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FDIC ANNOUNCES DEPOSIT ASSUMPTION OF THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK OF ERICK, ERICK, OKLAHOMA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation today announced that the deposit liabilities of the Farmers National Bank of Erick, Erick, Oklahoma, have been assumed by First American Bank, Erick, Oklahoma. The failed bank's sole office will reopen on Friday, February 8, 1985, as a branch of First American and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank, subject to approval by the appropriate court.

The Farmers National Bank of Erick was closed on Thursday, February 7, 1985, by H. Joe Selby, Senior Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, and the FDIC was named receiver. Mr. Selby said: "Over the past year the bank experienced substantial deterioration in the quality of its loan portfolio. Management was unable to remedy the problem and losses finally exhausted the bank's capital funds, resulting in its insolvency."

In addition to assuming about \$15.9 million in 2,500 deposit accounts, First American has agreed to pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$50,000. The assuming bank will purchase the failed bank's installment and real estate loans and certain other assets for \$11.9 million. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance cash amounting to \$4.2 million and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of about \$5.8 million.

The FDIC approved the deposit assumption under its authority to do so whenever it determines that such a transaction will reduce the potential loss to the Corporation. The Board of Directors made such a finding in this case because of the premium paid by First American.

The FDIC expects to recover a substantial 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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