A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Wednesday, December 20, 1944, at 10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ransom, Vice Chairman
Mr. Szymczak
Mr. McKee
Mr. Draper
Mr. Evans
Mr. Morrill, Secretary
Mr. Carpenter, Assistant Secretary
Mr. Clayton, Assistant to the Chairman

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

The minutes of the meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System held on December 19, 1944, were approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Stewart, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors approves the changes in the personnel classification plan of the Louisville Branch, involving increases in the maximum annual salaries for two positions, as submitted with your letter of December 13, 1944."

Approved unanimously, together with a letter to the Joint Committee on Salaries and Wages transmitting certificates of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis with respect to the two salary increases.

Letter to Mr. Woolley, Vice President and Cashier of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, reading as follows:

"In accordance with the request contained in your letter of December 14, 1944, the Board approves the designation of Sylvester LaRose as a special assistant examiner for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

"The name of Robert M. Taylor, recently deceased, has been removed from the list of special assistant examiners in our records."

Approved unanimously.
Telegram to John M. McGregor, Hooper, Washington, reading as follows:

"The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System has appointed you director of the Seattle Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco for two-year term beginning January 1, 1945, and will be pleased to have your acceptance by collect telegram."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to the board of directors of "The Farmers' Banking Company", Lakeview, Ohio, stating that, subject to conditions of membership numbered 1 to 3 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 Cleveland.

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

"The Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System approves the application of 'The Farmers' Banking Company', Lakeview, Ohio, 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 Superintendent of Banks for the State of Ohio, for his information.

"It is noted that, with respect to savings deposits, the examiner, on page 16 of the report of examination for membership, states that the number of days' notice provided for in connection with the withdrawal of such deposits is not fixed, but the 'savings rules reserve the right to require notice, time limit to be regulated by the board of directors, as conditions may require'. It is not clear under this provision that the bank has the right to require not less than 30 days' notice in writing before
any withdrawal is made, as required by the definition of the term 'savings deposit' in Regulations Q and D. It is suggested, therefore, that this matter be brought to the bank's attention with a request that this provision be modified to conform with the requirement of the Board's regulations as soon as this can conveniently be done."

Letter to the board of directors of the "Central Trust & Savings Bank of Geneseo, Illinois", Geneseo, Illinois, 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, for transmission through the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago.

Memorandum dated December 15, 1944, from the Board's Personnel Committee submitting, and recommending approval of, a proposed budget covering the expenses of the Board of Governors for the year 1945.

The budget as submitted was as follows:

**Personal Services**

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**Non-Personal Services**

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<td>Traveling Expenses</td>
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<td>Postage and Expressage</td>
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<td>Telephone and Telegraph</td>
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<td>Books and Subscriptions</td>
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Non-Personal Services (Continued)

Heat, Light, and Power $ 28,500.00
Repairs and Alterations (Building and Grounds) 4,200.00
Repairs and Maintenance (Furniture and Equipment) 4,695.00
Medical Service and Supplies 2,200.00
Insurance 5,800.00
Miscellaneous 24,225.00
Total Non-Personal Services $ 363,728.00

Grand Total $2,129,897.05

Approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.

Approved:

Chester Morrie
Secretary.

Vice Chairman.