

ABA Ag Summit Consensus Calls for Balanced Budget by Spending Cuts

AGRICULTURAL banking leaders from around the nation met in Des Moines July 12 with ABA and federal farm officials to analyze the worsening farm situation. The meeting was closed to the press to encourage freer expression of opinion and to discuss with peers the confidential status of many ag customers and banks alike. ABA issued this consensus statement following that meeting:

"Farming has run into serious problems. Our analysis, based on reports from some 22 states, including those that have been hit hardest, is that the depth of the problem varies widely and dramatically, ranging from a matter of concern to a matter of crisis in some cases. The hardest-hit states are Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri and Nebraska. These problems go beyond farming and weaken agri-business and many Main Street businesses and communities.

"The fundamental economic source of farm difficulties is the federal deficit, which keeps the cost of money far too high. Several other factors have combined to bring farm difficulties to a head: extremely poor weather, spiralling farm input costs, depressed commodity prices, embargoes, declining land values and the

fallout from two decades of inflation.

"Government loan and subsidy programs have not removed the fundamental sources of the farm problem, nor is more government spending likely to do so. The best medicine government could provide would be balanced budgets — balanced by spending cuts, not by tax increases.

"In many cases, substantial voluntary restructuring of assets and of farm debts will be necessary and, in some cases, farm operations will have to be liquidated. The private sector, working with government agencies, can handle the needed restructuring. FmHA should be used more efficiently, and the new Approved Lender Program offers an avenue in that direction.

"Overall, bankers remain determined to work with any farm customer who has a future. Today's greatest need is for economic stability and for the time required to allow methodical debt and asset restructuring.

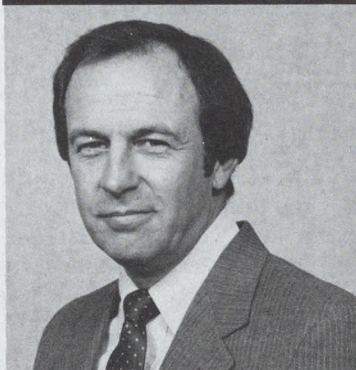
"In that connection, ABA's Agricultural Bankers Division welcomes the U.S. Department of Agriculture's call for a joint public-private sector program to offer farm lenders and borrowers information on all the options available to them and to

back borrowers up with the best possible farm management advice."

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AS reported in the July 2 *Weekly Newsletter*, IBAA ag leaders met in Omaha June 13 and gave support to a program "to authorize \$1 billion of additional federal (FmHA) guarantees for loans made by commercial lenders to existing farmers for farm production and debt refinancing purposes." IBAA Executive Director Kenneth Guenther wrote FDIC Chairman William Isaac June 20 to tell him that "based upon firsthand reports of these bankers, it is clear that any direction which your agency headquarters is giving to your loan examiners to exercise restraint in the classification of agricultural credits as problem loans is not getting down to the examiners level. (They) reported that they could detect no evidence of change toward a more accommodating stance by the examiners."

Mr. Guenther stated further there were two aspects of loan classification singled out as "particularly troublesome by bankers. First, the examiners continue to classify loans in problem categories based upon cash flow even where the collateral securing the loan is more than adequate...Secondly, several bankers reported that it is virtually impossi-



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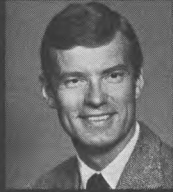
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ble, short of liquidation, to get a problem loan classification removed once it is instituted, regardless of the progress that is subsequently made on the loan."

Robert V. Shumway, FDIC director of examinations responded on July 5 that "we ask our examiners to be reasonable, realistic and objective in evaluating farm credits; we do not ask them to lower standards and overlook weak credits since doing such would be an abrogation of the FDIC's statutory responsibility. And, as you will note from the attachments, all classifications are subject to at least one layer of review, and in the case of problem banks, two independent reviews are accorded." □

Iowa News

A Loan Documentation Workshop, sponsored by the IBA, will be held August 14 at the Savery Hotel

in Des Moines.

John Moye, partner in the Denver, Colo., law firm of Head, Moye, Giles & O'Keefe, will present the workshop which promises to be very informative. The workshop will run from 8:00 - 4:30. Registration can be made through the IBA in Des Moines, attention Barb Lowe.

COUNCIL BLUFFS: First National Bank has announced the promotion of Lee Wicht to senior vice president; Catherine Ehlinger and Charlene Martin to assistant vice president, and Debra Debbaut to operations officer. Mr. Wicht joined the bank in 1983 and previously spent ten years with Omaha National Bank, Neb. Ms. Ehlinger was also promoted to controller.

INDIANOLA: Dick Buxton, 48, president of Peoples Trust & Savings Bank since 1972, died July 16 at Iowa Methodist Medical Center following an extended illness with cancer. Mr. Buxton served as presi-

dent of the Iowa Independent Bankers in 1979-80.

KEYSTONE: Roland A. Hellwig, chairman of Keystone Savings Bank, retired in June after 39 years of service. Mr. Hellwig joined the bank in 1945, was named executive vice president and CEO in 1957 and was elected president in 1970. He held that position until 1982 when he was named chairman.

KNOXVILLE: The Community National Bank & Trust Co. of Knoxville recently promoted Robert D. Grote to senior vice president and Steve Johnson to assistant loan officer.

LEGRAND: Citizens Savings Bank will be holding its Third Annual Golf Day August 15 at the Oakland Acres Golf Course, west of Grinnell on U.S. Highway 6. Shotgun start is set for 12:00 noon. The 18-hole golf outing will be followed by cocktails from 5-6:00 p.m. and a prime rib dinner at 6:00. Cost for the day is \$30 per person; \$12.50 if you don't plan to golf. For reservations contact the bank by August 1.

SHENANDOAH: Security Trust & Savings Bank will celebrate its 75th Anniversary on July 29 with an open house from 1-4:00 p.m. Security Trust & Savings has been in operation since January 7, 1909.

SIOUX CITY: Dennis A. Nahnsen has been appointed vice president and head of correspondent banking and ag lending at Security National Bank. He resigned last week as vice president in the financial institutions department at Norwest Bank Des Moines to accept the new appointment.

Nebraska News

LINCOLN: Mark J. Matthes has been elected vice president and operations manager in the administrative services division of First National Bank & Trust Company of Lincoln. Mr. Matthes joined the bank in 1974 and has served as assistant vice president since 1982.

COZAD: Les Petersen has been appointed vice president of Cozad State Bank and Trust Co. He previously served 12 years as assistant vice president of Security State Bank in Hartley, Iowa.

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VERDIGRE: E. James Haggart has resigned as president of The Bank of Verdigre and Trust Co. Mr. Haggart, who has served in that capacity since March, 1982, has accepted a position with another bank. The bank further announced that Marlene Grim has accepted the position of executive vice president and cashier; Tony Timson has been promoted to assistant vice president and will manage the loan department, and Jim Blessen retains his position of vice president and insurance manager.

Minnesota News

LITCHFIELD: David Daeges has been elected president and chief executive officer of Norwest Bank Litchfield, succeeding Roger O. DeBoer, who is retiring July 31. Mr. DeBoer has been president of the bank since transferring to Litchfield from Silver Bay in 1965. He has been with the Norwest organization 36 years. Mr. Daeges currently is senior vice president at the Litchfield bank. He transferred here in 1979 from Norwest Bank Redwood Falls.

ST. PAUL: Norwest Bank South St. Paul has named Keith J. Vegors, Jr. as president. He succeeds Robert S. Branham, who will assume the position of chairman. Mr. Vegors, also elected a director, joins the bank

from Norwest Bank St. Paul, where he was vice president and manager of the private banking division. Mr. Branham has been president of the South St. Paul bank since 1975 and has been with Norwest Corporation since 1946.

Illinois News

CHICAGO: UnibancTrust Company has promoted five to vice president positions. They are: William C. Dippel and Casey Orlowski, commercial banking division; Peter Stickler, finance division; Mara Tomsons, investments division, and Daryl Waszak, trust division.

South Dakota News

HURON: George Nygaard has been elected president of First Bank Huron. Mr. Nygaard joined the First Bank System in 1969 in Fargo and in 1977 moved to Southside Missoula, most recently served as second officer there.

MARION: Farmers State Bank has elected Harlan H. Smith as president. He succeeds Bruce D. Anderson, who recently resigned. Mr. Smith started his banking career with the bank in 1979 and in 1981 was promoted to cashier and director. Barclay B. Smith has also been promoted to cashier. He joined the bank in May of this year.

North Dakota News

The Independent Community Banks of North Dakota will be holding a Mini-Topics Seminar August 14 at the Doublewood Ramada Inn,

Bismarck. Topics to be covered are strategic planning; profit enhancement planning; one bank holding company, and financial risk management.

McGladrey, Hendrickson & Pulen, Minneapolis, will present the seminar.

MANDAN: Wayne N. Forgey has been named president of First Southwest Bank of Mandan. In addition, he will assume the management responsibility of First Southwest Bank in Carson. Mr. Forgey entered the banking business in 1967 in Gettysburg, where he was until 1976. He then was named vice president of First Bank in Cando, where he was elected president in 1980.

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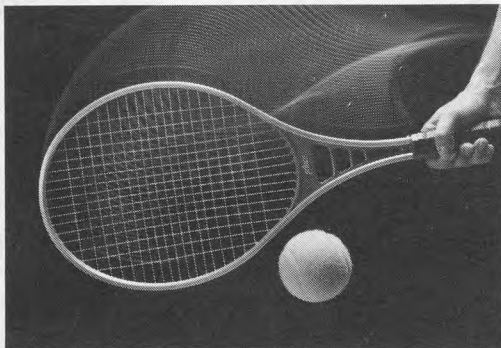
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