

Banks Have Contributed Much To City's Growth

Birmingham Was Known As Money-Accumulating Center In Plank Road Days

Birmingham, city of importance, has always been a money-accumulating center in Plank Road days. This was the beginning. So far as the history of Birmingham at that time of the electric car and automobile, Birmingham was the home of a bank, soon to become a state bank.

It was operated by Algernon Whitehead, drug and general store.

These Banks Then:

There were three more banks in the Birmingham Savings, the First State and the First National. The first of these consolidated, the First State and First National, and their assets were left to carry the banking load of the community. Despite the shrinkage in values and the general depression, which made this branch of business difficult, it remained open up to the time of Governor Comstock's holiday proclamation, after which the institution closed its doors in the hands of a federal conservator.

Then came the job of organizing a new bank to take over the assets of the old. This job it did for the conservator and a few individuals, but for the community itself. The manner in which the job was put over is known to nobody.

The First National, before the Governor's proclamation, was the only one bank still open in Oakland County. Now all the banks are open. The Birmingham National now is one of three banks doing unrestricted business in the country.

How Many Depositors?

The number of potential depositors in the new bank is a matter of interesting calculation. In Birmingham there were 11,000 deposits, of which the First National had about 7,500.

With complete banking facilities available, it is reasonable to expect that at least 2,000 depositors will be making the new Birmingham National their banking headquarters within a relatively short time.

OBERLIN TO GRADUATE BIRMINGHAM STUDENT
Miss Margaret P. Strand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Strand of "Strandcast," Adams road, is one of 35 seniors at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music who will receive their degrees of Bachelor of music at the centennial commencement exercises of Oberlin College, Tuesday, May 28. Her solo recital on May 9, Robert Miller, local pianist and an Oberlin graduate, will deliver the commencement address.

Keep Cool IN CUSTOM MADE SUITS

TROPICAL WORSTEDS: . . . in all the new summer colors and patterns. Fine quality fitted to your individual requirements and styled as only custom made clothes can be.

\$19.75 to \$45.00

PECK'S
Tailoring and Men's Wear
106 S. Woodward

Greetings . . .
To the New Birmingham
National Bank

We take great pride in being a part of the community of Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills. We endeavor to serve the people of this area fine quality foods at prices which are reasonable and fair. Our first consideration is always that of serving the public in a manner which will please them and make them feel that this market offers a distinct service to the community in which it operates.

MAY WE SERVE YOU

**OLSEN'S
MARKET**

129 S. WOODWARD WE DELIVER *A Market Devoted to the Community It Serves* PHONE 648

WE DELIVER *A Market Devoted to the Community It Serves* PHONE 648

STATEMENT OF The Birmingham National Bank

BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN

AS OF JUNE 15, 1931

ASSETS

Cash on hand and in banks	\$351,080.52
United States Government Bonds	49,343.84
Secured Notes	69,825.99
(This item secured by adequate collateral)	
Unsecured Notes	
First Mortgages on improved real estate	77,031.16
(These are old mortgages where the principal has been paid down so that the unpaid balance is far beyond due date.)	72,900.41
Federal Reserve Bank Stock	3,300.00
	\$623,481.89

LIABILITIES

Preferred Capital (Reconstruction Finance Corp.)	\$ 60,000.00
Common Capital Stock	40,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	10,000.00
Deposits	503,481.89
	\$623,481.89

OFFICERS

Montgomery Whaling
Fred W. Johnson
Charles E. James
Walter L. Moreland

Chairman of the Board
President
Executive Vice President
Cather

Ernest W. Seholm
Montgomery Whaling
John H. Martin
Fred W. Johnson
A. C. Werthmuth

Charles E. James
Arthur J. Krandt

DIRECTORS

Greetings and Congratulations to the new Birmingham National Bank.

BANK GUIDED BY EXPERIENCE

Three Highest Officers Being Fund Of Business Financial Training

Here are brief biographies of leading officers of the new Birmingham National Bank.

Fred W. Johnson, president, born Whitefish, Montana, graduated in technical science at the University of Michigan in 1912 with a degree in civil engineering.

Montgomery Whaling, chairman of the board, born in Milwaukee, graduated at Cornell University and Washington University. He is railroad man, then district manager of the American Steel and Wire Co., and now owner of an independent general merchandise business in Detroit.

Charles E. James, vice-president in charge of affairs, came to Detroit from Cleveland, Ohio, in 1923 and organized the Wolverine Automobile Company in 1926, of which he is still president.

He has identified himself with his business, updating his services to the First National since April, and a trustee director in that bank.

DAMAGE BY FIRE ONLY \$33 HERE DURING MAY

Property damage by fire in Birmingham during May totaled only \$33, according to monthly report of Fire Chief W. E. Griffith. There were 10 alarms the report shows. Property endangered by fire was valued at \$76,100.

Greetings to the new bank and—

Specials
to the ladies of
this community.
Naturelle Crepeignole
\$4.60

Mastro Crepeignole
\$3.10
1 Weekly
June 19th to 26th

Maybelle
Beauty Shoppe
237 N. Woodward Ave.

LUMBER CO.
Lumber Co.
624 Forest Ave.

We wish to extend to the Officers and Directors of the Birmingham National Bank our congratulations on the opening of Birmingham's new National Bank.

Mulholland's

233 N. Woodward Ave.

THE OPENING OF BIRMINGHAM'S

New Dress Shop

We invite you to call and see our most extraordinary selection of

Fresh Wash Frocks

Inexpensively Priced.

The Charlotte Shop

N. Woodward Ave. Across from National Bank

ROOFING SERVICE BUILDERS SUPPLIES

LUMBER

COAL

COKE

LAWSON-ERB

Lumber Co.

624 Forest Ave.

GENERAL INSURANCE

Fire, Windstorm, Plate Glass, Burglary, Furniture, Liability and Automobile. INSURE WITH OLD RELIABLE COMPANIES

Property Management and Collections

SALES — RENTALS AND LEASES

Consult with me on how to increase your property value and income.

RICE A. HOWELL WABEEK BLDG.

Suite 317

Phone 328-1

SUMMER BATH NECESSITIES

Bath Salts	29c up
Bath Powder	29c up
Bath Sprays	59c up
Bath Brushes	89c up
15c Jergens Bath Soap	6 for 45c

WOODBURY FACIAL SOAP 3 for 49c

Woodward Pharmacy National Bank Building

PHONE 766

FREE DELIVERY

Welcome

BIRMINGHAM NATIONAL BANK

we greet your officers and directors and wish them many happy days in their new business enterprise.

Bank Opening SPECIALS

Fancy Stewing CHICKEN	lb. 17c
Fancy Roasting CHICKEN	lb. 19c
Bacon Beef PORK ROAST	lb. 12c
Standing ROAST BEEF CHOICE STEER	lb. 18c
Pork Loin ROAST	lb. 11c
Genie Spring LEG O' LAMB	lb. 22c
California ORANGES	3 doz. 49c

Premier TOMATO JUICE COCKTAIL	19c
5 oz. VAR	
Private GINGERALE	12 oz. bottle 3 for 29c
\$1.00 PER CASE	
Domino CANE SUGAR	5-lb. pkg. 26c

Premier COFFEE	lb. 27c
PEACHES and APRICOTS	lb. 17c
1/2 lb. CAN 3 for 6c	
BLU VALLEY BUTTER	lb. 27c
Free Delivery	10 Deliveries Daily

Birmingham Fruit Co.

PHONE 22 and 65 124 N. WOODWARD

Free Delivery - 10 Deliveries Daily