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To Open Fed Processing Center This Fall

A Regional Check Processing Center (RCPC) will be established at Des Moines, Iowa, this fall by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, according to Robert P. Mayo, president of the Chicago bank. The proposal has been studied intensively for more than a year by the Federal Reserve in cooperation with Iowa banks.

Representatives of each Iowa bank have been invited to attend one of a series of meetings in Des Moines, June 12-15, at which the check facility will be described in detail by Federal Reserve officials.

The major purpose of the Regional Check Processing Center, according to the Chicago Fed, is to accelerate the clearing of checks deposited with Iowa banks and thereby improve the payments mechanism.

The Des Moines facility will be headed by Mr. Rudolph W. Dybeck, presently an assistant vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. When fully operational, the new center will employ approximately 200 people, most of whom will be recruited from the Des Moines area. The exact location of the new center is expected to be announced shortly.

The decision of the Federal Reserve to open the new center reflects its dedication to an accelerated check clearance system as part of a broader plan for the development of a more efficient payments mechanism over the years

ahead. Iowa banks are now served through the head office of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. Shifting their check processing 330 miles westward will add significantly to the timeliness and efficiency of check collection throughout the state, Mayo said. Other Federal Reserve services will continue to be provided from the Chicago office.

The Des Moines facility will provide check collection services for all banks in 86 of the 99 counties in Iowa, covering approximately 88 percent of the state's area and 82 percent of its population. After extensive study as to optimum efficiency of check operations, bank officials concluded that six counties in southwestern Iowa will be served most efficiently for check clearing purposes from the Omaha branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, and seven counties in southeastern Iowa will continue to be served, at least temporarily, from the Fed's Chicago office. Officials of the Kansas City Fed plan to provide overnight check collection service to banks in the six southwestern Iowa counties concurrent with the initiation of such service from Des Moines.

All banks located in the 86-county area, including nonmember banks, will be eligible to deposit with the new center checks amount encoded in magnetic ink drawn on all other banks within the area, plus U. S. Treasury checks, Postal Money Orders and U. S. Department of Agriculture food coupons. Member banks of the



PICTURE OF THE WEEK — New 25-story building planned by Iowa-Des Moines National Bank at 7th and Walnut in downtown Des Moines. See article under Iowa news on page 2.

Federal Reserve System can also deposit checks drawn on banks outside the area. The close-off hour for deposit of items drawn on Iowa banks receiving overnight service has been set at 12:05 a.m., Monday through Friday. Credit to banks depositing items with the Federal Reserve facility will be given on the day the items are presented for payment to the banks on which they are drawn.

The geographical area encompassed by the Des Moines office will be a zone of "immediate payment" and "overnight credit," President Mayo said, explaining that all 572 banks located in the 86-county area can use the facility to accomplish overnight collection of all checks deposited with them that are drawn on other banks in the area.

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IOWA NEWS

DES MOINES: John R. Fitzgibbon, president of the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank, has announced the construction of a multi-million dollar financial Center in downtown Des Moines.

Located at Seventh and Walnut, this half block complex will be 25 stories, over a two-level underground parking garage providing space for 260 cars.

David H. Murdock of Los Angeles, California, the owner-developer, stated that the building will be fire proof steel structural frame with exterior walls of dark bronze Spandrelite panels. Windows will be bronze thermopane with bronze aluminum framing and will be set between formed vertical metal fins. The sidewalk will be decorative terrazzo with an embedded ice melting system.

Mr. Murdock anticipates completion of the new Financial Center Building by late 1973.

The west two-story wing and the first seven floors of the tower will be the new location of the Iowa-Des Moines National Bank. The two-story east wing will be occupied by Des Moines Savings & Loan Association.

DES MOINES: Nineteen couples representing the Iowa Bankers Association are now in Washington meeting with Con-

gressmen and regulatory officials. The group left June 11 and will return June 13.

EVANSDALE: The First National Bank observed its 10th anniversary recently. Deposits as of March 31, were \$2,869,313, according to Donald E. Noller, president.

FORT DODGE: Group 2 of the Iowa Bankers Association will hold its first annual golf tournament at the Fort Dodge Country Club on Thursday, June 22, starting at noon. A social hour and dinner will be held starting at 7 P.M. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to all flights. Entry fee is \$12.00, and this includes green fees, social hour and steak dinner. Non-golfers and members of the Fort Dodge Country Club may register for \$7.00. J. L. Campbell, president, Humboldt Trust & Savings Bank, is in charge.

KALONA: The FBI has reportedly charged R. L. Hendrickson, 43, president, Kalona Savings Bank, with embezzlement. Loss is reported to be \$100,000.

MONTEZUMA: Open house will be held by the Montezuma State Bank on June 17 in its new bank building, according to M. L. Arendt, president. Hours will be from 1 to 5.

MONTICELLO: Ground-breaking ceremonies were held by the Monticello State Bank for a new \$100,000 banking facility recently.

OSAGE: Frank Ahrens has been named vice president and operational manager of the Home Trust and Savings Bank. He has been a director of the bank for seven years.

POLK CITY: Robert Miller has been advanced to cashier of the Polk City Savings Bank. Gregg Mohr, formerly with the Swea City State Bank, has been hired as asst. cashier. William Siglin, Jr., vice president and director, has not returned to the bank. He was injured in a snow-mobile accident last winter.

RIVERTON: W. P. Cowden, president, Nishna Valley State Bank, was honored for 47 years in the banking business on his 70th birthday.

ILLINOIS NEWS

CHICAGO: Leslie Smith has joined the international banking group of the La-Salle National Bank as a vice president. He will be located in the bank's London office.

CHICAGO: The election of Arthur L. Lathrop as second vice president in the international banking department of the Central National Bank was announced by Frank E. Bauder, chairman. Mr. Lathrop has served in the international departments of banks in Los Angeles and New York.

CHICAGO: The Bank for Savings and Loan Associations has announced the election of a vice chairman and two officer promotions. Robert A. Jamieson, president of Security Savings and Loan Ass. of Peoria, Ill., was named vice chairman. Thomas R. Warner was named assistant vice president, and Kenneth W. Ziekert was appointed assistant cashier.

DES PLAINES: Some 200 local businessmen recently attended the second annual Economic Forum sponsored by the First National Bank. Featured speakers included Robert A. Podesta, assistant



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GALATIA: Open house is being held this week at the new home office of the Galatia Community State Bank.

LISLE: A "tree-sawing" ceremony was held recently at the opening of the Bank of Lisle's new drive-in facility. The bank is giving away spruce seedlings to mark the occasion.

OAK LAWN: The commissioner of banks has issued a charter to a group establishing the Heritage Bank of Oak Lawn. Total capitalization for the new bank will be \$1,200,000. Louis A. Witry has been named president.

ROCKFORD: The Illinois National Bank & Trust Co. recently sponsored a women's trust seminar on estate planning. Over 350 women attended the event, which was conducted by a panel of five trust officers from the bank.

MINNESOTA NEWS

DULUTH: The 82nd annual convention of the Minnesota Bankers Association opened here today with Art Linkletter headlining the list of speakers and entertainers. Included in the program are addresses by Malcolm Moos, president of the University of Minnesota; Allen P. Stults, president, American Bankers Association; Ben Boo, mayor of Duluth, and outgoing MBA President William G. Kirchner.

ELMORE: The First National Bank here recently celebrated its 85th anniversary.

KIESTER: Officials of the First National Bank have announced the appointment of George Wichman to the Kiester Insurance Agency with general banking duties.

MINNEAPOLIS: The Northwestern National Bank will become the first U.S. bank to open a representative office in Canada, according to John A. Moorhead, chairman. The office will open on November 1, 1972 with Arthur B. Reimer as the bank's Canadian representative. Mr. Reimer has spent the past forty years with the Royal Bank of Canada.

OLIVIA: The newly chartered American State Bank opened its doors for business today. Richard J. Schurz is president, and Harlan Drube is vice president and cashier. Capitalization for the new bank is \$500,000.

WINDOM: Gay Anderson has been named cashier of the Windom State Bank. He was formerly with a bank in San Jose, Calif.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

COLUMBUS: The Columbus State Bank has increased its capital from \$40,000 to \$50,000 by stock dividend and increased its board members from three to five.

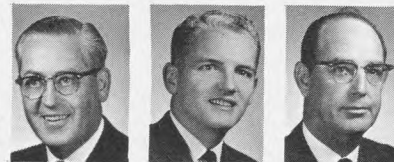
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HANKINSON: Lincoln State Bank has named Larry K. Erdahl as manager of its Wyndmere office. He has had summer job training with the Roberts Co. National Bank, Sisseton, S. D.

WYOMING NEWS

JACKSON: The Utah Bankers Association will hold its 64th annual convention at Jackson Lake Lodge starting today (June 12-14). Ben Haller, Jr., editor of the Northwestern Banker, is covering this convention, as well as the Wyoming convention that was held here June 8-10, and the Montana convention, to be held here on June 18-20.



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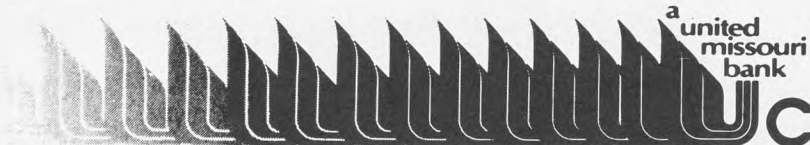
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FED PROCESSING CENTER.....
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The new center will not displace the Des Moines Clearing House, according to Fed officials. The clearing house will continue to be a vital link in the development of a more efficient check clearance system, and the new Regional Check Processing Center will become associated with the clearing house.

Signifying the conversion to a zone of "immediate payment" and "overnight credit," the Federal Reserve bank will assign banks in the area a new check routing symbol to expedite processing, collection, and crediting of checks. Existing stocks of check forms need not be discarded when this change occurs, the bank said, but orders placed for new check forms should provide for the new routing symbol. All banks will be advised as to the routing symbols to be used.

The counties to be served from Omaha and Chicago are:

Iowa Counties in Omaha Territory

- Fremont
- Harrison
- Mills
- Montgomery
- Pottawattamie
- Shelby

Iowa Counties in Chicago Territory

- Clinton
- Des Moines
- Henry
- Lee
- Louisa
- Muscatine
- Scott

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