

Week ending: February 13, 1974

FINANCIAL DATA.

Growth of the money stock, measured as demand deposits and currency in the hands of the public, has fluctuated considerably in the past year. Marked accelerations have followed slowing in growth and vice versa. Over the first 5 months of the year ended February 6, 1974, money grew at about a 9 percent rate, then over the next three months on average from about mid-June to mid-September, the money stock was almost unchanged, and in the last four months, from the four weeks ended October 3, 1973 to the four weeks ended February 6, 1974, the money stock has risen at a 4.4 percent rate.

Over periods of a year or more the growth of money, narrowly defined, has usually been similar to that of the monetary base. However, in the last year the base has risen 7.5 percent and the money stock has increased about 5 percent. In the last five months there has been a substantial divergence between the growth rate of money and base. The base has increased at an 8.7 percent rate in the last five months while the money stock has grown at only about a 3 percent rate. By comparison, the base increased at a 6.7 percent rate over the previous seven months and the money stock grew at a 6.5 percent rate. Historical evidence suggests that a substantial spread between the growth rates of the monetary base and the money stock, such as occurred in the last five months, is not likely to persist for a prolonged period.

Most market interest rates have declined recently. Yields on prime four- to six-month commercial paper averaged 7.75 percent in the first part of this week, down from about 9.20 percent in early December. Many commercial banks reduced their prime loan rate to 9.25 percent in the past week after a reduction from 9.75 percent to 9.50 percent two weeks earlier. Secondary market rates on 90-day CDs have declined more than a percentage point since mid-December to an average of 8.08 percent in the week ended February 13.

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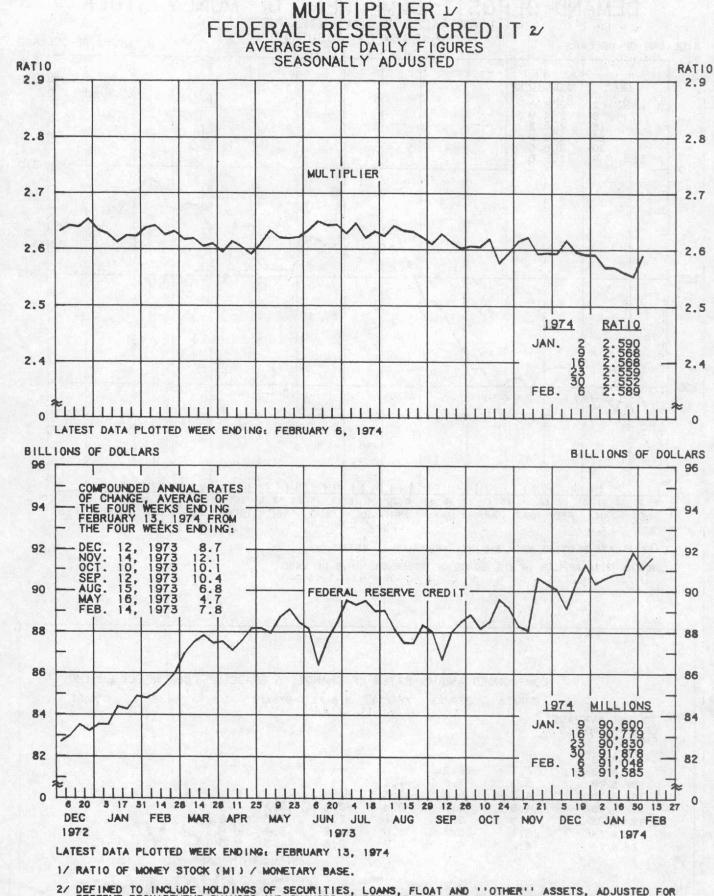
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USES OF MONETARY BASE ARE MEMBER BANK RESERVES AND CURRENCY HELD BY THE PUBLIC AND NONMEMBER BANKS, ADJUSTED FOR RESERVE REQUIREMENT CHANGES AND SHIFTS IN DEPOSITS. FOR A DESCRIPTION OF THE BASE SEE THE AUGUST 1968 ''REVIEW'' OF THIS BANK.

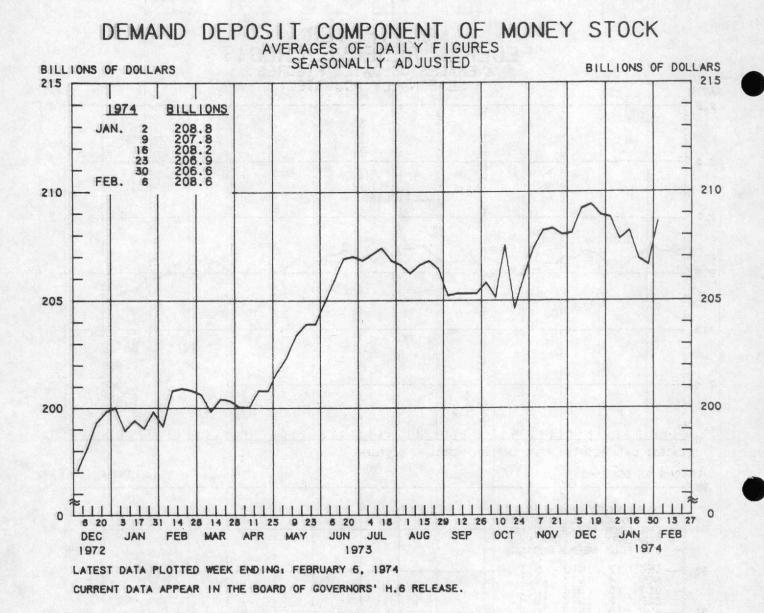
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	2/14/73			8/15/73				
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
7/11/73	8.4							
8/15/73	7.2	5.2						
9/12/73	6.7	4.8	3.0	E 7		1 martin		
10/10/73	6.8	5.2	4.2	5.3	7 5			
11/14/73	6.9	5.7	5.2	6.3	7.5	10 5		
12/12/73	7.5	6.8	6.7	8.0	9.4	10.5	12.2	
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1/16/74 2/13/74	7.9 7.5	7.4	7.5	8.7 7.9	9.8	10.6	12.2	7.6

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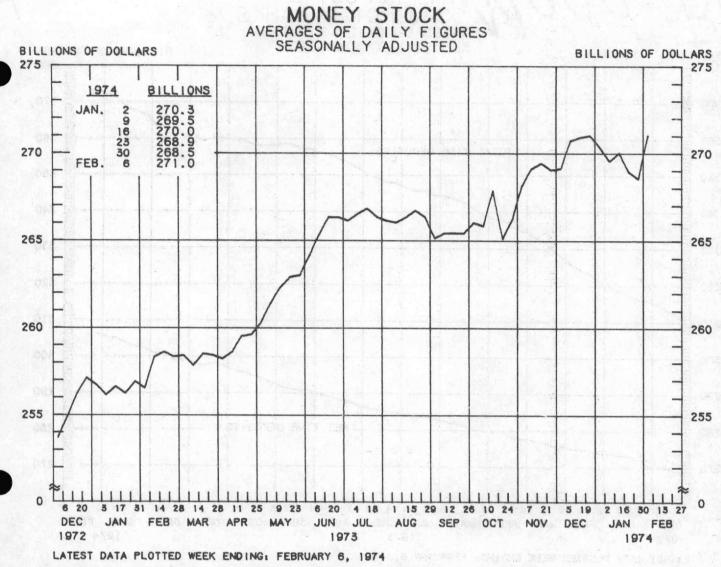
2/ DEFINED TO INCLUDE HOLDINGS OF SECURITIES, LOANS, FLOAT AND 'OTHER' ASSETS, ADJUSTED FOR RESERVE REQUIREMENT CHANGES AND CHANGES IN REQUIREMENTS DUE TO SHIFTS IN DEPOSITS AMONG CLASSES OF BANKS. DATA ARE SEASONALLY ADJUSTED BY THIS BANK.

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	COMPOUND	ED ANNUAL	RATES (OF CHANGE	E, AVERA	GE OF FC	UR WEEKS	ENDING:
	2/7/73	5/9/73	7/4/73	8/8/73	9/5/73	10/3/73	11/7/73	12/5/73
TO THE AVERAGE OF FOUR WEEKS ENDING:								
7/ 4/73	9.4							
8/ 8/73	7.7	11.2						
9/ 5/73	6.2	7.6	-1.1	-4.3				
10/ 3/73	4.7	5.0	-0.4	-0.8	0.3			
12/ 5/73	5.4	5.9	1.7	2.1	3.7	8.1		
1/ 9/74	5.1	5.4	1.9	2.2	3.4	6.1	6.6	
2/ 6/74	4.2	4.1	0.7	0.8	1.5	3.1	2.3	-1.7

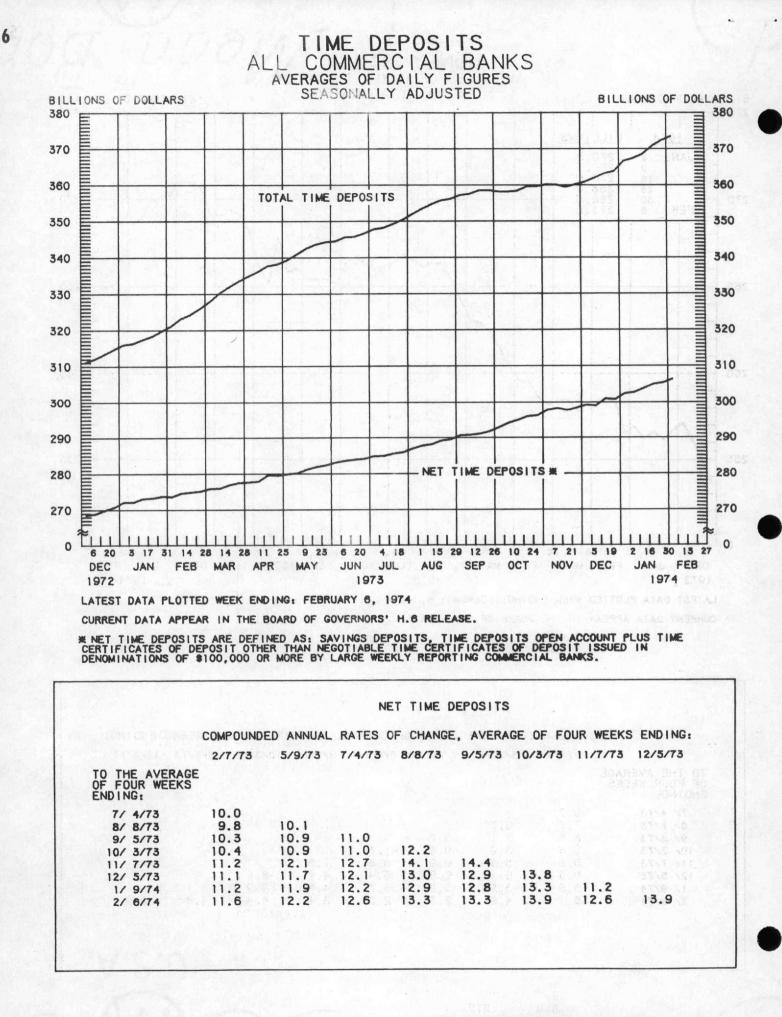
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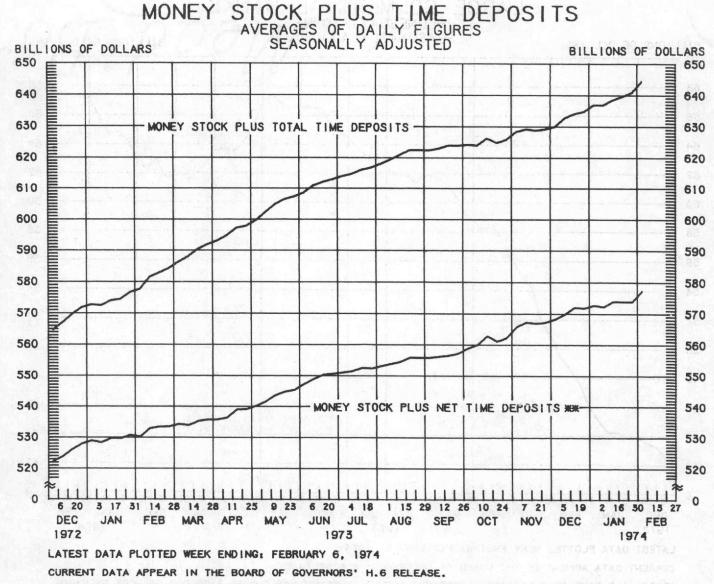
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7/ 4/73 8/ 8/73 9/ 5/73 10/ 3/73 11/ 7/73 12/ 5/73 1/ 9/74	9.3 7.7 6.5 5.4 5.3 6.0 5.8	9.7 7.1 5.2 5.1 6.1 5.9	0.2 -0.6 0.9 2.9	-1.7 0.8 3.4	1.5	8.1	
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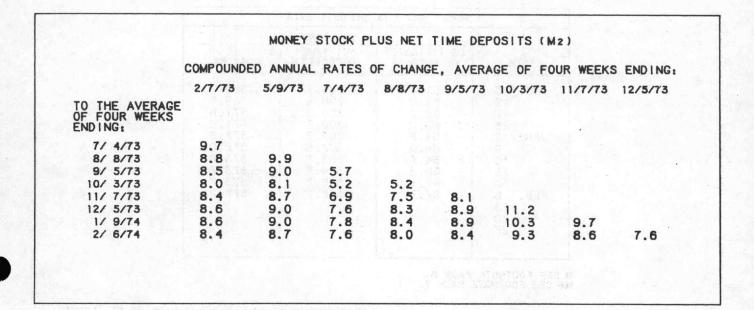
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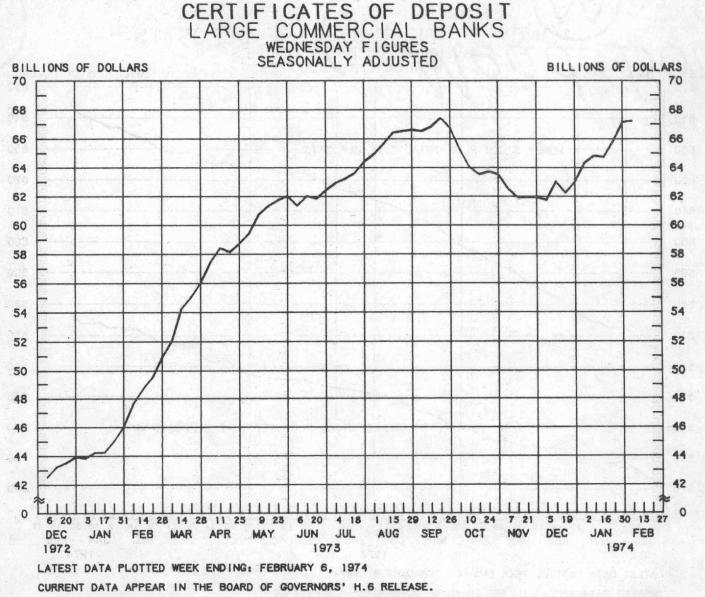
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38% M2 IS DEFINED AS: CURRENCY, DEMAND DEPOSITS PLUS NET TIME DEPOSITS (SEE PAGE 6).



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NEGOTIABLE TIME CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT ISSUED IN DENOMINATIONS OF \$100,000 OR MORE BY LARGE WEEKLY REPORTING COMMERCIAL BANKS.

	BILLIONS						
1974	OF DEPOSIT	NET TIME DEPOSITS *	M 2 306				
DEC. 5 12 19 26 JAN. 2 9 16 23 30 FEB. 6 13 20 27	61.7 63.0 62.2 63.0 64.3 64.8 64.7 65.8 67.1 67.2	299.1 298.9 300.9 300.7 302.2 302.5 303.7 304.8 305.2 306.2	568.2 569.7 571.8 571.6 572.5 572.0 573.8 573.7 573.7 573.7				

* SEE FOOTNOTE PAGE 6. *** SEE FOOTNOTE PAGE 7.

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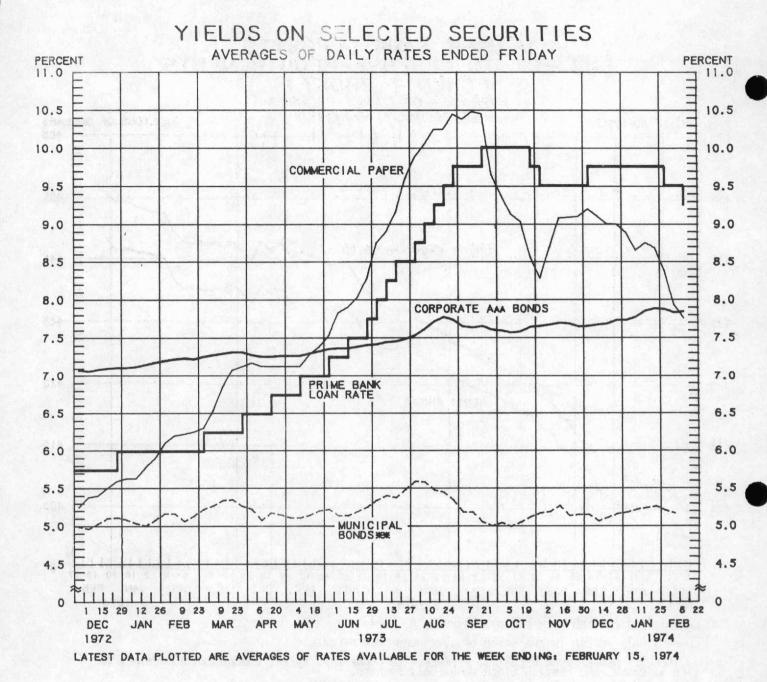


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1/ INCLUDES MEMBER BANK DEPOSITS, BANK-RELATED COMMERCIAL PAPER, EURODOLLAR BORROWINGS OF U.S. BANKS, AND CERTAIN OTHER NONDEPOSIT SOURCES.

1974 BILLIONS CREDIT CREDIT PROXY ADJUSTED	COMPOUNDED ANNUAL RATES OF CHANGE, AVERAGE OF THE FOUR WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 6, 1974 FROM THE FOUR WEEKS ENDING: CREDIT CREDIT PROXY ADJUSTED
JAN. 2 445.5 452.5 9 446.0 453.1 16 446.1 453.5 23 446.7 454.5 30 446.2 454.1 FEB. 6 448.5 455.7	DEC. 5, 1973 9.0 9.4 NOV. 7, 1973 6.5 7.2 OCT. 3, 1973 5.3 5.5 SEP. 5, 1973 5.3 5.3 AUG. 8, 1973 6.8 7.1 MAY 9, 1973 7.7 8.3 FEB. 7, 1973 10.3 10.9

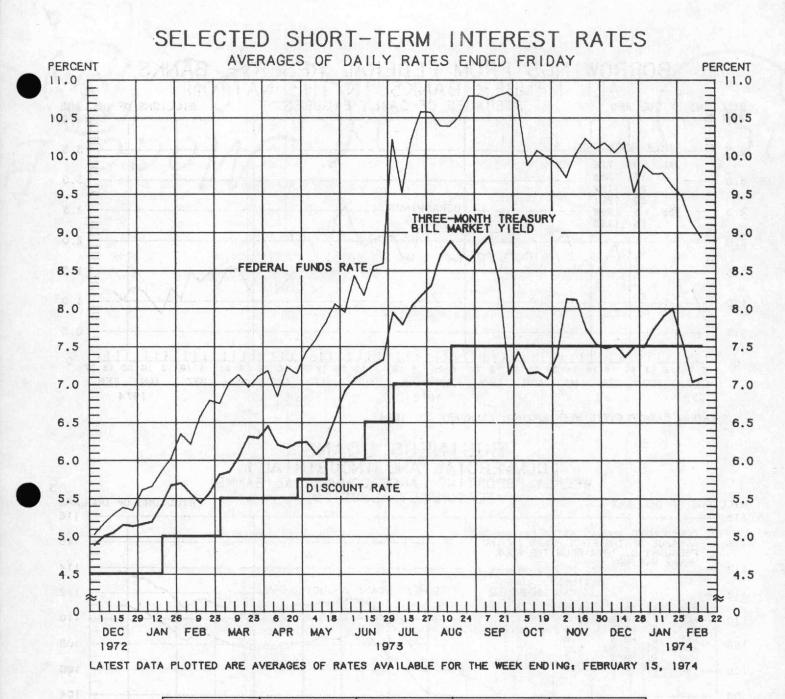
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1974	CORPORATE AAA BONDS	PRIME COMMERCIAL PAPER 4-6 MONTH	3-5 YEAR GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	LONG-TERM GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	MUNICIPAL BONDS 3198
DEC. 7 14 21 28 JAN. 4 11 18 25 FEB. 1 8 15 * 22	7.65 7.67 7.68 7.73 7.73 7.77 7.85 7.85 7.88 7.88 7.87 7.82 7.84	9.20 9.10 9.00 9.00 8.88 8.65 8.75 8.68 8.38 7.93 7.75	6.89 6.75 6.74 6.83 6.83 6.88 6.94 7.06 6.94 6.74 6.72	6.31 6.30 6.34 6.47 6.52 6.57 6.57 6.57 6.55 6.50 6.50 6.50	5.15 5.06 5.11 5.16 5.18 5.22 5.24 5.26 5.20 5.16 N.A.

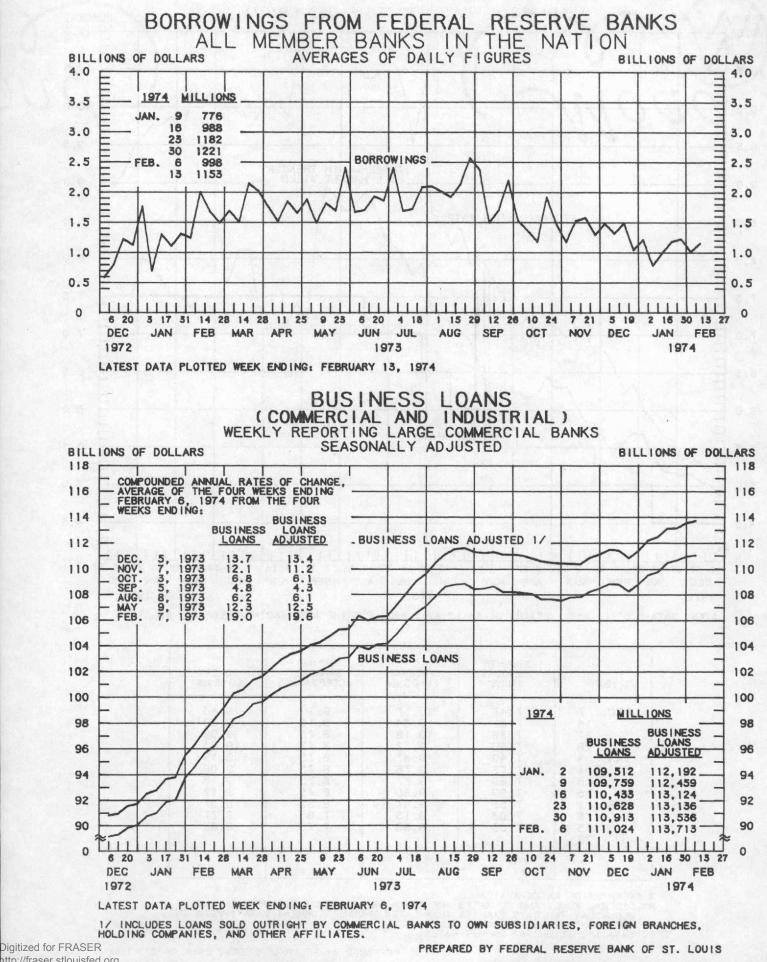
* AVERAGES OF RATES AVAILABLE. ### BOND BUYER'S AVERAGE INDEX OF 20 MUNICIPAL BONDS, THURSDAY DATA. N.A. - NOT AVAILABLE

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1974	3-MONTH TREASURY BILLS	FEDERAL FUNDS NOK	PRIME BANKERS' ACCEPTANCES	90 DAY CD'S ###
DEC. 7 14 21 28 JAN. 4 11 18 25 FEB. 1 8 15 * 22	7.47 7.51 7.35 7.50 7.49 7.72 7.89 7.99 7.55 7.03 7.08	10.17 10.04 10.18 9.52 9.87 9.76 9.77 9.60 9.47 9.13 8.93	9.10 9.15 8.75 8.75 8.75 8.75 8.75 8.75 8.75 8.55 7.85 7.75	9.43 9.50 9.09 9.23 9.19 9.08 9.15 9.15 9.12 8.87 8.27 8.08

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