

A meeting of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System was held in Washington on Thursday, August 9, 1945, at 10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Ransom, Vice Chairman
Mr. Draper

Mr. Carpenter, Secretary
Mr. Connell, General Assistant,
Office of the Secretary
Mr. Thurston, Assistant to the Chairman

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

Memorandum dated August 7, 1945, from Mr. Leonard, Director of the Division of Personnel Administration, recommending that the basic annual salaries of the following employees in the Board Members' Section be increased, as indicated, effective as of the beginning of the first pay roll period following approval by the Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Salary Increase</u>	
		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
James F. Hamilton	Messenger in Governor Evans' office	\$1,770	\$1,836
Michael L. Jamison	Messenger in Governor Draper's office	1,770	1,836
Daniel F. Lane	Messenger in Governor Szymczak's office	1,770	1,836

Approved unanimously, effective
August 12, 1945.

Memorandum dated August 8, 1945, from Mr. Bethea, Director of the Division of Administrative Services, recommending that the basic annual salary of Mrs. Florence McVeary, a cafeteria helper in that Division, be increased from \$1,506 to \$1,638 per annum,

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effective August 12, 1945.

Approved unanimously.

Memorandum dated August 7, 1945, from the Division of Personnel Administration recommending that, because of the adoption of the biweekly pay roll period, the word "semimonthly" be eliminated from the phrase "semimonthly pay roll periods" whenever used in the statement of the Board's maternity leave policy and in the authorizations for contributions to the retirement system during periods of leave without pay, and that in these and any other related instances where reference is made to the pay period, it be considered as meaning the present biweekly pay roll period, except as to the semimonthly pay roll periods for members of the Board.

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Weigel, Assistant 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 Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, involving the Collateral and Custody Department, as submitted with your letter of August 1, 1945."

Approved unanimously, together with a letter to the Wage Stabilization Division, National War Labor Board, transmitting copies of a certificate of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis with respect to increases in the maximum annual salaries for two positions at the Bank.

Letters to the "Rogers County Bank," Claremore, Oklahoma, the

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"Peoples Bank & Loan Company," Lewisville, Arkansas, "The Bank of Sharon," Sharon, Tennessee, and the "Bank of Commerce," Freewater, Oregon, reading as follows:

"The Board is glad to learn that you have completed all arrangements for the admission of your bank to membership in the Federal Reserve System and takes pleasure in transmitting herewith a formal certificate of your membership.

"It will be appreciated if you will acknowledge receipt of this certificate."

Approved unanimously.

Letter to Mr. Gentry, First Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, reading as follows:

"This is in reply to your letter of July 20, 1945, asking whether 'window ventilating fans' are listed articles for purposes of Regulation W and, if so, in what group of articles they are classified.

"Window ventilating fans are not specifically referred to in section 13(a) but are included in Group A-14, 'Electric appliances, not elsewhere listed, designed for household or personal use.' As a consequence of this classification, commercial types, intended for stores, bakeries, hotels, and the like are not subject to the regulation.

"While some window ventilating fans are installed so as to become a part of the structure, they would not be classified in Group C because the description of that group expressly excludes articles of kinds elsewhere listed, whether or not designed for household use. This means that a household type of window ventilating fan is subject to the regulation even if installed in a non-residential structure, but, on the other hand, a commercial type is not subject even if installed in a residential structure. In this respect, the regulation treats such fans in a manner similar to that in which it deals with cooking stoves and refrigerators which sometimes become a part of the structure."

Approved unanimously.

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Letter to Mr. Bell, Under Secretary of the Treasury, reading as follows:

"This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 2, addressed to Mr. Eccles, regarding a plan to monetize up to an aggregate amount of 300 million ounces of silver bullion carried in the General Fund of the Treasury at its cost value, from time to time and in such amounts as may coincide with the issuance of silver certificates for circulating purposes.

"It is noted that the plan provides for the issuance of approximately \$25,000,000 of silver certificates per month in the denominations of \$5 and \$10, but mainly of the \$5 denomination.

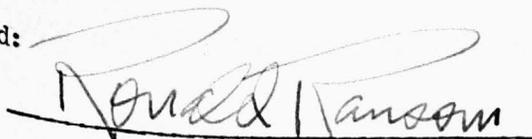
"This change in the policy of the Treasury Department will be taken into consideration in placing orders for printing Federal Reserve notes and unless we are advised to the contrary, we will assume that for the present \$25,000,000 of additional silver certificates will become available each month in the \$5 denomination."

Approved unanimously.

Thereupon the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.

Approved:


Vice Chairman.