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FDIC APPROVES ASSUMPTION OF DEPOSITS OF
THE FARMERS & MERCHANTS BANK OF SHEYENNE, SHEYENNE, NORTH DAKOTA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposits and secured liabilities of The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Sheyenne, Sheyenne, North Dakota, by The Ramsey National Bank and Trust Company, Devils Lake, North Dakota.

The failed bank's sole office will reopen on Saturday, October 27, 1990, as a branch of The Ramsey National Bank and Trust Company, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank.

The Farmers & Merchants Bank of Sheyenne, with total assets of \$3.1 million, was closed on Friday, October 26, 1990, by Gary Preszler, Commissioner of Banking and Financial Institutions, and the FDIC was named receiver.

The Ramsey National Bank and Trust Company will assume about \$3.0 million in 900 deposit accounts and has agreed to pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$25,011. It also will purchase certain of the failed bank's assets and will have options to purchase loans and other assets. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance about \$900,000 to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of about \$1.0 million.

The Board of Directors approved the deposit assumption under its authority to do so whenever it determines that such a transaction will reduce the potential loss to the FDIC.

The FDIC will recover a portion of its outlay through the liquidation of assets not transferred to the assuming bank. In this respect, the FDIC notes that its claim will have priority over the claims of nondepositor creditors and shareholders of the closed bank.

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