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Independents Push Multi-Bank Bills

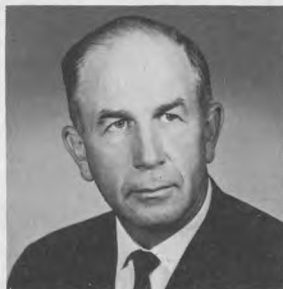
Independent Bankers throughout the midwest are continuing efforts to stop the rapid growth of multibank holding companies.

One of the most recent developments occurred in Indiana when the chairman of the Indiana House Committee on Financial Institutions stated that the bill to lift the 1957 ban on multibank holding companies is dead for the 1971 session, due to the fact that "too many small banks opposed the bill."

Harvey B. Young, Missouri director for the Independent Bankers Association, and president of the Bank of Kirksville, states that multibank holding companies now control nearly one-half of the banking assets in Missouri. The Missouri IBAA proposal would limit multibank holding companies to five affiliate banks in addition to the principal bank. Divesture would have to take place by December 31, 1972.

Independent bankers in Iowa are proposing a "Bank Holding Company Act for Iowa" which would be an alternative to the bill filed recently by Repr. Harold Fischer of Grundy County. Repr. Fischer's bill would prohibit any individual or company from simultaneously owning 15 percent or more of the voting stock, or con-

trolling the election of a majority of the boards of directors of two or more banks in Iowa.



Robert Dixon

Under the newly-proposed bill for Iowa, multibank holding companies would be prevented from making further acquisitions until a study is made by the Legislative Research Committee or a bank holding company study commission. Report of the study would be made to the 1973 session of the legislature. The proposed bill has been drawn by Horace Hansen, legal counsel for the Independent Bankers Association in St. Paul. Robert Dixon, president of the Rolfe State Bank, and newly-appointed IBAA state director, has notified the more than 550 Iowa member banks concerning the plans for the proposed bill. Mr. Dixon met with other key members of the IBAA in Des Moines recently. Former

National President Stan Barber, president of the Wellman Savings Bank, was in attendance.

Until the Iowa study report is made and until the legislature acts thereon, it would be unlawful for any bank holding company, domestic or foreign, controlling two or more banks, to be formed or existing such companies to be expanded, directly or indirectly.

Any court of competent jurisdiction would have the power to enjoin violations of this act. Any bank adversely affected by such violation, any banking organization having statewide membership, and the Superintendent of Banks would have standing to sue in any such action.

More than 2,000 independent bankers will gather in Minneapolis, March 29-31 for the 41st annual convention. It is anticipated that further plans will be made at that time to slow expansion of multi-bank holding companies and branching.

The new national president of the Independent Bankers Association will be Donald M. Carlson, president, Elmhurst National Bank, Elmhurst, Illinois. Multi-bank interests in his state are trying to rescind the ban against registered banking holding companies—with the exception that the two largest Chicago banks will continue to be restricted.



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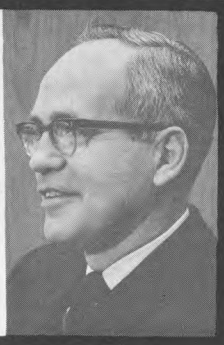
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IOWA NEWS

CEDAR RAPIDS: James E. Coquillet, president, Merchants National Bank, has been elected to the board of the Iowa Electric Light and Power Co. He succeeds his father, S. E. Coquillet, who passed away in January.

COUNCIL BLUFFS: William P. Knox has retired from the board of the First National Bank. He will serve on the bank's advisory board.

DES MOINES: Repr. Kennedy has filed an interest rate restriction bill in the House (H.F. 190) requiring that the value of compensating balances and service charges be included in calculations of interest related to limitations presently imposed by Sec. 535.2 of the Iowa Code.

DES MOINES: The Iowa State Banking Board will hold a hearing on March 2 on application for bank at Arnolds Park.

DES MOINES: National Bank of Des Moines (Brenton) has filed an application with the Comptroller to establish a parking lot office at 6564 Northwest Sixth Drive, Saylor Township, in Polk County.

FORT MADISON: Keith Cowden has resigned as assistant vice president of Ft. Madison Bank and Trust Co. to join the American City Bank & Trust, Milwaukee.

KIMBALLTON: A total of 66 shares of stock out of a total of 5,000 has been sold in the Landmands National Bank by Max Towne to Edward Hansen and L. C. Steen.

VINTON: Charles Barron has retired from the board of the State Bank of Vinton. He began his banking career in 1908.

ILLINOIS NEWS

CARLOCK: The State Bank of Carlock opened recently as the successor to the defunct Farmers State Bank of Carlock. The new bank has capital and surplus of \$75,000 each and undivided profits of \$50,000. It was organized by George Drake, president of the Woodford County Bank, El Paso. President is Dean Bright.

The FDIC is paying off depositors of the defunct bank. The former president of Farmers State Bank, Donald L. Starks, has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of embezzlement and making false entries.

CARY-GROVE: Application for Federal deposit insurance has been approved for the First Security Bank of Cary-Grove. It has capital accounts of \$650,000.

CHICAGO: FDIC has received application from Civic Center Bank & Trust Co. to merge the South East National Bank.

CHICAGO: Samuel H. Johnson and 11 others have purchased 16,876 shares out of a total of 40,000 in the Steele City National Bank.

COLLINSVILLE: The First National Bank of Collinsville has received approval for a branch bank by the Administration of National Banks in Washington, D.C.

MOMENCE: Approval for Federal deposit insurance has been approved for the Eastern Illinois Savings &

Trust Bank. It has a total capital of \$500,000. President is Wayne C. Ostling.

WYOMING NEWS

EVANSTON: E. J. Haines, chairman of the board at the Stockgrowers Bank has announced several promotions. Dr. Albert D. Murray has been promoted from president to vice chairman. Vern J. Smith was elected president and chief executive officer. He was formerly executive vice president and chief executive officer. George Robinson, previously a vice president, is now auditor, but will continue to operate the insurance department.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

ARLINGTON: Orval Lund has been promoted to vice president and Frank Felix to cashier at the Citizens State Bank.

BISMARCK: Les Nesvig is the new ag rep for the First National Bank & Trust Co. It was incorrectly stated in the Feb. 22 issue that R. P. Hendrickson. Mr. Hendrickson continues as president of the bank!

BOWMAN: Walt Eiseman has joined the First National Bank. He has been director of the Bowman, Slope, and Adams County Welfare Boards.

COLUMBUS: Gary Darras, 26, has joined the staff of the Columbus State Bank.

FAIRMOUNT: The Peoples State Bank has increased its surplus account from \$70,000 to \$90,000.

GRAND FORKS: The Comptroller of the Currency has approved a change in title and issued a certificate changing the name of the Red River National Bank of Grand Forks to the Red River National Bank and Trust Company of Grand Forks.

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GRAND ISLAND: FDIC has approved the Five Points Bank for W. W. Marshall, Jr., president. Mr. Marshall is also president of Commercial National Bank & Trust Co.

OMAHA: The First National Bank's 6th annual Chuck Wagon Roundup will be held at the Ak-Sar-Ben Sale Pavilion on Thursday, March 25. The Roundup is sponsored by the bank's correspondent bank department.

PAPILLION: Karl C. Brown died recently in an Omaha hospital at the age of 75. He was formerly president and chairman of the Clarke Bank, now called the Bank of Papillion, and president of the Ralston Bank.

SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

BRANDON: Kenneth J. Fish has been promoted to vice president and Donald W. Ockenga to assistant vice president at the Brandon branch of the United National Bank of Vermillion. Mr. Fish, who joined the bank last August, will be in charge of operations at the branch. Mr. Ockenga, who joined the bank last May will continue as insurance manager and will also assume additional responsibilities in bank operations.

HURON: Leroy R. Mielke, formerly vice president in charge of the agricultural department at the First National Bank of Bismarck, has been elected vice president of the Bank of South Dakota and manager of its Huron branch. Mr. Mielke joined the Bismarck bank in 1966 as assistant vice president and was named vice president in 1968.

PIERRE: R. J. (Stub) Fineran has been promoted to vice president and farm service director at the Pierre National Bank.

MINNESOTA NEWS

BEARDSLEY: W. Bradley Jorgens, former president and cashier of the Clara City State Bank, Clara City, has joined the Security State Bank, Beardsley, as vice president and managing officer.

CHOKIO: Les Summer and Earl Wernsing of Chokio have been elected to the board of the Chokio State Bank.

DEER CREEK: Kenneth Maki has acquired Martin Langemo's holdings in the Security State Bank. Mr. Langemo has become semi-retired, but has retained the presidency and chairmanship of the bank. Mr. Maki is now executive vice president. The board of directors now consists of Messrs. Maki and Langemo, Aileen Maki, George Rebehn, Martin Carew, Arnold Tumberg, and Gerhart Cordes.

ELBOW LAKE: A total of 1,090 shares out of 2,000 in the First National Bank has been sold to Orvin W. Amundson and Marvin G. Westrom by W. M. Goetzinger, Herbert Lange and Ruth Lange.

HOFFMAN: David Lofgren has sold the controlling interest in the Farmers State Bank to Ira Swanson of Elbow Lake and Herman Johnson of Barrett. Mr. Johnson assumes his new duties as manager of the bank today.

MINNEAPOLIS: Richard I. Rose has been advanced from senior vice president to executive vice president at Midland National Bank.

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MONTANA NEWS

HELENA: Jack G. Carpenter, 42, has become assistant vice president at the Commerce Bank and Trust Company, with responsibility for the commercial department of the bank. He formerly was with the State Bank Examiner's office in Helena.

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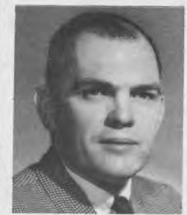
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EAU CLAIRE: A total of 27,721 shares out of 100,000 in American National Bank & Trust Co. have been purchased by Charles W. Lewis, Harry Kaiser and Gerald Schultz.

LANCASTER: Lancaster State Bank has withdrawn from membership in the Fed.

MERRILL: Lincoln County Bank has received FDIC approval to consolidate with Gleason State Bank, Gleason, under charter and title of the Lincoln County Bank.

MILWAUKEE: Wisconsin Instalment Bankers will meet here at the Hotel Pfister on March 11.

NORTH MILWAUKEE: FDIC has approved the North Milwaukee State Bank. Felmers O. Chaney is pres. Total capitalization is \$500,000.

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