

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF DALLAS**

Dallas, Texas, August 15, 1939

SPECIAL ELECTION OF A CLASS B DIRECTOR

To the Member Bank Addressed:

On account of the resignation of Mr. Harry C. Wiess as a Class B director of this bank, which has been submitted by him because of the pressure of duties in connection with his other business interests, a special election will be held under the provisions of section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act to choose a Class B director to succeed him and to serve during the unexpired portion of his term of office ending December 31, 1940.

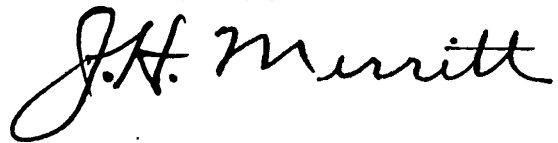
Mr. Wiess was elected by the banks in Group 1 (having a capital and surplus in excess of \$499,000) and therefore his successor is to be elected by that group of banks, a list of which will be found on the reverse side of this letter.

Each bank in Group 1 is permitted to nominate one candidate for Class B director.* The nominations must be made by resolution of the Board of Directors and certified to me on or before September 14, 1939. A form for this purpose is enclosed. On or about September 16, 1939, a list of the candidates (indicating by whom nominated) and a preferential ballot will be mailed to each bank in the voting group. The ballots must be cast within fifteen days after receipt. The polls will open on September 18, 1939, and close at three o'clock p. m. on October 3, 1939. At that time the ballot box will be opened in the Board room of this bank, the votes counted and results of the election announced. The candidates are invited to be present or represented on that occasion.

In order to be counted, the ballot must be executed by an officer authorized to cast the vote. If the official signature of the officer, or officers, authorized to cast the ballot has not been filed with me, such official signature should be filed before the polls close. Inasmuch as the authority conferred on these officers continues until revoked, they need not be reappointed. **EACH MEMBER BANK WHICH HAS NOT DESIGNATED AN OFFICER, OR OFFICERS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF SIGNING THE BALLOT, OR ANY BANK THAT DESIRES TO CHANGE ITS AUTHORIZATION SHOULD DO SO BY RESOLUTION OF ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CERTIFY THE APPOINTMENT TO ME BEFORE THE POLLS CLOSE.** A form for this purpose is enclosed.

While the **BANKS IN GROUPS 2 AND 3 WILL NOT VOTE IN THIS ELECTION**, this circular is sent to them without forms for their information.

Very truly yours,



Chairman of the Board

*Section 4 of the Federal Reserve Act contains the following provisions: "Class A shall consist of three members, who shall be chosen by and be representative of the stockholding banks. No officer or director of a member bank shall be eligible to serve as a Class A director unless nominated and elected by banks which are members of the same group as the member bank of which he is an officer or director. Any person who is an officer or director of more than one member bank shall not be eligible for nomination as a Class A director except by banks in the same group as the bank having the largest aggregate resources of any of those of which such person is an officer or director. Class B shall consist of three members, who at the time of their election shall be actively engaged in their district in commerce, agriculture or some other industrial pursuit. No director of Class B shall be an officer, director, or employee of any bank. No Senator or Representative in Congress shall be a member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or an officer or a director of a Federal reserve bank."

In a resolution adopted December 23, 1915, the Federal Reserve Board expressed the opinion "that persons holding political or public office in the service of the United States, or of any State, territory, county, district, political subdivision, or municipality thereof, or acting as members of political party committees, cannot consistently with the spirit and underlying principles of the Federal Reserve Act, serve as directors or officers of Federal Reserve Banks." On December 28, 1915, the Federal Reserve Board resolved that "national bank examiners shall not hereafter be elected * * * to directorships in Federal Reserve Banks." Under date of July 2, 1925, the Federal Reserve Board advised it had "reached the conclusion that a person whose sole occupation is that of officer of an insurance company is not eligible for election as a Class B director of a Federal reserve bank."

LIST OF BANKS COMPOSING GROUP 1

(Banks with Combined Capital and Surplus in Excess of \$499,000)

ARIZONA

Town	Bank	Designated Voting Officer
Tucson.....	Southern Arizona Bank & Trust Company.....	President, Vice President, Cashier

LOUISIANA

Monroe.....	Ouachita National Bank in Monroe.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Shreveport.....	Commercial National Bank in Shreveport.....	President, Vice President, Cashier
Shreveport.....	Continental-American Bank & Trust Company.....	Cashier
Shreveport.....	First National Bank.....	President, Vice President, Cashier

TEXAS

Amarillo.....	Amarillo National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Amarillo.....	First National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice Presidents
Austin.....	American National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Austin.....	Austin National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Beaumont.....	American National Bank.....	President, Vice President, Cashier
Beaumont.....	First National Bank.....	President, Vice President, Cashier
Corpus Christi.....	Corpus Christi National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Corsicana.....	First National Bank of Corsicana.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Dallas.....	Dallas National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President and Vice President-Cashier
Dallas.....	First National Bank in Dallas.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Dallas.....	Mercantile National Bank at Dallas.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Dallas.....	Republic National Bank of Dallas.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
El Paso.....	El Paso National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
El Paso.....	State National Bank.....	President, Vice President
Fort Worth.....	Continental National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Fort Worth.....	First National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Fort Worth.....	Fort Worth National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Galveston.....	Hutchings-Sealy National Bank of Galveston.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Galveston.....	United States National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Greenville.....	Greenville National Exchange Bank.....	President, Vice President, Cashier
Houston.....	Citizens State Bank.....	
Houston.....	City National Bank of Houston.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Houston.....	First National Bank in Houston.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Houston.....	Houston National Bank.....	Melvin Rouff, Vice President
Houston.....	National Bank of Commerce.....	President, Vice President, Cashier
Houston.....	San Jacinto National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Houston.....	Second National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Houston.....	South Texas Commercial National Bank.....	Chairman, President, First Vice President, Cashier
Houston.....	State National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Houston.....	Union National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Laredo.....	Laredo National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Port Arthur.....	First National Bank.....	President, Vice President, Cashier
San Angelo.....	Central National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
San Angelo.....	First National Bank.....	President, Cashier
San Angelo.....	San Angelo National Bank of San Angelo.....	President, Vice President, Cashier
San Antonio.....	Alamo National Bank.....	President, Vice Presidents, Cashier
San Antonio.....	Frost National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
San Antonio.....	Groos National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
San Antonio.....	National Bank of Commerce.....	Chairman, President, Vice President
San Antonio.....	South Texas National Bank of San Antonio.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Sherman.....	Merchants & Planters National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Texarkana.....	Texarkana National Bank.....	President, Vice President, Cashier
Tyler.....	Citizens National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Tyler.....	Peoples National Bank.....	Sam R. Greer, President
Victoria.....	Victoria National Bank.....	Cashier
Waco.....	First National Bank.....	Chairman or President
Wichita Falls.....	City National Bank in Wichita Falls.....	Chairman, President, Vice President, Cashier
Wichita Falls.....	First National Bank.....	Chairman, President, Vice President