

FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
OF DANVILLE  
100 TH. ANNIVERSARY  
SEPTEMBER 24, 1963

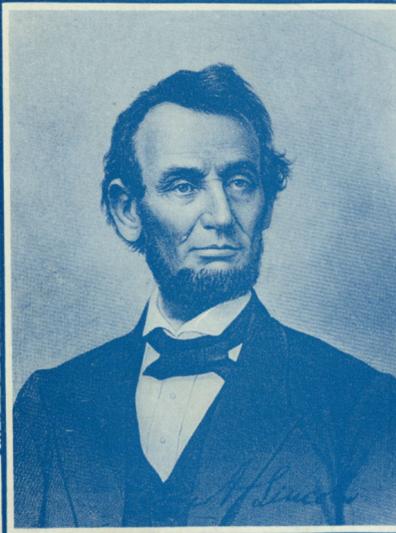
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**HOOSIER  
BANKER**

FEBRUARY, 1963



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A CENTURY OF COMMERCIAL BANKING

THIRTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS. Sess. I. Ch. 106. 1864.

visions of this act, which the association may see fit to adopt for the regulation of the business of the association and the conduct of its affairs, which said articles shall be signed by the persons uniting to form the association, and a copy of them forwarded to the comptroller of the currency, to be filed and preserved in his office.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons uniting to form such an association shall, under their hands, make an organization certificate, which shall specify —

First. The name assumed by such association, which name shall be subject to the approval of the comptroller.

Second. The place where its operations of discount and deposit are to be conducted, designating the state, territory, or district, and also the county and city, town, or village.

The amount of its capital stock, and the number of shares into which the same shall be divided.

The names and places of residence of the shareholders, and the amount of shares held by each of them.

A declaration that said certificate is made to enable such persons to avail themselves of the advantages of this act.

A notary public, and such certificate before a judge of some county or city, and authenticated by the seal of such court or notary, shall be countersigned by the comptroller of the currency, who shall record and file the same in his office. Copies of such certificate, duly authenticated by his seal of office, shall be evidence in all courts and places within the United States, and every other matter or thing which could be proved by the original certificate.

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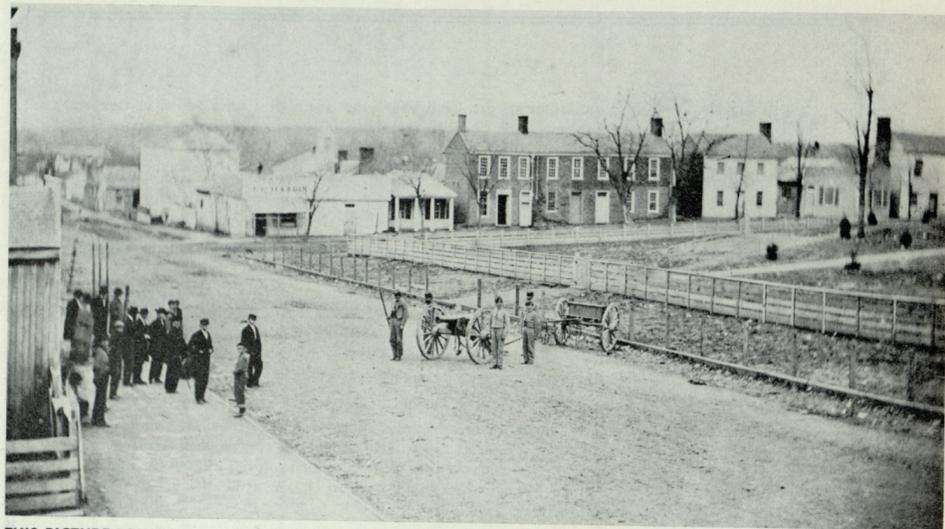
Proviso. That any place the association formed Associations when to be corporations and when to commence business.

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May continue twenty years, unless, &c.

General powers. Directors and officers.

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THIS PICTURE BRINGS HOME the reality of the Civil War as we see the men in the foreground in Army blue uniforms. The photograph is of the east side of the Danville public square as it was between 1850 and 1865. The view is from the northwest corner of the square.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK Danville

THIS PHOTOGRAPH was taken from the exact spot the picture above was taken—nearly one hundred years later. However, one thing has not changed, the Danville public square is still the center of the town's activity.



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Organized on September 23, 1863, during the administration of President Abraham Lincoln, with the country torn by Civil War, the First National Bank of Danville has served the people of Danville and Hendricks County for 100 years.

When the Danville bank was born, most farmers used only two implements—the plow and the harrow. Danville had neither water nor sewer system, no telephone, no electricity, no improved streets and no railroad. Soldiers going to the front marched to Cartersburg to take the train. And the bookkeeping at this bank was done with pen and ink. There were no typewriters, adding machines much less any data processing centers as we know today.

Simon T. Hadley was chosen for its first president and Samuel P. Foote its first cashier. While these gentlemen, together with the initial incorporators of the bank, have passed on, most, if

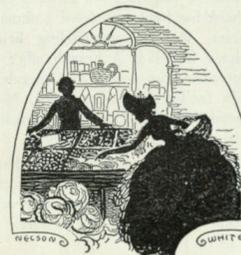
THE HOOSIER BANKER



PICTURED at the right is the present home of the First National Bank, Danville, which has served the town for 100 years. It now occupies the same building which was erected for it in 1897, with considerable remodeling through the years.

not all of them, left descendants in Hendricks county who revere the memories of this honored ancestry.

Hugh McCulloch, Comptroller of the Currency, authorized this bank to "commence business" December 11, 1863. It was the 152nd bank chartered in the United States.



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The bank opened its doors in a building a few doors south of its present site. At a later date it was moved north of the city's Court House and moved to its present location when the building was erected for it in 1897.

The first quarterly statement of the bank was issued on April 1, 1864. The last statement issued by the bank is interesting to study in comparison with its first statement in that the growth of the bank is apparent proof of its successful service to the community.

The First National Bank of Danville has gone through every crisis in our

country's history, throughout the past 100 years, without losing any public confidence. It has seen depressions come and go, and during those times, has never defaulted in payment and no depositor has ever lost a dollar.

Serving their bank faithfully as president have been: Simon T. Hadley—1863-1872; Jesse Cope—1872-1877; John V. Hadley—1877-1888; Thomas J. Cofer—1888-1895; J. L. McCoun—1895-1899; Mord Carter—1899-1909; William C. Osborn—1909-1922; M. T. Hunter—1922-1930; W. F. Franklin—1930-1952; Amos Harvey—1952-1959 and L. J. Arnold is currently president.

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THE DANVILLE GAZETTE  
Thursday, July 18, 1963



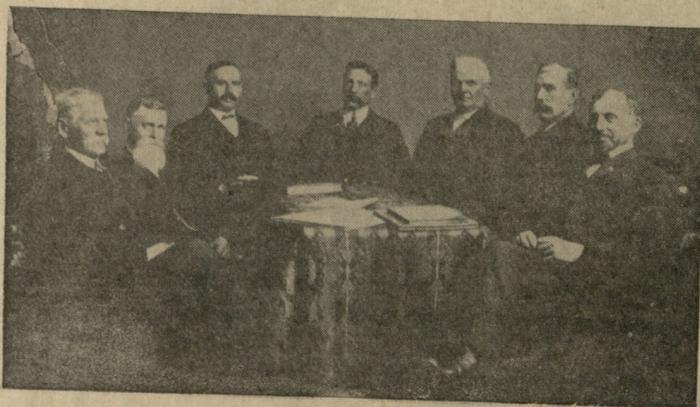
### Bank Needs Help to Match Faces with Names

A call for help was issued this week by L. J. Arnold, president of the First National Bank of Danville, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year. While going through some pictures in preparing for the celebration, Mr. Arnold found this 1904 picture of the directors of the bank. Some of the directors in the picture have been identified, but some remain a mystery. Bank officials will appreciate any assistance in matching the faces with names in the above picture.

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July 25, 1963.

*Thanks to You - - -*

We have been able to match the names with the faces in this picture!



Left to right: Cyrus Osborne, A. B. Smith, W. C. Osborne, Mord Carter, Thomas J. Miles, M. T. Hunter and E. R. Robards.

The response to our plea was most gratifying, and through the cooperation of many, we were able to properly identify the men in this picture, who served on the 1904 Board of Directors of THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Danville, Indiana.

While many correctly identified the members of the 1904 Board of Directors, Roby Russell of Danville was the first person to identify all the men in the picture.

The First National Bank  
of Danville

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# Republican.

Danville, Indiana, Thursday, August 29, 1963.

## Bank Plans Gala 100th

The First National Bank of Danville will mark its 100th anniversary with a gala centennial celebration, Tuesday, September 24, A. J. Arnold, president, announced today.

### First National

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open its doors for business on December 11.

Growth was rapid. The first quarterly statement issued early in 1864 listed deposits of more than \$41,000 and the fledgling bank had almost \$21,000 in loans and discounts. By way of contrast, the First National had total deposits of more than \$5,200,000 last year and loans and discounts had grown to more than \$2,800,000—considerably more than a hundred-fold increase in its 100 years.

First home of the bank was in quarters a few doors south of its present location. As business increased, large quarters were occupied in the Estep Block on the north side of the Court House square. In 1887, First National settled down in a new, specially designed building — its present home, which has been remodeled many times since to keep pace with growth and expanded customer services.

Much of the credit for success and growth of the First National through the years has been due to the calibre of men charged with directing its affairs. Presidents, following Founder Hadley, have included Jesse Cope, 1872-1877; John V. Hadley, 1877-1888; Thomas J. Cofer, 1888-1895; J. L. McCoun, 1895-1899; Mord Carter, 1899-1909; William C. Osborn, 1909-1922; M. T. Hunter, 1922-1930; W. F. Franklin, 1930-1952; Amos Harvey, 1952-1959, and L. J. Arnold, the current president.

The sturdy roots put down in the early days, strengthened by the succession of able officers and directors, have enabled the First National to stand firm through the years against the perilous financial winds which have periodically swept the country. "Black Friday" of 1869, the panics of 1873, 1907 and the disastrous blow of 1929 were weathered successfully. Not a dollar was ever lost by a depositor.

Those responsible are confident First National will continue, as in the past, to earn and deserve the respect and friendship of its customers as it begins a second century of service to Hendricks County.

Arrangements are being made to entertain the bank's customers and friends at a giant party at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds on that date, according to the bank president.

Details of the centennial celebration will be announced later, but Mr. Arnold said it will include a picnic supper and a program of entertainment featuring top performers well-known to the central Indiana radio and television audience.

The celebration will be a way of saying "thanks" to the bank's customers whose support and friendship through the years have been responsible for its success and growth, Mr. Arnold said.

Invitations to the celebration will be issued through bank personnel in the near future.

The First National Bank was formally organized on September 24, 1863, a time when even the future of the county was uncertain.

The year 1863 was hardly the time anyone would choose to start a bank in Danville—or anywhere. The Civil War was still a nip and tuck affair with crucial battles still to be fought.

On July 8, only a few months before the First National Bank was formally organized, a hurry up call for volunteer militiamen had gone out from Governor Oliver P. Morton. That bold Confederate raider, Gen. John H. Morgan, had crossed the Ohio River and was moving on Corydon.

Hendricks County had few able-bodied men to spare. Most younger men were already with Union forces and many of their wives and mothers were scanning casualty lists as the fresh, sad news of Gettysburg trickled back.

But seven companies of county men answered the Governor's emergency call and were hustled off to Cartersburg to board south-bound troop trains. They reached Vernon in time to join the chase after Morgan and his men who fled into Ohio and eventual capture. Some of the volunteers were still trickling back to their Hendricks County farms and jobs when Simon T. Hadley, Samuel P. Foote and their associates completed organization of the First National Bank, on September 24.

# GAZETTE

HENDRICKS COUNTY SINCE 1880

Thursday, August 29, 1963

## First National Plans Centennial

The First National Bank of Danville will observe its 100th anniversary with a centennial celebration at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds September 24 according to L. J. Arnold, president.

Customers and friends of the bank will be special guests at the event, commemorating founding of the local bank on September 24, 1863. Mr. Arnold said the celebration will be the bank's way of expressing appreciation to the people of Hendricks county, whose support through the years has made the growth and success of the bank possible.

While details of the celebration will be announced later, Mr. Arnold said the program will include a picnic supper and entertainment by well-known Central Indiana radio and television performers.

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There was no question of the need for a bank in the county. As Mord Carter, a later president of the First National recalled some 60 years ago: "Before there were any banks in the county, the businessman were often put to much inconvenience in providing the large amount of cash which even in that day when checks were few and cash was insisted upon, was required to pay for the large number of hogs and cattle that were annually bought up in the county and driven to distant markets."

By way of illustration, Carter recounted a story told him by an Indianapolis bank president, who in his youth had been employed by the old State Bank of Indiana. According to the story, a merchant of Danville requested about \$18,000 to pay for a lot of hogs he was taking in and would later drive overland to Madison. The young bank messenger was sent out from Indianapolis with the cash. He took the train to Cartersburg and when he found no conveyance there, had to walk all the way to Danville, carrying the money in a satchel. It was dark when he arrived and he still had to find the merchant. He did eventually and, with a big sigh of relief, handed over the money.

The First National was one of the first banks established under the National Currency Act of 1863, which President Lincoln had signed earlier that year. The law established uniform national currency to replace the dozens of kinds of specie then in circulation, much of it backed by little more than the public's faith in a private bank. The act also set up a system of banks chartered by the Federal Government. The First National was the 152nd so chartered.

The new bank with Hadley as president and Foote as cashier, received the blessing of a fellow Hoosier, Hugh McCulluck, recently appointed by Lincoln to the new post of Comptroller of the Currency, had previously been president of the Bank of Indiana. He authorized the First National to

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# GAZETTE

SINCE 1880

Thursday, September 5, 1963

## First National Bank Opened Doors During Civil War Years

The First National Bank of Danville, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary next month, was organized in 1863 at a time when the future of any new institution, even the Federal Union itself, was uncertain.

In 1863 the Civil War was still a nip and tuck affair with crucial battles still to be fought, and hardly a time for starting a new bank.

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As business in the new bank increased, larger quarters were needed and the bank moved to the Estep block on the north side of the court house. In 1887, First National moved to its new building, which has been remodeled many times since to keep pace with the growth and expanded customer service.

Directing the bank's affairs from the beginning were Presidents, following founder Hadley including Jesse Cope, 1872-77; John V. Hadley, 1877-88; Thomas J. Cofer, 1888-95; J. L. McCoun, 1895-99; Mord Carter, 1899-1909; William C. Osborn, 1909-22; M. T. Hunter, 1922-30; W. F. Franklin, 1930-52; Amos Harvey, 1952-59; and L. J. Arnold, current president.

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# \$100 For 100°

ON OUR

# 100 Anniversary

## DOUBLE "T" \$IZZLER CONTEST

WHEN DURING OUR 100th ANNIVERSARY WILL IT BE 100 DEGREES?

WRITE YOUR GUESS ON THE DATE AND TIME THE TEMPERATURE WILL REACH 100 DEGREES ON A POSTCARD AND MAIL IT TO THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DANVILLE.

**\$100 SAVINGS ACCOUNT To Closest Estimate**

**\$10 SAVINGS ACCOUNTS To Next 3 Closest**

### OFFICIAL "SIZZLER" RULES

#### —ENTRIES—

1. Anyone can enter, except employees of The First National Bank and their families, there is no fee, nothing to buy. You do not have to be a patron of the bank to enter or win.
2. All entries must come into the bank on a postcard, giving your estimate of the date and the minute when the temperature will first hit 100 degrees in Danville, Indiana, this summer. Writing must be legible. Postcard must bear sender's name and address.
3. You may enter as many times as you wish, but each estimate must be on a separate postcard.
4. Postcards must be received at the bank at least 24 hours prior to the time estimated for the first 100 degrees.
5. In the event of a tie, the first prize will go to the entry received the earliest.
6. The First National Bank is not responsible for entries which are lost in the mails or misplaced.

#### —JUDGING—

1. Official source for the minute when the temperature first reaches 100 degrees in Danville, Indiana, for purposes of the Sizzler will be the Double "T" Time and Temperature display on the corner of The First National Bank Building at Main and Washington streets.
2. The Clock has been wired to stop when the temperature reaches 100 degrees on its thermometer. The display will continue to flash the minute the 100 degrees was attained, until bank officials have it recalibrated.
3. Judges will be the officials of The First National Bank of Danville. Their decision will be final.

## The First National Bank of Danville

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It's Our  
**100th Anniversary**  
 We Are  
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 Paying



**3%**

Interest Per Annum  
 on  
 Savings Accounts

**Will be Paid 4 Times a Year**

January 1

April 1

July 1

October 1

OUR NEW RATE IS THE MAXIMUM RATE  
 WE ARE PERMITTED TO PAY BY INDIANA  
 LAW.

*The First National Bank*  
 of Danville

**\$ 100**  
 For **100°**

**Have You Entered Our  
 Sizzler Contest?**

Just send a postcard with the  
 date and time you think our  
 Double "T" sign will register 100  
 degrees. Don't forget your name  
 and address:

Mail To

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK  
 OF  
 DANVILLE



THE REPUBLICAN  
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 Danville, Indiana  
 August 8, 1963.

**Saturday Was  
 A Local Sizzler**

The First National Bank of Danville began to get warm, too, Saturday, when their thermometer almost made the 100 degree mark.

The thermometer reached 97 degrees at 2:23 p.m.

The bank is "sweating out" a Sizzler Contest in which they will pay \$100 for 100 degrees. All you have to do is send a post card with the date and time you think their Time & Temperature sign will register 100 degrees.

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# GAZETTE

Thursday, September 12, 1963

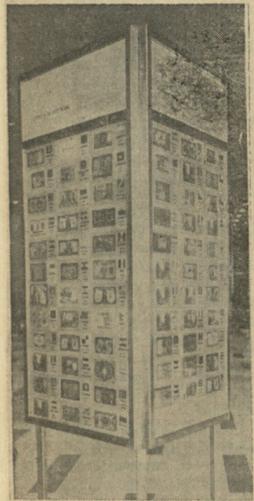
**GOT YOURS?**

**NOTICE!**  
 admit one guest to the  
**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**  
 First National Bank of Danville  
 Hendricks County Fairgrounds - Tues., Sept. 24  
 Picnic Supper Served 4:30-6 PM ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWING

Just ask any member of  
**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

## First National Bank to Show Displays for 100th Anniversary

Two unusual exhibits will be on display in the lobby of the First National Bank of Danville, beginning Monday in connection



with observance of the firm's 100th anniversary September 24. Currency of the 104 members of the United Nations is shown in one display. The other, a

machine called the "Counterfeiteller" challenges the viewer to distinguish between counterfeit and genuine currency.

Customers and friends of the bank are expected to view the exhibits as they receive tickets for the bank's centennial celebration, to be presented at the County 4-H Fairgrounds Tuesday, September 24. Complete plans for the picnic supper and entertainment, which will follow, will be announced next week, according to President L. J. Arnold.

The UN currency display, shown above, has been assembled by the First National City Bank of New York and includes currency from both the free world and iron curtain countries.

According to Mr. Arnold, display visitors will learn that the U. S. Dollar is used two places other than the United States. Both Liberia and Panama circulate U. S. currency. School children are also expected to be interested in the specimens.

The "Counterfeiteller" is a machine showing seven samples of both counterfeit and genuine currency, with red and black

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## First National

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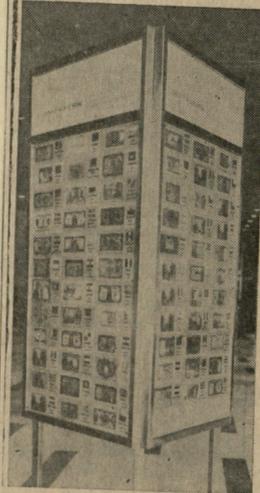
buttons opposite each bill. If the viewer thinks the bill is genuine, the black button is pressed. If he thinks it is counterfeit, the red button is pressed. If the correct selection is made, a green light flashes and a bell rings; and if the wrong guess is made, a red light flashes and a buzzer sounds.

The unique machine is being shown here by special arrangement with the Continental Illinois Bank and Trust Company of Chicago.

# Republican.

Danville, Indiana, Thursday, September 12, 1963.

## Currency Display



This unusual display of currency from the 104 members of the United Nations will be featured in the lobby of the First National Bank of Danville beginning next week.

Do you have your ticket to our Centennial party?



Mr. F. Brewer Hadley picks up his complimentary tickets from Cashier Will Eggers

Be our guest. On Tuesday, September 24, we'll be 100 years old. Come help us celebrate.

Join us at the Fairgrounds at 4:00 p.m. We'll have plenty of entertainment, door prizes, food and fun.

A picnic style dinner will be served from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. See you then.

All you'll need is a ticket. And every First National staff member has a good supply. Just ask.



DANVILLE, INDIANA

Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

# Republican.

Danville, Indiana, Thursday, September 19, 1963.

## First National To Celebrate 100th

Officers and personnel of the First National Bank of Danville were completing arrangements today to play host to more than 1,500 customers and friends at the bank's gala centennial celebration, Tuesday, in the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds.

The anniversary celebration will be conducted exactly 100 years to the day of the bank's founding on September 24, 1863, L. J. Arnold, president, pointed out.

A highlight of the celebration will be presentation of a copy of the bank's original charter to Mr. Arnold by F. H. Ellis of Cleveland, chief national bank examiner, Fourth National Bank Region. The charter was authorized and signed during President Lincoln's administration by the first comptroller of the currency, Hugh McCulluch.

The program for the celebration will include a picnic supper featuring barbecue and Coney Island sandwiches, followed by entertainment by radio and television personalities on the stage of the 4-H Fairgrounds amphitheatre.

Supper will be served beginning at 4:30 p.m., with the stage show scheduled for 7:00 p.m. There will also be informal entertainment during the supper hour.

An additional feature of the program will be the awarding during the evening of a \$100 savings account and five \$20 savings accounts to winners selected from those attending.

Headlining the stage program will be the Hoosier Briarhoppers, an outstanding group of teen-age dancers well known throughout the Midwest for their television performances. They will present a fast moving performance of novelty and square dances.

Featured within the Briarhoppers are the Hoosierettes, four girls doing novelty dances; the Teen Taps, a quartet of young men with unusual tap dancing routines, and the Acro-Teens, a boy and girl acrobatic team specializing in precision dances.

Also featured in the show will be Jackie Belmont, who gives an unusual performance spinning beautifully illuminated metal hoops and large spools which shoot out colored flame effects.

Chicki Hopkins, versatile comedian, singer and guitarist, will serve as master of ceremonies for the show.

The well-known Tom Moriarty Trio, instrumental and vocal combination frequently seen on Midwest television shows, will provide supper music and entertainment, and also provide accompaniment for the stage show.

Special arrangements are being made to handle traffic and parking at the fairgrounds, Tuesday, Mr. Arnold said. State police and deputy sheriffs will assist motorists turning into the fairgrounds and Civil Defense personnel will assist with parking.

President Arnold said the centennial celebration, possibly the largest gathering of its kind ever held in Hendricks County, is being conducted to say "thank you" to the bank's thousands of customers and friends whose support through the years has contributed so much to its long and successful existence.

### The Hoosier Briarhoppers . . . .



The Hoosier Briarhoppers, a talented group of teen-age dancers frequently seen on television, will be one of the top entertainment attractions at the centennial celebration of the First National Bank of Danville, Tuesday at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds.

### Counting The Dollars . . . .



To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First National Bank of Danville, founded in 1863, Mrs. Frances Dean, teller, counts out 1863 silver dollars which are being put into circulation this week through Danville business firms. First National celebrates its centennial Tuesday.



## 100 Years Ago Next Tuesday...

the First National Bank of Danville was founded. We assembled several old photographs, and duplicated them as they would appear today.

Copies will be available at the Bank, and at our Centennial Celebration next Tuesday at the Fairgrounds. The party starts at 4:00 pm... picnic dinner from 4:30 to 6:00 pm... door prizes... entertainment! Be our guest. Get your complimentary tickets from any member of our staff.



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# GAZETTE

Thursday, September 19, 1963

## First National Bank of Danville To Celebrate Centennial Next Tuesday

Final plans for the centennial celebration of the First National Bank of Danville next Tuesday, are being completed by officers and personnel of the bank this week.

More than 1,500 customers and friends are expected to at-

tend the bank's celebration at the Hendricks county 4-H fairgrounds, east of Danville.

Bank President L. J. Arnold said the anniversary celebration is being held exactly 100 years to the day from the bank's formal organization on September 24, 1863.

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A Lot of Loose Silver

Silver Dollars will be plentiful in Danville during the centennial celebration of the First National Bank next week. To commemorate organization of the local bank in 1863, Mrs. Frances Dean, teller, prepares 1863 silver dollars for distribution this week to Danville business firms.

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Thursday, September 19, 1963



To Entertain Bank Guests

Guests of the First National Bank of Danville at its centennial celebration next Tuesday will be entertained by the Hoosier Briarhoppers, a talented group of teen-age dancers. The celebration will be at the Hendricks county 4-H fairgrounds, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

HAPPY  
**BIRTHDAY**  
To The  
**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
of Danville  
100 YEARS OLD  
Next Tuesday  
**HOUSE OF HADLEY**  
DANVILLE

Congratulations to

## The First National Bank

Of Danville

on its **100th**

# ANNIVERSARY

Danville Chamber of Commerce is proud to offer its congratulations to the First National Bank of Danville on the anniversary of its 100 years of service to the community and its residents. Its continuing desire to provide more and better service to its patrons is in keeping with the spirit which looks to the future.

**Danville Chamber of Commerce**

Congratulations  
to  
**THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK**  
OF DANVILLE  
on its  
**100th BIRTHDAY**

Citizens  
Savings & Loan  
Association



6 South Jefferson St.

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Danville

# GAZETTE

Thursday, September 26, 1963

# Republican.

Danville, Indiana, Thursday, September 26, 1963.

## Large Crowd Attends Bank's Centennial Celebration

More than 3,500 men, women and children were guests of the First National Bank of Danville when it celebrated its 100th anniversary with a big party at the Hendricks county 4-H Fairgrounds Tuesday evening.

Barbecue sandwiches, coney islands and all the trimmings flowed freely as the large crowd convened on the fairgrounds to help the bank celebrate the occasion in recognition of its centennial.

Bank personnel, attired in 1863 clothing, and members of the Board of Directors, their wives and husbands, were on hand to greet the guests as they arrived and received name tags.

Following the dinner, members of the Board, their wives and husbands were introduced by L. J. Arnold, bank president. One of the highlights of the evening was presentation of a copy of the bank's original charter by F. H. Ellis, Cleveland, Chief National Bank Examiner, Fourth National Bank Region, Mr. Ellis also commended the local bank on its service and achievement during the 100-year span.

Floyd Hadley, president of the Danville Chamber of Commerce, presented a plaque to Mr. Arnold from the Chamber, in recognition of the bank's service to the community.

Entertainment for the evening was presented by Chiki Hopkins, the Tom Moriarty Trio, Jackie Belmont and the Hoosier Briarhoppers.

Following the entertainment a \$100 savings account, and five \$20 savings accounts were awarded as prizes. Brenda Lydick, Coatesville, won the \$100 prize. Receiving \$20 savings accounts were Ethel Burnell, Mrs. Noble Dinsmore, May-Belle Spencer, Mrs. Mable Freeman and Robert E. Percy, all of Danville.



Receives Charter Copy

L. J. Arnold, (left) president of the First National Bank, Danville, received a copy of the bank's original charter from F. H. Ellis, Chief National Bank Examiner, Fourth National Bank Region, during the anniversary party Tuesday evening. The charter was authorized by the first comptroller of currency, Hugh McCulloch in 1863. (Gazette Photo)



Gets C of C Plaque

Floyd Hadley (right) presented a plaque to Bank President L. J. Arnold during the First National Bank's 100th birthday party Tuesday evening. Hadley, president of the Danville Chamber of Commerce, presented the plaque from the Chamber of Commerce, in recognition of the bank's 100 years of service to the community. (Gazette Photo)



100 Years Old Tuesday

Employees of the First National Bank of Danville reported for work Tuesday morning, attired in the styles of 1863, in observance of the bank's 100th birthday Tuesday. Shown above in front of the bank are (left to right) Front Row: Marjorie N. Poer, Lucille Pedigo, Grace M. Graham, Frances L. Dean, Ruth I. Hayes and Mary Frances Ashby; Back Row: Willard Eggers, Henry Clark, Sondra K. Fritsche, Esther Gerking, M. L. Davison and L. J. Arnold. Not shown is Carlene Sheckley. (Gazette Photo)



Right in Style

Nellie Mae Moran, Danville, attended the called meeting of the First National Bank Tuesday in old-fashioned attire. In keeping with the 100th anniversary of the bank, Mrs. Moran, a stockholder in the bank, was at home with the employees who were costumed for the occasion. (Gazette Photo)

## Shareholders Vote A 5-1 Stock Split At First National

Commemorating the centennial of The First National Bank of Danville, the shareholders, Tuesday morning, voted an increase in the bank's capital stock by issuing a 100 percent stock dividend with a 5 to 1 stock split.

The bank's capital stock was increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000 by issuance of the dividend which changes the par value of the stock from \$100.00 to \$20.00 or the 5 to 1 split.

Tuesday, all bank employees and personnel were gayly attired in costumes of the 1863 vintage. The costumes were also worn during the evening when the bank greeted approximately 3,500 friends at the picnic supper at Hendricks County Fairgrounds and an evening of entertainment.

A highlight of the evening was the presentation of a copy of the bank's original charter to President L. J. Arnold by F. H. Ellis of Cleveland, Ohio, chief national bank examiner, Fourth National Bank Re-

gion. The charter was signed by the first comptroller of the currency, Hugh McCulloch, during President Lincoln's administration.

Guests were entertained by the Hoosier Briarhoppers, Chiki Hopkins, and the Tom Moriarty Trio.

Floyd Hadley, president of the Danville Chamber of Commerce, presented President Arnold with a plaque from the Chamber upon the celebration of the centennial.

## Gives Bank President Plaque



Floyd Hadley (right), president of the Danville Chamber of Commerce, presents a plaque from the local C. of C. to L. J. Arnold (left), president of The First National Bank, Tuesday night, at the bank's highly successful 100th anniversary picnic supper at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. The plaque commends the bank upon 100 years of continued confidence and service to the community.

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## Editorials

### Thanks for Saying "Thanks"

A 100th birthday is not celebrated everyday, so it is appropriate to wish a Happy Birthday for the First National Bank of Danville, which observed 100 years of existence this week.

Organized in 1863, the First National Bank is a part of the history of our community and county. Unwilling to remain a part of the past, the directors and officers of the bank have guided it through the years, always striving to provide more service for its patrons.

It is appropriate to congratulate the bank on its 100 years of service, but more important, we wish for its continued success as it begins the 101st year of business.

Also, we feel it proper for the community to express its thanks to the bank for saying "thanks," with its big anniversary party.

**NOTICE!**  
admit one guest to the  
**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**  
First National Bank of Danville  
Hendricks County Fairgrounds - Tues., Sept. 24  
Picnic Supper Served 4:30-6 PM ENTERTAINMENT FOLLOWING



## INDIANA Business and Industry

A Monthly Magazine Devoted To Advance Business and Industrial Growth, Development and Expansion In Indiana

October, 1963

### Danville First National Bank Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The First National Bank of Danville, Indiana, recently celebrated the bank's 100th anniversary. The outdoor celebration, which took place at the Hendricks County 4-H fairgrounds, was attended by over 3,500 customers and friends of the bank. The celebration climaxed two months of preparation and promotional activity on the part of the bank officials and staff.

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• Indiana News •

NOVEMBER, 1963



Staff of First Nat'l, Danville, dressed in 1860 costumes as part of celebration of bank's centennial. L. J. Arnold, pres., is at right in back row.

### First National of Danville Observes 100th Anniversary With Celebration for 3,500

DANVILLE—A giant outdoor celebration recently marked First National's 100th anniversary. More than 3,500 persons were served a picnic supper and entertained with a professional stage show at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds. Among the highlights were the presentation to President L. J. Arnold of a copy of the bank's original charter by F. H. Ellis of Cleveland, chief national bank examiner for the Fourth District, and awarding of a plaque to the bank for "100 years of service to the community" by Floyd Hadley, president, Danville Chamber of Commerce.

Preparations for the centennial observance included publication of a 16-page, three-color brochure detailing



L. J. Arnold (l.), pres., First Nat'l, Danville, receives copy of bank's original charter from F. H. Ellis, Cleveland, chief nat'l bank examiner, Fourth District, during bank's centennial celebration. Mr. Arnold wears swallow-tailed coat, fancy vest and striped pants, popular in 1860s.

the bank's growth and history. Copies were given to guests at the celebration, as were lucky pennies, ash trays and balloons. Also given away were five \$20 savings accounts and one for \$100.

Mr. Arnold and his staff wore 1860 costumes during banking hours and throughout the centennial festivities.

The week before the anniversary party, First National distributed 1,863 silver dollars to Danville business firms, circulation of which called attention to the centennial. Special bank-lobby displays and local newspaper stories also spotlighted the milestone.

The bank's stockholders helped celebrate by approving a 100% stock dividend, increasing capital from \$100,000 to \$200,000. They also approved a stock split, changing par value from \$100 to \$20.

OCTOBER, 1963

### Centennial Observance Is Held by First National of Danville

DANVILLE — First National held a gala celebration September 24 in honor of its 100th anniversary. The bank was host to a giant party for customers and friends at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds.

The bank was organized just as the Civil War reached its half-way mark. Simon T. Hadley was president and Samuel P. Foote cashier. A fellow Hoosier, Hugh McCulluck, just recently appointed by President Lincoln to the new post of Comptroller of the Currency, granted the new bank its charter. First National was authorized to open for business December 11, 1863.

The first quarterly statement, issued early in 1864, listed deposits of more than \$41,000. At year-end 1962, they totaled \$5.2 million.

Ten men have followed Mr. Hadley as president, including the incumbent, L. J. Arnold, who was elected to the post in 1959. The bank has been in its present location since 1887, but the quarters have been remodeled many times to keep pace with growth and expanded customer services.

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### FNB of Danville Turns Back the Clock To Celebrate Founding 100 Years Ago



**A Century Ago** Employees and staff of First National Bank of Danville, Ind., celebrated the bank's 100th anniversary recently in style—1863 style. Everyone came to work in the dress of a century ago. Shown in front of the bank, from left, front row, Marjorie N. Poer, Lucille Pedigo, Grace M. Graham, Frances L. Dean, Ruth I. Hayes and Mary Frances Ashby; back row, Willard Eggers, Henry Clark, Sondra K. Fritsche, Esther Gerking, M. L. Davisson and L. J. Arnold, president.

DANVILLE, Ind. — More than 3,500 customers and friends of First National Bank of Danville turned out for a giant outdoor celebration recently to help L. J. Arnold, president, his staff and directors observe the bank's 100th anniversary.

The celebration at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds, 100 years to the day from formal organization of the bank in 1863, ended two months of preparation.

Features included presentation to Mr. Arnold of a copy of the bank's original charter by F. H. Ellis, of Cleveland, chief national bank examiner, Fourth National Bank District, and of a plaque for "100 years of service to the community" by Floyd Hadley, president of the

Danville Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations also were received from Gov. Matthew E. Welsh, Cong. Richard L. Roudebush, whose district includes Danville, and Sen. Vance Hartke.

Mr. Arnold and his staff wore appropriate costumes of the 1860's during banking hours and throughout the centennial festivities.

The week before, the bank distributed 1,863 silver dollars to Danville business firms. Special displays in the bank lobby also were arranged.

### Bank's First Charter

L. J. Arnold, president, gets copy of First National Bank of Danville's first charter, issued in 1863, from F. H. Ellis, chief national bank examiner, fourth national bank district.



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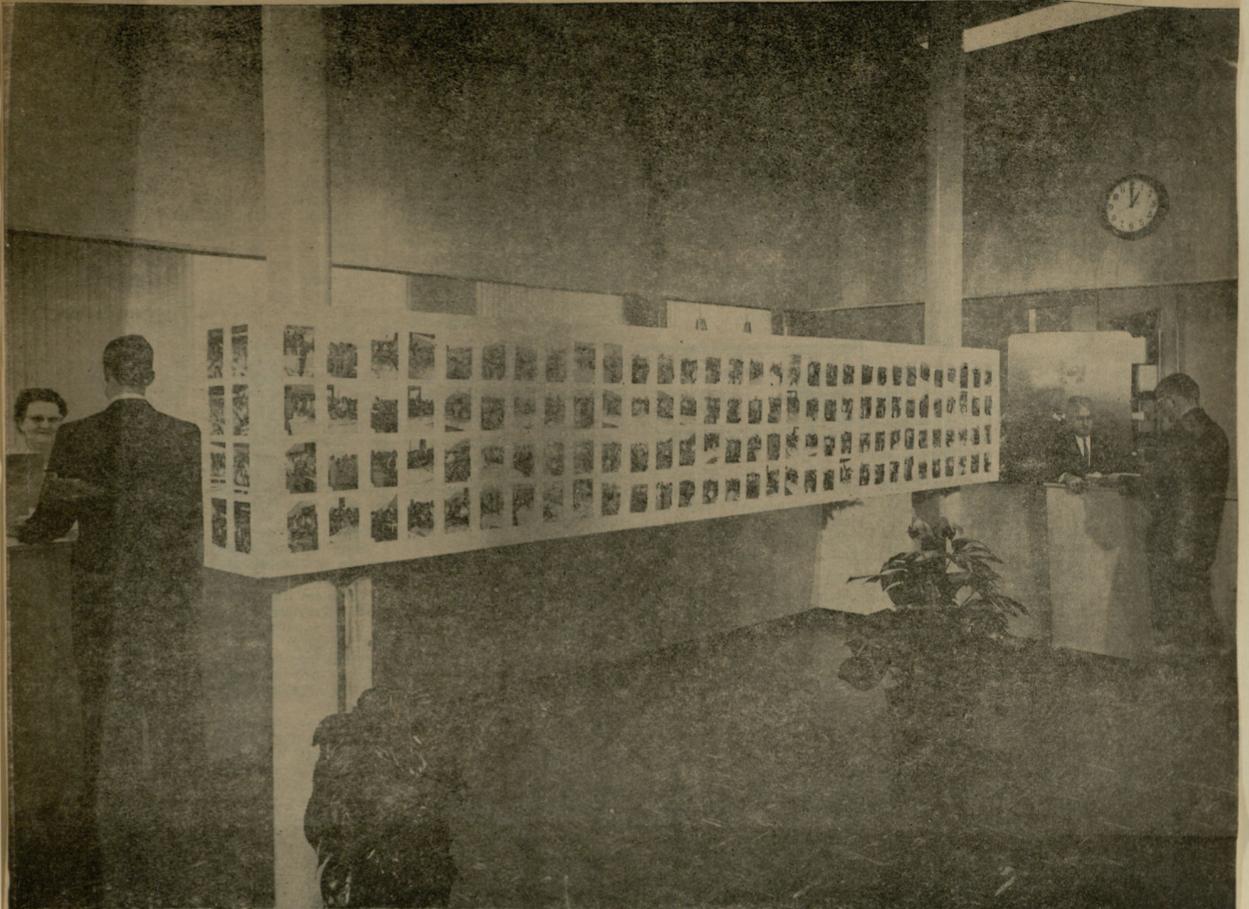
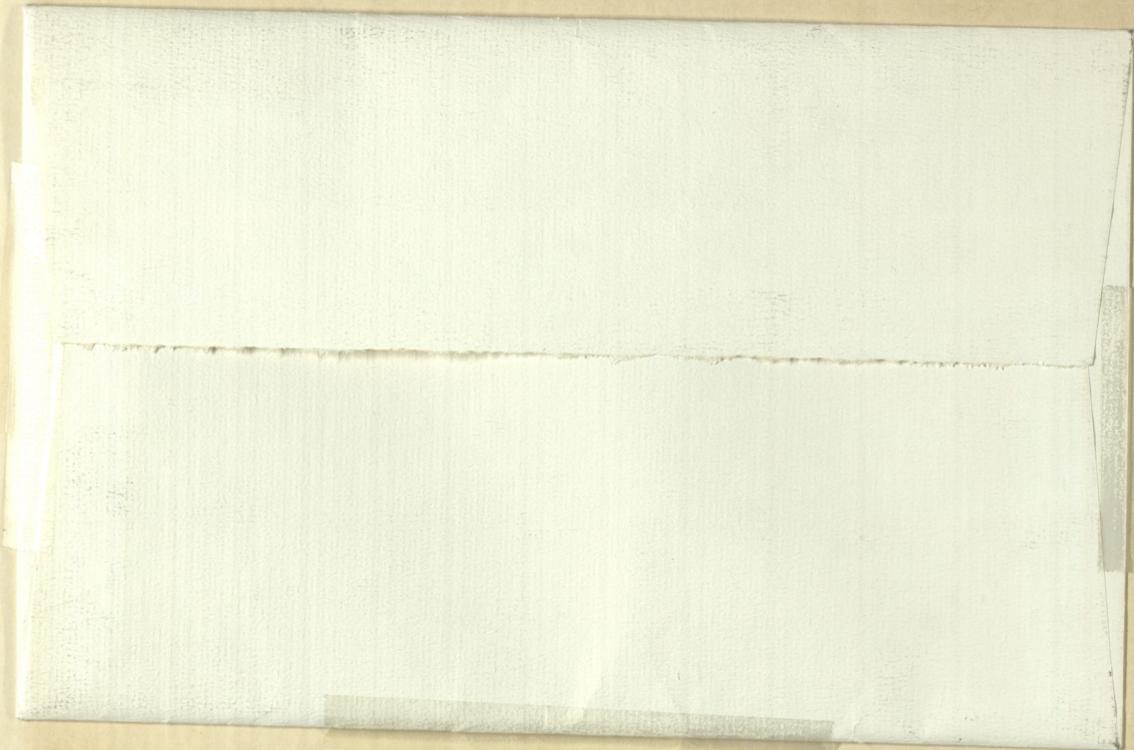
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## We have 259 photos of . . .

you and your neighbors. They are pretty convincing proof that you had a good time (we certainly did!) helping celebrate

## Our 100th birthday . . .

at the Fairgrounds a week ago Tuesday. There's just one great big unfinished matter before we start our second century of service, and that's to say

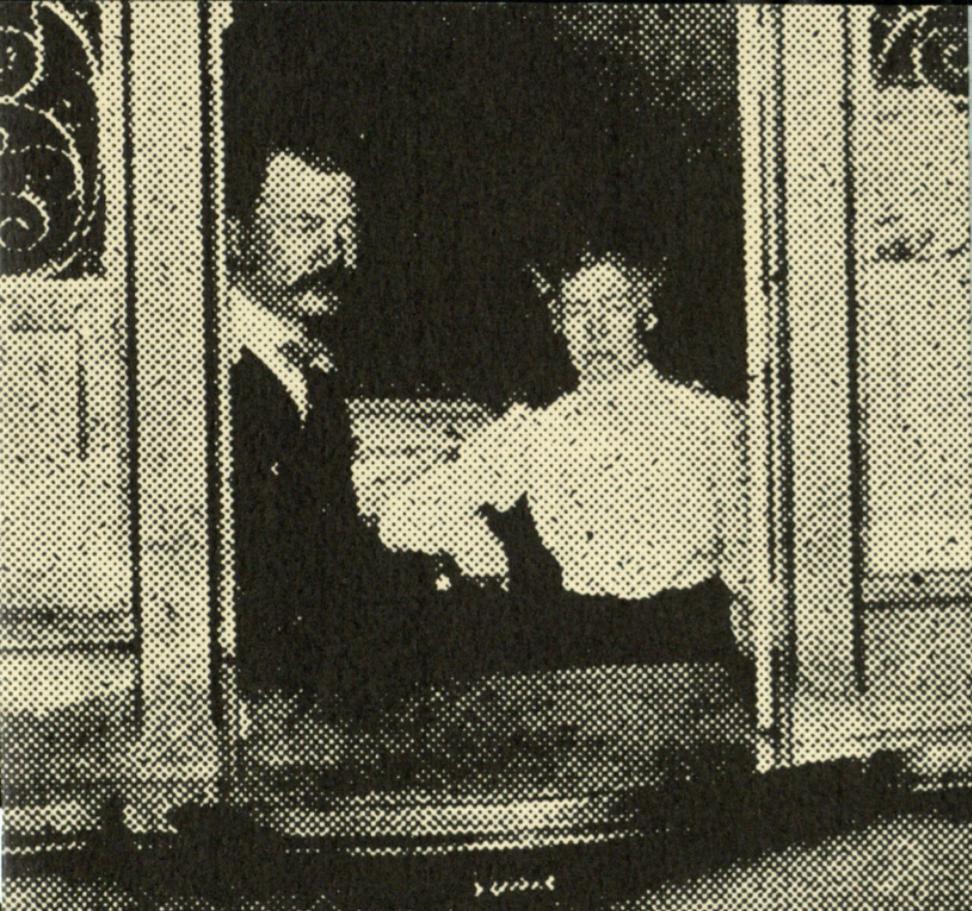
## Thanks to Everyone . . .

who helped make this the most exciting and memorable day in our history. Incidentally, duplicate prints of any of the photos on display in our lobby are available for your own scrapbook.



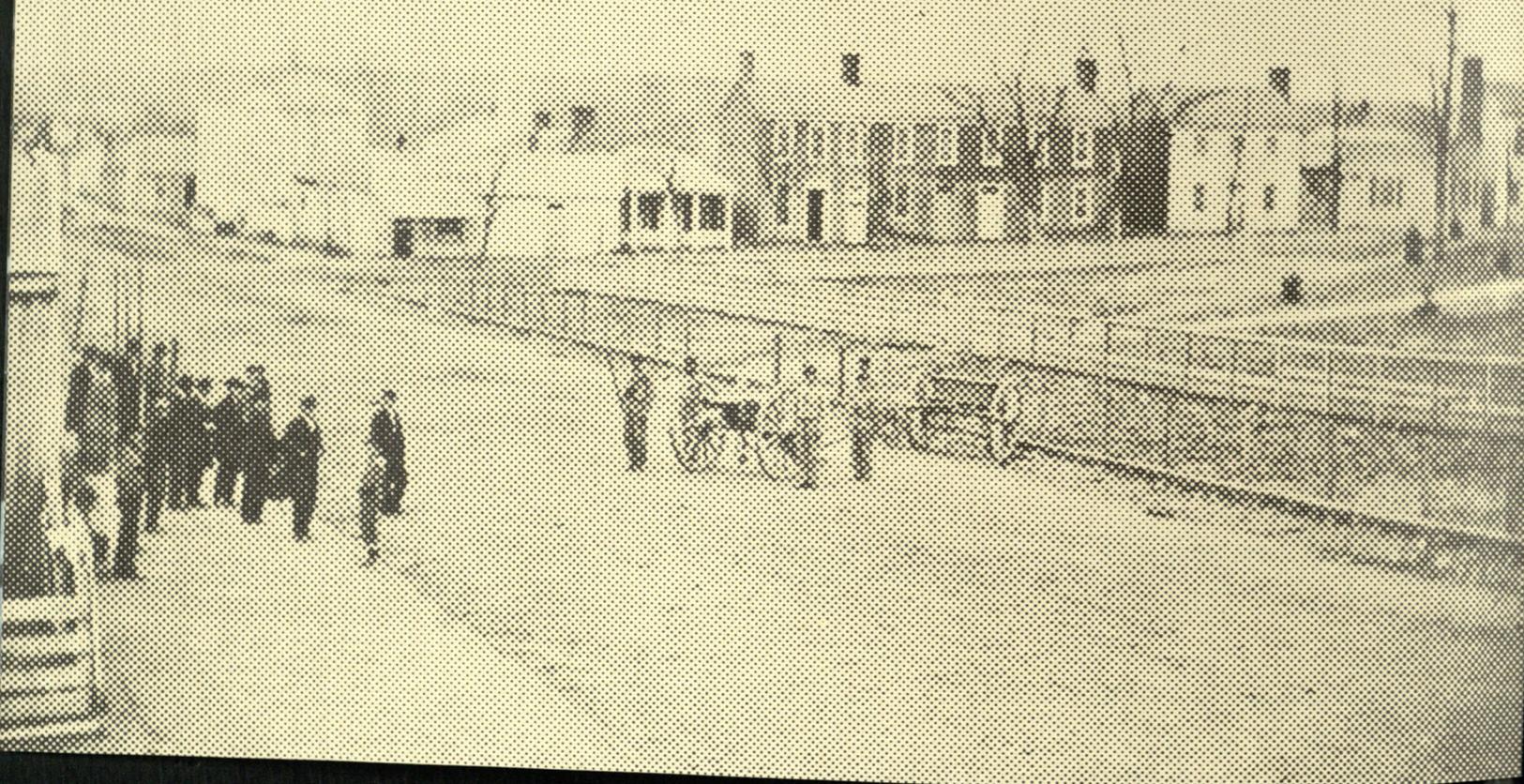
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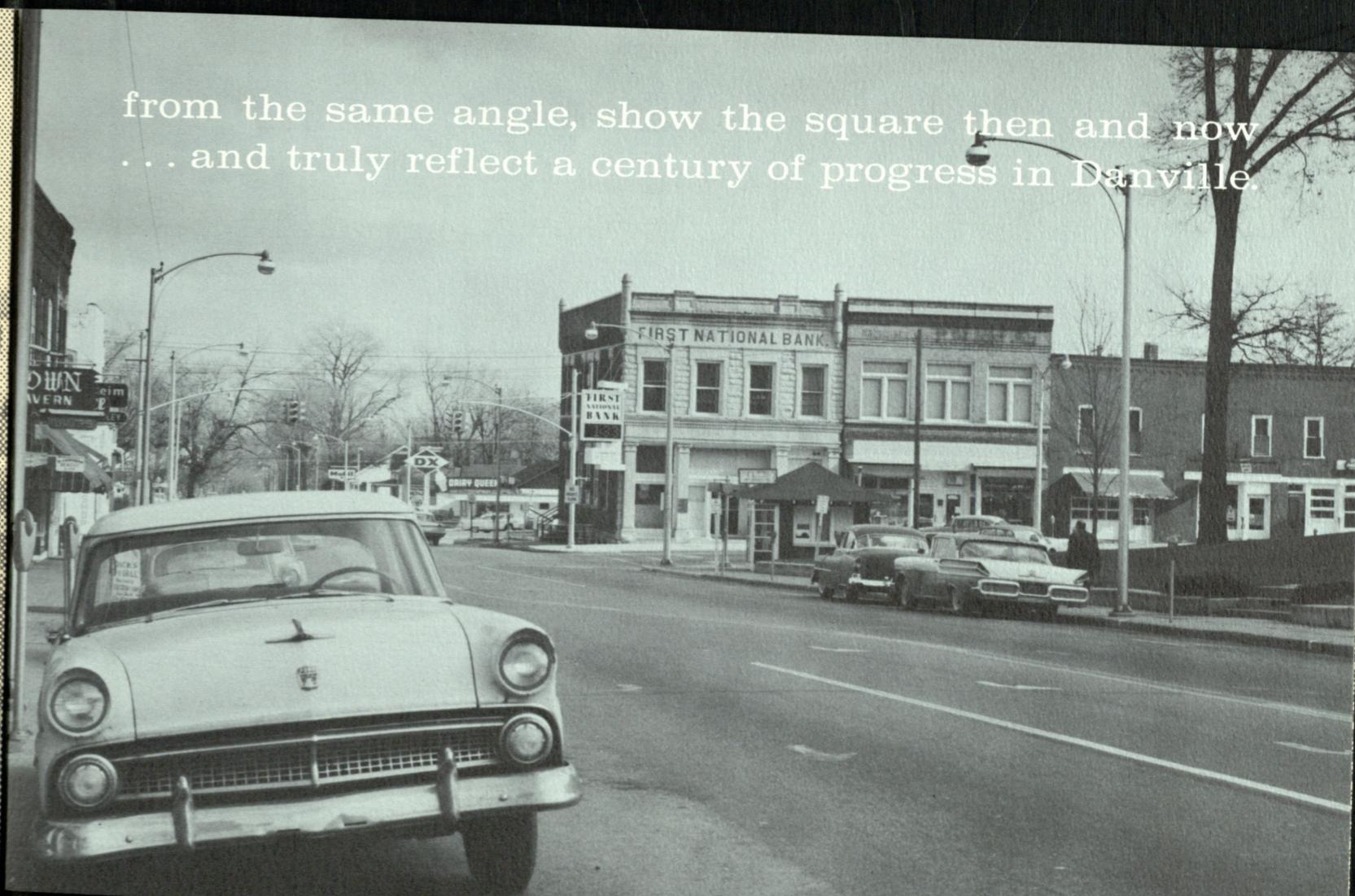


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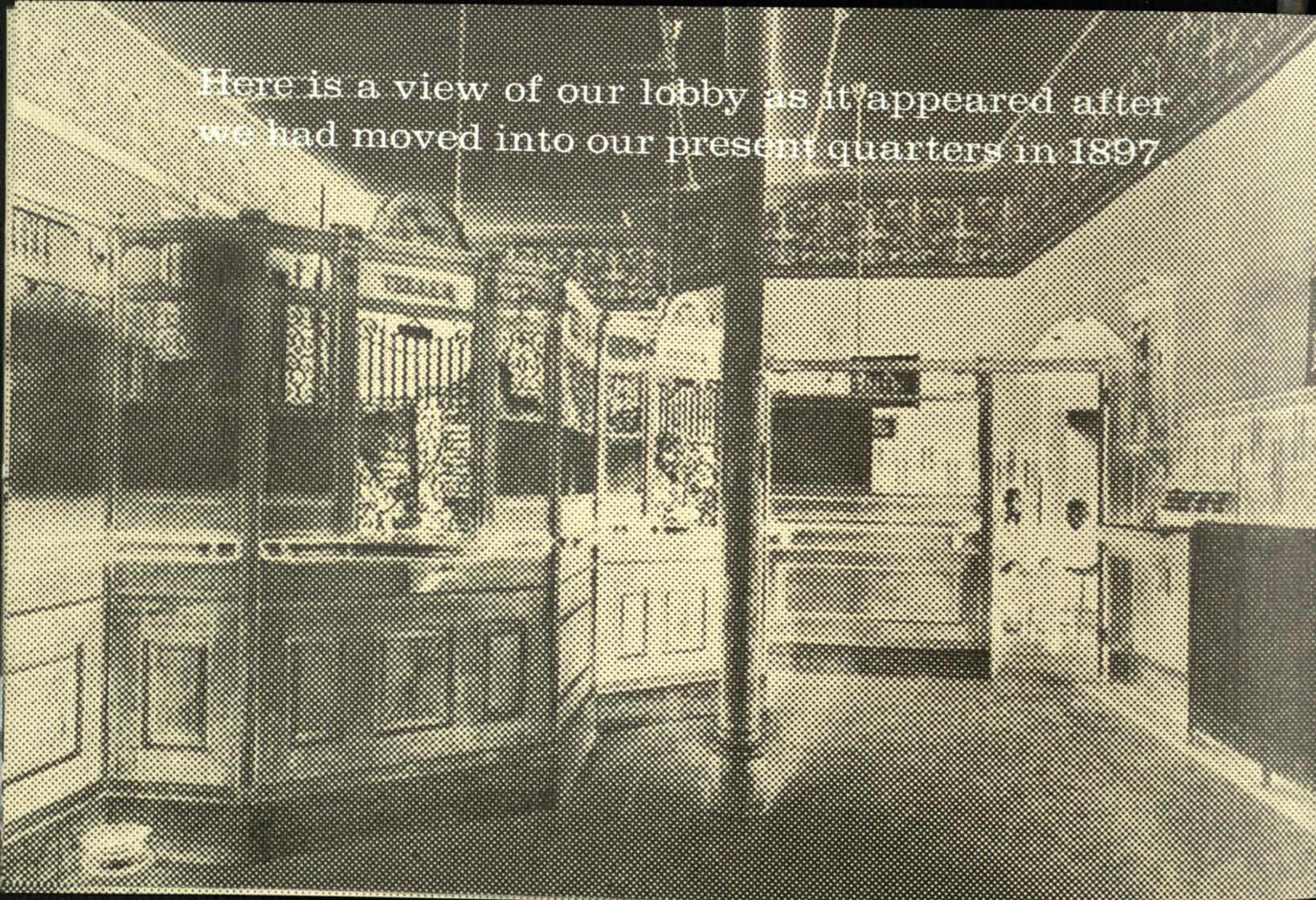
During the Civil War, Union soldiers trained in what is now Danville's town square. These two photos, taken



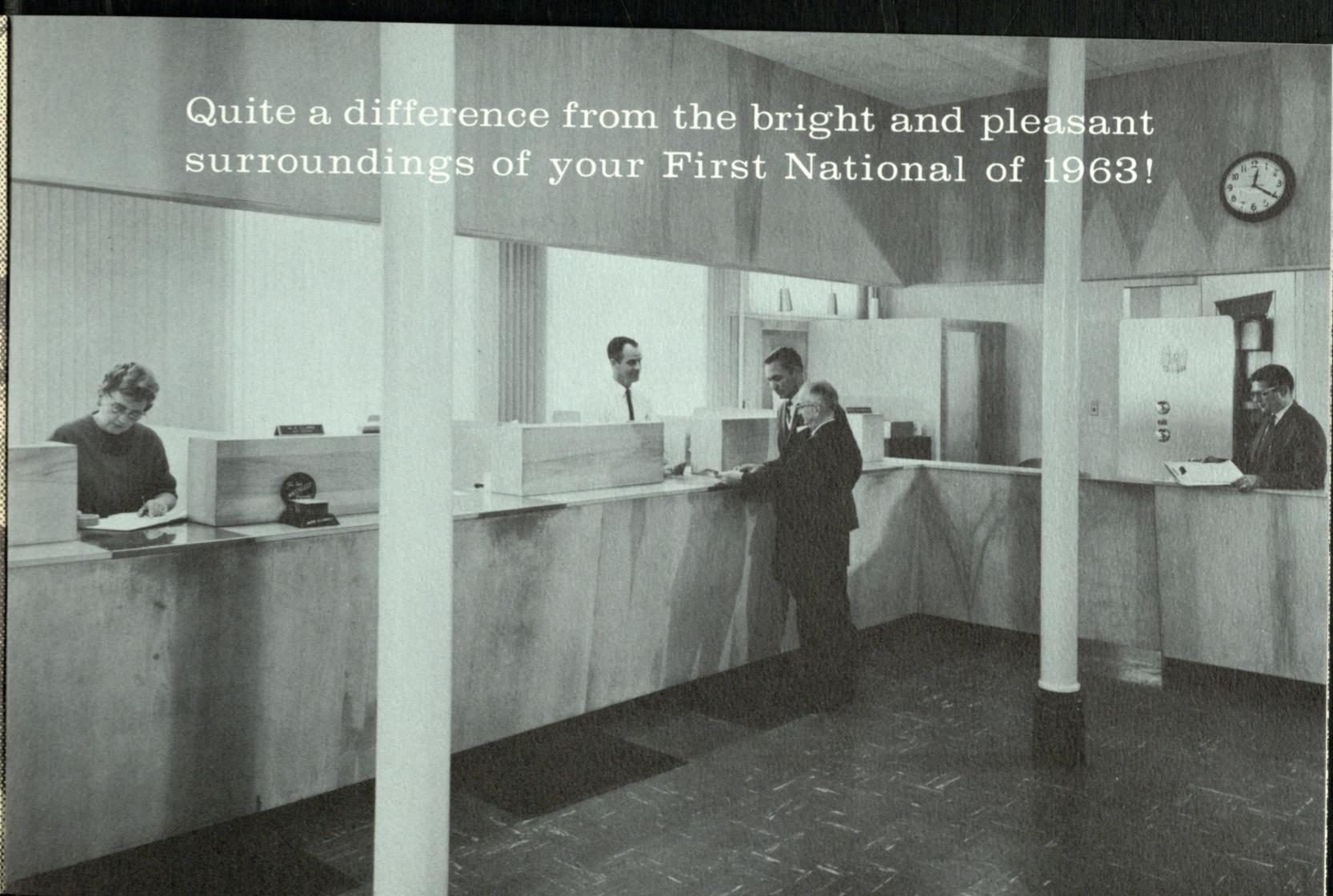
from the same angle, show the square then and now ... and truly reflect a century of progress in Danville.



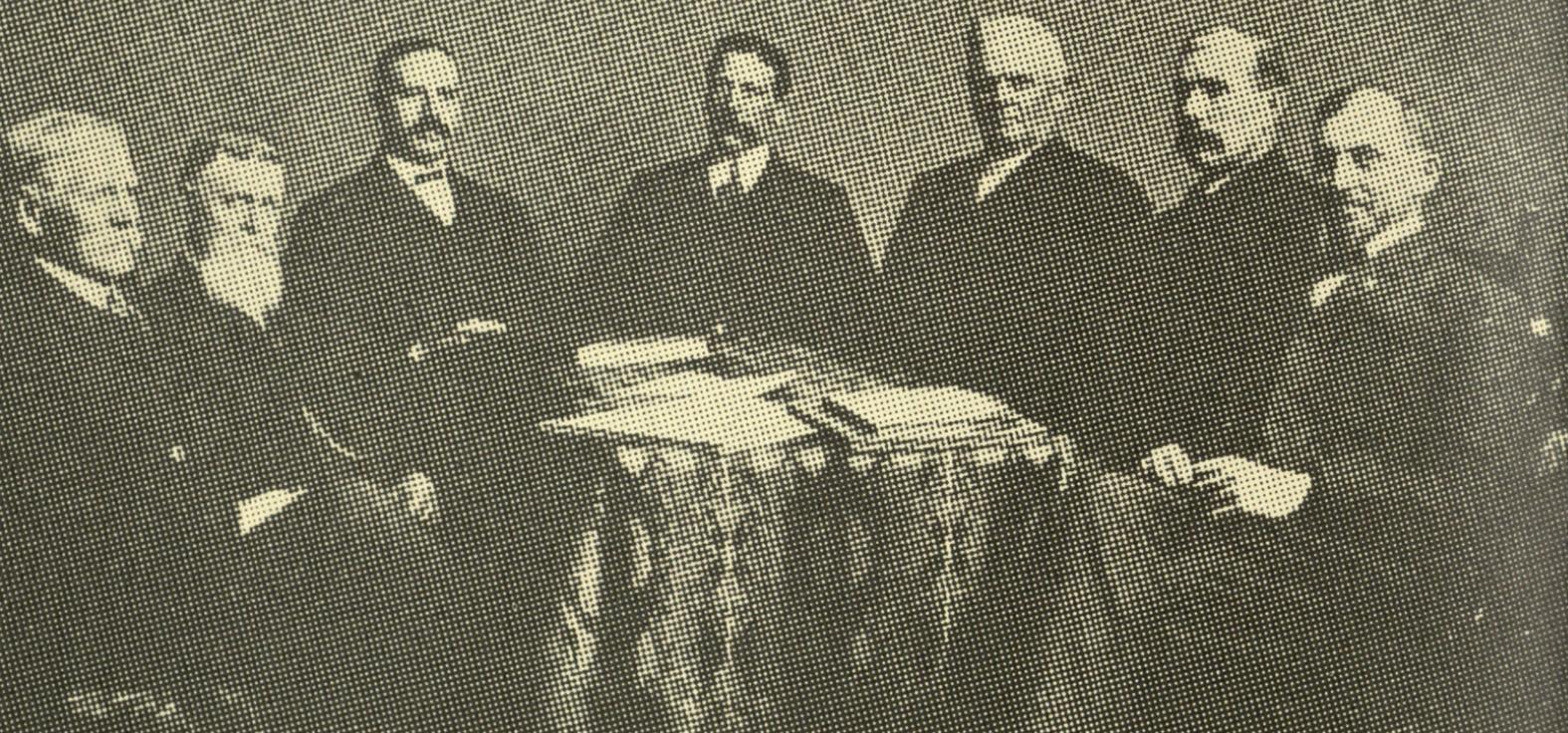
Here is a view of our lobby as it appeared after we had moved into our present quarters in 1897.



Quite a difference from the bright and pleasant surroundings of your First National of 1963!



First National has been very fortunate in attracting Directors whose dedication to furthering the economic



Our 1904 Directors: Cyrus Osborne, A. B. Smith, W. C. Osborne, Mord Carter, Thomas J. Miles, M. T. Hunter and F. B. Richards

well-being of our entire community has naturally resulted in solid, consistent growth for the Bank.



Today's Board: Amos Harvey, C. Rawleigh Baker, Robert H. King, Joe Stevenson, L. J. Arnold, W. F. Franklin, E. J. Roberts and Charles G. Miles

# A Century of Growth

## FIRST QUARTERLY STATEMENT MADE APRIL 1, 1864

### RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts . . . . .	\$20,974.31
Indebtedness of the Directors of this Association . . . . .	1,000.00
Due from Banks and Bankers . . . . .	1,409.70
Due from National Banks in Cincinnati . . . . .	1,011.45
Specie and other lawful money of the U. S. . . . .	28,469.62
Cash Items and Revenue Stamps . . . . .	82.00
Bills of Solvent Banks . . . . .	615.00
U. S. Bonds Deposited with Treasurer U. S. . . . .	31,000.00
U. S. Bonds on hand . . . . .	2,000.00
Furniture and Fixtures . . . . .	1,343.60
Expense . . . . .	584.56
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$88,490.24</b>

### LIABILITIES

Capital Stock . . . . .	\$46,613.82
Profit and Loss . . . . .	409.70
Due Depositors on Demand . . . . .	41,466.72
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$88,490.24</b>

## STATEMENT OF CONDITION AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1962

### RESOURCES

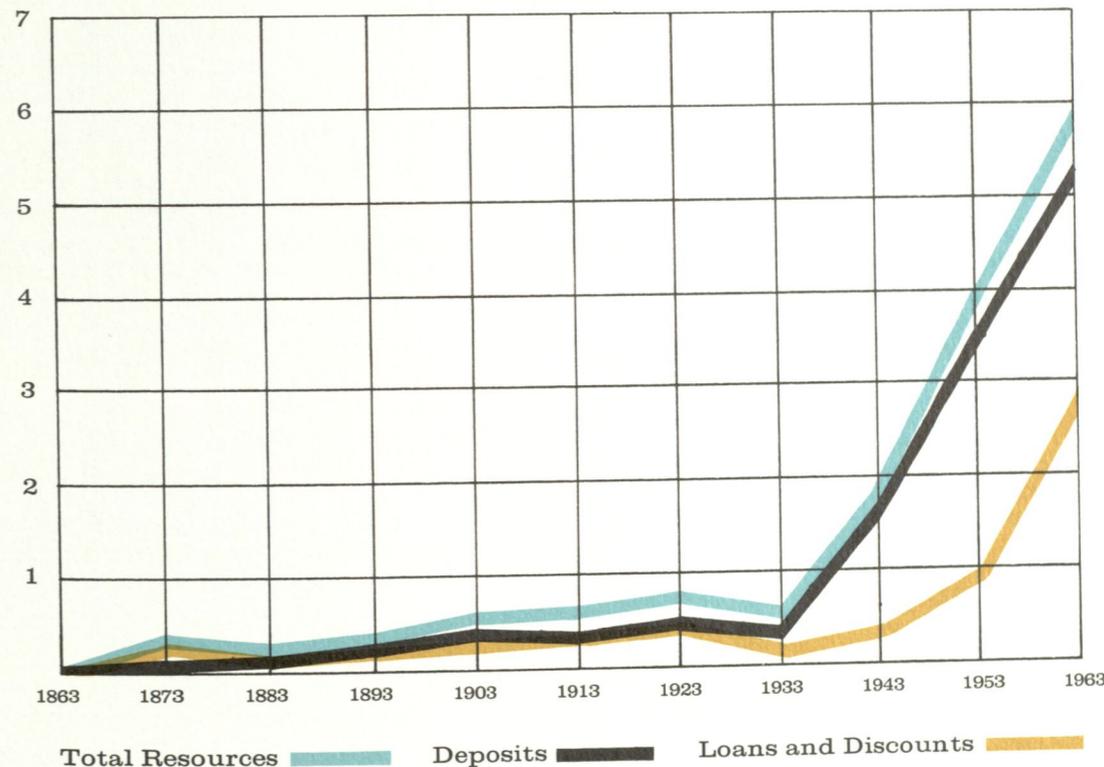
Cash and Due from Banks . . . . .	\$1,106,495.16
U. S. Government Securities . . . . .	1,596,891.81
Other Bonds and Securities . . . . .	217,814.67
Federal Reserve Bank Stock . . . . .	12,000.00
Loans and Discounts (Less Reserve) . . . . .	2,803,216.78
Banking House and Fixtures . . . . .	82,752.00
Other Resources . . . . .	3,018.15
<b>Total Resources . . . . .</b>	<b>\$5,822,188.57</b>
Trust Securities . . . . .	340,413.69
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$6,162,602.26</b>

### LIABILITIES

Demand Deposits . . . . .	\$3,498,831.77
Time Deposits . . . . .	1,735,466.87
<b>Total Deposits . . . . .</b>	<b>\$5,234,298.64</b>
Dividends . . . . .	5,000.00
Reserve for Taxes . . . . .	15,849.00
Income Collected—not earned . . . . .	56,677.00
Capital Stock . . . . .	100,000.00
Surplus Fund . . . . .	300,000.00
Undivided Profits . . . . .	110,363.93
<b>Total Liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>\$5,822,188.57</b>
Trust Investments . . . . .	340,413.69
<b>Total Bank and Trust Liabilities . . . . .</b>	<b>\$6,162,602.26</b>

First National is now more than 70 times larger than in 1863! However, we measure our true success by the millions of instances when we have been able to be of help to the individuals and business of our community.

MILLIONS



First National personnel are trained to be of maximum assistance in any financial matter. We're proud of our staff . . . and, judging from the number of civic endeavors in which our people participate, they are proud of Danville!

Back row, left to right: Mary Frances Ashby, Ruth I. Hayes, Sondra K. Fritsche, M. L. Davisson, Henry R. Clark, W. C. Eggers, Esther Gerking and Carlene Shockley. Front row, left to right: Lucille Pedigo, Grace M. Graham, L. J. Arnold, Marjorie N. Poer and Frances L. Dean.



Decisive battles of the Civil War were still ahead and Confederate General Morgan's bold cavalry raid into Southern Indiana was the topic of the day. Despite the troubled, uncertain times, Simon T. Hadley, Samuel Foote and their associates were determined to bring banking service to Hendricks County.

They succeeded. On September 24, 1863 the First National Bank of Danville was organized, one of the first under the 1863 National Currency Act and the 152nd chartered in the United States. Hadley became the first president, Foote the first cashier.

With capital of \$46,000 the First National opened its doors a short time later in quarters

only a few doors south of the present location.

And in 1897 First National settled down in a new building, its present home, remodeled many times since to keep pace with growth and expanded customer services.

The sturdy roots put down in early days, strengthened by a succession of able officers, enabled First National to stand firm through the years against the perilous financial winds which periodically swept the country. Not a dollar was ever lost by a depositor.

Those responsible are confident First National will continue to earn and deserve the respect and friendship of its customers as it begins a second century of service to Hendricks County.

## Danville, circa 1863





THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF DANVILLE • DANVILLE, INDIANA



MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

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Directors and Officers  
of  
Merchants National Bank  
& Trust Company  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Congratulations  
and Best Wishes  
THE DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS  
OF  
THE INDIANA NATIONAL BANK  
OF INDIANAPOLIS

  
Best Wishes  
Luther Poynter Insurance  
Agency

Best Wishes  
Ashburn, Kemper  
Thomas, Corp.,  
Johnnie & Janice Long  
Greencastle, Ind.

Congratulations  
  
Production  
Credit  
Association

The Officers  
of the  
Continental Illinois National Bank  
and Trust Company  
of Chicago

Directors and Officers  
**AMERICAN FLETCHER**  
NATIONAL BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

Congratulations  
  
Kincaid Sales  
and  
Service

Our Best Wishes for  
your next hundred  
years!  
Officers, Directors + Staff  
of  
Elston Bank & Trust Co.  
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Roberts Ford, Inc.

  
Best Wishes  
Stanley Sign Service

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Osborne, Kemper Thomas, Inc, Cincinnati 6, Ohio	-	Basket yellow mums, pink gladiolus and salmon carnations.
Citizens Savings & Loan	-	White mums, small yellow mums and yellow roses.
Stanley Sign Service	-	Vase red roses
American Fletcher Nat'l. Bank	-	Planter - Split philodendron, lavender orchids.
Directors & Staff Elston Bank & Tr. Crawfordsville, Ind.	-	White mums, pink carnations and gladiolus
Caldwell - Larkin & Sidener-Van Riper, Inc. 1100 Merchants Bank Bldg.,	-	Yellow and gold mums and yellow and white gladiolus.
Danville State Bank	-	Planter - Split leaf philodendron, red birds.
State Bank of Lizton Lizton, Indiana	-	Basket fruit, apples and grapes, and bird of paradise and mums.
Indiana National Bank Indianapolis 9, Indiana	-	Scales planter - philodendron, white orchid at top with green velvet ribbon
Danville Florist	-	Planter, mixed planting
John L. Koessler	-	Vase - red carnations and white mums
Danner Brothers Company 257 S. Meridian St.,	-	Large vase pink and lavender gladiolus and white and pink carnations
Kincaid Sales & Service Lizton, Indiana	-	White gladiolus, yellow mums and colored leaves
Poynter Insurance Agency	-	Philodendron totem pole.
Directors and Officers Merchants Nat'l. Bank Indianapolis, Indiana	-	Planter
Roberts Ford, Inc.	-	Vase white baby mums and large yellow mums
Harold and Susan Cook Mrs. Chas. Z. Cook Bertha Scence	-	Vase white and pink carnations
Continental Illinois National Bank & Trust	-	Porta Corpus, Shangra La Shop, LaGrange, Illinois
Apples	-	Wallace D. Trotter
Greencastle Production Credit Assoc.	-	Planter, mixed planting

Letters of Congratulations and Thanks

Hubert C. Morrison, President Elston Bank & Trust Co.,  
Crawfordsville, Indiana  
Wilbur W. Whithead-Duff Farm Management, Lebanon, Indiana  
Andrew J. Paine, Second Vice President, Continental Illinois  
National Bank & Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois  
Oscar F. Frenzil, Vice President, Merchants National Bank &  
Trust Company, Indianapolis, Indiana  
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Tom R. Clark, Danville  
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Florise & Paul B. Pritchard, Danville  
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M. S. Hunter, Simpson Stoner Insurance Co., Greencastle, Ind.  
Clemett & Don Marketto, Greencastle, Indiana  
C. A. Williams, President Farmers National Bank, Scottsville, Ky.  
Glen E. Buzick, Fowler State Bank, Fowler, Indiana  
J. Robert Leak, Secretary-Treasurer Hendricks County 4-H &  
Agricultural Fair Assoc.,  
Little Sisters of the Poor, Indianapolis, Ind.  
Harold M. Pickler, President Home State Bank, Loveland, Colorado

Telegrams of Congratulations and Regrets

Birch Bayh - - United States Senator  
Mathew E. Welch - - Governor of Indiana  
Richard L. Roudebush - - U. S. House of Representatives

Letters of Congratulations and Regrets

Vance Hartke - - United States Senator  
Don P. Carpenter, President Brazil Trust Company, Brazil, Ind.  
George C. Carroll, Vice President Merchants National Bank  
Terre Haute, Indiana  
Jas B. Sedwick, Cashier First National Bank, Martinsville, Ind.  
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