The money stock has increased at about a 6.7 per cent annual rate from the February-March average. Over the same period, the currency component has risen at about an 8 per cent rate and the demand deposit component at a 6.3 per cent rate (pages 4 and 5). Federal Reserve credit has risen at a 7 per cent rate and total member bank reserves at an 8 per cent rate (pages 2 and 4). All of these rates are substantially above those of the preceding eight months.

The bank credit proxy, which is total member bank deposits subject to reserve requirements, has increased at about a 14 per cent annual rate since February (page 9). This measure adjusted to include banks' nondeposit sources of funds rose at about a 12 per cent rate over the same period. These rapid growth rates have reflected primarily a rechanneling of funds through banks following relaxation of rates banks were allowed to pay on time deposits, and total credit outstanding (bank plus nonbank) has probably been little affected by this shift.

Short-term market interest rates have continued to decline through August, and most are currently at their 1970 lows (pages 10 and 11). Yields on 4- to 6 -month
commercial paper have declined from 9 per cent in early January to $7-1 / 2$ per cent, while yields on prime bankers' acceptances have declined over the same period from 8-3/4 per cent to $7-1 / 8$ per cent.

The Federal funds rate, a sensitive rate on very short-term interbank loans of balances held at Reserve Banks, has fallen about $2-1 / 2$ percentage points since early 1970 to an average level of $6-1 / 2$ per cent for the last three weeks.

Long-term interest rates generally rose in the first half of 1970, particularly the second quarter, but have declined since the end of June. Highest-grade corporate bond rates declined in July, and showed little net movement in August, but are still slightly above the rates at the beginning of 1970. Yields on medium-grade corporate bonds rose in a fashion similar to the higher grade issues in the first six months of 1970 , but have changed little on balance since the end of June.

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Averages of Daily Figures
Billions of Dollars




Annual rates of change, average of four weeks ending September 2, 1970 from four weeks ending:



Uses of the monetary base are member b and nonmember banks, adjusted for reserve Fequirement changes and shifts in deposits. - For a description of the base see the August - 1968 Review of this bank.



Defined to include holdings of securities, loans, float, and 'bther'assets, adjusted for reserve requirement changes and changes in July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June duly Aug. 1969

All Member Banks in the Nation



## Averages of Daily Figures

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# YIELDS ON SELECTED SECURITIES 

Per Cent
Averages of Daily Rates Ended Friday


Per Cent



