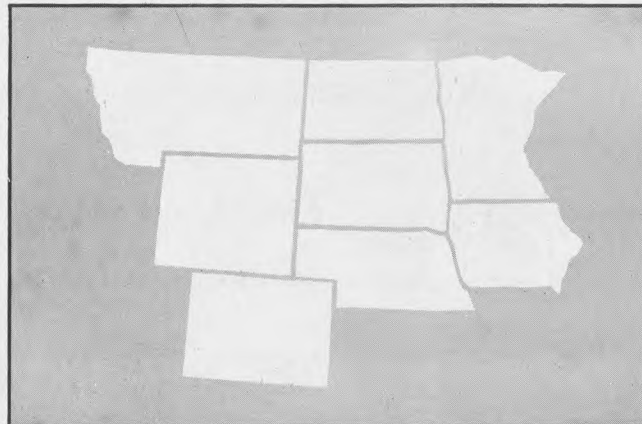


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Name Rye New Minnesota Commissioner

ST. PAUL: Marvin L. Rye takes office today, March 27, as Minnesota's new Commissioner of Banks. Mr. Rye has been in the banking business since 1940 and has been managing officer of the State Bank of Conger, Conger, Minn., since 1949 and is executive vice president here. He was born in Fertile, Iowa, September 21, 1921, and began his banking career with the Citizens Savings Bank in Hanlontown, Iowa in 1940. Floyd Smith, who has been acting commissioner since Joseph Ringland left the commissioner's post March 6th, resumes his duties as assistant commissioner today.

Prime Rate To 5-1/2%

A 5½% basic or "prime" lending charge on business loans grew more widespread in the banking industry as Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., a leading New York bank, announced it was cutting its minimum charge to that level from 5¾%, effective March 23.

The action brought an end to the suspense, which had grown more intense in recent days, as to whether a key money-center bank would reduce its prime rate to the 5½% level adopted nearly two months ago by Chase Manhat-

tan Bank, New York City's largest.

Most other major banks, including Morgan Guaranty, cut their prime rates only by a quarter percentage point, to 5¾%.

First Pennsylvania Banking & Trust Co., Philadelphia's largest bank, announced it will reduce its prime rate to 5½% in line with the Morgan move.

Major banks in Chicago and other midwestern banking centers were reported to be studying the move to the lower rate.

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

Workshops for discussion of the Uniform Commercial Code, which becomes effective in South Dakota July 1, 1967, will be held as follows: March 28 -- Rapid City; March 29 -- Pierre; March 30 -- Watertown; March 31 -- Sioux Falls.

BLUNT: Fred Stuart McDaniel, Jr., 58, died recently. He had been cashier of the Dakota State Bank and was associated with the bank since graduation from the University of Iowa in 1931. He was a native of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mrs. McDaniel died last July. His son, J. S. McDaniel, succeeds him as cashier.

MURDO: John Meyer has been

named chief executive officer of the Jones County Bank. He resigned as vice president of Sibley State Bank, Sibley, Iowa, to take the position. He had been in Sibley since November, 1965, and prior to that had been with the Millbank, S. D. branch of First National of Aberdeen.

RAPID CITY: John T. Vucurevich has repurchased control of Rushmore State Bank, and also has purchased the Lyman County Bank at Kennebec, S. D. He has been elected president and chairman of both banks. Mr. Vucurevich had sold the Rushmore State Bank in January, 1966 to Billy O. Phillips, a building contractor, and Maurice L. Test, attorney, both of Des Moines. Mr. Test has been president of the bank since that purchase. No personnel changes will be made, according to Mr. Vucurevich.

RAPID CITY: Neil G. Simpson, president of the Black Hills Power and Light Co., has been elected a Class B director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis. He succeeds Joyce A. Swan, executive vice president and publisher, Minneapolis Star and Tribune. Mr. Swan was named a Class C director and chairman of the board.

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IOWA NEWS

ALTOONA: Directors of Altoona State Bank recently increased the board from seven to nine members and voted increases in capital and surplus. The capital was raised from \$75,000 to \$100,000 and surplus from \$37,500 to \$50,000, by a stock dividend. The two new directors are Lester J. Vos and Robert T. Townsend. A long-time director, John Meilike, resigned and has been succeeded by Earl Freel, cashier.

ARMSTRONG: Andrew Johnson, 88, a director of First Trust & Savings for 30 years, died last week in a nursing home.

BETTENDORF: Douglas S. Grinde has been advanced from executive vice president to president at Bettendorf Bank & Trust. His position as cashier has been filled by promotion of Larry E. Makoben.

CASCADE: Cascade State Bank is constructing a drive-in facility adjacent to the bank.

DAYTON: Paul H. Albrecht starts April 1 as cashier of Iowa State Bank & Trust. The past 2½ years he has been with East Des Moines National Bank, Des Moines.

DES MOINES: The Iowa State Banking Conference will be held this next Thursday, March 30, in the Kirkwood Hotel, with registration starting at 8:00 a.m. and business session starting at 9:00 a.m. There is no registration fee. Luncheon tickets are \$2.50 each.

DE WITT: First Central State Bank will open early in May, it is reported by Doyle A. Butts, executive vice president of the bank, which was chartered last September.

NEW HAMPTON: Harlan A. Pose, cashier, First National Bank, reports that open house in the new bank building will be scheduled for the latter part of April.

NORTH LIBERTY: The application of Coralville Bank & Trust, Coralville, to open an office in North Liberty has been approved by the state superintendent of banking, John Chrystal.

PLEASANTVILLE: Controlling interest in the Pleasantville State Bank has been sold by Clyde M. Core, president, and Clair G. Prange, vice president. The pur-

chasers are Harry F. Soultz, executive vice president, State Bank of Prairie City, and his associates. Mr. Core will continue on an active basis with the bank as executive vice president. Mr. Prange has resigned as vice president. Mr. Soultz was elected president and director. He reported to the *Northwestern Banker* that he will continue actively with the State Bank of Prairie City and spend some of his time at Pleasantville. Vernon Johnston, cashier, and other employees at Pleasantville will continue in their same positions. Deposits of the bank are \$2,150,000.

PROTIVIN: John Bouska, 86, president of the Bohemian Savings Bank since 1942 and a director since 1935, died recently at a Cresco hospital.

SIOUX CITY: Gene R. Bishop, assistant vice president, First National Bank, has been appointed chairman of the general community division of the million dollar fund drive being conducted by Briar Cliff College of Sioux City.

SPENCER: Daniel E. Jessen, assistant cashier of Cherokee State Bank, has resigned to accept a position as manager of installment loan department of Farmers Trust and Savings Bank, Spencer.

WATERLOO: Approval has been granted by the state banking department to Peoples Bank & Trust Co., to construct a parking lot office at 2325 Kimball Avenue.

NEBRASKA NEWS

Duane Earl Pope, who has received a death sentence for the murder of three bank officials at Big Springs, Nebr., during his hold-up of the Farmers State Bank June 4, 1965, has been moved from the Nebraska state penitentiary to the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas. The Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, Mo., affirmed his conviction on February 13, and on March 17 denied a motion for a new hearing. His attorneys said they will ask for a stay of execution, scheduled for April 4 at Leavenworth, and are

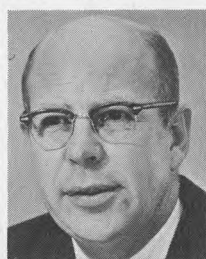


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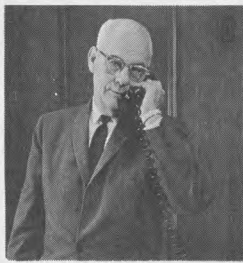
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BATTLE CREEK: A 75-foot addition with Colonial style front will be constructed for the Battle Creek State Bank, according to William Swoboda, president. He also announced that Lawrence Praeuner has been hired as cashier, a position that had also been held by Mr. Swoboda.

BELLEVUE: Glenn E. Donaldson has moved from East Troy, Wis., to become executive vice president and cashier at the Bank of Bellevue. He has been in banking for 25 years. Thomas F. Finnegan also has joined the staff. He will be in the installment loan department and was formerly with Associates Discount Corporation of Nebraska in Omaha. Mr. Donaldson succeeds George F. Buser, who has resigned.

DIX: A hearing has been set for April 26 in Lincoln on the application of Lee Shirk for a state bank charter in Dix. Mr. Shirk is president of Banner County Bank at Harrisburg, Nebr.

LIBERTY: Officers named at the recent annual meeting of State Bank of Liberty are: Herman Bachenberg, president; Emil Haas, vice president; Ed Podtburg, cashier, and Ralph Larsen, assistant cashier.

OGALLALA: The Keith County Bank has recently observed its fifth anniversary since founding. Pete Hansen, loan department, has been elected assistant cashier.

OMAHA: An application has been filed with C. R. Haines, acting director of banking, to change the name and location of Indian Hills Bank. It was filed by the new

owners, Industrial Loan and Development Corp., whose president is Louis Dillman. Under the previous owner, Paul Dunlap of Red Oak, Iowa, permission had been granted to move from 7746 Dodge Street to 120th & Center Streets and change the name to Gateway Bank, Inc. The new application now asks to have the bank moved to 304 South 42nd Street and a name change to Mid City Bank, Inc. This is the location of Industrial Loan at the corner of 42nd & Farnam Streets.

Security National Bank, organized in 1964, has only recently moved into its new building at 35th and Farnam, just seven blocks east of the applicant's location. Center Bank is located directly south at 42nd & Center Streets.

A hearing has been set for May 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Lincoln.

OMAHA: James C. Karlik, 36, was found dead in his garage at home last week, a victim of carbon monoxide poisoning. He was at one time an assistant vice president of South Omaha Stockyards National Bank, later was an officer with the Bank of Valley, Valley, Nebr., and then moved to the west coast. Since October he had been office manager for Becker Brothers Garage in South Omaha.

PLAINVIEW: Keith D. Redinbaugh has been promoted from assistant vice president and farm representative to vice president. He has been with the bank since January, 1965, serving previously with the Farm Home Administration.

VALENTINE: Construction of a new building for the Bank of Valentine is underway. The crescent-shaped building encompasses 9,000 square feet and will provide off-street parking. Bank Building



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WAUSA: Commercial State Bank has employed Dale Pohlmann, formerly of Lexington, as ag representative.

MINNESOTA NEWS

CLARKFIELD: C.C. Elkjer was honored at open house March 17. at the Farmers & Merchants State Bank on the occasion of his completion of 50 years in the banking business. He began his banking work in South Dakota and subsequently worked in North Dakota and Minnesota before purchasing with W.J. Strate the controlling interest in the F&M Bank in Clarkfield. Mr. Elkjer was president from that year until January, when he retired and was named the bank's chairman.

KARLSTAD: N.O. Folland, president of Karlstad State Bank, has announced the addition of Stuart M. Folland to the staff. Mr. Folland plans to remain as president and director of the bank but plans to retire from active management in the near future. Stuart Folland has been employed since 1962 with First National Bank of Minneapolis in its staff training program. His father is I.S. Folland, president of the Greenbush State Bank, Greenbush.

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been appointed a vice president of Farmers and Merchants State Bank. He has been in banking since graduation from Paynesville High School in 1960, and has returned there from Clark, S. D., where he has been operations officer and auditor for First National Bank.

ST. PAUL: The compromise bill that will end non-par banking in Minnesota November 1, 1968, appears headed for passage by the State Senate with no problems. The compromise bill was agreed upon in the House by the sponsors of opposing bills. The Senate committee received it Monday, March 20, passed it out to the floor un-animously and substituted the House file number. Observers feel it will pass with no trouble.

ST. PAUL: The Senate Commerce Committee of the Minnesota State Legislature will have hearings at 8 a.m. and at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 3, in the basement of the Capitol, Room 28, on the bill before the Senate that would grant branch banking powers to Farmers and Mechanics Savings Bank, Minneapolis.

WINONA: Gordon R. Espy, 43, was named president of Merchants National Bank at a special directors meeting. He succeeds G. M. Grabow, who died suddenly in Florida while vacationing. Mr. Espy had been vice president and cashier. Norman W. Schellhas, 56, was advanced to vice president, and Kenneth A. Poblocki, 40, was moved from auditor to cashier. Herbert W. Peter, 33, was named auditor.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

FARGO: Merton A. Bobo has been elected a trust officer with First National Bank & Trust Co. He has moved to Fargo from Holyoke, Mass., where he has been since 1962 with Safe Deposit Bank and Trust Co. of Springfield, Mass. He was graduated from Calvin Coolidge Law School, Boston.

JAMESTOWN: Darwin Ronngren has been advanced from assistant cashier to cashier at Jamestown National Bank. He joined the bank in 1960.

RUGBY: Dr. William R. Fox and Arthur Zurcher have been elected to the board of directors at Citizens State Bank.

WILLISTON: James H. Bailey has been elected an assistant cashier by directors of the American State Bank. James Raaum and Vernon Owen were promoted from adjusters to representatives.

COLORADO NEWS

DENVER: Charles C. Van Dyke, 63, a national bank examiner and Denver resident for 45 years, died March 16.

DENVER: The Colorado bank board has approved the application for a state bank charter for Mid-States Bank, to be located at E. Florida Ave. and S. Harrison St.

The new bank will open soon in a portable office building, while its permanent quarters are being built as part of an 8-story office building in the shopping center

under development.

FORT MORGAN: John H. Bloedorn, 77, president of the Farmers State Bank from 1919 until retiring last month when he was elected chairman, died in a Denver hospital recently. He was a native of Platte Center, Nebr., and was a former president of the Colorado Bankers Association and vice president for the state of the A.B.A.

MONTANA NEWS

HELENA: Henry Loble, attorney, was elected recently to the new position of chairman of the board of the Commerce Bank and Trust Co. at the regular March meeting of directors. Lyle E. Olson remains as president and managing officer.

WYOMING NEWS

CHEYENNE: Mrs. Ruth Ray, assistant cashier, American National Bank, will be a member of the panel on "The Art of Management and the Bank" at the regional conference of the National Association of Bank Women at Holiday Inn-Riviera Hotel in Palm Springs, Calif., April 13-15.

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