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ABA Enters St. Paul Data Processing Suit

In response to numerous inquiries, Jack T. Conn, president of The American Bankers Association, announced late last week that the Association would seek leave of the Court to submit an amicus curiae brief in the data processing case against the Comptroller of the Currency and the American National Bank and Trust Company of St. Paul now pending in the U.S. District Court in Minnesota.

(An amicus curiae brief is submitted by a "friend of the Court," a person interested in the case but not a party to the litigation, for the guidance of the Court.)

The suit seeks to declare illegal a regulation issued by the Comptroller which authorizes national banks to perform data processing services for their customers and the public.

Mr. Conn, who is also chairman, Fidelity National Bank & Trust Company, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, said that this was the first time in the history of the ABA that the Association had sought leave to submit such a brief.

"The Association reluctantly decided to take this unprecedented action," Mr. Conn said, "because the suit poses a serious threat to the ability of the commercial banking system to serve the government, industry, commerce, and

agriculture and the public, and to make its full contribution to the growth and development of the American economy. We are now only in the first stages of the automation revolution, and banks must be able to use the most effective automation equipment during the crucial period in the development of an automated payments mechanism. The ABA feels it should make known to the Court its opposition to any action which would handicap or cripple the banking system just when we are entering into this critical period."

The ABA official stated that the petition for leave to submit an amicus curiae brief, and the brief, would be prepared by the ABA's general counsel, Matthew Hale, and that the Association's Automation Committee, headed by Robert K. Wilmoth of the First National Bank of Chicago, and Automation Department (New York Office), of which Dale Reistad is director, would provide information and statistics as to the present activities and prospective developments in the rapidly changing field of electronic data processing.

Earlier last week, Comptroller of the Currency William B. Camp contested charges that bankers offering electronic data processing services to their customers are acting illegally. A formal answer

responding to the suit was filed by the Justice Department for Mr. Camp. (The Justice Department represents the Comptroller in the litigation).

BULLETIN...

MITCHELLVILLE, IA.: Two men held up Wayne Rowland, cashier, Mitchellville State Bank on Thursday last week. Loss had not been determined.

NATIONAL NEWS

NEW YORK: Bankers Trust Company is planning to introduce a "check guarantee card" sometime in the future. The bank has been studying the feasibility of introducing a common retail credit card in conjunction with several other New York banks, but decided against the plan.

NEW YORK: William F. Graff has been named senior vice president and head of the international division at the Irving Trust Company. Mr. Graff succeeds August Maffry, who recently resigned to become deputy general manager of the International Commercial Bank, Ltd.

NEW YORK: Tilford C. Gaines will join Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company September 1 as vice president and economist. Mr. Gaines has been vice president in the government bond department at the First National Bank of Chicago.

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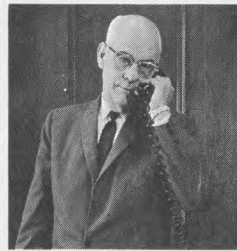
IOWA NEWS

ATLANTIC: Dale Ball, president of the First National Bank in Council Bluffs and owner of controlling interest in the Whitney Corporation, has been elected to the board of directors of the Whitney Loan and Trust Company in Atlantic. Construction on the bank's new building got underway August 1, according to R.D. Jones, president of Whitney.

BELLEVUE: The Bellevue State Bank moved into its new building at 2nd and State Streets a week ago. The building was begun in April and provides increased space and updated facilities for the bank. A grand opening is planned for Saturday, August 26.

CLINTON: George E. Taylor was recently elected vice president and trust officer by the First National Bank. Mr. Taylor joined the bank in 1942 and has been a trust officer since 1959.

DAVENPORT: Everett A. Westendorf, 61, died recently at a Davenport hospital. Mr. Westendorf joined the Davenport Bank & Trust Company in 1932 and retired two



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years ago as assistant vice president of the bank.

DES MOINES: Bernhard C. Grangaard, chairman and president of the Central National Bank and Trust Company, has announced that the bank is merging with its wholly-owned subsidiary, Central Investment Company. The merger will provide additional capital funds for the bank.

HILLS: Joseph Pechman, chairman of the board of the Hills Bank and Trust Company, died recently at the age of 84. Mr. Pechman was a lifetime resident of Iowa City.

JEFFERSON: The Jefferson State Bank has applied to the superintendent of banking for authorization to acquire and hold a half block of land as a building site. Tom Cooper, president of the bank, said there are no immediate plans for construction. The bank recently remodeled its existing facilities and provided new drive-in windows.

LINEVILLE: Controlling stock has been purchased in the Lineville State Bank by Bert Millis and Roy Meadows of Des Moines. Messrs. Millis and Meadows also own the Citizens State Bank, Humeston, and the Decatur County State Bank. Leon. Otis Stuteville will continue at Lineville as cashier and managing officer.

RENWICK: The Renwick Savings Bank has increased its surplus from \$100,000 to \$125,000. Total capital structure of the bank now stands at \$175,000, according to

John A. Walther, executive vice president.

SIBLEY: Fred Folkers, president of the Sibley State Bank, has announced his resignation from the bank, effective September 31.

WOODBINE: Lynn Powley, cashier of the First National Bank of Woodbine, died August 8 at his home of an apparent heart attack. Mr. Powley, who was 68, became associated with the bank in 1946 and was also very active in civic affairs.

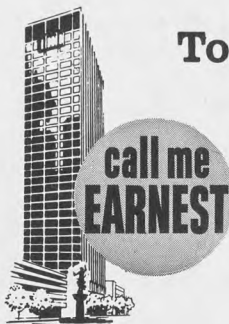
NEBRASKA NEWS

DESHLER: The Nebraska Security Bank has completed its new building and moved in. The building is located on the corner opposite the bank's old location.

EDISON: Several hundred persons recently attended the 50th anniversary celebration of the Farmers and Merchants Bank and toured the bank's new facilities. Donald Hardin is president of the bank.

FREMONT: Darrell Legband, formerly assistant cashier, has been promoted to assistant vice president of the First State Bank. James H. Moore, Jr., executive vice president, announced that the bank will soon embark on a remodeling project of its building and an expansion project to include another drive-up window and more office space.

KIMBALL: Lee Roy Brown, vice president in charge of the install-



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ment loan department at the American National Bank, has resigned to join the Carbon Emery Bank of Price, Utah, as of August 21. Special honors were accorded Mr. Brown by the mayor of Kimball prior to his departure.

LINCOLN: Mrs. Samuel C. Waugh, former resident of Lincoln, died recently at age 76. Mrs. Waugh's late husband had been a Lincoln banker before serving as United States assistant secretary of state and deputy secretary of state and president of the Export-Import Bank under the Eisenhower administration.

LINCOLN: Glenn Yaussi, chairman of the National Bank of Commerce, announced last week that the bank has transferred \$250,000 from its undivided profits to its surplus account, which increases the bank's surplus from \$3.25 million to \$3.5 million. Stockholders of the bank will vote on a 5% stock dividend August 29.

OMAHA: Six banking officials from Brazil spent the week of August 7-13 in Omaha to study the Omaha Bank for Cooperatives. The Brazilians are auditors in Brazil's rural credit program and are in the United States under the auspices of the U. S. Agency for International Development.

TAYLOR: Ralph Rose, 73, recently died at his home in Lincoln. Mr. Rose had been associated with the Bank of Taylor until his retirement in 1959.

WAYNE: Robert Carhart has been elected a member of the board of directors of the First National Bank to replace Dr. L. Jensen.

WOOD RIVER: The Bank of Wood River is undergoing an extensive remodeling job, which will include a new front, three conference rooms, a new vault and machine room, a community room and parking area.

MINNESOTA NEWS

ADA: Lowell Thorson recently joined the Ada National Bank. Mr. Thorson had been executive vice president and cashier of the Norman County State Bank in Hendrum.

CAMBRIDGE: Elmer V. Erickson, president of Cambridge State Bank, died recently at the age of 74. Mr. Erickson organized the State Bank of Dalbo in 1914, which was later reorganized into the Cambridge bank.

EYOTA: Merle E. Comingore has been named vice president and director of the Farmers State Bank of Eyota. Paul Hammel, vice president of the bank, has assumed additional duties as cashier. Mr. Comingore will continue as chairman and executive vice president of the First State Bank of Dover, with which he has been associated for 40 years.

LEWISTON: 750 guests recently attended the two-day open house in the new quarters of the Security State Bank, according to Webster A. Fischer, president.

MINNEAPOLIS: Mrs. Ruth Modrow has been appointed assistant cashier and women's banking consultant at Northeast State Bank in Minneapolis.

OSAKIS: K. C. Jones, president of the First National Bank, and Newman E. Olson have purchased the

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interests of Charlotte E. Harvey and Ethel M. Olson in the bank. Mr. Olson has been elected a vice president and director of the bank. Both Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Olson will continue on the board of directors.

ST. ANTHONY VILLAGE: Mickey Emmons has been advanced from assistant cashier to cashier at the State Bank of St. Anthony Village.

ST. PAUL: The Minnesota Commerce Commission is holding hearings August 21 on charter applications for White Bear Lake State Bank and Skyline State Bank of Albert Lea.

ST. PAUL: William R. Buethe has been named vice president, cashier and director of the First State Bank of North St. Paul. Mr. Buethe served with the First National Bank of Mankato from 1955 to 1963, and most recently has been assistant branch manager of the Southern Arizona Bank & Trust Company of Phoenix, Arizona.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

BISMARCK: A. Ned Mayer took over as president of the Dakota National Bank August 1, succeeding A. A. Mayer, now chairman and chief



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executive officer. Mr. A. N. Mayer was formerly with Northwest Bancorporation. The two Mayers are unrelated.

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

ALEXANDRIA: The Security State Bank opened its new branch office in Spencer on August 12, according to the South Dakota Department of Banking.

EMERY: John Schwans died recently at the age of 93. Mr. Schwans, a former director of the Security State Bank in Emery, helped establish that bank and the Security State Bank in Alexandria.

LYONS: Arno W. Schroeder has been appointed cashier and managing officer of the Farmers State Bank in Lyons. Mr. Schroeder has been in the small loan and finance field in South Dakota for 15 years.

MONTANA NEWS

GREAT FALLS: Dean H. Albert recently became associated with Bancorporation of Montana as vice president and comptroller of the corporation. Mr. Albert recently disposed of the bulk of his interest in the First National Bank of Ekalaka, of which he had been president.

GREAT FALLS: Errol F. Galt has announced his retirement as chairman of the board of the First National Bank, effective October 1. Mr. Galt will serve as a consultant for agricultural and business affairs to First Service Corporation, the operating affiliate of First Bank Stock Corporation, after that date.

Mr. Galt entered banking in 1917, helping to establish the First National Bank of Geysler, Montana, which he managed until its liquidation in 1935. In 1933 he became livestock loaning officer and assistant to the president at the First National in Great Falls, was elected vice president and director in 1934, president in 1947 and chairman in 1954.

LEWISTON: LeRoy F. Didler has been promoted from assistant vice president to vice president at the First National Bank of Lewiston, and will continue to manage the time-pay department. D. A. McRae has also been advanced to vice president, and has been named manager of the agricultural department. Oscar F. Bechtel has been promoted from cashier to assistant vice president and cashier. Edward C. Lamb has joined the bank as an assistant vice president in the commercial and agricultural lending fields.

COLORADO NEWS

DENVER: Jerome S. Rogers has been named cashier at the University Hills Bank. Mr. Rogers succeeds Jack Kreissler.

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