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ST. LOUIS, Mo. — The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, acting pursuant to delegated authority for the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, today approved the notification by Mercantile Bancorp, Inc., Quincy, Illinois, to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Farmers State Bancshares of Andrew County, Inc., Savannah, Missouri, thereby indirectly acquiring Farmers State Bank of Northern Missouri, Savannah, Missouri.

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