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"Bank Regs Aid Competitors"

CERTAIN contradictory and ineffective laws and regulations

governing investments are counter-productive to the government's stated goal of "creating a level playing field between financial intermediaries, for encouraging savings and for



L. E. GUNDERSON

stopping inflation," according to Lee Gunderson, president-elect of the American Bankers Association.

Mr. Gunderson, who is also president of the Bank of Osceola, Wis., expressed his concerns about the regulations affecting banking's ability to compete during the National Conference of American Institute of Banking Leaders held recently.

"At a time when banks need all the flexibility we can muster to serve our customers and communities, we find ourselves subject to laws and regulations—both proposed and already on the books—which are out of step with the times. Furthermore, they are contradictory, non-productive and increasingly expensive to comply with," Mr. Gunderson said.

To achieve a "level playing field" for financial institutions, Mr. Gun-

derson said the ABA is working to end situations where bank regulation is "used as a weapon against banks by our competitors." He cited the recent growth in money market funds as a prime example. Money market funds have gained more than \$62 billion in assets in less than two years, primarily because banks and other traditional depository institutions are subject to federally controlled interest rate ceilings whereas money funds are not, Mr. Gunderson said.

He added that, unlike banking, money funds have no penalty for early withdrawal and can operate freely on a national basis—all of which add up to a competitive disadvantage for banks and other financial institutions.

Mr. Gunderson also warned that consumers are often misled by the money funds' use of banking terms such as check, deposit and withdrawal. "The consumer may be fooled by ads using such terminology which imply that the money fund offers some things that bank depositors take for granted . . . such as federally insured deposits . . . or a constant interest rate yield."

In working towards a more competitive financial environment, ABA's Money Market Mutual Fund Strike Force has taken definitive action, Mr. Gunderson said, including:

• A request to the Securities and Exchange Commission to immediately enforce a rule that "prohibits misleading statements that omit explanations, limitations or other statements necessary to clearly define the investment being offered."

• Commending the Federal Reserve Board for imposing reserve requirements on the money market mutual funds, and recommending

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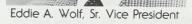
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Iowa News

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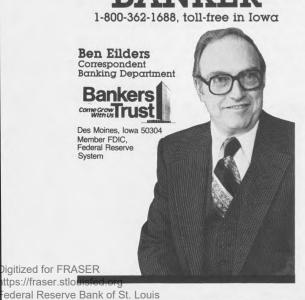
EARLHAM: Richard Z. Wolf, formerly president of the Union Savings Bank, Manchester, Mich., has joined the Earlham Savings Bank in an executive position.

MUSCATINE: L.G. "Larry" Hamburg has accepted the position of vice president and cashier of the new Community National Bank in Muscatine, which recently completed its public stock offering and is scheduled to open for business July 1. Mr. Hamburg has been in banking in the Sioux City area for several years.

Nebraska News

The NETS board of directors on June 2 voted to continue with MICOR for a one-year contract and two one-year options. The current contract, which expires in October, 1980, was for three years. NETS di-

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rectors met in the preceding week with officials of the Iowa Transfer System to discuss an ITS proposal that it become the central switch for both states.

As reported earlier, two of the NETS processing banks—First National and National Bank of Commerce, both of Lincoln—presently are incompatible with ITS, although the other processing banks are. Although no reference was made to this in announcing the new one-year contract with MICOR, it is believed the NETS interest in a joint operation with ITS continues.

AUBURN: Keith A. Bourn has been named executive vice president of the Carson National Bank here. He formerly held a similar position at the Martell State Bank and has served with banks in Lexington and Wyoming.

HARRISON: The Sioux National Bank here has received consent from the department of banking and finance to convert to a state bank and to transact a limited trust company business in a trust department. The bank will operate as the First Sioux Bank.

NELIGH: Promoted recently at the National Bank of Neligh were Ralph C. Schrader, cashier to vice president; Carolyn Johnson, assistant cashier to cashier; Barbara C. Hughes, assistant cashier to trust officer, and William R. Bates and Kirk K. Cisler to loan officer and assistant cashier.

OAKLAND: Robert J. Keating, a 1980 graduate of Wayne State College, has joined the Farmers & Merchants National Bank in the insurance department.

OMAHA: Robert J. Thilgen has left his post as president of the Nebraska State Bank of Omaha to assume the presidency of the First Nebraska Savings Company of Papillion. He had been president of the bank since 1978.

Minnesota News

CALUMET: The Minnesota Commerce Commission has approved a relocation and corporate name

change for the Calumet State Bank. The bank will move from Calumet to Grand Rapids and will be known as the Itasca State Bank of Grand Rapids. A detached banking facility will operate at the former Calumet location. Ron Nelson of Grand Rapids will continue as president.

EMMONS: The conversion of the First National Bank of Emmons in Freeborn County to the First State Bank of Emmons has been completed. A state bank charter was issued effective June 2. Herbert A. Lund is president and managing officer.

Illinois News

COAL VALLEY: Funeral services were held in April for Gustav Dick, 65, chairman of the Coal Valley State Bank. A Moline resident, Mr. Dick was a retired Deere & Co. executive and had served as the bank's chairman since 1971.

ELMHURST: Carl A. Lofgren has been appointed comptroller of the Elmhurst National Bank. Genevieve M. Carbray was promoted to assistant cashier.

South Dakota News

SIOUX FALLS: Three promotions were announced recently at the Northwestern National Bank of Sioux Falls. They are Leonard S. Dankey, personal loan officer, Westwood office; Robert C. Oliver, commercial loan officer, main office, and Marilyn J. Murray, personal banking/student loan supervisor, main office.

Colorado News

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The Ames Municipal Electric Light and Power Plant and System was established pursuant to an election in 1896. Since that time the system has been periodically updated within the area of generating capacity and distribution facilities. The System now serves the entire City, as well as certain installations of lowa State University, either by direct service or by wheeling power generated by the lowa State University generating facilities, which system is interconnected with that of the City. The present service boundary of the Ames Electric Utility covers an area of approximately 19 square miles and includes approximately 12,300 residential customers, 1,400 commercial customers, and 170 industrial customers.

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Year Ended June 30

 1979
 1978
 1977

 Total revenues
 \$12,349,883
 \$9,810,800
 \$8,647,535

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 8,249,588
 6,903,917
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Montana News

HAVRE: Several appointments have been announced at First Bank Havre including: Melanie Dickinson, commercial loan officer; Karen Miller, personnel officer; Bill Filler, manager of the instalment loan department; Tom Kuka, instalment loan representative; Don Lloyd, compliance and loan review representative; Farrel Alleman and John Stott, management associates; Jean Scofield, operations officer; Carolyn Begger, auditor, and

Randy Smith, ag loan officer and manager of the agricultural depart-

North Dakota News

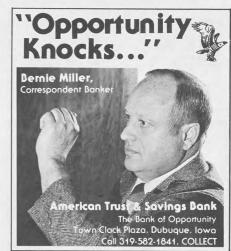
The following North Dakota banks have increased their amounts of capital stock by stock dividends: Bank of Beulah, \$300,000 to \$600,000; Grant County State Bank, Carson, \$150,000 to \$200,000; First State Bank of Casselton, \$100,000 to \$300,000; American State Bank, Dickinson, \$100,000 to \$500,000; Stutsman County State Bank, Jamestown, \$500,000 to \$600,000; American State Bank, Killdeer, \$300,000 to \$450,000; American State Bank, New England, \$100,000 to \$250,000; Citizens State Bank of Ray, \$180,000 to \$270,000, and Strasburg State Bank, \$100,000 to \$105,000 (by cash subscription).

GOODRICH: Roy W. Dockter has joined the First State Bank of Goodrich as a loan officer. He succeeds Magnus Meier who has accepted a position at the newly-established West River State Bank at Hetting-

Wyoming News

CHEYENNE: James L. Hunnicutt has been named to succeed Roger Schreiner as executive vice president of the Wyoming State Bank. Mr. Hunnicutt, who will serve as managing officer, formerly was vice president and manager of the consumer loan department at the First National Bank and Trust Company of Wyoming in Chevenne.

SHERIDAN: Construction is underway for a new nine-lane drive-in banking facility for the Bank of Commerce here, according to Robert Ferril, president. The architecture will feature wood beams with crushed marble panels and copper trim.



MONEY FUNDS . . .

(Continued from front page) that reserve requirements be made permanent.

 Repeated requests to the new Depository Institutions Deregulation Committee to "consider competitive conditions surrounding the operations of regulated depository institutions versus those of the money market funds." In addition. ABA has also expressed support for legislative authority that will "enable banks to create new types of deposit instruments or to alter the terms of existing instruments to better compete for depository dollars with the money fund investment vehicles," Mr. Gunderson said.

Reform

Mr. Gunderson added that the money fund situation makes it important for banks "to press our case for reform of the Glass-Steagall Act with extra effort. This would permit banks to underwrite municipal revenue bonds, offer commingled agency accounts and other competitive services that would greatly benefit the public, as well as banking's competitive picture."

Pressing for such reform will help make "the new decade one that bankers and consumers can look forward to with confidence," he concluded.

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