944, and represented a decrease of 5%, which was due principally to a new procedure adopted September 1, 1945, in connection with the entering of deposits in the account of the Treasurer of the United States.

BANK EXAMINATION DEPARTMENT:

Record of Examinations	
and the state of t	Number
	of Banks
Regular - State member banks - Joint with State Examiners	431
Regular - State member banks - Independent	1
Membership - Joint with State Examiners	8
Membership - Independent	12
Follow-up investigations - Independent	_2
Total	454
Trust Departments - State member banks -	muli
Joint with State examiners	116
Trust Departments - Independent	2
Trust Departments - Membership - Joint with State examiners	4
Trust Departments - Membership - Independent	2
Total	124
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With the exception of the 13 Indiana banks listed below, all State member banks and their trust departments were examined at least once during the calendar year of 1945.

Town

Name

Bremen
Cambridge City
Clay City
Columbia City
Columbus
Connersville
Connersville
Greensburg
Kokomo
Marshall
South Bend
Veedersburg
Warren

Bremen State Bank
The Wayne Trust Company
Farmers and Merchants Bank
Citizens State Bank
Irwin-Union Trust Company
The Central State Bank
Fayette Bank and Trust Company
Union Trust Company
Union Bank and Trust Company
Citizens State Bank
First Bank and Trust Company of South Bend
The Veedersburg State Bank
Exchange Bank

We had the assurance of the Director of Financial Institutions for the State of Indiana that he would join us in examinations of all State member banks, but because of lack of help he was unable to complete the schedule.

Mr. McCord asked that we defer examinations of the banks mentioned until immediately following January 1, 1946, which under authority from Mr. Paulger we agreed to do.

Applications for State Bank Membership Acted upon or in Process

Applications approved - Admitted to membership Applications approved - Incomplete Applications withdrawn Applications pending Washington Applications pending in Chicago on December 31, 1945	18 4 5 0 0 27
Changes in State Bank Membership during the Year	
Number of State member banks as of December 31, 1944	433
New State members Reductions	18
Number of State member banks as of December 31, 1945	446

Reductions - 5

Urbana Illinois Busey's State Bank Converted into Busey First National Bank, effective September 1, 1945.

Angola Indiana The Steuben County State Bank Converted into First National Bank of Angola, effective August 1, 1945.

Hammond Indiana Mercantile Bank Converted into Mercantile National Bank of Hammond, effective November 1, 1945.

Ligonier Indiana American State Bank A voluntary withdrawal, effective June 11, 1945.

Lohrville Iowa The Commercial Savings Bank A voluntary liquidation. Absorbed by Lohrville Savings Bank, nonmember, on January 2, 1945.

New State Members - 18

Illinois

Chestnut Bank of Chestnut

Chicago Devon-North Town State Bank

Geneseo Central Trust & Savings Bank of Geneseo Libertyville First State Bank of Libertyville

Mazon State Bank

West Chicago State Trust and Savings Bank

Indiana

Friendship The Friendship State Bank
Knox Farmers Bank and Trust Company
Ligonier American State Bank

Ligonier American State Bank Middletown Farmer's State Bank

Iowa

Elkader The Central State Bank & Trust Company Rock Rapids Lyon County State Bank

Webster City First State Bank

Michigan

Sturgis The Citizens State Bank

New State Members

Wisconsin

Goodman Luxemburg Milwaukee Milwaukee Citizens Bank of Goodman
Bank of Luxemburg
Lincoln State Bank
Wisconsin State Bank of Milwaukee

NATIONAL BANKS

Total number of National banks as of December 31, 1944	538
Additions during the year Reductions during the year	16 4
Total number of National banks as of December 31, 1945	550

Additions - 16

Chicago	Illinois	Commercial National Bank of Chicago A primary organization.
Chicago	Illinois	Marquette National Bank A primary organization.
Lansing	Illinois	First National Bank of Lansing A primary organization.
Leland	Illinois	Leland National Bank A primary organization.
Marseilles	Illinois	Union National Bank of Marseilles A primary organization.
North Chicago	Illinois	National Bank of North Chicago A primary organization.
Rock Falls	Illinois	Rock Falls National Bank A primary organization.
Rockford	Illinois	Central National Bank of Rockford A primary organization.
Rockford	Illinois	City National Bank of Rockford A primary organization.

NATIONAL BANKS

	Ad	di	iti	ons
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Urbana

Illinois

Busey First National Bank
A conversion of Busey's State Bank,
Urbana (member).

Angola

Indiana

First National Bank of Angola
A conversion of The Steuben County
State Bank, Angola (member).

Hammond

Indiana

Mercantile National Bank of Hammond
A conversion of Mercantile Bank,
Hammond (member).

Kokomo Indiana First National Bank A primary organization.

Ferndale Michigan Ferndale National Bank
A primary organization.
(Detroit territory)

Sturgis Michigan First National Bank
A primary organization.

Kenosha Wisconsin Kenosha National Bank A primary organization.

Reductions - 4

De Witt

Iowa

Chicago Illinois Continental National Bank and Trust
Company of Chicago
Consolidated with Continental Illinois
National Bank and Trust Company of
Chicago. Not a refund.

Cicero Indiana The Citizens National Bank of Cicero
A voluntary liquidation.
Succeeded by Hamilton County Bank,
Cicero, Indiana, (nonmember).

Belle Plaine Iowa The Citizens National Bank at Belle Plaine
A voluntary liquidation.
Succeeded by The Citizens State Bank
at Belle Plaine, Belle Plaine, Iowa,
(nonmember).

The First National Bank of De Witt A voluntary liquidation. Not succeeded by any other banking association. BANK AND
PUBLIC RELATIONS
DEPARTMENT:

The bank and public relations program was broadened in scope during 1945 by enlarged objectives and expanded activities. After the Bank and Public Relations Department was formally organized in April, special emphasis was given to matters of administration and procedure in anticipation of an increased bank relations staff and active participation by our officers in our bank and public relations program.

During the year representatives from the Bank made 566 bank relations calls on member banks and 268 on nonmember banks. Officers and employees of the Head Office made 128 formal public addresses in 1945, of which 117 were made by representatives of the Research and Bank and Public Relations Departments. Bankers' group meetings held during the year, numbering 24, were attended by representatives of the Bank.

The Bank and Public Relations Department engaged in several special bank relations projects. Meetings were held in connection with the adoption of the new check routing symbols. About 100 bankers were interviewed in connection with the request by the Board concerning the credit needs of small business enterprise during the reconversion period and the extent to which these credit needs can and will be met by commercial banks. The banks in the Seventh District which are members of the Bankers Association for Foreign Trade were interviewed as a part of the export credit survey conducted upon the request of the Senate Committee on Small Business. The Department is studying the relationship between bank earnings and salaries paid in member banks in Illinois classified by deposit size groups in cooperation with the Committee on Personnel of the Illinois Bankers Association.

BINDERY AND OLD RECORDS DIVISION:

The number of books bound decreased slightly from 15,730 in 1944 to 15,500 in 1945.

The acquisition of 16,280 square feet of space at 326 South Wells Street on January 1, 1945, materially relieved our warehousing problem involving records, supplies, surplus furniture, building material and equipment, and made possible the release, without penalty, of the 7,191 square feet of rented space at 523 South Plymouth Court which later events had proved would not be needed before the lease on it expired in April 1947. With the use of bank owned trucks the move of 3800 case spaces of records and material was

·BINDERY AND
OLD RECORDS DIVISION:
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accomplished from the Plymouth Court to the Wells Street space. In addition, 8300 cases of records were moved from the bank and 1000 cases from the Annex at 120 South LaSalle Street to the Wells Street warehouse. Due to the net increase in storage capacity, at present 78% of our warehouse space is occupied compared with 91% in December of 1944, leaving comfortable room for acticipated expansion. Early appraisal of the effects of the recommendations contained in the Report of the Committee on Destruction of Records dated May 24, 1945, indicates a possible saving, by accelerated destruction, of 4000 case spaces of old records storage.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT:

During the year arrangements were made for the first significant reduction in outside rented space, from 139,698 square feet to 94,132 square feet. The largest contribution to this rented space reduction, which will become effective early in 1946, was the acquisition of a large floor, 30,000 square feet, in the Insurance Exchange Building which offers greater economy for any large uniform operation but is especially adapted to the new Treasury business machine method of handling Savings Bond redemptions. Quarters in the 120 South LaSalle Building had mushroomed from an initial 30,000 square feet devoted to the Bond Department Redemption Division to close to 70,000 square feet, with the resulting unavoidable scattering of related divisions among widely separated floors. The availability of the second floor, south, of the Insurance Exchange Building was a fortunate circumstance which will result in lower operating cost even though the market square foot rent has risen along with other well-located loop office space in the past year.

We now hold approximately 50,000 square feet in the Insurance Exchange Building on leases which guarantee tenure to May 1, 1948, at which time we may have recovered from a tenant a practically identical amount of space in this building, and at the same time these leases provide escape for us upon six months' prior notice beginning at the end of the eighteenth month of their terms.

Remaining in the 120 South LaSalle Building, after the moves back to the home building and the Insurance Exchange Building, will be roughly 15,000 square feet of office space occupied by the Army BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

Bond Custodianship and the Withheld Tax Department, and the large vault in the basement.

During the year no significant alterations were made and, with only a trickle of building supplies like floor covering and sound reduction available due to restriction or ordinary scarcity, only a small amount of this kind of work has been completed. However, our postwar program involving substantial renovation over a period of years was entered upon with the decision of our Board of Directors immediately to let a contract for the air conditioning of the 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, and 14th floors of this building. At the end of the year it appeared that it would be but a few days before the successful bidder would be awarded the contract. The completion of the air conditioning, that is of the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 13th floors, will follow somewhat later. Foundation work for the conditioning of the entire building will be included in the work immediately contemplated.

The Edison Company has begun a survey of our electrical equipment, looking to conversion of the building's electrical current from direct to alternating which is expected to take place within the next six months. The Edison Company, under its policy of citywide conversion to alternating current production, has timed their inclusion of this building in that plan with our need for alternating current now that we will be investing so much money in new motors for the air conditioning. Under the Utility Commission's orders the Edison Company must reimburse owners for the remaining useful life of their electrical equipment, according to definitely established rules. As Edison's survey has not been completed, we have no close idea of what the cost to us may be.

Preparation for the installation of the new doors on vault No. 4 in the third basement early in 1946 is reported under Currency Operations and is referred to here only to complete the record of work with which the building organization has something to do.

We tabulate below occupied quarters, owned and rented, as at the end of 1945, with parenthetical figures indicating the changes to be effected early in 1946:

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

Owned:	Rentable Area	
230 South LaSalle Street	243,963*	
Rented		
166 West Jackson Boulevard 120 South LaSalle Street 175 West Jackson Boulevard	6,000 83,086	(14,829)**
(Insurance Exchange Building, South) 725 South Wells Street (warehouse)	20,945	(50,834)**
523 South Plymouth Court (warehouse) 326 South Wells Street (warehouse)	7,191 16,278	(-0-)**
Security Trust Building, Indianapolis, Indiana	198	
Total	383,661	(338,102)**

- * The Federal Reserve Bank Building contains 307,138 square feet, the difference, 63,175 square feet, being rented on term leases to four tenants.
- ** Space in square feet to be occupied early in 1946.

CAFETERIA:

There were 658,664 meals served in our cafeteria and dining rooms during 1945, against 687,031 in 1944. This was a daily average of 2,221 in 1945, against 2,298 for the year 1944. Included in these figures are light lunches served in the late afternoon and evening, which numbered 511 daily during 1945, against 519 for 1944. The average check for the regular noon meals served in the cafeteria ran 23.8 cents during the year 1945 against 23.3 cents during the year 1944.

Total cafeteria receipts were \$144,735.64 in 1945, against \$145,379.01 in 1944. Meals provided at the expense of the bank totaled 7,664, of which 2,338 were served to business guests of our officers, and 5,326 were served to bank employees on the occasions of complimentary Thanksgiving and Christmas luncheons, and in connection with the sponsor program.

This past year presented many problems involving the severe wartime restrictions and scarcities.

CAFETERIA: (Continued)

However, we were able to continue to serve a special cafeteria luncheon, which included meat, potatoes, bread, butter, dessert, and beverage, for 25 cents. This year we absorbed \$43,081.71, or 22.9%, of the expense, against \$38,868.20, or 21.1%, in 1944. At the end of the year our percentage of expense absorbed was gaining at a much greater rate than this 1.8% by which the whole year 1945 exceeded 1944.

CASH DEPARTMENT:

The dollar value of currency paid out during the year 1945 amounted to \$2,439,528,000 as compared with \$2,428,013,000 during the year 1944 - an increase of 1%.

The number of pieces of currency paid out during the year 1945 amounted to 416,040,926 as compared with 405,949,900 during 1944 - an increase of 2%.

The dollar value of currency received and counted during the year 1945 amounted to \$2,288,066,259 as compared with \$2,030,278,372 during 1944 - an increase of 13%.

The number of pieces of currency received and counted during the year 1945 amounted to 407,436,858 as compared with 393,812,450 during 1944 - an increase of 3%.

The dollar value of coin paid out during the year 1945 amounted to \$50,187,440 as compared with \$50,553,062 during 1944 - a decrease of 1%.

The number of pieces of coin paid out during the year 1945 amounted to 623,182,449 as compared with 641,472,086 during 1944 - a decrease of 3%.

The dollar value of coin received and counted during the year 1945 amounted to \$38,355,971 as compared with \$36,043,315 during 1944 - an increase of 6%.

The number of pieces of coin received and counted during the year 1945 amounted to 365,658,181 as compared with 323,457,622 during 1944 - an increase of 13%.

The dollar value of coin received from the Mint during the year 1945 was \$13,000,000 as compared with \$16,250,000 during 1944 - a decrease of 20%.

CASH DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

The number of pieces of coin received from the Mint during the year 1945 amounted to 260,000,000 as compared with 340,000,000 during 1944 - a decrease of 24%.

Additional vault facilities are required because of the increased currency and coin activities. At the time the vault was built, one section was not completed and required only the installation of a main entrance door, an emergency door, and lowering platform. Contracts were let in 1945 and the installation is now being completed. This section of the vault will increase the capacity by one-third.

CHECK DEPARTMENT:

Tris department handled 39,544,093 City Checks during the year 1945, with a dollar value amounting to \$35,925,822,000, which is an increase of 4.82% in City Checks handled and 7.17% in the dollar value of City Checks handled compared with the year 1944.

The number of Country Checks handled was 140,058,461, with a dollar value of \$21,829,193,000, which is an increase of 5.59% in Country Checks handled and 7.65% in the dollar value of Country Checks handled, compared with the year 1944.

47,616,923 Government Checks were handled, with a dollar value of \$13,389,841,000, which is an increase of 25.26% in Government Checks handled and a decrease of 13.15% in the dollar value of Government Checks handled compared with the year 1944.

Total number of checks handled for the year 1944 was 227,219,477, with a dollar value of \$71,144,856,000, which is an increase of 9.04% in total checks handled and 2.78% in dollar value of total checks handled compared with the year 1944.

CODES AND
TELEGRAMS DIVISION:

During 1945, 1,050,246 telegrams were handled through the Chicago relay office of the Federal Reserve Leased Wires System (the Chicago "Turret") as against a total of 1,014,738 for the year 1944 - an increase for 1945 of 3.5% over 1944.

CODES AND
TELEGRAMS DIVISION:
(Continued)

During 1945, 156,765 telegrams were handled by the Codes and Telegrams Division of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, as against a total of 163,388 for the year 1944 - a decrease of 4.1% from 1944.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT:

The number of City items handled during the year 1945 was 37,115, compared with 41,210 during 1944 - a decrease of 9.94%.

The number of Country items handled during the year 1945 was 220,732, compared with 220,646 during the year 1944 - an increase of .04%.

The number of Coupon and Security transactions handled during the year 1945 was 130,634, compared with 138,299 during the year 1944 - a decrease of 5.54%.

CONSUMER CREDIT DEPARTMENT:

A spot check of the books and records of 3,513 Registrants (vendors for the most part) during 1945 was made in order to determine the extent of compliance of the Registrants' transactions with the provisions of Regulation W. In addition, approximately 7,500 inquiries concerning the Regulation (through correspondence, telephone, and personal interview) were answered and 1,352 new licenses issued.

Three hundred and twenty towns and cities in the district were visited by an investigator at least once (23 for the first time) during the year. Out of the 3,513 investigations conducted, 1,362 disclosed a total of 5,103 violations. The investigators filed detailed reports of their review of 292,898 credit transactions.

In twenty cases the investigations showed that the Registrants were apparently willfully violating the Regulation and in seventeen instances conferences were held with the Registrants (six at the Head Office and eleven at the Detroit Branch).

In response to requests by various organizations, six talks on the Regulation for the purpose of

CONSUMER CREDIT
DEPARTMENT:
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clarifying problems and answering any questions that might be raised were conducted by the Consumer Credit Department (four by the Head Office and two by the Detroit Branch). Under the authority contained in Section 12(m) of the Regulation, the bank granted permission to five department stores and two clothing stores to adopt systems of billing their charge accounts in cycles.

Following a conference at the Head Office on July 10, 1945 attended by two representatives of the Board of Governors, one Registrant in the Detroit area consented to the entry of a court decree restraining it from violations of Regulation W which decree was entered on July 20, 1945 in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division.

The continuation of an apparently willful practice of violating the Regulation by another Detroit area Registrant resulted in a formal hearing which was held at the Detroit Branch on November 9, 1945 before a Hearing Commissioner, appointed by the Board of Governors.

The investigative activity continued to disclose a trend from credit to cash sales and that the Registrants, for the most part, desire that the Regulation be continued at least in some form.

Circular Letters and Amendments mailed Amendment No. 15 - Mailed 2/6/45 Amendment No. 16 - Mailed 5/28/45 Amendment No. 17 - Mailed 7/30/45 Amendment No. 18 - Mailed 9/26/45 Amendment No. 19 - Mailed 11/21/45	8,685 37,585 13,171 36,951 32,091	
Press Release Re: Suspension of Licenses - Safeway Finance Co. & Local Finance Co., St. Louis, Missouri - Mailed 3/15/45	884	
Statement for the Press Re: Consumers Home Equipment Co. Consent Injunction - Mailed 7/20/45	300	
Statement Re: Consumers Home Equipment Co. Consent Injunction - Mailed 7/20/45	779	130,446
Number of Registrants as of 12/31/45		35,281

CONSUMER CREDIT
DEPARTMENT:
(Continued)

Number of Registration Statements Received

1,267

Number of Registration Statements Cancelled

1,060

DISBURSING DEPARTMENT:

The activities of this department remained at about the same level as in 1944. Expense items covering bank operations, for a total of \$5,654,592.35, were functioned during the year, as compared with \$5,904,737.37 for the previous year - a decrease of 4.2%. Fiscal Agency expense charges functioned, including the prepayment of emergency expenses incurred by the State War Finance Committees in this district on account of War Loan Drives and payments made to Qualified Agents for cashing United States Savings Bonds, for which monthly vouchers were submitted to 30 Governmental agencies or subsidiaries, totaled \$7,265,488.38, as compared with \$5,197,341.26 for the previous year - an increase of 39.8%.

DISCOUNT AND CREDIT DEPARTMENTS:

Advances to Member Banks

Member bank borrowings during the year 1945 increased somewhat over previous years. During the year the Head Office made 357 advances to member banks aggregating \$429,002,000, all of which were secured by United States Government obligations. The primary purpose of the borrowings was to replenish reserve accounts. The maximum member bank borrowings outstanding as of any one day was \$21,950,000 on March 31, 1945, to assist banks in meeting their deposit withdrawals over the April 1 tax date. Otherwise, the amount of borrowings as of any one day was relatively small and a negligible factor in the amount of outstanding Federal Reserve credit.

Guarantees under Regulation V.

With the cessation of hostilities following V-J Day, there was a marked decline in the activities relating to the issuance of guarantees on behalf of the War Department, the Navy Department, and the United States Maritime Commission. During the year 1945, 238 guarantees were approved and issued, having an aggregate amount of

DISCOUNT AND
CREDIT DEPARTMENTS:
(Continued)

\$244,328,750. While it had been expected that a substantial volume of applications would be received in connection with termination guarantees following cessation of hostilities, the demand for such assistance was relatively small. Out of the total of 238 guarantees issued during the year 1945, 123 were termination guarantees, in an aggregate amount of \$82,810,000.

Only one financing institution exercised its right to request the Guarantor to purchase the guaranteed portion of the loan during the year. This was in the case of Littelfuse, Inc., a company which encountered financial difficulties. The First National Bank of Chicago requested that the War Department purchase 90% of the outstanding loan. The purchase was made on September 28, 1945, and amounted to \$256,918.31. This loan is being given close attention and it is believed that the company will in due time liquidate the indebtedness without loss to the War Department.

Since the inception of the V loan program in March 1942, 1682 guarantees have been issued through the Head Office in an aggregate amount of \$1,461,484,000. Of that number 7 encountered difficulties which resulted in the exercise of the rights under the guarantee agreements by the financing institutions. Over the four-year period the 7 purchases of loans made on behalf of the War Department aggregated \$1,423,878. These purchased loans on the whole have liquidated very satisfactorily and it appears will in all instances be paid in full with the exception of the loan of Boardman Manufacturing Company, on which a loss of \$13,551 has been sustained, and the Goshen Veneer Company, on which a loss of approximately \$120,000 is anticipated by the Guarantor.

Guarantee fees collected during the year for credit to the Guarantors aggregated \$1,600,972.88, and commitment fees collected aggregated \$238,134.34, making total guarantee and commitment fees collected \$1,839,107.22. Our expenses incident to handling the Regulation V activities aggregated \$144,044.

FEDERAL RESERVE
NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT:

Federal Reserve Notes received from Washington by the Federal Reserve Agent amounted to \$538,000,000 during the year 1945 - a decrease of 64.89% compared with the amount received in the year 1944.

Federal Reserve Notes issued to the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, by the Federal Reserve Agent during the year 1945 amounted to \$985,750,000 - a decrease of 10.27% compared with the amount issued in the year 1944.

CAPITAL STOCK

	Paid-In Capital	No. of Members
December 31, 1945	\$21,073,650	996
December 31, 1944	19,598,700	971
Increase	\$ 1,474,950	25
New members Memberships terminated		31 6
Number of Adjustments in stock holdings due to increases in capital and surplus		815
Number of adjustments due to decreases in capital and surplus		9

FILES DIVISION:

In the General Files, material received from both bank and fiscal agency operations at the main bank building totaled 1,600,000 pieces, which were collected and received, indexed, sorted, and filed as compared with 1,800,000 pieces for the previous year. Calls for individual items at the service desk by auditors and checkers dropped from an average of 130 requests daily in 1944 to 88 in 1945. The decrease, both in pieces received and the number of service calls, is due to change in fiscal agency operations.

FOREIGN FUNDS CONTROL DIVISION:

The following are details of fiscal agency operations for the Treasury Department handled by the Foreign Funds Control Division during 1945:

FOREIGN FUNDS
CONTROL DIVISION:
(Continued)

License applications received	5,485
License applications forwarded to Washington	712
License applications acted on by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago	4,773
Reports on Form TFR-300 of all foreign- owned property subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, received	63
Reports on Form TFR-300 forwarded to Washington	63
Reports on Form TFR-500, relating to property in foreign countries in which on May 31, 1943, persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United	
States had an interest, received	64
Reports on Form TFR-500 forwarded to Washington	64

	Number of Mailings	Mailing List	Total Pieces
Public Documents	24	3,200	160,000
The Proclaimed List of certain Blocked Nationals	11	3,250	35,750
Special Blocked Nationals	31	34 (87 pieces)	2,958
*Miscellaneous	11	3,200	38,950 237,658

* Includes 3 mailings of Instructions re TCR-1 Currency Reports - 4,450 pieces in each mailing.

In addition 53,400 TCR-1 reports were mailed with the above mentioned Instructions and all requests for additional copies were filled by mailing and by delivery at the window.

GOVERNMENT BOND
DEPARTMENT:

Operations for the year indicate an increase in the number of savings bonds received for redemption, whereas a decrease is noted under the volume of savings bonds and other marketable securities is-

GOVERNMENT BOND
DEPARTMENT:
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sued against sales. During the year only two War Loans Drives were handled, whereas during 1944 there were three War Loan Drives.

The dollar value of subscriptions and applications to the Seventh and Victory Loan Drives in 1945, exclusive of purchases by commercial banks for their own accounts under deposit formula, are as follows:

	Sales	Quota
Seventh War Loan Drive Victory Loan Drive	\$3,758,600,000 2,938,200,000	\$2,162,000,000 1,588,000,000
Totals	\$6,696,800,000	\$3,750,000,000

(Figures above represent sales covering the entire states of the district, and are not merely the figures for the Seventh District.)

Comparative figures for the year 1945 with 1944 for the operations listed below are exclusive of operations by our Detroit Branch.

New Issues

Exclusive of Series E Sales by Agents

	1945	1944	Percentage of Change		
Number of Subscription and application forms received	755,000	993,000	-23.9		
Number of Subscribers involved	1,138,000	1,540,500	-26.1		
Amount of Subscriptions and applications received	\$28,868,150,000	\$27,875,765,000	+ .3		
Amount of Subscriptions and applications allotted	\$17,112,000,000	\$17,928,514,000	4		
pus Bullies of Perlin eneme	Series E Savings Bonds Sales by Issuing Agents				
Number of Pieces	24,792,000	31,414,000	-21.0		
Maturity Value	\$ 1,463,700,000	\$ 1,751,271,000	-16.4		
Number of Qualified Issuing Agents (Dec. 31)	4,259	4,550	- 6.4		

GOVERNMENT BOND DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

U. S. Savings Bonds Redeemed All Series

Paying Agents commenced functioning October 1, 1944

	1945	1944	Percentage of Change				
Number of Pieces							
By Paying Agents	23,071,000	5,200,000	+343.6				
By F.R.B.	<u>564,000</u> 23,635,000	10,679,000	<u>- 94.7</u> + 48.8				
Total Pieces	23,635,000	15,879,000	+ 48.8				
\$25. pieces (included in above	18,508,000	13,282,000	+ 39.3				
Redemption Value							
By Paying Agents	\$676,765,000	\$140,186,000	+382.7				
By F.R.B.	74,965,000	330,553,000	- 77.3				
Total Redemption Value	\$751,730,000	\$470,739,000	+ 59.6				
Number of qualified Paying Agents	2,265	2,110	+ 7.3				
Other Bonds	s/Notes/Certific	cates/					
Bil.	ls - Redeemed						
Library And Control	0-0	-/	10.				
Number of Pieces	838,000	562,000	+ 49.1				
Maturity Value \$:	10,450,000,000	\$10,776,888,000	- 3.0				
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U. S. and Other Governmental Agency Coupons Redeemed							
Cou	pons Redeemed						
Number of Pieces :	2,054,000	2,086,000	- 1.5				
Dollar Value	\$107,884,000	\$87,447,000	+ 23.3				
	national Exchange	<u>ζeΒ</u>					
Pieces Received	154,000	96,000	+ 60.4				
Pieces Issued	88,000	90,000	- 2.2				
Maturity Value	1,522,525,000	\$1,158,299,000	+ 31.4				
con estado c.1	P.D. Transfers						
Pieces Received	40,800	40,600	+ .49				
	\$2,912,147,000	\$2,746,111,000	+ 6.0				
Pieces Issued	23,300	26,200	- 11.0				
	2,369,386,000	\$1,646,749,000	+ 43.8				

GOVERNMENT BOND
DEPARTMENT:
(Continued)

War Loan Deposit Account

	1945	1944	Percentage of Change				
Number of qualified Depositaries (December 31)	1,658	1,606	1				
Depositary Bank balances (December 31)	\$2,954,190,000	\$2,457,642,000	+ 20.2				
Number of payments handled	390,000	370,000	+ 5.4				
	Bond Custodian	Dy T. R.J					
Number of Pieces received from Treasury Department	27,766,000	35,361,000	- 21.4				
Number of Pieces prepared for delivery	25,625,000	32,810,000	- 21.9				
Incoming Security Mail							
Number of Pieces of mail received	494,600*	2,651,600	- 81.3				
* Reflects payment of savin	g bonds by paying ag	ents.					
Ship	ping and Delivery						
Number of Pieces shipped	25,809,000	33,119,000	- 22.0				

INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT:

U. S. SECURITIES PURCHASED

1945	1944		1945	1944
2541 119 - 1954	3662 200 22 2082	Transactions-Member Banks and Others "Other Fed.Res. Banks "Retirement System "Repurchase Agreement	\$ 117,467,250 6,793,900	\$ 161,061,250 10,610,650 12,635,000 10,534,855,000
2	000,741,	" other F.R.Bks.	175,000,000	SM.
4616	5966		\$12,162,340,150	\$10,719,161,900

INVESTMENT DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

OTHER SECURITIES PURCHASED

1945	1944	Jone evice of a select free entreed of the entreed of the entreed of the selection of the s		1945		1944
55	23	Transactions-Member Banks and Others	\$	507,500	\$	142,000
- 55	24	" Retirement System	\$	507,500	\$	342,000
	II. S. S	ECURITIES SOLD				
da bo		THE TOTAL PRODUCTION LANGUE TO THE				
6958	5230	Transactions-Member Banks and Others	\$	90,698,150	\$	84,339,400
417	394	" Other Federal Res.Bks.	To a	3,279,650	7	6,102,000
1398	1357	" Retirement System " Repurchase Agreement	8	3,499,762,000	7,4	7,310,000
2	-	" (Other F.R.Bks.)	nuio:	175,000,000	20	55,551,000
947	<u>987</u> 7976	" (Matured)	annument of	2,113,090,800	Description of the last of the	506,180,400
	OTHER S	ECURITIES SOLD				
49	68	Transactions-Member Banks	B sou			701 700
dasio	54	and Others " Retirement System	\$	259,900	\$	304,500
49	122	The Two to palacier maddaeup no	\$	259,900	\$	2,588,500

LEGAL DEPARTMENT:

The activities of this department have continued to be extensive during 1945. An Assistant Counsel has been assigned to the Personnal Department to handle legal questions and to assist in dealing with administrative problems arising under the War Manpower, Selective Service, Veterans' Administration, Fair Labor Standards, Salary Stabilization and Withheld Tax Regulations. An Assistant Counsel has also been assigned to the Detroit Branch where he is in immediate charge of its numerous legal matters, as well as being the administrative head of its Consumer Credit Department. member of this department has devoted most of his time in the review of Regulation V Loan Agreements and the preparation of guarantee agreements and supplements thereto for this bank as Fiscal Agent for the War and Navy Departments. The Federal Reserve Share-the-Loss Program which became effective LEGAL DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

January 1, 1945, has its activities centered here as the chairman of the System Insurance Committee is located at this bank. General Counsel in this department handles an extensive amount of legal matters and assists in the administrative work for the Committee, also, an Assistant Counsel serves as Secretary of such Committee.

Other legal matters handled by this department include the following: extensive correspondence and conferences with officials of member banks concerning regulations and rulings of the Board of Governors and other legal matters; examination and approval of all applications for membership, applications of National banks to exercise fiduciary powers and all documents evidencing changes in the corporate status of State member banks and trust companies: correspondence with and preparation of legal memoranda for Board of Governors, as well as frequent consultation with its members and staff: examination and approval of leases for additional space in other buildings; examination and approval of contracts entered into by this bank for various types of services, including the negotiation of a revised Fiscal Agency contract with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; examination and approval of indemnifying bonds and court orders relating to special custody deposits of securities by member banks; protesting of real estate tax rates on our bank building; numerous questions relating to our safekeeping and check clearing operations and to our Fiscal Agency functions for the Treasury Department and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation: claims and related correspondence arising under our bankers' blanket bond and numerous questions in connection with our administration of Foreign Funds Control regulations, including supervision of the Foreign Funds Control Department in the absence of the senior officer in charge.

This department has continued its close association with the officers in charge of the Consumer Credit Department in the administration and enforcement of Regulation W. During the latter part of the year, the General Counsel, acting as Counsel for the Board of Governors, conducted the first System Administrative Hearing before a Hearing Commissioner in the offices of the Detroit Branch to assist the Board in determining whether or not, on the basis of various violations, it should revoke the license of a registrant under Regulation W doing a credit business in that area.



MAIL DIVISION:

As shown below, sharp reduction took place in the number of pieces of ordinary mail received and dispatched during the year, the assumption by individual banks of over-the-counter savings bond redemption being the principal contributing factor.

Introduction of a mechanical sorting device for consolidating mail made a gratifying contribution to the accuracy record and apparently saved a large part of its cost in the first year of operation.

	1945	1944	Decrease	Percent
Total Pieces Received	2,301,540	3,091,624	790,084	25.56
Total Pieces Dispatched	4,749,778	8,778,106	4,028,328	45.89

MEMBER BANK ACCOUNTS DIVISION: Analyses reflected 284 assessable deficiencies in reserves of 181 banks (Head Office territory) for computation periods ending in the year 1945. Penalties covering these deficiencies amounted to \$5,187.20 and were assessed in accordance with regulations. Comparative figures for computation periods ending in the year 1944 reflected 267 deficiencies in the accounts of 200 member banks involving assessments totaling \$5,576.75. The maximum number of penalties assessed against any one bank during 1945 was eight (weekly basis - in one instance) as against seven (in one instance) during 1944.

The reserves of all member banks in the Seventh District for the year 1945, adjusted on the basis of semimonthly periods, reflected a maximum excess over requirements of \$233,000,000, or 11.05%, for the period December 16-31, and a minimum excess of \$128,000,000, or 6.24%, for the period April 16 - 30. Maximum and minimum excess reserves over requirements for the year 1944 were \$188,000,000, or 10.48%, and \$120,000,000, or 6.68%, and occurred during the periods of July 1 - 15 and April 16 - 30, respectively.

OFFICE MACHINE REPAIRS DIVISION:

The usual service was maintained by this division throughout the year on a peak amount of purchased and rented mechanical equipment in use in the bank and

OFFICE MACHINE
REPAIRS DIVISION:
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fiscal agency divisions. This work was carried on under conditions similar to those existing during the preceding several years and included the improvising of parts by our mechanics in instances where replacements could not be secured from the suppliers.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

Recruitment of New Employees

The Counselor for Women and two of the interviewers have called on the Placement Counselors at the various high schools throughout the Chicago area, visiting informally with them, and acquainting them with the opportunities in the Bank for high school graduates.

In addition, the Placement Counselors have been invited individually to come to luncheon in the Bank with the Manager of Personnel, Assistant Manager, Counselor for Women, and the interviewers. During their visit, they were shown various departments of the Bank and the types of positions offered.

Counseling

Between 150 and 300 employees each month came to the Counselor for Women in 1945 either voluntarily or upon recommendation for some type of counseling. Briefly, the kinds of problems presented most frequently were: vocational, family, social, economic, educational, health, emotional, and housing. In these interviews, the Counselor acted as liaison between management and personnel.

Similar problems arose in the case of the men in the Bank, although not in the same proportion, and were handled by the Manager, Assistant Manager, and occasionally by the interviewers.

Medical

For the year 1945, the following is an outline of the activities of the Medical Department:

Physical Examinations	781
New Medical Cases	31,136
New Surgical Cases	5,101
Repeat Medicals	16,427
Repeat Surgicals	768
Re-Examinations	203
Total	54,416
Cases Sent Home	901
Visiting Nurses' Visits	1,174
Cases Referred	1,367

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

Recreational Library

In January, 1945, a branch of the Chicago Public Library was opened in the Bank to make available to employees all types of recreational reading material. There are more than 1200 employees registered, and the total monthly circulation exceeds 1000 books.

Training Within Industry

In 1945, 61 employees completed the Job Instruction Training satisfactorily, 9 employees completed the Job Relations Training, and 9 employees completed the Job Methods Training.

American Institute of Banking

During 1945, there were 194 class (including January and September enrollments) enrollments in A.I.B. courses. Of this number, all but 48 of the courses were taken by women of the Bank.

Personnel Figures

Year end figures of employees (excluding officers and extra help) 1944-1945 inclusive are:

	Men	Women	Total	Annual Salaries
December 31, 1944	862 29%	2102	2964	\$5,489,732.00
1945	823 31.5%	1793 68.5%	2616	5,424,216.00

During the year 621 persons (excluding extra help) were hired and 913 left the Bank. A total of 2,452 applicants were interviewed.

Since September 1, 1940, 373 employees have left to enter Military Service. Of this number 339 were men and 34 were women.

Payroll and Related Figures

There were approximately 5000 (including extra help and out-of-records cases) detailed earnings and W-2 forms prepared for 1945. The following five items suggest in round figures the money involved:

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

Gross Salaries	et -	over	\$6,000,000
Tax Withheld	m -	. 11	835,000
Overtime Pay	-	11	600,000
Retirement Deductions	od -	11	370,000
Bond Deductions	-	11	370,000

There were also leave deductions, supper money, Hospital Plan dues, Community Fund deductions, loan repayments and notary fees to be accounted for in the records. Over 80,000 payroll checks were prepared.

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

Methods Division

During the year the Methods Division continued its work of development and improvement of the Bank's systems and procedures. Among the larger assignments handled were an overall survey of the Bank's personnel and payroll records, the installation of a revised reissues routine in the Government Bond Department, and a survey and analysis of the Bank's forms and printing. Extensive systems research work was carried out for the Treasury Department regarding the revision of procedures within the Federal Reserve Banks and the Bureau of the Public Debt in connection with the handling of redeemed United States Savings Bonds.

A portion of the department's effort was directed toward the preparation of the Bank's systems for the multitude of improvements in mechanical equipment and procedure techniques that will be available within the next few years. Basic plans were completed looking toward the application of improved methods to future revisions, and the assembling of information and 'know-how' so that the Bank's management may make future systems decisions as improved methods are available, without the necessity of waiting for the completion of all research at that time.

Cost Division

The Bank's monthly Expense and Operations Reports and the Federal Reserve Board's Functional Expense Reports were compiled and distributed to all departments in the Bank. PURCHASING DEPARTMENT:

During the year 1945 the Purchasing Department issued 8,496 purchase orders, totaling approximately \$636,000, for building and office supplies, printing and stationery, furniture and equipment, and for such other expenses as were necessary to the conduct of our business. These figures compared with 10,171 orders, with a dollar value of \$861,000, during 1944, and represent a decrease of 16.5% in the number of orders and 26.1% in the dollar value over that year.

Inventories were maintained at levels slightly below those of 1944 and prices in general continued the slight upward trend noted in the preceding year.

The activities of the related Stock Room, Print Shop, and Addressograph Sections continued at a high level particularly with respect to Treasury financing and associated transactions.

RATION CHECK DEPARTMENT:

This department handled 8,233,759 ration checks during the year 1945 compared with 8,798,778 handled during the year 1944 - a decrease of 6.42%.

R.F.C. and C.C.C. CUSTODY DIVISIONS:

The RFC Custody Division which acts as Fiscal Agent and Custodian for the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and its affiliated Corporations made disbursements during the year totaling \$601,069,000., compared with total disbursements of \$745,264,000 for the year 1944. Receipts for the year 1945 aggregated \$176,820,000., compared with \$132,537,000. for the year 1944.

Disbursements in connection with loans, investments and purchases directly for account of the RFC during the year 1945 aggregated \$45,429,000. while receipts amounted to \$77,134,000., compared with \$28,992,000. in disbursements and \$57,262,000. in receipts for the year 1944. Of the 1945 totals, disbursements in connection with the Surplus Property Disposal Program were \$3,776,000. and receipts \$17,719,000. Other transactions in connection with the war effort were largely represented by loans to industry, disbursements aggregating \$41,023,000. and receipts \$48,984,000.

R.F.C. and C.C.C.
CUSTODY DIVISIONS:
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Several of the RFC Subsidiary Corporations which had been organized to handle separate activities in connection with the Defense Program were dissolved during the year 1945. These Corporations were the Defense Plant Corporation, Defense Supplies Corporation, Rubber Reserve Company and Metals Reserve Company. The activities formerly handled for these subsidiaries have been handled since July 1, 1945 in practically the same manner except that they come dirently under the RFC Offices of Defense Plants, Defense Supplies, etc. Disaster Loan Corporation was also dissolved effective July 1, 1945, and its activities assumed by the RFC.

Although a large volume of transactions in connection with Defense Plants and Defense Supplies continued during the year 1945, the volume was somewhat less than during the previous year. Disbursements and receipts in connection with Defense Plants were \$40,420,000. and \$41,157,000. respectively in 1945, compared with \$106,982,000. and \$40,140,000. respectively in 1944. Disbursements and receipts in connection with Defense Supplies Programs were \$511,777,000. and \$31,317,000 respectively in 1945, compared with \$597,603,000. and \$20,598,000. in 1944.

Sales of a large number of mortgages which had been held for account of The RFC Mortgage Company and the Federal National Mortgage Association accounted for increases in receipts in connection with these activities. For the year 1945, receipts totaled \$7,223,000. and \$7,091,000. respectively, compared with \$5,379,000. and \$2,409,000. respectively for 1944.

Receipts in connection with loans and rental agreements entered into by Smaller War Plants Corporation and transferred to Reconstruction Finance Corporation for servicing, increased from \$5,324,000. in 1944 to \$12,186,000. in 1945.

The aggregate number of transactions handled during the year 1945 was 1,242,723, compared with 1,458,601 in 1944.

The CCC Custody Division handles transactions as Fiscal Agent and Custodian for the Commodity Credit Corporation. The total disbursements for account of this Corporation during the year 1945 amounted to

R.F.C. and C.C.C.
CUSTODY DIVISIONS:
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\$804,268,000. and the total of receipts was \$252,829,000. These totals were lower than the aggregate amounts disbursed and received for the year 1944, which were \$1,463,697,000. and \$365,057,000., respectively.

Reduction in the amounts of purchases during 1945 under the Lend Lease Commodities Purchase Program accounted for the difference in the total of disbursements between the two years. Disbursements under this program in 1944 amounted to \$1,041,354,000. whereas the total for 1945 was \$376.016.000. The difference between the total receipts for the two years was partially due to the 1944-45 Dairy Products Purchase Program under which the proceeds of sales of butter and cheese were not remitted to the Fiscal Agent during the year 1945 as had been done under the 1943-44 program which was handled during the previous year. However, remittances under the current 1945 Dairy Products Purchase Program which started in the latter part of 1945, were made to this Bank as Fiscal Agent. Receipts in connection with Dairy Products Purchase Programs amounted to \$72,851,000. in 1944 and but \$4,285,000. in 1945. Disbursements under these programs amounted to \$56,023,000. in 1945 against \$52,992,000. in 1944.

Disbursements and receipts in connection with various Grain Loan and Purchase Programs as well as some Subsidy and Price Support Programs administered by the Production and Marketing Administration, Grain Branch, Chicago Office, totaled \$206,207,000. and \$215,908,000., respectively in 1945 compared with \$234,201,000. and \$265,083,000. in 1944.

A large number of drafts drawn against Commodity Credit Corporation by County Agricultural Conservation Committees of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and other paying agents in payment of subsidies in connection with production of milk, beef, sheep, cheese and other commodities were paid by the Division during the year 1945. The total number of such drafts was 2,989,156 and the amount \$145,241,000. For the year 1944 the number of drafts was 2,889,035 and the amount \$110,428,000.

The total number of items handled for Commodity Credit Corporation during the year 1945 was 9,193,757, compared with 4,149,084 in 1944. The

R.F.C. and C.C.C.
CUSTODY DIVISIONS:
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increase was due to re-listing and shipping to the several CCC Regional Offices during the year 1945, of all drafts paid during the year as well as those paid during the previous year.

RESEARCH DEPARTMENT:

During 1945 the Research Department strengthened further the position of the Bank as a regional center of economic information and leadership. The regular publications, statistical series, and economic studies were continued. An estimated 8,000 inquiries from banks, business firms, and Government agencies were answered. Upon request by banks, farm advisers and county agents, business firms, and schools, 43,500 reprints were distributed of the Business Conditions article on "Soil Depletion -- A Challenge to Farming". The research staff played an important role in the successful initiation of the School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin. The weekly Agricultural Letter was well received by Seventh District country bankers. After V-J day, a series of press releases summarized the results of the inquiry into the impact of the war upon the Chicago industrial area which was undertaken with the cooperation of the Chicago Committee for Economic Development and the Chicago Association of Commerce. Continuing study is being made of the postwar problems and prospects of the industrial and agricultural areas of the Seventh District.

Continued emphasis was placed upon services rendered by the research staff to officers and departments within the Bank. A series of luncheon meetings was held with representatives of the Bank Examination and Bank Relations Departments to discuss current developments in banking. A thorough study was made of T-loans authorized by the Bank. Twenty-five discussions were given at the meetings of the Executive Committee during the year. Plans were made for a series of periodic meetings with officers and senior employees of the Bank for lectures and discussions on the role of the Federal Reserve System in the modern economy as an important part of the program of executive training and development.

SAFEKEEPING DEPARTMENT:

The total amount of securities received during 1945 was \$38,000,981,097 as compared with \$35,271,596,575 during 1944, an increase of 8%.

Securities released during 1945 amounted to the sum of \$37,257,570,997 as compared with \$34,601,517,211 during 1944, an increase of 7%.

Total securities held at close of business December 31, 1945, amounted to \$5,910,867,776, compared with \$5,167,457,677 as of December 31,1944, an increase of 14%.

Number of receipts outstanding at close of business December 31, 1945, was 60,164 as compared with 58,551 as of December 31, 1944, an increase of 3%.

Number of pieces held at close of business December 31, 1945, was 409,613 as compared with 379,066 as of December 31, 1944, an increase of 8%.

Number of coupons detached from securities on coupon maturity dates was 836,146 as compared with 860,288 on December 31 of the respective years 1945 and 1944, a decrease of 3%.

Total amount of coupons detached and credited as of December 31, 1945, amounted to \$106,166,894 as compared with \$87,471,200 as of December 31, 1944, an increase of 21%.

TELEPHONE DIVISION:

Local out-going calls decreased from an average of 28,800 calls per month in 1944 to 28,470 in 1945. Four hundred and forty-six terminals were in operation in December 1945 as compared with 449 in 1944. Public telephones, in addition to relieving the traffic on the bank lines of employees' personal calls, netted a revenue from the Telephone Company of \$1,133.39.

WAR BOND CUSTODY DEPARTMENT:

There was a marked decrease in receipts of United States Savings bonds from Army personnel after V-E Day. In April, 1945, receipts numbered 41,061 as

WAR BOND CUSTODY DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

compared with 14,918 in December, 1945.

As service men were released, bonds were withdrawn from custody. Withdrawals in April, 1945, were 11,937 as compared with 52,580 in December, 1945.

Safekeeping of U. S. Savings Bonds for Army Personnel

	1945	1944
Bonds received No. of deposits	\$16,065,140 321,572	\$25,713,295 582,251
Bonds released No. of releases	\$12,397,790 57,119	\$ 4,573,110 41,966
Total held at close of business December 31	\$37,835,435	\$34,168,085
Safekeeping of U.S. for Publ		
Bonds received No. of deposits	\$ 9,961,913 30,098	\$ 9,450,900 29,204
Bonds released No. of releases	\$ 4,225,375 12,844	\$ 3,125,000 8,112
Total held at close of business December 31	\$45,039,961	\$39,303,424

WIRE TRANSFER DIVISION:

153,974 transfers of funds were made during the year 1945, compared with 152,228 during the year 1944 - an increase of 1.15%.

The dollar value of the transfers made during the year 1945 amounted to \$36,149,724,000, compared with \$35,232,170,000 during the year 1944 - an increase of 2.60%

WITHHELD TAX DEPARTMENT:

As of the close of the year 1945 there were 1689 banks in District No•7 qualified as Depositaries for "Withheld Taxes". 1542 of these Depositaries were located in our Head Office territory and 147 were in the Detroit Branch territory. Here at

WITHHELD TAX DEPARTMENT: (Continued) the Head Office, Depositaries during the year 1945 paid to us approximately 996 millions of dollars represented by over 505,000 receipts which were issued by these Depositaries to employers for the 20 per cent withheld tax deducted from salaries and wages paid to their employees.

Offices of the Internal Revenue Department deposited with us at the Head Office their certificates of deposit amounting to approximately 1055 millions of dollars represented by over 545,000 receipts.

1681 receipts were reported during the past year by employers, as either lost or not received, necessitating the issuance of duplicate receipts by the Withheld Tax Department.

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1945 has been a year of continued activity for the Detroit Branch. In general, this activity in most departments was about on par with the previous high year.

The ending of the war in both the European and Japanese theatres resulted in the following changes: On August 31 the Branch returned to a forty-hour work week, from a forty-four hour week; on September 30 the City of Detroit returned to Eastern Standard Time, and on October 31 the Liaison Office of the War Department at the Branch was discontinued.

From a banking standpoint, the most important piece of legislation passed by the Michigan legislature during the year, was the Anti-Branch Bank Bill which went into effect on April 4.

On March 3 a contract was let for razing the building at 140 West Fort Street, known as the old Peninsular Bank Building, the site of which was acquired for the land in January. The demolition of this building was a start on the new building program aimed to give the Branch suitable and adequate quarters to carry on its activities under one roof. The Branch is still occupying 19,000 feet in each of two buildings outside the main bank. Inasmuch as both of these buildings are owned by separate interests—one of which intends to occupy and the other which may sell—a constant hazard is present of having to find space elsewhere.

An active Bank Relations program did not get under way until the lifting of gasoline rationing which permitted automobile travel. 192 calls were made on member and non-member banks, and 169 of these calls were made after October first. During the year, representatives of the Branch also attended eleven group meetings or other bankers' meetings sponsored by the Michigan Bankers Association.

ACCOUNTING RESERVES:

The following tabulation indicates that reserve city banks maintained excess reserves at minimum levels, while country banks maintained substantial excess reserves:

ACCOUNTING RESERVES: (Continued)	Per Cent	of Excess
City Banks	1944	1945
High	2.6%	3.8%
Low	0.5%	0.5%
Average	1.4%	1.4%
Last period of year	1.4%	1.9%
Country Banks		
High	31%	25%
Low .	17%	15%
Average	22%	19%
Period Ending Dec. 15	25%	22%

During 1945 there were twenty-seven deficiencies in reserve balances involving sixteen member banks, compared with twenty-four and sixteen, respectively, in the preceding year.

BANK EXAMINATIONS DEPARTMENT:

All state member banks in the Lower Peninsula were examined during the year. Four reexaminations were made.

CASH DEPARTMENT:

oat he se			Percentage relation to 1944 activity
Currency Deposits:	Number of notes Amount	87,233,275 \$549,852,408	1.9% inc.
Currency Payments:	Number of notes Amount	102,194,501 \$670,410,367	5.5% dec. 17.8% "
Coin Deposits:	Number of coins Amount	22,327,674 \$ 2,268,807	20% dec. 5.8% inc.
Coin Payments:	Number of coins Amount	86,143,995 \$ 6,233,660	36.6% dec. 32.3% "

CHECK DEPARTMENT:

Side and the second sec	1945	Percentage relation to 1944 activity
Number of items - City Country Government Total	10,852,000 15,647,000 6,828,000 33,327,000	1% inc. 3% " 11% " 4% "
Dollar amount of checks handled	\$16,289,468,000	9% dec.
Ration Checks O.P.A		
Items Representing	1,228,000 9,065,439,000 (units)	23% inc.

COLLECTION DEPARTMENT:

		Percentage relation to 1944 activity
Number of items -		
City	22,190	4% dec.
Country	19,180	Ø
Coupons Purchases and Sales	20,536	4% dec.
of Securities	1,676	1% dec.
Total	63,582	3% dec.

CONSUMER CREDIT - REGULATION W:

Investigations made	931
Disciplinary Conferences held	7
Cash Reports	169
Special Calls	64

On July 20, 1945, there was secured in U. S. District Court, a Consent Decree restraining Consumers Home Equipment Co. and its president from violating Regulation W. On November 9, 1945, a formal hearing was held in this office before a Commissioner appointed by the Federal Reserve Board with respect to violation of Regulation W on part of Motor City Credit Jewelry Company. Both of these disciplinary actions were "firsts" in the history of Regulation W.

DISCOUNT AND CREDIT DEPARTMENTS:

Several banks continuing their policy of maintaining a fully invested position and minimum cash reserves, made use of our credit facilities for temporary periods to adjust their reserve positions. Of the seven banks accommodated, three were located in Detroit and four were classed as country banks.

The number of guarantee agreements issued declined both as to number and amount, the downward trend being accelerated in the last half of the year after termination of the two wars. Substantial progress was made during the latter part of the year in terminating guarantee agreements, the number in effect at the end of the year totaling only 60 compared with 112 a year ago and with 127 at the high point.

PRESENTED TO THE PROPERTY OF T	1944	1945
Loans to member banks Number of banks accommodated Number of loans Total amount Outstanding loans at close of year	8 46 \$354,600,000 Ø	7 131 \$1,492,447,000 Ø
Industrial loans, Section 13b.		
Direct Loans - Number Amount Balance outstanding at close of year	ø ø	\$ 300,000
Commitments - Number Financing Institutions Amount of Loan Financing Institutions Our portion Outstanding at close of	portion p	\$ 600,000 150,000 450,000
Guarantee Agreements - Regulation V.		
Issued during year - Number Amount	74 \$230,905,000	\$60,455,000
In effect at close of year - Number Amount	\$705,370,000	60 \$107,340,000

GOVERNMENT BOND DEPARTMENT:

		1945	Percentage relation to 1944 activity	5
Market Transactions - Purch Sales		\$ 1,410,500 1,746,900	40% inc. 358% "	3
Subscriptions to Government Securities (Marketable Issues) - Number Amoun	er nt	8,755 \$2,362,767,000	15% inc. 30% dec.	
Savings Bonds & Tax Notes Issued - Number Amount		392,252 \$ 301,694,990	24% dec. 27% "	
Savings Bonds Issued By Agents - Number Amoun		10,086,304 \$ 343,741,147	36% dec. 31% "	
Savings Bonds Shipped to Agents - Number Amoun		10,311,787	35% dec. 31% "	
Reissues of Savings Bonds & Tax Notes - Number Amoun		81,918 \$ 8,097,670	22% dec.	
Out to the second			Percentage relation to 1944 activity	
REDEMPTIONS	Pieces	Amount	Pieces Amount	
Series A-E By Detroit Branch By Banks Total	72,010 9,904,499 9,976,509	\$ 3,814,364 265,790,314 \$269,604,678	39% inc. 48% inc	
Series F & G	8,858	\$ 7,889,000	30% inc. 34% inc	. 3
Other Bonds, Tax Notes, Bills, Certificates, and others	V no A Home Tenen	\$511,463,625	2% inc	•
Coupons Paid	225,984		9% inc.	

GOVERNMENT BOND DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

The following operations were begun at the Detroit Branch on June 1, 1945:

Pogiatored Transpurer Day 2	Par Value	Transactions	Pieces
Registered Treasury Bonds Exchanged for Coupon Bonds	\$ 506,850	39	137
Treasury Bond Transfers	836,100	36	102
Treasury Bond Redemptions	209,650	130	198
Redemption Exchange (Called Bonds Exchanged for New Issues)	2,000	1	2
Registered Treasury Bonds Requisitioned on Original Issues	13,340,000	806 (items)	2,157
Adjusted Service Bonds Received for Redemption	4,459,468	3,443	34,646
Coupon Bonds Exchanged for Registered Bonds	1,776,000	44	161
Excess Profits Tax Refund Bonds Forwarded to Treasury Department for Release			
of Registration	40,781,057	597	1,653

MAIL ACTIVITY:

	Fieces	
Incoming Ordinary Mail	341,164 (no percentage	9
Outgoing Ordinary Mail	463,459 comparison)	
Incoming Registered Mail	43,607	
Outgoing Registered Mail	34,828	

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT:

On December 31, 1945, the personnel of the Branch was composed of 7 officers and 664 employees. This was a reduction of 44 employees over the end of the previous year. In effecting this reduction 338 were hired

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

and 402 were released. On a basis of daily average of persons on the payroll, this indicates a turnover of 55.8%, which is 11.8% less than the turnover in 1944. 85% of those presently employed by the Branch have been hired since January 1, 1941.

The annual basic salary increase was \$56,846.

The present staff is distributed - 189 men and 482 women.

R.F.C. AGENCIES:

Office of Defense Plants

Disbursements for the year amounted to approximately \$70,000,000, about one-half of the amount disbursed during 1944. Volume of sales and transfers during the year was maintained and during the past two to three months there has been a steadily increasing volume of inventory declared surplus.

Surplus Property Disposal

The volume of sales transactions under this program was not as large as had been anticipated. The number of transactions processed totaled approximately 4,300, in total amount of approximately \$10,000,000. In addition, as at the close of the year, funds held in "Suspense" totaled approximately \$7,000,000 involving approximately 2,400 transactions not yet processed by the Loan Agency.

Office of Defense Supplies
The Meat Subsidy Program continued active with an average of 500 claims a month and a total disbursement of approximately \$12,000,000.

The NFC Mortgage Company and Federal National Mortgage Association

During the year approximately 3,000 Title VI mortgages of a total of 3,500 held by The RFC Mortgage Company at the beginning of the year were either sold or paid in full.

R.F.C. AGENCIES: (Continued)

During the year practically all of the approximately 5,700 mortgages held by the Federal National Mortgage Association at the beginning of the year were either sold or paid in full.

Commodity Credit Corporation

These activities carried on for the Federal Reserve Bank rather than for the RFC, continued in volume during the year, particularly under the Dairy Feed Payment Program. This program included the payment of approximately 212,000 drafts in the amount of approximately \$12,000,000. The C.C.C. activities were increased by the Beef Production and Sheep and Lamb Production Programs, under which approximately 4,800 drafts were paid in total amount of \$182,000.

Reconstruction Finance Corporation

Just prior to December 1, 1945, our disbursement activities were increased by the addition of disbursements for administrative expenses including payrolls of the Detroit Loan Agency, as well as the administrative expenses, operating expenses and payrolls of the local regional office of the Department of Commerce handling the Surplus Consumer Goods Program. Such payrolls are disbursed every two weeks and the other expenses as required. Under this procedure, approximately 3,500 checks were issued during December. From present indications, the number of checks issued monthly will average better than 3,000.

SAFEKEEPING DEPARTMENT:

Member Banks	Number	Amount	Percentage relation to 1944 activity
Receipts Issued Receipts Released Balance Dec.31,1945	3,087 3,272	\$2,219,773,612 2,316,466,204 457,402,598	17% dec.
War Savings Bonds			
Receipts Issued Receipts Released Balance Dec.31,1945	14,019 5,233	\$ 7,948,040 2,401,905 18,309,605	23% inc. 101% " 44% "

SAFEKEEPING DEPARTMENT: (Continued)

War Loan Collateral	Number	Amount	Percentage relation to 1944 activity
Receipts Issued Receipts Released Balance Dec.31,1945	197 157	\$220,165,000 143,176,000 235,975,800	30% dec. 35% inc. 49% "
Special Custodies			
Receipts Issued Receipts Released Balance Dec.31,1945	101	\$ 1,793,500 1,449,325 3,633,800	9% dec. 16% inc. 10% "
WAR LOAN DEPOSITARY BANKS:			
Number of Accounts Deposits Withdrawals Balance Dec.31,1945	131	\$998,531,670 938,029,982 527,356,801	27% dec. 20% " 14% inc.

WITHHELD TAX DIVISION:

			Percentage relation to 1944 activity		
			Number	Amount	
Receipts issued by Depositaries	123,510	\$473,732,000	3% inc.	16% dec.	
Receipts credited to U.S.Treasurer as Income Tax	123,493	506,938,000	2% inc.	L2% dec.	
Balance Dec.31,1945	25,005	66,951,000	Dell'econisk	33% dec.	

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND EXPENSES

EARNINGS	14,204,919.31 5,518,956.74 285,802.95
Operating Expenses	
	285,802.95
Assessment for Board of Governors	
Cost of Federal Reserve Currency 601,748.39	952,617.58
Total Net Expenses	6,757,377.27
Current Net Earnings	7,447,542.04
ADDITIONS TO CURRENT NET EARNINGS:	
Profit on Sales of U. S. Government Securities	371,579.89
Other Additions 7,059.64	12,315.23
Total Additions to Current Net Earnings	383,895.12
Total Current Net Earnings and Additions to Current Net Earnings	7,831,437.16
DEDUCTIONS FROM CURRENT NET EARNINGS:	
Provision for Building and Vault Improvements	_
Other Deductions 17,991.79	_
Total Deductions from Current Net Earnings	PEDENAL PE
Net Earnings	7,831,437.16
10.00 Spi. 32	
DISTRIBUTION OF NET EARNINGS: Paid United States Treasury (Section 13B)	5,713.45
Dividends Paid	1,115,421.66
Transferred to Surplus (Section 7)	6,710,302.05
13,430,311.08	1 000 (12
13,430,311.00	7,831,437.16
SURPLUS ACCOUNT (SECTION 7)	
Surplus January 1	26,490,370.72
Transferred to Surplus — as above	6,710,302.05
Transferred to Surplus from Reserves for Contingencies	OTHER CAPI
Surplus December 31	33,200,672.77

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONDITION

ASSETS	Dec. 31, 1945	Dec. 31, 1944
GOLD CERTIFICATES ON HAND AND DUE FROM		
U. S. TREASURY		3,236,811,089.87
REDEMPTION FUND — FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES	135,309,484.62	97,906,719.42
OTHER CASH	28,147,809.10	29,840,551.40
Total Cash	3,190,459,519.34	3,364,558,360.69
BILLS DISCOUNTED	6,110,000.00	ATMIST -
INDUSTRIAL ADVANCES	_	_
Total Bills	6,110,000.00	_
U. S. GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	3,796,779,000.00	2,881,806,000.00
Total Bills and Securities	3,802,889,000.00	2,881,806,000.00
BANK PREMISES	3,106,267.93	2,879,402.98
FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES OF OTHER BANKS	16,558,000.00	14,752,000.00
UNCOLLECTED ITEMS	341,423,582.27	361,578,547.39
OTHER ASSETS	9,424,256.96	10,170,872.22
Total Assets	7,363,860,626.50	6,635,745,183.28
LIABILITIES FEDERAL RESERVE NOTES IN ACTUAL CIRCULATION DEPOSITS: Member Bank — Reserve Account		3,978,834,945.00 2,169,949,572.21 27,826,951.39 148,148,173.06
Total Deposits	2,598,111,144.15	2,345,924,696.66
DEFERRED AVAILABILITY ITEMS	241,593,949.32	245,947,244.42
OTHER LIABILITIES		927,759.75
Total Liabilities	7,286,063,088.09	6,571,634,645.83
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
CAPITAL PAID IN	21,073,650.00	19,598,700.00
SURPLUS (Section 7)	53,028,929.96	33,200,672.77
SURPLUS (Section 13B)	1,429,383.78	1,429,383.78
OTHER CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	2,265,574.67	9,881,780.90
Total Liabilities and Capital Accounts	7,363,860,626.50	6,635,745,183.28

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CHICAGO

CURRENT EARNINGS, CURRENT EXPENSES, CURRENT NET EARNINGS, ADDITIONS TO CURRENT NET EARNINGS, DEDUCTIONS FROM CURRENT NET EARNINGS, NET EARNINGS AND DISPOSITION OF NET EARNINGS

EARNINGS and EXPENSES

DISPOSITION of NET EARNINGS

						DISPOSITION OF NET EARNINGS						
Year	Current Earnings	Current Expenses	Current Net Earnings	Additions to Current Net Earnings	Deductions from Current Net Earnings	Net Earnings	Dividends Paid	Transferred to Surplus (Section 7)	Paid U.S. Treasury	Transferred to Surplus)(Section 13B)	Franchise Tax Paid U.S.	Balance to Profit & Loss
1914-15 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1945 Totals	\$ 268,885 665,937 2,083,164 8,481,747 12,012,078 30,303,218 20,382,170 6,748,863 6,511,359 5,202,169 5,424,663 6,567,043 6,167,352 8,936,418 9,889,451 4,834,153 4,143,601 5,613,671 6,177,615 4,423,476 4,575,583 3,954,026 4,254,602 4,831,217 5,089,095 6,590,508 8,738,325 14,204,919 20,076,761 \$242,068,994	\$ 245,584 237,731 584,069 1,478,310 2,450,244 4,164,176 4,734,100 4,080,057 4,373,024 3,946,436 3,744,039 3,824,437 3,887,058 3,696,679 4,092,369 3,805,117 3,432,693 3,854,009 3,551,838 3,697,540 3,453,380 3,199,558 3,318,002 3,316,352 3,471,164 4,227,534 5,177,403 5,850,233 6,757,377 6,551,011 \$112,725,925	\$ 23,301 428,206 1,499,095 7,003,437 9,561,834 26,139,042 15,648,070 2,668,806 2,138,335 1,255,733 1,680,624 2,742,606 2,280,294 5,239,739 5,797,082 1,029,036 619,200 2,180,978 2,910,545 4,600,533 2,480,075 970,096 1,376,025 636,024 938,250 1,360,053 861,561 1,413,105 2,888,092 7,447,542 13,525,750 \$129,343,069	\$ - 2,127 - 69,307 4,826 572,019 41,903 27,857 12,646 13,098 13,061 11,833 8,050 298,510 263,967 874,264 373,245 1,611,990 951,304 1,526,060 811,188 1,637,141 521,313 1,530,021 163,061 386,898 4,137,334 383,895 422,552 \$16,669,470	\$ 3,210 25,000 269,343 198,356 985,630 332,600 1,147,779 1,835,610 1,001,883 374,467 571,997 501,781 365,710 488,143 380,467 273,218 273,272 812,517 1,493,297 4,808,032 2,660,159 1,563,978 499,607 1,182,207 476,646 282,100 157 602,842 1,266,073 517,991 \$25,194,072	\$ 20,C91 403,206 1,231,879 6,805,081 8,576,204 25,875,749 14,505,117 1,405,215 1,178,355 909,123 1,121,273 2,253,923 1,927,645 4,763,429 5,424,665 1,054,328 609,895 2,242,725 1,790,493 1,404,491 771,220 932,178 1,687,606 1,090,958 982,917 2,607,974 1,024,465 1,197,161 5,759,353 7,851,457 13,430,311 \$120,818,467	\$ - 361,319 862,259 604,635 700,807 792,769 853,785 876,203 904,371 909,123 934,016 985,959 1,029,990 1,099,761 1,170,363 1,211,418 1,170,633 1,029,933 858,127 761,334 753,583 725,553 763,115 791,007 819,532 826,919 896,766 955,508 993,684 1,115,422 1,215,381 \$26,973,275	\$ - 215,799 6,200,446 7,875,397 14,688,500 2,075,323 - 657,289 27,398 - 187,257 1,267,964 897,655 3,663,668 3,651,464 - 157,090 - 560,738 121,279 932,366 669,479 - 153,241 883,370 279,031 158,265 1,770,131 100,484 237,632 4,765,619 6,710,302 12,212,414 \$68,369,367	\$	\$ \\\ \begin{align*} \(\) \(Paid U.S. \$ - 215,799 - 10,394,480 11,576,009 1,186,301 246,586	\$ 20,091 41,887 -61,978
	Additions to Surplus (Section 7) Purchase of F.D.I.C. Stock Year 1934 Transferred to Reserves for Contingencies Years 1940, 1942 and 1943					1-271-1-21	-\$22,956,280			rom U. S. Tree and 1935.	asury	
Transferred to Surplus from Reserves for Contingencies Year 1945						7,615,843						

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