

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK
OF DALLAS

Dallas, Texas, May 20, 1952

CONDITION OF MEMBER BANKS, MARCH 31, 1952
ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT

To the Member Banks of the
Eleventh Federal Reserve District:

The statement of condition of member banks in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District as of March 31, 1952, with comparative figures for April 9 and December 31, 1951, is presented on the reverse of this letter. These figures reflect a substantial expansion in most major categories of assets and liabilities between April 9, 1951, and March 31, 1952, but during the first 3 months of 1952, total resources, investments in United States Government securities, cash and balances, and deposits declined. On March 31, total resources of the member banks in the District amounted to \$7,778,617,000, reflecting an increase of 10 percent during the preceding 12 months but a decrease of \$488,820,000 during the first quarter of 1952.

Between December 31, 1951, and March 31, 1952, member bank loans rose \$11,946,000 to a record total of \$2,582,375,000. This increase compares with the expansion of \$24,408,000 during the comparable period last year. The trend of loans during the first 3 months of 1952 was dominated by the seasonal expansion of loans to farmers at the country banks and a smaller increase in consumer-type loans of these banks. Loans of the reserve city banks declined, reflecting principally the seasonal reduction in business loans to commodity dealers. The rather sharp decrease in this type of lending was offset somewhat, however, by a sustained increase in loans to finance defense and defense-related production.

Total investments of the member banks declined \$81,493,000, or about 3 percent, during the first 3 months of 1952 and on March 31 amounted to \$2,687,187,000. Holdings of Government securities declined \$74,354,000, with reserve city banks accounting for most of the reduction. On March 31, investments in Government securities constituted 43 percent of total loans and investments of the member banks.

The contraction in total deposits of member banks in the District was somewhat more moderate in the first 3 months of 1952 than during the comparable months of 1951. During the first quarter of this year, total deposits of member banks declined \$513,470,000, or somewhat less than 7 percent, as compared with \$605,792,000, or more than 8 percent, last year. Although demand deposits of individuals and businesses were reduced sharply as a result of the large corporate and individual income tax payments during the first quarter of 1952, the decrease in this category of deposits was notably less than last year—somewhat less than 5 percent as compared with almost 6 percent. Moreover, the contraction in interbank deposits, although amounting to more than 25 percent, was less than the percentage decrease in the first quarter of 1951. The continued relative stability of employment, production, and business at high levels and the greater lag in the collection of income taxes in March contributed to the more favorable trend of deposits this year.

In addition to reducing investments in Government securities in order to meet deposit withdrawals, member banks drew down their cash and balances in the amount of \$416,038,000, or almost 15 percent. On March 31, cash and balances amounted to \$2,383,410,000.

Total capital accounts of member banks in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District amounted to \$498,283,000 on March 31, 1952, which reflects an increase of \$57,661,000, or 13 percent, over the figure reported April 9, 1951.

Yours very truly,

R. R. GILBERT

President

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONDITION OF MEMBER BANKS
ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT**

Item	March 31, 1952 ^p	December 31, 1951 ^r	April 9, 1951 ^r
Member banks in Eleventh District.....	633	633	630
Loans, including overdrafts.....	2,582,375,000	2,570,429,000	2,430,596,000
U. S. Government obligations, direct and guaranteed.....	2,288,527,000	2,362,881,000	2,055,853,000
Obligations of states and political sub- divisions.....	325,867,000	325,498,000	297,846,000
Other securities.....	72,793,000	80,301,000	80,100,000
TOTAL LOANS AND INVESTMENTS	5,269,562,000	5,339,109,000	4,864,395,000
TOTAL ASSETS	7,778,617,000	8,267,437,000	7,071,810,000
Individual—Demand deposits.....	4,824,756,000	5,060,141,000	4,427,642,000
Individual—Time deposits.....	610,051,000	591,316,000	545,737,000
Deposits of U. S. Government, including postal savings.....	219,765,000	128,940,000	194,778,000
Deposits of states and political sub- divisions.....	605,541,000	588,836,000	595,361,000
Deposits of banks.....	893,114,000	1,219,326,000	761,192,000
Other deposits.....	76,101,000	154,239,000	67,965,000
TOTAL DEPOSITS	7,229,328,000	7,742,798,000	6,592,675,000
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	498,283,000	464,027,000	440,622,000
Cash and balances due from banks.....	2,383,410,000	2,799,448,000	2,102,987,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	—0—	—0—	160,000
All other borrowings.....	7,000	14,000	870,000
Ratio of loans to total deposits.....	35.7%	33.2%	36.9%
Ratio of cash and balances due from banks to total deposits.....	33.0%	36.2%	31.9%
Ratio of total capital accounts to risk assets (total assets less Government securities and cash assets).....	16.0%	14.9%	15.1%

p—Preliminary.
r—Revised.

**PRINCIPAL ASSET AND LIABILITY ITEMS OF MEMBER BANKS
AS OF SELECTED CALL DATES
ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT
(In thousands of dollars)**

Date	Total Deposits	Total Loans	Total Investments	Total Loans and Investments	Total U. S. Gov. Secs.	Total Capital Accounts
March 29, 1939	1,392,296	462,555	426,652	889,207	297,873	163,924
March 26, 1940	1,566,740	481,612	429,947	911,559	286,077	170,637
April 4, 1941	1,770,340	578,611	460,481	1,039,092	308,359	179,633
April 4, 1942	2,008,777	644,140	559,171	1,203,311	397,105	187,163
April 13, 1944	3,626,910	672,662	1,849,078	2,521,740	1,722,605	210,584
March 20, 1945	4,484,246	815,794	2,331,123	3,146,917	2,202,830	239,085
April 12, 1948	5,595,769	1,625,015	2,454,168	4,079,183	2,163,177	336,341
April 11, 1949	5,672,188	1,779,887	2,344,376	4,124,263	2,036,676	358,495
April 24, 1950	6,190,885	2,039,175	2,579,306	4,618,481	2,261,143	389,547
April 9, 1951 ^r	6,592,675	2,430,596	2,433,799	4,864,395	2,055,853	440,622
March 31, 1952 ^p	7,229,328	2,582,375	2,687,187	5,269,562	2,288,527	498,283

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p—Preliminary.