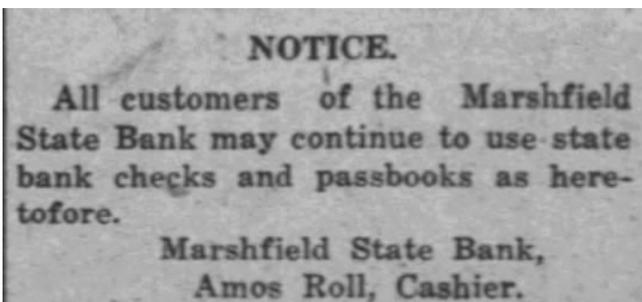


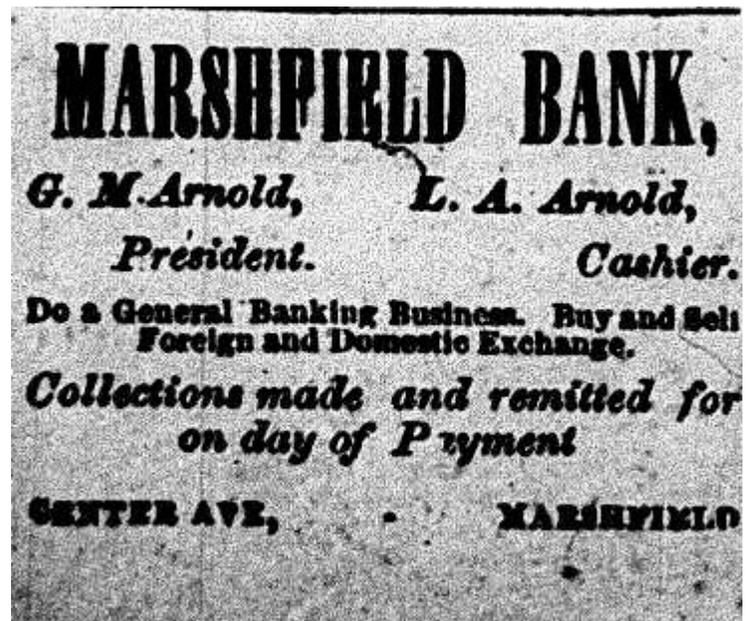
## 252 S. Central Ave

Built in 1918, this brick Neo-Classical bank building is prominently located on the northwest corner of Central

Avenue and Third Street. Between 1904 and 1912, the Marshfield State Bank replaced a jewelry store on this site. The bank was organized in November of 1907 and chartered in February of 1908. In 1918 the bank built the present building with bank space on the first floor, and rental office on the second floor. The bank suffered a major fire in January of 1922 which destroyed the interior of the building. In April of that year it was consolidated with the First National Bank of Marshfield, whose building was located across Third Street at 300-302 South Central. The Cloverland State Bank (incorporated in October, 1922) took over the burned building, remodeled it and operated there until December 7, 1932 when it closed. The building continued to hold various businesses until 1949, when it was maintained by the Marshfield Bible Center and Rural Bible Crusade, who remained at this address until at least 1962. Nelson's Shoe Repair moved in by 1970 and remained until at least 1975. The building currently holds numerous offices and is owned by Le Vestments LLC . The building is the only remaining element of a significant corner anchored for many years by banking establishments.



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# **Marshfield State Bank—**

## **A Chronology of the Marshfield State Bank**

*The furniture and bank fixtures for the new Marshfield State Bank will be placed in position next week if the new tile floor is finished by that time, and the bank will open for business not later than February 1st. (The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, December 25, 1907, Page 5)*

*Banker Richard Roll of Hustiford, arrived in the city yesterday to be present at the meeting of the stockholders of the Marshfield State Bank.*

*(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, January 15, 1908, Page 7)*

*It took Hans Billie and his crew of men just ten minutes to raise and place into position the large plate glass window in the Marshfield State Bank building last Thursday. As this window is the largest in the city by several feet the job was a difficult one, but was accomplished without an accident.*

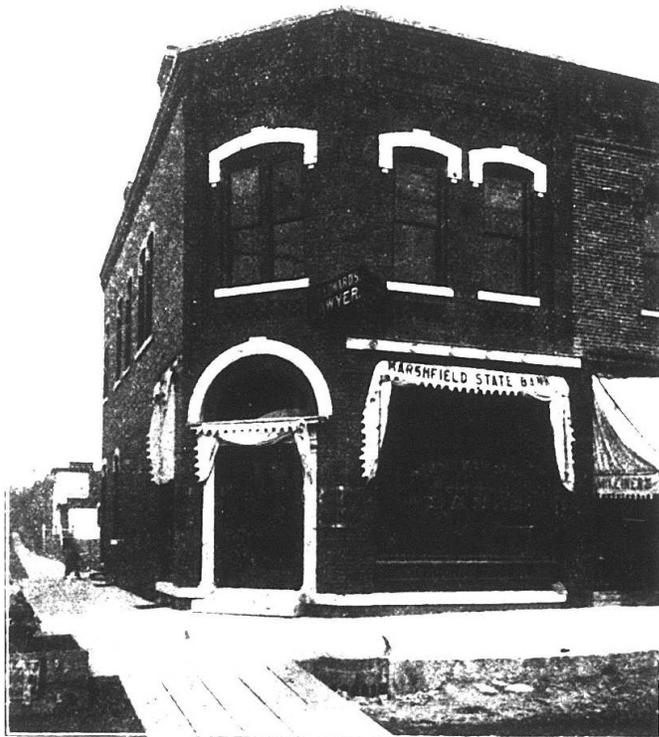
*(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, January 22, 1908, Page 7)*

### **NEW STATE BANK OPENS—**

**Formal Opening of the Doors Tuesday, February 4. Elegant Finish and Furniture In Weathered Oak.**

*The new Marshfield State Bank will open its doors at the corner of Central avenue and Third street next Tuesday morning Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> for the transaction of business. State Bank Examiner Bergh or one of his assistants will be here on that date to officially open the institution, and a reception will be held during the day to those who desire to look over the new building and its excellent method of safe guarding its depositor's funds.*

*The arrangement of the lobby and offices is such as to give ample room for the accommodation of the public and the working force as well. The cashier's desk will be at the front separated from the lobby by a low railing and with a direct entrance to the main office, which is large and convenient with a large vault at the rear. This vault is fire and burglar-proof but the cash is still further guarded by a burglar-proof safe within the vault. The safe is the latest idea in its line and would defy the efforts of burglars if they were given time and opportunity to work at it.*



*Marshfield State Bank, located on the northwest corner of South Central and Third Street. (Marshfield Times)*

*For the accommodation of the officers and directors of the bank a neat little room has been fitted up, communicating with both the lobby and the office. The building is fitted with the largest hot water heating plant in the city and the basement will be equipped with all modern conveniences. The new furniture and fixtures were placed in position the first of the week and consists of beautifully carved mission oak, with glazed glass win-*

dows and white marble base boards. It is without doubt one of the finest furnished banking institutions in Central Wisconsin and the officers and stockholders of the bank are justly proud of their new home.  
(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, January 29, 1908, Page 1)

Richard Roll of Hustisford, president of the Marshfield State Bank, will arrive in the city today and will remain several days.

(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, March 04, 1908, Page 7)

# Have You Any MONEY That Is Idle?

Idle Money may be spent, lost or stolen.

Money on your deposit book will work for you day and night.

Don't trust to luck. Put your money where it will be absolutely secure. Bank with the

## MARSHFIELD STATE BANK

On Savings Accounts and Certificates of Deposit we pay 3 per cent Interest.

### OFFICERS:

RICHARD ROLL, President.  
C. E. BLODGETT, Vice-Pres.  
JOHN BERGREN, Cashier.  
AMOS ROLL, Asst. Cashier.

### DIRECTORS:

RICHARD ROLL      C. E. BLODGETT  
HERMAN THIEL      J. A. JOHNSON  
H. C. KOENIG      E. J. WOOD  
WILLIAM WELTER      HUGH WIDENBERG  
V. W. SAUTER

## Marshfield State Bank

The large plate glass windows of the Marshfield State Bank have been greatly improved the past week by large gilt signs, the work being done by Lorenz Kohl the painter

(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, March 18, 1908, Page 7)

Cashier Carl W. Heyl of the Marshfield State Bank has leased the Ames residence on south Vine street and will move his family here from Madison at once.

(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, April 07, 1909, Page 7)

The Marshfield State Bank is presenting its depositors with a handsome leather folding combination pocket and checkbook.

(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, April 08, 1908, Page 7)

President Richard Roll of the Marshfield State Bank accompanied by Mrs. Roll, arrived in the city on Thursday from Hustisford, and spent the past week here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Roll.

Deposits made in the Savings Department of the Marshfield State Bank during the first 5 days of the month draw interest from the first day of the month.

(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, May 27, 1908, Page 7)

Fred Graham the real estate man has rented a suit of offices over the Marshfield State Bank.

State Bank Examiner Richards of Black River Falls, was in the city Wednesday and examined the Marshfield State Bank. He said that he found this banking institution in an excellent condi-

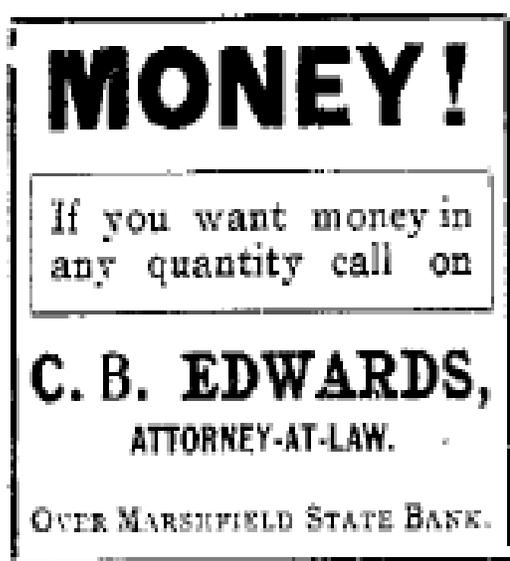
tion and highly complimented the officers for the fine showing made.  
(*The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, August 05, 1908, Page 7*)

Richard Roll, president of the Marshfield State Bank, was a business visitor in the city several days last week.  
(*The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, September 09, 1908, Page 7*)

**STATE BANK IS COUNTY DEPOSITORY.**

The Marshfield State Bank was named custodian of the county's money by a vote of the county board last week, and this bank will be depository for the county during the ensuing year. This money has always been placed in one of the Grand Rapids banks until this year at a very low rate of interest, as the Marshfield banks have not before made a bid for the county deposits, but this year the State Bank put in a bid which was considerably higher than the three bids from the southern end of the county, and the finance committee recommended that their bid be accepted. This will mean an additional deposit for the local bank of from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

(*The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, November 25, 1908, Page 1*)



**MONEY!**

If you want money in any quantity call on

**C. B. EDWARDS,**  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

OVER MARSHFIELD STATE BANK.

*The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, August 11, 1909, Page 11.*



**Security----Plus Three  
Per Cent. Interest.**

**T**HE business of this Bank is inspected each year by the State Banking Department. Your account therefore will be under *State Government Supervision and will draw Three per cent. Interest.* Our savings depositors receive their quarterly interest on the first days of January, April, July and October. This is credited to their account and therefore draws interest the same as a deposit.

*Home Banks Loaned.*

**MARSHFIELD STATE BANK,**  
MARSHFIELD, WISCONSIN.

RICHARD ROLL, President.  
C. E. BLODGETT, Vice-President.

CARL W. HEVL, Cashier.  
AMOS ROLL, Ass't Cashier.

*The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, September 08, 1909, Page 5.*

Monday morning John Seubert former cashier of the Marshfield State bank, entered upon his new duties as successor to O. G. Lindeman at the American National bank. Mr. Seubert brings to his new position a lifetime of experience in the banking business in Marshfield and his marked ability, wide popularity and sterling integrity insure a continuance of his success as a cashier

Edward L. Reese, the pioneer cashier of the First National bank arrived in the city Sunday and on Monday morning took charge of the Marshfield State bank. Mr. Reese is warmly welcomed by his old friends and former business associates.

(*The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, January 20, 1909, Page 1*)

Marshfield, Wis., Nov. 3rd 1909  
Mr. F. H. Eberhardt  
County Clerk of Wood County, Grand Rapids, Wis.

Dear Sir, The undersigned, the Marshfield State Bank, Wood County Wisconsin, for a value consideration agrees to pay 2 and 3/4 per cent interest on daily balances of all county funds belonging to the county of Wood. Such interest to be computed and credited to the county at the end of each month, the county to pay the Marshfield State Bank 6 per cent on all overdrafts. We also agree to furnish exchange • free to the said county for all county purposes.

By Carl W. Heyl, Cashier.

**(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, February 09, 1910, Page 8)**

Carl W. Heyl, the missing Madison bank official turned up at his old home last week after a disappearance of about a year and found that his wife had secured a divorce with the custody of their child, during his absence. Mr. Heyl was formerly cashier of the Marshfield State Bank and well known in this city.

**(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, January 03, 1912, Page 7)**

TO TRADE. A good farm 80 acres of land, 8 room frame house frame barn with good basement well stocked up and good machinery. Will trade for good income city property or will sell at reasonable monthly payments. Dallendorfer & Bathrick, Offices over Marshfield State Bank.

**(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, April 15, 1914, Page 2)**

TEAM FOR SALE. We have for sale a team of horses, wagon, sleighs and harnesses, will sell together or separately. Dallendorfer & Bathrick, Offices over Marshfield State Bank.

**(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, April 15, 1914, Page 2)**

HOMES FOR SALE. We have a number of good houses for sale on the installment plan, also houses to rent from time to time. Dallendorfer & Bathrick, office over Marshfield State Bank.

**(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, April 15, 1914, Page 2)**

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE —Do you -want Farm, wild land or city property? Or have you property to trade? See Christ Paul•on, over Marshfield State Bank. Successor to Anton Dallendorfer

**(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, August 11, 1915, Page 2)**

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE — Do you want Farm, wild land or city property? Or have you property to trade? See Paulson & Loughead, office over Marshfield State Bank.

**(The Marshfield Times, Marshfield, Wisconsin, Wednesday, November 24, 1915, Page 2)**

When men of wealth seek a city in which to invest their surplus capital, one of the first questions asked by them is as to the strength, character and stability of its banking institutions.

A city is gauged largely as to its worth and standing by the number and kind of its banks, and the policies pur-

sued by them. If they are conservative, yet liberal in their treatment of substantial business interests, this fact contributes to inducing investments, and acts as encouragement to new industries.

These remarks are inspired by contemplation of the condition of the Marshfield State Bank, the youngest of our financial institutions, which is a rugged youngster of eight years— but they are successful years.

The Marshfield State Bank is located at Central Avenue and Third St.. where it has a fine home, with all modern banking equipment and is in the hands of experienced, conservative, yet progressive people.

A general banking business is done, in addition to which safety deposit boxes are rented to patrons. The bank is under state supervision.

The institution is capitalized at \$50,000, the surplus, and undivided profits amount to \$14,792.04, and the deposits at the time of the last statement. March. 7, 1916. were \$266,820.04 and the resources behind the depository are \$331,612.38.

The officers of the Institution include H. F. Thiel, president; H. C. Koenig, vice-president; Amos Roll, cashier, and J. H. Cundy, assistant cashier. The directors include, these gentlemen and Hugo Wegener, William Hipke, J. W. Salter and William Welter, all of them being men of prominence and high standing.  
(The Marshfield Times, | Wednesday, April 19, 1916, Page 8)

#### MARSHFIELD STATE BANK

The financial status of a place is the most accurate index to its business activity and commercial importance and the splendid growth of this | institution since it was founded eight years ago furnishes ample evidence of Marshfield's progress as a financial center.

The Marshfield State Bank has a capital of" \$50,000.00; surplus and undivided profits of \$15,000.00; deposits of over 5420,000.00 and total resources of \$500,000.00. While the foregoing figures tell their own story of the splendid strides being made by this sterling financial institution, its strength is further emphasized by the personnel of its officers and directors who are as follows:

William Hipke, President.  
H. C. Koenig, Vice-President  
Amos Roll, Cashier  
J. H. Cundy, Asst. Cashier  
William Welter  
J. W. Salter  
Hugo Wegener

The Marshfield State Bank does a general banking business—their slogan "The Bank That is Able and Willing to Do for Its Customers Everything That a Good Bank Ought to Do" most accurately expresses their policies and methods. Its clients includes members from all the walks of life: merchants, manufacturers, farmers, professional men, wage-earners—and is in fact a peoples institution, the man with the smallest account receiving the same courteous attention and careful consideration as the customer whose transactions run into the thousands.

(The Marshfield Times, Wednesday, September 19, 1917, Page 3)

### *STARTING OPERATIONS.*

*Beginning Monday, the building adjacent to the Marshfield State bank is being stripped of its interior decorations and being torn down by men who are about to commence the erection of new quarters for this bank. At the present time it is thought that the bank will move from its old quarters Saturday or Monday into the Kohl building, formerly occupied by the Lorge newsstand.*

*(The Marshfield Times, May 15, 1918, Page 1)*

### *STATE BANK NOW LOCATED IN THE KOHL BUILDING*

*Despite the heavy downpour of rain the Marshfield State Bank moved into its temporary banking quarters in the Kohl Building Sunday, while they're building on the corner of third street is being torn down preparatory to erecting one of the best blocks in the city.*

*When the opening hour arrived Monday morning, Cashier Amos Roll and his assistants were all in readiness for the customers of that financial institution.*

*Already only a shell of the old bank structure remains. In the course of a few days building operations will commence in earnest with a crew that will rush the work to a speedy conclusion.*

*In about eight months, it is thought, the Marshfield State bank will again be housed in one of the most modern and complete banking places in the state*

*(The Marshfield Times, May 22, 1918, Page 1)*

### *"TEMPORARY QUARTERS"*

*Scene, the Marshfield State bank. Time, last week. One of the customers of the bank to*

*Cashier Amos Roll: "See, you are in your temporary quarters now." Mr. Roll " Yes, we will be here for awhile." Prospective customer laying a ten dollar bill on the cashier's window, remarked, "Give me ten dollars worth of temporary quarters."*

*With this remark the customer walked away with the "temporary quarters" in his pocket, while the rest of the bank thought the wit of this man unusually asserting. They claim the State bank is still doing business but are on the lookout for any jokes where "temporary" enters. At this time we also made our exit.*

*(The Marshfield Times, May 29, 1918, Page 1)*

### *MARSHFIELD STATE BANK TO HAVE A NEW HOME*

*Since nothing does more to show up the enterprise of a town and stimulate it to better business than modern, convenient business buildings, the people of this section and more particularly the people of Marshfield can feel a thrill of mingled pride and satisfaction in the progress of the work of erecting the new building for the Marshfield State Bank.*

*A prospective view of how the new building will look when completed is shown on this page. It is to occupy the location of the original quarters but measures thirty-six feet in width and eighty-two feet in length. The store adjacent formerly occupied as a millinery shop has been razed to make room for it. Excavation will commence at once.*

*In talking with the officers recently the writer was given some of the general details of the plan, which we reproduce here. The prevailing purposes seem to have been architectural correctness of detail and style and also convenience to patrons in transaction of their banking business.*

*The building will be two full stories in height , the first floor to be occupied by the bank, the second by tenants requiring modern business offices. There are two entrances as shown. The rear entrance leads directly to the second floor and is sheltered by a handsome Marquise canopy.*

*The exterior will be of Roman brick with Bedford cut stone trim. Two massive Ionic columns running the height of the building flank the front entrance. As shown a large clock timed daily by Western Union service, surmounts the lintel above the heavy metallic front doors.*

*In entering one passes through a vestibule into the spacious central lobby. The walls and ceiling are to be decorated and relieved by ornamental plaster beams and brackets. The floor will be of pink Tennessee marble bordered by Sylvian green. One feature of the bank is the locating of the private offices in front accessible directly to the customers. The officers are handy to the public instead of withdrawn into enclosed rooms in the back as was formerly the custom. The bank counters facing the lobby are of a buff tinted marble imported from France, the base being a Cardiff green. The doors facing the lobby are of African mahogany and the grills in statuary bronze finish.*

*What will be appreciated the most is the thoughtfulness of the officers in arranging for the convenience of the public. Just at the right of the lobby are several rooms that bear out this idea. First comes a room they call a "Community Room" which they advised is for the use of any group to meet in, for transaction of private business—a sort of hall or club room, the use of which is donated by the bank free of charge. For example, if a number of farmers come to town to hold a business session they can at once go to this room and have their conference. Retiring rooms with toilets and with lavatories with hot and cold water are provided in the plans, for ladies and for men.*

*Another room is provided for customers for the transaction of their private business, in the center of the lobby is a double check desk built up with marble to harmonize with the marble used in the partition.*

*The private bank vault and individual depositors vault are built in one, but the depositors, while it has the advantage of the same protection as the private vault, has its own entrance and is reached from the lobby. The door is operated by the teller. Two hundred safety deposit boxes for storage of customer's valuable papers line the walls of this vault. These boxes are each provided with double master key Yale safe deposit locks and solid half inch steel doors.*

*The entire building will have the very latest in heating, the vacuum vapor system. Two extra toilets have been arranged for on the second floor with a drinking fountain installed in the customers room and shower baths in the basement. The second floor will have seven suites of offices each with waiting room leading from the main corridor.*

*When finally completed, this new building of the Marshfield State Bank, will be as complete and modern as any in the entire state. New furniture to harmonize with the up-to-dateness and the convenience of the building specifications are a part of the contract. The entire plans, construction and equipment has been entrusted to the Louis F. Dow Company of St. Paul, who make bank construction a specialty and who have a successful record of work in this line. We congratulate the officers of the Marshfield State Bank on determining to do things right as long they had to get enlarges quarters. (The Marshfield Times, May 29, 1918, Page 2)*

*The debris of the knocking down of the Marshfield State Bank is today almost cleared away. Excavation will commence shortly. A splendid photo and write-up of the new quarters of the bank will be found on page 2 of this issue.*

*(The Marshfield Times, May 29, 1918, Page 5)*

*Miss Florence Rice has accepted a position with the Marshfield State bank. She has resigned her position at the Hasselbalch-Mack company store.*

*(The Marshfield Times, June 12, 1918, Page 5)*

#### **DERRICK EMPLOYED ON BANK WATCHED WITH INTEREST**

*Sunday, while the majority of our citizens were taking a rest from their actual field of duty during, the week of business routine, Mr. Forsyth, who is superintending the job of the building of the Marshfield State Bank, had*

*a crew of his trusty men working all day hoisting a large red derrick in position for its first work on Monday morning.*

*When the derrick was placed in its correct position, a United States flag was placed on the pinnacle of the hoist and for the rest of Sunday, Old Glory was floating proudly over an institution that is soon destined to play an important part in the future growth of industrial Marshfield.*

*All day Monday and Tuesday citizens watched with interest the hoisting of the heavy stones which were placed in their position on the second story of the massive structure. The building is going along in great shape and before many moon's go by the Marshfield State bank will be able to move from its temporary quarters into one of the most handsome banking institutions in this section of the country.  
(The Marshfield Times, August 21, 1918, Page 1)*

*During the past week the front of the new Marshfield State bank building took on a new- appearance for all of the large stone pillars and most of the stone edgings were put in place.*

*Miss Isabel Forsythe, daughter of Mr. Forsythe, superintendent of construction- at the Marshfield State bank building, returned to her home in Minneapolis Sunday after spending a few weeks in this city the guest of her father.  
(The Marshfield Times, August 28, 1918, Page 5)*

#### *SERVICE BUTTONS BEING DISTRIBUTED BY THE STATE BANK*

*Cashier Amos Roll of the Marshfield State Bank has for distribution to the men who have been in military service in all branches of army or navy either in this country or in Europe, the official buttons which they are entitled to wear as the insignia of their service in the war period. These buttons are for all who were enlisted in any capacity and are distributed free of charge to them if they will call at the bank. They are designed to distinguish the wearer in the same way that his uniform would distinguish him if he were to continue to wear it.*

*A special button is provided for the boys of the Thirty-second Division. The buttons are of the customary size for the lapel and are very neat and artistic. The button for the men who have served over there will bear one gold chevron on a bronze background and the button for those who have served in the home camps bears a red chevron, being similar in all other respects. The special button for the boys of the Thirty-second division has two gold chevrons and red arrow. The buttons for the navy are similar to those for the army.*

*Mr, Roll has an ample supply of the buttons and is distributing them as fast as the boys apply /or them, so those who have just discarded their uniforms will soon wear the distinguishing mark to which their service entitles them.  
(The Marshfield Times, April 30, 1919, Page 12)*

*At the present time, the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce is busy raising funds by popular subscription to move the old Doege building on the school grounds to be occupied by the new Junior High and Vocational school, to the rear of the Marshfield State bank. About \$2000 will be required to handle this project and about three fourths of the money has been raised so far with every evidence that sufficient money will be solicited - and in the end Marshfield will have the much-talked-of rest room. The location is ideal, being right off from the heart of the city and very accessible for farmers to reach.  
(The Marshfield Times, May 21, 1919, Page 6)*

### *THIRD STREET A BUSY ONE NOW*

*Third street, in the rear of the Marshfield State bank these days represents a busy place. The building to be occupied by Dr. Harrington as a dental office is fast nearing outside completion, while the old Doege building which will be used as a combination rest room and quarters for the Chamber of Commerce is slowly commencing to take such shape that it will be moved over in the rear of the State Bank.*

*The Junior High and Vocational school is being rapidly pushed ahead and a good start is already noticeable. At the present time the concrete foundation is in the process of being laid.*

*Throughout the city of Marshfield, building operations are being carried on, on an extensive scale and one can't go in any direction unless he bumps into some new house being erected or one being in the state of repair.*

*(The Marshfield Times, June 18, 1919, Page 1)*

### *CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TAKES OVER EMPLOYMENT OFFICE*

*Because the United States Employment office in this city was continued last week when the state appropriation of \$100,000 was cut down to \$50,000, the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce under federal authority is in charge of the office at the present time, with Secretary Lamson in charge.*

*The employment office is a good thing for any city and its need was shown again on Monday when Mr. Lamson placed nine men in positions and helped others in securing jobs which will be left open on account of vacancies. Mr. Warner who up to last week was at the head of the office will no doubt be placed in some of the bigger agencies about the state which will operate on the \$50,000 appropriation.*

*The Chamber of Commerce will occupy the employment office until the new quarters of the Chamber in the rear of the Marshfield State bank are completed. An effort will be made to combine the employment office with regular work of the local chamber.*

*(The Marshfield Times, July 30, 1919, Page 1)*

### *BANK LOSS \$50,000 BY FIRE*

#### *FLAMES OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN RAVISH BUILDING AND OFFICES AT EARLY HOUR THIS MORNING*

*Main Vault, Cracked And Peeled, Remains Intact With Contents Secure; Law Firm of Pors, Edwards And Pors Suffers Loss of \$6,000; Fire First Detected In Bath Room In Basement By Janitor; Adjacent Buildings Saved.*

*The most costly fire which has occurred in Marshfield in a number of years was that of this morning, which left the Marshfield State Bank building a blackened and demolished ruin, entailing a loss of approximately \$50,000. The building is a total wreck, with the exception of the outer walls. The roof is gone, the entire second floor is destroyed and the costly fittings and marble walls of the bank's interior are cracked and flecked and besmirched.*

*The enormous vault is intact. Its outside covering of plaster and cement is cracked and broken, but it is otherwise undamaged and the securities contained within are safe.*

#### *Janitor's Story...*

*The origin of the fire is unknown. John Earl, janitor, was the first to discover the flames and spread the alarm at 4 o'clock this morning. He said that he fired up at about 12 o'clock, midnight, and retired to bed in the*

*boiler room of the basement of the bank.*

*At about 4 o'clock he was awakened by a crackling noise proceeding from a shower bath room, maintained for bank employees in the basement, When Earl opened the door of this room, he said, he saw the interior a mass of flames. Clad only in his night clothes and with only socks on his feet, Earl rushed outside and shouted, expecting to attract somebody's attention. He was unable to find anyone available, however, so he ran to the fire station in the City Hall and spread the alarm.*

*When he returned to the bank, he found the flames making great headway through the floor of the bath room into the above, which is used as a "dump" room wherein the bank store's accumulated records. Earl said he crawled into the bath room where his clothes were hanging, on his hands and knees and that the heat was intense.*

*Flames Rush Upward...*

*The fire department arrived promptly, but the seat of the fire was for a time inaccessible to the fighters. The "dump" room is situated in the northwest corner of the first floor. It is next to the vault and is without access from the rear, In this case it was much the same as an elevator shaft to the second floor.*

*The flames rushed upward through the "dump" room with amazing swiftness and in a short time appeared on the second floor at the rear of the building. They engulfed the toilet room in the northwest corner of the second floor and spread rapidly through the corridor and into the offices adjoining.*

*Law Firm Suffers...*

*The suite of four rooms of the law firm of Pors, Edwards and Pors, was attacked by the flames and within a few minutes were a holocaust. The roof was burning fiercely and blazing pieces of lath and roof covering fell steadily into the building. The office of R. J. Strauss, next to Pors, Edwards and Pors toward the front, was attacked as the flames traveled toward the front and totally destroyed. He succeeded in saving some of his insurance records. File cabinets from the office of the law firm were also carried out, all of them badly discolored and mutilated, but still legible.*

*The firemen succeeded, after a long and steady fight, in arresting the forward march of the flames on the roof and before they had reached the front end of the building, they were halted. The offices of G. W. Deniston, loan agent for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance company, was not so seriously damaged by fire as were the other offices, but damage by fire and water was considerable.*

*Director Meet Tonight...*

*Following an offer made by the First National and American national banks, bulletins were ordered circulated by Vice-President Richard Roll, Jr., informing the public that all State bank checks would be cashed at either of those two banks and that deposits for the State bank would also be accepted there.*

*There is to be a meeting of directors of the State bank this evening to determine further course of action. The securities will be moved from the wrecked building, but it is not known where they will be taken until the question is decided by the directors of the bank tonight.*

*Adjacent Buildings Not Damaged...*

*Although a great quantity of smoke and some water penetrated into the adjoining building the loss there is not heavy. The printing office of Witt and Rebsteck, in the Liese building, was filled with acrid fumes and a quantity of paper stock discolored. A quantity of water also leaked through the wall, but not in great enough quantity to do serious damage.*

*The Liese Drug store suffered no damage, except what may eventually appear from the smoke odor which penetrated the building.*

*The Chamber of Commerce building, immediately in the rear of the bank was not harmed, for the roof was kept wetted down. The building is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Herm Tillack, and for a time it was feared it would catch fire.*

*Fully Covered by Insurance...*

*The loss, estimated by Hugo Wegener, one of the directors, will amount to approximately \$50,000, fully covered by insurance. The loss suffered by the firm of Pors, Edwards and Pors amounted to \$6,000, of which about half is covered by insurance. The actual value of the law books, legal reference works and other records destroyed by fire, water and smoke, amounts to more than that sum. The firm has moved its offices to an apartment over Smith's Shoe store in the Koenig building.*

*The loss suffered by G. W. Deniston and R. J. Strauss was not as heavy, it being nominal in both cases, and confined chiefly to smoke and water. R. J. Strauss has established his office over Winterburn's Drug store.*

*Edwards Suffer s Injury...*

*C. B. Edwards suffered a severe cut to one hand while opening a door into the upstairs office to permit entrance by the firemen. Mr. Edwards failed to notice that the glass pane in the window had been broken through, and after unlocking the door he attempted to push the door open by pressing on the door where the pane ordinarily was. His hand came into contact with a jagged edge of glass, a severe cut resulted, and it was attended to at the Marshfield Clinic this afternoon.*

*Firemen Suffer From Cold...*

*Although the temperature was not so cold as it had been on the two past mornings, the thermometer registered several degrees below zero when the firemen were first called at an early hour this morning and shortly after beginning work their coats, caps and mittens were ice-encrusted, making work additionally difficult. A pot of hot coffee and sandwiches were kept in Liese's Drug store for the benefit of the fire-fighters.*

*Water Supply Low...*

*Homes in the city are today suffering from the low pressure in their water pipes. There was no water at all on second and third floors of the Purdy school, while in houses and business places, even in the lower parts of the city, the pressure was exceedingly low. The supply during the fighting of the fire was adequate, however. Two streams were kept on the flames almost continuously for several hours and the force of the streams was tremendous.*

*It is a fact, however, that the supply was decreasing and it was said by firemen at about 8 o'clock that "we can keep the engine pump going for about twenty minutes longer."*

*For that reason it is especially fortunate that the flames did not spread to adjoining buildings. In the middle of the morning, after the fire was well under control, city pressure through one hose was adequate to extinguish what little fire remained in the rear end of the building.*

*(The Marshfield Daily News, January 25, 1922, Page 1)*

## *STATE MERGES WITH FIRST NATIONAL*

### *ENTIRE BUSINESS AND BUILDING TAKEN OVER AT MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF BOTH BANKS*

*First National's Capital Stock Increased By \$50,000; New Board of Directors And Officers To Include Members From State Bank; Damaged Building To Be Enlarged And Made Into Modern Office Building.*

*At a meeting of the directors of the First National bank and Marshfield State bank, held last evening, steps were taken to effect a consolidation of the two banks and it is contemplated that the merger will take place very soon.*

*The matter has been taken up with the comptroller of currency in Washington, D.C., and with Marshall Cousins, Commissioner of Banking, for the State of Wisconsin, at Madison.*

*There is every reason to believe the merger will go through. The capital stock of the combination will be increased by \$50,000, the present amount of capital stock of the Marshfield State bank.*

*The present State bank, as a separate institution, will be eliminated entirely, as under the proposed merger arrangements, the entire business of the State bank, including the present building, almost wholly destroyed by fire last Wednesday.*

*The State bank will be represented on the new Board of Directors and among the officers.*

*To Rebuild Damaged Structure...*

*The work of rebuilding the present damaged structure of the State bank will be started immediately by the First national, the new owners. Not only will the building as it stands at present be entirely and completely rebuilt, but sixty feet will be added on to the rear end and the new building fitted up as a modern office building.*

*The addition will necessitate the moving of the present Chamber of Commerce building and it is believed instructions will be given to the Chamber of Commerce immediately to that effect, as ninety days service of notice is required.*

*Since the fire of Wednesday, the State bank has been occupying offices in the south side of the lobby of the First National to which the securities of the former bank were moved Thursday night.*

*(The Marshfield Daily News, January 28, 1922, Page 1)*



*April 01, 1922...the two banks, First National and Marshfield State Bank became officially consolidated under the name of the First National Bank. The beginning of consolidation...dates back 2 mos. shortly after the fire..merger gives the First Natl assets of 2,500,000.*

#### *ANNOUNCEMENT LIST OF APPLICANTS FOR BANK #4*

*Commissioner Of Banking To Conduct Hearings On Two Applications On Same Afternoon Within Hour Of Each Other*

*Two applications for a charter for state banks have now been filed with Commissioner Marshall Cousins at Madison from Marshfield, and they have come to his office only a day apart.*

*The first to arrive, with the name of J.C. Marsh at the head, was witnessed by Commissioner Cousins August 2. The second application came the next day. To all outward appearances it would seem that Marshfield has suddenly become a money center, the need for two additional banks springing up almost over night.*



*The second group to file announcement of which was made a few days ago, bears the names of Robert Connor, John Cundy, C. E. Blodgett, Edgar M. Deming, Louis A. Hartl, Henry Kalsched, W. W. McCulloch, Anton Henseler, Otto Peterson, John R. Esser, Frank G. Bredlow.*

*The hearing on the last named application has been set for the same day as for the first, September 13, beginning at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. This group, if granted the charter, with a capitalization of \$50,000, would start operations in the former State bank building, property recently acquired from C.E. Blodgett, who purchased the building from the First National bank.*

*The Marshfield Daily News, August 5, 1922, Page 1)*

*September 30, 1922....Both groups get charters. Mfld in line for 2 State Banks--both applications get granted. The bank bldg formerly owned by the Mfld State Bank and recently purchased...is being repaired and it is expected that every will be in readiness...November 1.*

*October 14, 1922....Thief ransacks...offices over old State Bank....Wednesday evening, the night Purdy school was entered, night prowlers also entered the offices of Pors, Edwards & Pors, Schaefer & Thompson Co. and Deniston offices....S & T office \$300 in liberty bonds...*

#### *CLOVERLAND STATE BANK STOCKHOLDERS ELECT NEW OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS*

*The first meeting of stockholders of Marshfield's new bank, the Cloverland State bank was held Tuesday in the City Hall. Sixty-five were present and a board of directors, the chief matter of business taken up, was elected as follows:*

*L. E. Gilson, Superintendent Wood County hospital.*

*Louis Heil, Farmer.*

*Otto Peterson, Farmer.*

*Joseph Whittington, Marshfield Ice Company.*

*W. E. Deming, Attorney.*

*W. W. McCulloch, R. Connor company.*

*J. H. Cundy, Banker*

*L. E. Gilson, formerly a director of the American National bank, has resigned from his office with that institution to accept the presidency of the Cloverland State.*

*At a meeting of the directors held Wednesday in the offices of J. H. Cundy, in addition to electing Mr. Gilson as president, Otto Peterson was named vice-president, and J. H. Cundy cashier. Work on the building to occupied, the former Marshfield State bank building, has been progressing rapidly for the past several weeks, the original plans having been to complete the work by the first of November. It is not definitely known the exact date of opening the new institution.*

*(The Marshfield Daily News, October 20, 1922, Page 1)*

*October 21, 1922....The work of remodeling the former State bank building which will the home of the Cloverland State Bank, is going rapidly forward and as soon as the work is completed the new bank will be opened for business, which might be...November 15.*

November 25 1922 The new Cloverland State Bank will hold its formal opening today, and on the Monday following will be open for the regular routine of business. The interior of the bldg has been entirely rearranged and redecorated and presents a fine appearance.

November 26 1929 Nearly \$20,000 will be distributed in Christmas savings club money during the first week of December by the Cloverland State bank and the First National bank of Mfld. A survey shows that this amount is considerably in excess of the sums distributed...

November 07 1932 An estimated number of 400 farmers in sympathy with the Holiday movement stopped a sale near here Saturday by refusing to bid on the personal property of John Noble, taken possession by the State Bank of Chili...200 men hold protest meeting meeting ...

November 25 1932 Today marks the official opening and didciation of the new Cloverland State Bank of Marshfield, which opened its doors for public inspection this morning at 9 o'clock.

December 07 1932 ... the Cloverland State Bank did not open its door for business this morning...New of the closing...became known in city last night and this morning when the First National opened withdrawals on a large scale started immediatiely...

December 27 1932 Assurance that the Cloverland State bank "is absolutely solvent and that depositors should receive 100 cents on the dollar was made today by J.H. Cundy, cashier and director of the closed bank...

December 29 1932 Orley K. Ripplinger arrived here today to temporarily take over the affairs of the Cloverland State Bank as receiver of the trust...

March 06 1933 State Banks Open Friday.... The Milwaukee clearing house association today ordered \$25,000,000 worth of scrip printed. Its distribution depends on federal action...

April 29 1933 Application for permission to proceed with the necessary steps to obtain a charter for a new state bank in Mfld has been approved. The proposed institution will be known as Citizens Bank of Marshfield.

May 06 1935 Payment of another 10 per cent dividend by the Cloverland State bank will be made Wednesday.... Checks are now being signed by the banking commission at Madison.... This will be the third 10% dividend paid by the bank since it closed in Dec. 1932...

*Application has been made to the state banking department to organize a state bank in Mfld...applicants named in notice are Hamilton Roddis, A. G. Felker, Amy E. Marsh, Nettie E. Blodgett, Ray Finucane, Fred Rhyner, R.P. Binzel, Wm Fisher(St. Point) & ...  
(Marshfield News Herald, August 31, 1935)*

*The third of Mfld's closed banks will pay a dividend Saturday, Dec.21, when the Cloverland State bank will make another 10 % payment to depositors...  
(Marshfield News Herald, December 19, 1935)*

*Another 10% dividend will be paid to depositors in the closed Cloverland State Bank tomorrow...Liquidated...depositors will call at the 3rd St.entrance at the rear of the building to claim checks  
(Marshfield News Herald, October 19, 1936)*

*New bank will open about Sept. 1; select executives. Incorporators of Central State Bank complete subscription list. active executive v-president, C.W. Mau and cashier Perry Peters...*  
(Marshfield News Herald, July 27, 1937)

*The Central State Bank of Mfld opened for business in the bldg. purchased from the receiver of the first National Bank...*  
(Marshfield News Herald, September 01, 1937)

*10 % dividend checks to depositors in the Cloverland State bank will be ready for distribution...by Alvin Fass, receiver. With this payment, depositors in the bank will have received 70% of their money on deposit at the time the bank closed 5 years ago*  
(Marshfield News Herald, December 16, 1937)

*A 5% dividend payment to depositors of the closed Cloverland State Bank will be made. The amount of this payment is \$11,500 and brings the total repayments to \$173,440.33. or total liquidation to 75%.*  
(Marshfield News Herald, November 19, 1938)

*The closed Cloverland State Bank will pay 3.5% dividend to depositors tomorrow... With the payment of this dividend the Cloverland Bank has paid out 78 1/2 % of its creditors...*  
(Marshfield News Herald, December 19, 1939)

*Approx. \$5,800 will be distributed among 900 depositors of the closed Cloverland State Bank...Alvin Fass, special deputy in charge of liquidation announced...The 2.5 % will bring the total paid back to depositors to 81%*  
(Marshfield News Herald, December 20, 1940)

*Alvin Fass, 44, Mfld special deputy commissioner in charge of liquidation of State banks, has signed a written confession to the embezzlement of \$9,265 from four closed banks including the Cloverland State Bank of Mfld...*  
(Marshfield News Herald, February 06, 1941)

*A meeting of representatives of local organizations interested in the comic book proble will be held at 7:30 this evening in the Community Room at the Central State Bank. The meeting is being convened by the Rev. Robert Trobaugh, as directed at a gathering several weeks ago...*  
(Marshfield News Herald, March 25, 1955)

*May 15 marks the last day of business for Carl Wenzel and Son Market. Friday, April 30, the smoke houses turned out their last offerings. The decision to close the market established in 1901 and occupying the present location since 1903 came suddenly. The Wenzels accepted an offer to purchase the building from Jerry Heinsen, who owns the building to the south of the market. In 1901, Albert Wenzel and nephew, William, came from Colby to purchase the W. J. Ladewig Market, a site now occupied by the Central State Bank. Two years later, the partners purchased the present location. The new name, "City Market" soon gave way to "Star Market" and about 1926, when the partnership was dissolved and Albert and his sons took over the name was changed to Albert Wenzels and Sons. In May 1941, Carl Wenzel and his son Robert, took over the business under the name of "Carl Wenzel and Sons."*  
(Marshfield News Herald, May 14, 1965)

## Information from the Wisconsin State Historical Society on this property:

Historic Name: MARSHFIELD STATE BANK

Other Name: Century Plaza

### Property Features:

Year Built: 1918

Survey Date: 2007

Historic Use: bank/financial institution

Architectural Style: Neoclassical

Property Type: Building

Wall Material: Brick

Architect: Louis F. Dow Co.

Other Buildings On Site: 0

### Additional Information:

A 'site file' exists for this property. It contains additional information such as correspondence, newspaper clippings, or historical information. It is a public record and may be viewed in person at the Wisconsin Historical Society, Division of Historic Preservation. Built in 1922, this brick Neo-Classical bank building is prominently located on the northwest corner of Central Avenue and Third Street. Rising two stories, it is a simply massed, with a recessed facade dominated by two heavy columns in antis to weighty corner pilasters. Concrete coping and accents crown a wide flat parapet rising above the cornice. The projecting rim of the cornice is decorated with delicate dentils. Below the projection and above the columns and pilasters a wide frieze is punctuated with pater in blocks above the pilasters. The broad, flat wall surface is pierced with large window openings. On the second story, the multi-pane over one double hung wood sash windows rest on simple concrete sills. The sills are connected as a single band beneath the windows between the interior pilasters on the side wall. The lintels are unadorned. First story windows have been filled in, but their surrounds are still visible, and are similar to those on the second floor. The building rests on a concrete water table which also serves as a base to the columns and pilasters. Inappropriate signage and shutters have been added. These changes, in addition to the filled-in windows, are reversible, and do not affect the integrity of the building. Between 1904 and 1912, the Marshfield State Bank replaced a jewelry store on this site. The bank was organized in November of 1907 and chartered in February of 1908. In 1918 the bank built the present building with bank space on the first floor, and rental office on the second floor. The bank suffered a major fire in January of 1922 which destroyed the interior of the building. In April of that year it was consolidated with the First National Bank of Marshfield, whose building was located across Third Street at 300-302 South Central. The Cloverland State Bank (incorporated in October, 1922) took over the burned building, remodeled it and operated there until December 7, 1932 when it closed. The building continued to hold various businesses until 1949, when it was maintained by the Marshfield Bible Center and Rural Bible Crusade, who remained at this address until at least 1962. Nelson's Shoe Repair moved in by 1970 and remained until at least 1975. The building currently holds numerous offices and is owned by Green Roof Investments, LLP. The building is the only remaining element of a significant corner anchored for many years by banking establishments. Previously surveyed in 2005. THIS BUILDING WAS NOT REPHOTOGRAPHED FOR THE 2005 SURVEY.

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