

A meeting of the Federal Reserve Board was held in the office of the Federal Reserve Board on Tuesday, January 26, 1932, at 11:45 a. m.

PRESENT: Governor Meyer
Mr. Hamlin
Mr. Miller
Mr. James
Mr. Magee

Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. McClelland, Assistant Secretary.

Mr. W. H. Hutt, Deputy Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and Mr. William H. Livingston, of the firm of architects employed by the Philadelphia bank to prepare plans for the enlargement of its bank building, were also present. Messrs. Hutt and Livingston had previously met informally with the Executive Committee of the Board and submitted the architect's plans and sketches and an estimate of the cost, in the amount of \$1,109,000, exclusive of furniture, furnishings and equipment, window hangings, floor coverings, etc., and architect's, engineers' and bank equipment engineers' fees. There was some further discussion, following which Mr. Hutt and Mr. Livingston left the meeting with the understanding that the Federal Reserve Board would give consideration to the matter upon receipt of a written request from the bank for permission to proceed to obtain bids based on the plans submitted.

The Board considered and acted upon the following matters:

Reply to a letter from the Federal Reserve Agent at Atlanta reporting that the Florida Bank and Trust Company of West Palm Beach, Fla., has been deficient in its reserves for more than six consecutive months, and enclosing copy of a letter received from the directors of the bank following

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their meeting on January 5, stating that instructions have been given to the officers to maintain the bank's reserves at the required figure; the Board's reply stating that in accordance with the Federal Reserve Agent's recommendation the Board will take no action on this matter at the present time.

Reply approved.

Telegraphic reply, approved by the Executive Committee on January 25, to a telegram of that date from Deputy Governor Rounds of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York requesting approval of the purchase by the reserve bank of \$40,628.65 of tax revenue notes of the town of Scotch Plains, New Jersey, being offered by the Westfield Trust Company of Westfield, New Jersey; the reply stating that the Board authorizes the purchase of the notes with the understanding that they meet all of the requirements of the Board's Regulation E except that the population of Scotch Plains is less than 10,000 and that the amount of the notes offered represents the entire amount of the warrants of the municipality outstanding.

Reply approved.

Telegraphic reply to a letter dated January 18 and telegram dated January 22 from the Federal Reserve Agent at San Francisco giving the details of a proposed merger of the Bank of Woodburn, Oregon, a member, with the First National Bank of Woodburn, under the charter and title of the former; the reply stating that upon the basis of the information furnished, and in accordance with the Federal Reserve Agent's recommendation, the Board interposes no objection to the contemplated merger, assuming that the transaction will not in any way affect the legal status of the member bank and that no new application for membership is necessary; the reply also requesting

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certain additional information regarding the transaction and suggesting that the Federal Reserve Bank participate in an examination of the consolidated institution by state authorities, or make an independent investigation within the next three months.

Reply approved.

Reports of Standing Committee dated January 25, recommending approval of the following changes in stock at Federal Reserve banks:

| <u>Applications for SURRENDER of Stock:</u> | <u>Shares</u> | |
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| <u>District No. 2.</u> | | |
| First National Bank, Milltown, N. J. (Decrease in surplus) | 45 | |
| Orange National Bank, Orange, N. J. (Decrease in surplus) | 60 | |
| Lafayette National Bank of Brooklyn in New York, New York. (Decrease in surplus) | <u>405</u> | 510 |
| <u>District No. 3.</u> | | |
| Burlington City Loan & Trust Co., Burlington, N. J. (Insolvent) | 240 | 240 |
| <u>District No. 4.</u> | | |
| Peoples National Bank, Lodi, Ohio. (Insolvent) | 45 | |
| Farmers National Bank, Leechburg, Pa. (Insolvent) | <u>60</u> | 105 |
| <u>District No. 6.</u> | | |
| First National Bank, Piedmont, Ala. (Decrease in surplus) | 3 | |
| First National Bank, Elizabethton, Tenn. (Insolvent) | <u>75</u> | 78 |
| <u>District No. 7.</u> | | |
| Taylorville National Bank, Taylorville, Ill. (V.L.Abs. by Farmers National Bank of Taylorville) | 108 | |
| First National Bank, Tremont, Ill. (V.L.Suc. by First National Bank in Tremont) | 54 | |
| First National Bank, Lost Nation, Iowa. (Insolvent) | 28 | |
| National City Bank, Ottawa, Ill. (Insolvent) | 210 | |
| Oceana County Savings Bank, Hart, Mich. (Insolvent) | <u>39</u> | 439 |
| <u>District No. 8.</u> | | |
| Mount Olive State Bank, Mount Olive, Ill. (Insolvent) | 36 | |
| First National Bank, Eudora, Ark. (Insolvent) | <u>28</u> | 64 |
| <u>District No. 9.</u> | | |
| First National Bank, Custer City, S. Dak. (Insolvent) | 17 | 17 |

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Applications for SURRENDER of Stock: (Cont'd)SharesDistrict No. 10.

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| Western National Bank, Pueblo, Colo. (Decrease in surplus) | 30 | |
| Norfolk National Bank, Norfolk, Nebr. (Insolvent) | 90 | |
| West Point National Bank, West Point, Nebr. (Insolvent) | 90 | |
| Park County Bank, Powell, Wyo. (V.L.Abs. by First National Bank of Powell) | <u>20</u> | 230 |

District No. 11.

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| City-Central Bank & Trust Co., San Antonio, Texas. (Insolvent) | 1,092 | 1,092 |
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District No. 12.

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| Walnut Park National Bank, Walnut Park, Calif. (Insolvent) | 72 | |
| First National Bank, Twin Falls, Idaho. (Insolvent) | 66 | |
| First National Bank in Aberdeen, Wash. (Insolvent) | <u>120</u> | 258 |
| Total | | <u>3,033</u> |

Approved.

Report of Standing Committee dated January 22, recommending approval of an application for admission to membership in the Federal Reserve System by the following state institution, subject to the conditions contained in a letter to the applicant bank submitted with the Committee's report.

| <u>Name of Bank</u> | <u>Number of Shares</u> | <u>F. R. Bank</u> |
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| Farmers State Bank, Faith, S. D. | 18 | Minneapolis |

Approved.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p. m.

Olester Mowell
Secretary.

Approved:

[Signature]
Governor.