

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Tuesday, November 25, 1941, at 12:45 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ransom, Vice Chairman
Mr. McKee
Mr. Draper

Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Bethea, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary

The action stated with respect to each of the matters hereinafter referred to was taken by the Board:

Memorandum dated November 17, 1941, from Mr. Morrill recommending that the salary of James D. Crawford, a guard in the Building Operation and Maintenance Section of the Secretary's Office, be increased from \$1,380 to \$1,500 per annum, effective December 1, 1941.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated November 17, 1941, from Mr. Nelson, Assistant Secretary, recommending that assent be given by the Board to the examination and certification by the Civil Service Commission of Robert W. Rieseberg, an accounting clerk in the Accounting Section of the Secretary's Office, for the position of Treasury enforcement agent.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated November 18, 1941, from Mr. Goldenweiser, Director of the Division of Research and Statistics, recommending that assent be given by the Board to the examination and certification by the Civil Service Commission of Mrs. Jane W. Barco, a clerk

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in that Division, for the position of junior calculating machine operator.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated November 22, 1941, from Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary, submitting the resignation of Mrs. Marie M. Youngblood as a junior file clerk in the Secretary's Office, to become effective as of the close of business on December 23, 1941, and recommending that the resignation be accepted as of that date.

The resignation was accepted.

Letter to Mr. Rice, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors approves the changes in the personnel classification plan of your Bank as requested in your letter of November 17, 1941."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to the board of directors of the "State Bank of Niles", Niles, Michigan, stating that, subject to conditions of membership numbered 1 to 6 contained in the Board's Regulation H, the Board approves the bank's application for membership in the Federal Reserve System and for the appropriate amount of stock in the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Approved unanimously, together with a letter to Mr. Young, President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, reading as follows:

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"approves the application of the 'State Bank of Niles', Niles, Michigan, for membership in the Federal Reserve System, subject to the conditions prescribed in the enclosed letter which you are requested to forward to the Board of Directors of the institution. Two copies of such letter are also enclosed, one of which is for your files and the other of which you are requested to forward to the Commissioner of Banking for the State of Michigan for his information.

"Since the amount of estimated losses shown in the report of examination for membership is relatively small, the usual condition of membership regarding elimination of losses has not been prescribed. It has been noted, however, that at the close of the examination the directors authorized the elimination of the amount classified.

"Although the bank is authorized to exercise fiduciary powers, at the time of the examination for membership such powers were not being exercised. Nevertheless, in accordance with the recommendation of the Reserve Bank the standard trust conditions of membership have been prescribed. While the exercise of fiduciary powers subsequent to admission to membership would be a change in the scope of the corporate powers exercised by the bank, it is contemplated, in view of the circumstances, that the bank may do so without first obtaining the permission of the Board under the provisions of condition of membership numbered 1."

Telegram to the Presidents of all of the Federal Reserve Banks

reading as follows:

"A Federal Reserve Bank has asked whether the form of registration certificate acknowledging registration statements under Regulation W could be changed so that the word 'of' following the words 'Executive Order No. 3843' is eliminated and the words 'of the President of the United States dated' substituted therefor. The Board has approved this request and has authorized any other bank to make the same change if it wishes to do so either in the original or any subsequent printing."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Harry Sokol of Sokol Brothers, Birmingham, Alabama,

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reading as follows:

"Your letter of October 11, addressed to Dr. J. F. Bogardus, Office of Price Administration and Civilian Supply, has been transmitted to the Board for attention, since it refers to the Board's Regulation W, dealing with instalment credit.

"Your letter has been read with attention and we are obliged to you for the expression of your views. The Board desires to improve its regulation and to this end has taken pains to consult trade associations and to invite the opinions of others subject to the regulation with a view to making its terms as equitable as possible."

Approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Chester Morie
Secretary.

Approved:

Donald R. Hanson
Vice Chairman.