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Form 10-Q
November 05, 2004

# UNITED STATES <br> SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 <br> FORM 10-Q <br> IXI QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 <br> For the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2004 <br> OR <br> I_I TRANSITION PERIOD PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 [ NO FEE REQUIRED ] <br> For the Transition Period from <br> $\qquad$ to <br> $\qquad$ <br> Commission File Number: 001-31896 <br> THE WILBER CORPORATION 

(Exact Name of the Registrant as Specified in its Charter)


245 Main Street, Oneonta, NY 13820
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

607 432-1700
(Registrant s Telephone Number Including Area Code)

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share
(Title of Class)

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:
None

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding twelve months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports) or (2) has been subject to such requirements for the past 90 days.
Yes |XI No I_|

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).
Yes I_I No IXI

As of November 4, 2004, there were issued and outstanding 11,205,092 shares of the Registrant s Common Stock.

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## PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION



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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

When we use words or phrases like will probably result, we expect, will continue, we anticipate, estimate, project, should cause, expressions in this report or in any press releases, public announcements, filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) or other disclosures, we are making forward-looking statements as described in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. In addition, certain information we provide, such as analysis of the adequacy of our allowance for loan losses or an analysis of the interest rate sensitivity of our assets and liabilities, is always based on predictions of the future. From time to time, we may also publish other forward-looking statements about anticipated financial performance, business prospects, and similar matters.

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements. We want you to know that a variety of future events and uncertainties could cause our actual results and experience to differ materially from what we anticipate when we make our forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause future results to vary from current management expectations include, but are not limited to, general economic conditions, legislative and regulatory changes, monetary and fiscal policies of the federal government, changes in tax policies, rates and regulations of federal, state and local tax authorities, changes in consumer preferences, changes in interest rates, deposit flows, cost of funds, demand for loan products, demand for financial services, competition, changes in the quality or composition of the Company s loan and investment portfolios, changes in accounting principles, policies or guidelines and other economic, competitive, governmental and technological factors affecting the Company s operations, markets, products, services and fees.

Please do not rely unduly on any forward-looking statements, which are valid only as of the date made. Many factors, including those described above, could affect our financial performance and could cause our actual results or circumstances for future periods to differ materially from what we anticipate or project. We have no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect future events which occur after the statements are made, and we specifically disclaim such obligation.

ITEM 1: Financial Statements (Unaudited)
The Wilber Corporation
Consolidated Statements of Condition (Unaudited)

| dollars in thousands except share and per share data | $\begin{gathered} \text { September 30, } \\ 2004 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { December 31, } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets |  |  |
| Cash and Due from Banks | \$ 10,080 | \$ 11,892 |
| Time Deposits with Other Banks | 9,498 | 7,998 |
| Total Cash and Cash Equivalents | 19,578 | 19,890 |
| Securities |  |  |
| Trading, at Fair Value | 1,380 | 1,025 |
| Available-for-Sale, at Fair Value | 246,233 | 275,051 |
| Held-to-Maturity, Fair Value of \$61,856 at September 30, 2004 and $\$ 44,416$ at December 31, 2003 | 61,696 | 44,140 |
| Loans | 380,954 | 360,906 |
| Allowance for Loan Losses | $(6,218)$ | $(5,757)$ |
| Loans, Net | 374,736 | 355,149 |
| Premises and Equipment, Net | 5,988 | 5,721 |
| Bank Owned Life Insurance | 14,831 | 14,405 |
| Goodwill | 2,682 | 2,682 |
| Intangible Assets, Net | 397 | 461 |
| Other Assets | 10,403 | 10,499 |
| Total Assets | \$ 737,924 | \$ 729,023 |
| Liabilities and Stockholders Equity |  |  |
| Deposits: |  |  |
| Demand | \$ 61,828 | \$ 61,267 |
| Savings, NOW and Money Market Deposit Accounts | 245,042 | 251,180 |
| Certificates of Deposit (Over \$100M) | 81,981 | 82,847 |
| Certificates of Deposit (Under \$100M) | 163,183 | 158,783 |
| Other Time Deposits | 26,694 | 26,556 |
| Total Deposits | 578,728 | 580,633 |
| Short-Term Borrowings | 16,021 | 20,018 |
| Long-Term Borrowings | 68,215 | 55,849 |
| Other Liabilities | 7,588 | 8,219 |
| Total Liabilities | 670,552 | 664,719 |


| Stockholders Equity: |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Common Stock, $\$ .01$ Par Value, 13,961,664 Shares Issued at |  |  |
| $\quad$ September 30, 2004, and December 31, 2003 | $\mathbf{1 4 0}$ | 140 |
| Additional Paid in Capital | $\mathbf{4 , 2 2 4}$ | 4,224 |


| Retained Earnings | $\mathbf{8 2 , 1 4 7}$ | 79,043 |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income | $\mathbf{1 , 2 8 8}$ | 1,272 |  |
| Treasury Stock at Cost, 2,756,572 Shares at September 30, 2004 |  |  |  |
| and 2,752,272 Shares at December 31, 2003 |  |  |  |
| Total Stockholders Equity | $\mathbf{( 2 0 , 4 2 7 )}$ | $(20,375)$ |  |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders Equity | $\mathbf{6 7 , 3 7 2}$ | 64,304 |  |
|  |  | $\mathbf{7 3 7 , 9 2 4}$ | $\$ 7$ |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated interim financial statements.

The Wilber Corporation
Consolidated Statements of Income (Unaudited)


Interest and Dividend Income
Interest and Fees on Loans
Interest and Dividends on Securities:
U.S. Government and Agency Obligations

State and Municipal Obligations
Other
Interest on Federal Funds Sold and Time Deposits

Total Interest and Dividend Income

## Interest Expense

Interest on Deposits:
Savings, NOW and Money Market Deposit Accoun
Certificates of Deposit (Over \$100M)
Other Time
Interest on Short-Term Borrowings
Interest on Long-Term Borrowings

Total Interest Expense

## Net Interest Income

Provisions for Loan Losses

Net Interest Income After Provision for Loan Losses

Other Income
Trust Fees
Service Charges on Deposit Accounts
Commissions Income
Investment Security Gains, Net
Increase in Cash Surrender Value of Bank Owned Life Insurance
Other Service Fees
Other Income

Total Other Income

Other Expense
Salaries and Employee Benefits
Net Occupancy Expense of Bank Premises
Furniture and Equipment Expense
Computer Service Fees
Advertising and Marketing
Professional Fees


| 473 | 545 | 1,420 | 1,905 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 552 | 600 | 1,646 | 1,844 |
| 1,331 | 1,452 | 3,930 | 4,473 |
| 25 | 23 | 79 | 83 |
| 791 | 813 | 2,303 | 2,534 |
| 3,172 | 3,433 | 9,378 | 10,839 |
| 6,076 | 5,938 | 17,854 | 18,339 |
| 300 | 350 | 960 | 1,205 |
| 5,776 | 5,588 | 16,894 | 17,134 |


| 337 | 283 | 978 | 925 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 413 | 363 | 1,134 | 1,090 |
| 147 | 78 | 433 | 335 |
| 224 | 21 | 875 | 740 |
| 145 | 149 | 426 | 486 |
| 66 | 47 | 190 | 214 |
| 145 | 205 | 327 | 466 |
| 1,477 | 1,146 | 4,363 | 4,256 |
| 2,638 | 2,860 | 7,860 | 7,957 |
| 358 | 310 | 1,110 | 1,026 |
| 196 | 197 | 552 | 597 |
| 260 | 61 | 464 | 209 |
| 140 | 108 | 352 | 321 |
| 65 | 85 | 362 | 207 |

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| Other |  | 672 |  | 631 |  | 2,055 |  | 2,025 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Other Expense |  | 4,329 |  | 4,252 |  | 12,755 |  | 12,342 |
| Income Before Taxes |  | 2,924 |  | 2,482 |  | 8,502 |  | 9,048 |
| Income Taxes |  | (760) |  | (658) |  | $(2,203)$ |  | $(2,536)$ |
| Net Income | \$ | 2,164 | \$ | 1,824 | \$ | 6,299 | \$ | 6,512 |
| Weighted Average Shares Outstanding |  | 08,037 |  | 09,392 |  | 208,937 |  | 215,936 |
| Basic Earnings Per Share | \$ | 0.19 | \$ | 0.16 | \$ | 0.56 | \$ | 0.58 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated interim financial statements.

## The Wilber Corporation

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Stockholders Equity and Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

| dollars in thousands except share and per share data | Common Stock |  | Additional Paid in Capital |  | Retained Earnings |  | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) |  | Treasury Stock |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance December 31, 2002 | \$ | 2,182 | \$ | 2,182 | \$ | 74,439 | \$ | 4,242 | \$ | $(19,883)$ | \$ | 63,162 |
| Comprehensive Income: <br> Net Income Change in Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Securities, Net of Taxes |  |  |  |  |  | 6,512 |  | $(2,653)$ |  |  |  | 6,512 $(2,653)$ |
| Total Comprehensive Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3,859 |
| Cash Dividends ( $\$ .2775$ per share) <br> Purchase of Treasury Stock ( 11,917 shares) |  |  |  |  |  | $(3,073)$ |  |  |  | (492) |  | $\begin{array}{r} (3,073) \\ (492) \end{array}$ |
| Change in Par Value and Stock Split |  | $(2,042)$ |  | 2,042 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance September 30, 2003 | \$ | 140 | \$ | 4,224 | \$ | 77,878 | \$ | 1,589 | \$ | $(20,375)$ | \$ | 63,456 |
| Balance December 31, 2003 Comprehensive Income: | \$ | 140 | \$ | 4,224 | \$ | 79,043 | \$ | 1,272 | \$ | $(20,375)$ | \$ | 64,304 |
| Net Income Change in Net Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Securities, Net of Taxes |  |  |  |  |  | 6,299 |  | 16 |  |  |  | 6,299 16 |
| Total Comprehensive Income |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 6,315 |
| Cash Dividends (\$.285 per share) |  |  |  |  |  | $(3,195)$ |  |  |  |  |  | $(3,195)$ |
| Purchase of Treasury Stock (4,300 shares) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (52) |  | (52) |
| Balance September 30, 2004 | \$ | 140 | \$ | 4,224 | \$ | 82,147 | \$ | 1,288 | \$ | $(20,427)$ | \$ | 67,372 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated interim financial statements.

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

| dollars in thousands | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004 2003 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities: |  |  |  |
| Net Income | \$ 6,299 | \$ | 6,512 |
| Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash |  |  |  |
| Used by Operating Activities: |  |  |  |
| Provision for Loan Losses | 960 |  | 1,205 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | 747 |  | 746 |
| Net Amortization of Premiums and Accretion of Discounts on Investments | 1,830 |  | 1,191 |
| Investment Security Gains | (875) |  | (740) |
| Other Real Estate Losses | 21 |  | 33 |
| Increase in Cash Surrender Value of Bank Owned Life Insurance | (426) |  | (486) |
| Net (Increase) Decrease in Trading Securities | (299) |  | 147 |
| Net Gains on Trading Securities | (56) |  | (154) |
| Increase in Other Assets | (21) |  | $(2,876)$ |
| Decrease in Other Liabilities | (631) |  | (975) |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | 7,549 |  | 4,603 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities: |  |  |  |
| Proceeds from Maturities of Held-to-Maturity Investment Securities | 17,491 |  | 25,117 |
| Purchases of Held-to-Maturity Investment Securities | $(35,286)$ |  | $(20,926)$ |
| Proceeds from Maturities of Available-for-Sale Investment Securities | 122,609 |  | 91,952 |
| Proceeds from Sales of Available-for-Sale Investment Securities | 12,986 |  | 10,321 |
| Purchases of Available-for-Sale Investment Securities | $(107,469)$ |  | $(150,171)$ |
| Net (Increase) Decrease in Loans | $(20,935)$ |  | 4,087 |
| Proceeds from Sale of Loans | 294 |  |  |
| Purchase of Premises and Equipment, Net of Disposals | (826) |  | (189) |
| Proceeds from Sale of Other Real Estate | 58 |  | 47 |
| Net Cash Used in Investing Activities | $(11,078)$ |  | $(39,762)$ |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities: |  |  |  |
| Net (Decrease) Increase in Demand Deposits, Savings, NOW, <br> Money Market and Other Time Deposits | $(5,439)$ |  | 25,394 |
| Net Increase in Certificates of Deposit | 3,534 |  | 17,111 |
| Net (Decrease) Increase in Short-Term Borrowings | $(3,997)$ |  | 2,609 |
| Increase in Long-Term Borrowings | 15,000 |  |  |
| Repayment of Long-Term Borrowings | $(2,634)$ |  | $(11,862)$ |
| Purchase of Treasury Stock | (52) |  | (492) |
| Cash Dividends Paid | $(3,195)$ |  | $(3,282)$ |
| Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities | 3,217 |  | 29,478 |
| Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents | (312) |  | $(5,681)$ |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year | 19,890 |  | 47,064 |

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Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period
\$ 19,578 \$ 41,383

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## Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited), continued

| Supplemental Disclosures of Cash Flow Information: <br> Cash Paid during Period for: |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $\quad$ Interest | $\mathbf{\$}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 3 8 3}$ | $\$$ | 10,933 |
| Income Taxes | $\mathbf{\$}$ | $\mathbf{2 , 8 7 4}$ | $\$$ | 3,683 |
| Non Cash Investing Activities: |  |  |  |  |
| $\quad$ Change in Unrealized Gain on Securities | $\mathbf{\$}$ | $\mathbf{2 5}$ | $\$$ | $(4,384)$ |
| Transfer of Loans to Other Real Estate | $\mathbf{\$}$ | $\mathbf{9 4}$ | $\$$ | 58 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited consolidated interim financial statements.

## The Wilber Corporation

Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

## Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of The Wilber Corporation (the Company ), its wholly owned subsidiary Wilber National Bank (the Bank ) and the Bank s wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP ) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP required management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In the opinion of management, the unaudited consolidated financial statements include all necessary adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, necessary for a fair presentation for the periods presented. The results for the periods presented are not necessarily indicative of results to be expected for the entire fiscal year or any other interim period.

The data in the consolidated balance sheet for December 31, 2003 was derived from the Company s 2003 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Annual Report on Form 10-K includes the Company s audited consolidated statements of condition as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the consolidated statements of income, consolidated statements of cash flows, consolidated statements of stockholders equity and comprehensive income for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2003. That data, along with the interim unaudited financial information presented in the consolidated statements of condition as of September 30, 2004 and the statements of income for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2004 and September 30, 2003, and the statements of changes in stockholders equity and comprehensive income and cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2004 and 2003 should be read in conjunction with the 2003 consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto.

Amounts in prior period s consolidated financial statements are reclassified when necessary to conform to the current period s presentation.

## Note 2. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share (EPS) are calculated by dividing net income available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Entities with complex capital structures must also present diluted EPS, which reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common shares. The Company does not have a complex capital structure, and accordingly, has presented only basic EPS.

## Note 3. Guarantees

The Company does not issue any guarantees that would require liability-recognition or disclosure, other than its standby letters of credit. Standby and other letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Company to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party. Those guarantees are primarily issued to support public and private borrowing arrangements, including bond financing and similar transactions. The credit risk involved in issuing letters of credit is essentially the same as that involved in extending loan facilities to customers. Typically, these instruments have terms of 12 months or less and expire unused. Therefore, the total amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The estimated fair value of the Company s stand-by letters of credit was $\$ 18$ thousand and $\$ 11$ thousand at September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, respectively.

Note 4. Employee Benefit Plans

The Company, through its bank subsidiary, has a non-contributory defined benefit pension plan, covering employees who have attained the age of 21 and have completed one year of service. The Company s funding practice is to contribute at least the minimum amount annually to meet minimum funding requirements. Contributions are intended to provide not only for benefits attributed to service to date, but also for those expected to be earned in the future. Plan assets consist primarily of marketable fixed income securities and common stocks. Plan benefits are based on years of service and the employee $s$ average compensation during the five highest consecutive years of the last ten years of employment.

The Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost (Benefit), based on a September 30 measurement date, are:

| dollars in thousands | Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 |  | 2003 |  | 2004 |  | 2003 |  |
| Service Cost | \$ | 161 | \$ | 135 | \$ | 484 | \$ | 406 |
| Interest Cost |  | 210 |  | 196 |  | 630 |  | 589 |
| Expected Return on Plan Assets |  | (286) |  | (237) |  | (857) |  | (712) |
| Net Amortization |  | 50 |  | 42 |  | 150 |  | 125 |
|  | \$ | 135 | \$ | 136 | \$ | 407 | \$ | 408 |

Note 5. Long-Term Borrowings
During March of 2004, the Company, through its bank subsidiary, obtained $\$ 15,000,000$ of long-term borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank of New York ( FHLBNY ). All of the long-term borrowings obtained by the Company during the period were collateralized by mortgage-backed securities or other government agency securities. The following is a summary of the long-term borrowings obtained during 2004 and the related outstanding balances as of September 30, 2004:


Note 6. Other Comprehensive Income
The following is a summary of changes in other comprehensive income for the periods presented.

|  | Three Months Ended September 30, 2004 2003 |  | Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dollars in thousands |  |  |  | 04 |  | 2003 |
| Unrealized Holding Gains (Losses) Arising During the Period Net of Tax (Pre-tax Amount of \$4,778, (\$3,394), \$900 and (\$3,644)) | 2,917 | \$ $(2,070)$ | \$ | 550 | \$ | $(2,201)$ |
| Reclassification Adjustment for (Gains) Realized in Net Income During the Period, Net of Tax (Pre-tax Amount of (\$224), (\$21), (\$875) and (\$740) | (136) | (13) |  | (534) |  | (452) |
| Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax of \$1,734, (\$1,329), $\$ 9$, and $(\$ 1,731)$ | \$ 2,781 | \$ $(2,083)$ | \$ | 16 | \$ | $(2,653)$ |

Nine Months Ended September 30,

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ITEM 2: Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

## A. General

The primary objective of this quarterly report is to provide: (i) an overview of the material changes in our financial condition, including liquidity and capital resources, at September 30, 2004, as compared to December 31, 2003; (ii) a comparison of our results of operations for the three month period ended September 30, 2004, as compared to the three month period ended September 30, 2003; and (iii) a comparison on our results of operations for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, as compared to the nine month period ended September 30, 2003.

Our financial performance is heavily dependent upon net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on our loans and investment securities less the interest paid on our deposits and borrowings. Results of operations are also affected by the provision for loan losses, investment securities gains (losses), service charges and penalty fees on deposit accounts, fees collected for trust and investment services, insurance commission income, the increase in the cash surrender value on bank owned life insurance, other service fees and other income. Our non-interest expenses primarily consist of employee salaries and benefits, occupancy and equipment expense, advertising and marketing expense, computer service fees, professional fees and other expenses. Results of operations are also influenced by general economic and competitive conditions (particularly changes in interest rates), government policies, changes in Federal or State tax law, and the actions of our regulatory authorities.

Critical Accounting Policies. Our management considers the accounting policy relating to the allowance for loan losses to be a critical accounting policy given the uncertainty in evaluating the level of the allowance required to cover credit losses inherent in the loan portfolio and the material effect that such judgments can have on the results of operations. While management s current evaluation of the allowance for loan losses indicates that the allowance is adequate, under adversely different conditions or assumptions, the allowance would need to be increased. For example, if historical loan loss experience significantly worsened or if current economic conditions significantly deteriorated, additional provisions for loan losses would be required to increase the allowance. In addition, the assumptions and estimates used in our internal reviews of non-performing loans and potential problem loans has a significant impact on the overall analysis of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. While we have concluded that the current evaluation of collateral values is reasonable under the circumstances, if collateral valuations were significantly lowered, our allowance for loan losses would also require additional provisions for loan losses.

## B. Financial Condition and Performance Overview

The financial condition of the Company did not change significantly during the first nine months of 2004. Total assets and stockholders equity increased slightly and some of our asset quality measures improved. Specifically, total assets increased $\$ 8.9$ million or $1.2 \%$ from $\$ 729.0$ million at December 31, 2003 to $\$ 737.9$ million at September 30, 2004. Stockholders equity increased $\$ 3.068$ million or $4.8 \%$, from $\$ 64.304$ million at December 31, 2003 to $\$ 67.372$ million at September 30, 2004. During the period total loans increased $\$ 20.0$ million or $5.6 \%$ to $\$ 381.0$ miillion, while total deposits remained relatively unchanged. Total deposits at September 30, 2004 were $\$ 578.7$ million, as compared to $\$ 580.6$ million at December 30, 2003.

Net income for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 is slightly less than net income for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003. Specifically, net income for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 was $\$ 6.299$ million versus $\$ 6.512$ million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003, a $\$ 213$ or $3.2 \%$ decrease. Many factors contributed to the change in net income. Specifically, net income was reduced by a $\$ 485$ thousand decrease in net interest income and a $\$ 413$ thousand increase in other expenses. These were partially offset by a $\$ 245$ thousand reduction in the provision for loan losses, a $\$ 107$ thousand increase in other income and a $\$ 333$ thousand reduction in income taxes.

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Through the first nine months of 2004 the decrease in net interest income was largely driven by a decline in investment securities income. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 interest income on investment securities was $\$ 9.714$ million, as compared to $\$ 8.633$ million during the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, a $\$ 1.081$ million or $11.1 \%$ decrease. Throughout the first nine months of 2004 residential mortgage interest rates remained low, which provided incentive for many homeowners throughout the United States to refinance their existing mortgage. The high level of mortgage refinancing activity resulted in an acceleration of principal payments on the mortgage-backed securities held by us, particularly on several collateralized mortgage obligations that we held at a premium, i.e., those securities in which our amortized cost exceeded the par value of the security. The embedded option or pre-payment risk associated with these investment securities and the prevailing market conditions throughout the first nine months of 2004 required us to record amortization of premiums, net of accretion of discounts, on investments of $\$ 1.830$ million. This amortization is recorded as a reduction in our interest income. By comparison, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2003, we recorded amortization of premium, net of accretion of discounts, on investments of $\$ 1.191$ million, a $\$ 639$ thousand or $53.7 \%$ increase in the first nine months of 2004.

Net income increased $\$ 340$ thousand or $18.6 \%$ between the three month period ended September 30, 2004 and the three month period ended September 30, 2003. Net Income for the third quarter of 2004 was $\$ 2.164$ million versus $\$ 1.824$ million for the third quarter of 2003 . Net income improved due to a $\$ 138$ thousand increase in net interest income, a $\$ 50$ thousand decrease in the provision of loan losses and a $\$ 331$ thousand increase in other income. These improvements were offset by a $\$ 50$ thousand increase in other expenses and a $\$ 102$ thousand increase in income taxes.

The following tables set forth in this quarterly financial report provide readers with supplementary information, which is not directly obtainable from the unaudited financial statements provided in PART I, Item 1 of this quarterly report. These tables are to be read in conjunction with our management, discussion and analysis narrative regarding the financial condition, results of operations, liquidity and capital resources contained within this report.

Asset and Yield Summary Table:

The following tables set forth the total dollar amount and resultant yields of interest income from average earning assets, as well as the interest expense on average interest bearing liabilities for the periods stated. No tax equivalent adjustments were made. Average balances are daily averages.

|  | For the Three Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 |  |  |  | 2003 |  |  |  |  |
|  | Average Outstanding Balance | Interest Earned /Paid |  | Yield / Rate |  | Average utstanding Balance |  | erest <br> rned <br> Paid | Yield/ Rate |
|  | (Dollars in thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Earning Assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal funds sold | \$ 7,462 | \$ | 28 | 1.49\% | \$ | 15,935 | \$ | 40 | 1.00\% |
| Interest bearing deposits | 7,520 |  | 127 | 6.72\% |  | 12,998 |  | 220 | 6.72\% |
| Securities (1) | 302,471 |  | 2,896 | 3.81\% |  | 306,689 |  | 3,053 | 3.95\% |
| Loans, Net (2) | 371,007 |  | 6,197 | 6.64\% |  | 351,948 |  | 6,058 | 6.83\% |
| Total earning assets | 688,460 |  | 9,248 | 5.34\% |  | 687,570 |  | 9,371 | 5.41\% |
| Non-earning assets | 46,218 |  |  |  |  | 44,352 |  |  |  |
| Total assets | \$ 734,678 |  |  |  |  | 731,922 |  |  |  |
| Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Savings accounts | \$ 97,239 | \$ | 146 | 0.60\% | \$ | 91,083 | \$ | 174 | 0.76\% |
| Money market accounts | 26,959 |  | 86 | 1.27\% |  | 29,773 |  | 62 | 0.83\% |
| NOW accounts | 120,582 |  | 241 | 0.80\% |  | 121,859 |  | 309 | 1.01\% |
| Time accounts | 272,675 |  | 1,883 | 2.75\% |  | 283,613 |  | 2,052 | 2.87\% |
| Borrowings | 80,291 |  | 816 | 4.04\% |  | 74,862 |  | 836 | 4.43\% |
| Total interest bearing liabilities | 597,746 |  | 3,172 | 2.11\% |  | 601,190 |  | 3,433 | 2.27\% |
| Non-interest bearing deposits | 64,408 |  |  |  |  | 60,240 |  |  |  |
| Other non-interest bearing liabilities | 7,123 |  |  |  |  | 7,484 |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities | 669,277 |  |  |  |  | 668,914 |  |  |  |
| Stockholders equity | 65,401 |  |  |  |  | 63,008 |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities and shareholder equity | \$ 734,678 |  |  |  |  | 731,922 |  |  |  |
| Net interest income |  | \$ | 6,076 |  |  |  | \$ | 5,938 |  |
| Net interest rate spread (3) |  |  |  | 3.23\% |  |  |  |  | 3.14\% |
| Net earning assets | \$ 90,714 |  |  |  |  | 86,380 |  |  |  |
| Net interest margin (4) |  |  |  | $3.51 \%$ |  |  |  |  | 3.43\% |
| Ratio of earning assets to interest bearing liabilities | 115.18\% |  |  |  |  | 114.37\% |  |  |  |

(1) Securities are shown at average amortized cost with net unrealized gains or losses on securities available-for-sale included as a component of non-earning assets.
(2) Average net loans equal average total loans less the average allowance for loan losses. However, for purposes of these computations, non-accrual loans are included in average loan balances outstanding.
(3) Net interest rate spread represents the difference between the weighted average yield on interest-earning assets and the weighted average cost of interest-bearing liabilities.
(4) The net interest margin, also known as the net yield on average interest-earning assets, represents net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.

|  | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 |  |  | 2003 |  |  |  |
|  | Average Outstanding Balance | Interest Earned /Paid | Yield / Rate | Average Outstanding Balance |  | Interest Earned /Paid | Yield/ Rate |
|  | (Dollars in thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Earning Assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Federal funds sold | \$ 7,065 | \$ 61 | 1.15\% | \$ 18,035 | \$ | 157 | 1.16\% |
| Interest bearing deposits | 7,513 | 380 | 6.76\% | 14,700 |  | 718 | 6.53\% |
| Securities (1) | 306,479 | 8,633 | 3.76\% | 294,178 |  | 9,714 | 4.41\% |
| Loans, Net (2) | 364,581 | 18,158 | 6.65\% | 354,675 |  | 18,589 | 7.01\% |
| Total earning assets | 685,638 | 27,232 | 5.31\% | 681,588 |  | 29,178 | 5.72\% |
| Non-earning assets | 46,244 |  |  | 44,022 |  |  |  |
| Total assets | \$ 731,882 |  |  | \$ 725,610 |  |  |  |
| Liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Savings accounts | \$ 95,163 | \$ 457 | 0.64\% | \$ 88,295 | \$ | 618 | 0.94\% |
| Money market accounts | 28,298 | 202 | 0.95\% | 30,208 |  | 224 | 0.99\% |
| NOW accounts | 123,489 | 761 | 0.82\% | 120,200 |  | 1,063 | 1.18\% |
| Time accounts | 272,976 | 5,576 | 2.73\% | 281,660 |  | 6,317 | 3.00\% |
| Borrowings | 78,576 | 2,382 | 4.05\% | 76,877 |  | 2,617 | 4.55\% |
| Total interest bearing liabilities | 598,502 | 9,378 | 2.09\% | 597,240 |  | 10,839 | 2.43\% |
| Non-interest bearing deposits | 60,723 |  |  | 56,227 |  |  |  |
| Other non-interest bearing liabilities | 7,460 |  |  | 8,428 |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities | 666,685 |  |  | 661,895 |  |  |  |
| Stockholders equity | 65,197 |  |  | 63,715 |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities and shareholder equity | \$ 731,882 |  |  | \$ 725,610 |  |  |  |
| Net interest income |  | \$ 17,854 |  |  |  | 18,339 |  |
| Net interest rate spread (3) |  |  | 3.22\% |  |  |  | 3.29\% |
| Net earning assets | \$ 87,136 |  |  | \$ 84,348 |  |  |  |
| Net interest margin (4) |  |  | 3.48\% |  |  |  | 3.60\% |
| Ratio of earning assets to interest bearing liabilities | 114.56\% |  |  | 114.12\% |  |  |  |

(1) Securities are shown at average amortized cost with net unrealized gains or losses on securities available-for-sale included as a component of non-earning assets.
(2) Average net loans equal average total loans less the average allowance for loan losses. However, for purposes of these computations, non-accrual loans are included in average loan balances outstanding.
(3) Net interest rate spread represents the difference between the weighted average yield on interest-earning assets and the weighted average cost of interest-bearing liabilities.
(4) The net interest margin, also known as the net yield on average interest-earning assets, represents net interest income as a percentage of average interest-earning assets.

Table of Non-performing Assets:
The following table sets forth information regarding non-performing loans and assets as of the periods indicated.

| Dollars in Thousands | $\begin{gathered} \text { At } \\ \text { September } \\ \mathbf{3 0}, \\ \mathbf{2 0 0 4} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { At December } \\ \text { 31, } \\ 2003 \end{gathered}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Loans in Non-Accrual Status: |  |  |  |
| Agricultural | \$ | \$ | 1,425 |
| Residential real estate (1) | 60 |  | 257 |
| Commercial real estate | 934 |  | 1,199 |
| Commercial | 286 |  | 275 |
| Consumer | 10 |  | 8 |
| Total non-accruing loans | 1,290 |  | 3,164 |
| Loans Contractually Past Due 90 Days or More and Still Accruing Interest | 97 |  | 123 |
| Troubled Debt Restructured Loans |  |  | 371 |
| Total non-performing loans | 1,387 |  | 3,658 |
| Other real estate owned | 23 |  | 20 |
| Total non-performing assets | \$ 1,410 | \$ | 3,678 |
| Total non-performing assets as a percentage of total assets | 0.19\% |  | 0.50\% |
| Total non-performing loans as a percentage of total loans | 0.36\% |  | 1.01\% |

(1) Includes home equity loans.

Analysis of the Allowance for Loan Losses Table:
The following table sets forth changes in the allowance for loan losses for the periods indicated:

|  | Three months ended September 30, |  |  |  | Nine months ended September 30, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 2004 |  | 2003 |  | 2004 |  | 2003 |  |
|  | (Dollars in thousands) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Balance at beginning of period | \$ | 6,113 | \$ | 5,786 | \$ | 5,757 | \$ | 5,392 |
| Charge offs: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 147 |
| Residential real estate |  | 20 |  | 19 |  | 133 |  | 86 |
| Commercial real estate |  |  |  |  |  | 43 |  |  |
| Commercial |  | 64 |  | 41 |  | 111 |  | 41 |
| Consumer |  | 153 |  | 251 |  | 390 |  | 649 |
| Total charge offs |  | 237 |  | 311 |  | 677 |  | 923 |
| Recoveries: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultural |  |  |  | 8 |  |  |  | 8 |
| Residential real estate |  | 1 |  | 8 |  | 20 |  | 9 |
| Commercial real estate |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Commercial |  | 5 |  | 2 |  | 31 |  | 70 |
| Consumer |  | 36 |  | 50 |  | 127 |  | 132 |
| Total recoveries |  | 42 |  | 68 |  | 178 |  | 219 |
| Net charge-offs |  | 195 |  | 243 |  | 499 |  | 704 |
| Provision for loan losses |  | 300 |  | 350 |  | 960 |  | 1,205 |
| Balance at end of period | \$ | 6,218 | \$ | 5,893 | \$ | 6,218 | \$ | 5,893 |
| Ratio of net charge-offs during the period to average loans outstanding during the period (annualized) |  | 0.21\% |  | 0.27\% |  | 0.18\% |  | 0.26\% |
| Allowance for loan losses to total loans |  | 1.63\% |  | 1.67\% |  | 1.63\% |  | 1.67\% |
| Allowance for loan losses to non-performing loans |  | 448\% |  | 142\% |  | 448\% |  | 142\% |

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## C. Comparison of Financial Condition at September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003

Overview. The financial condition of the Company did not change significantly between December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004. The net increases and decreases in assets and liabilities provided in the Consolidated Statements of Condition in PART I, Item 1 of this quarterly financial report generally occurred in the normal course of our business and were not due to any unusually large or non-routine transactions such as an asset or branch purchase or sale. Specifically, total assets increased slightly from $\$ 729.0$ million at December 31, 2003 to $\$ 737.9$ million at September 30, 2004, an $\$ 8.9$ million or $1.2 \%$ increase. A decrease in our investment securities portfolio, including trading, available-for-sale, and held-to-maturity investment securities, was offset by an increase in total loans outstanding between the periods. Specifically, total loans outstanding increased by $\$ 20.0$ million or $5.6 \%$ between the periods, while our investment securities portfolio declined by $\$ 10.9$ million or $3.4 \%$. Total liabilities increased by $\$ 5.833$ million or $0.9 \%$ between the periods primarily due to an increase in borrowed funds. Total deposits were relatively unchanged.

Total non-performing assets decreased between the periods, while our allowance for loan losses did not change significantly particularly when measured as a percentage of total loans outstanding. Specifically, our allowance for loan losses increased from $\$ 5.757$ million ( $1.60 \%$ of total loans) at December 31, 2003 to $\$ 6.218$ million ( $1.63 \%$ of total loans) at September 30, 2004, while our total non-performing assets decreased from $\$ 3.678$ million ( $0.50 \%$ of totals assets) at December 31, 2003 to $\$ 1.410$ million ( $0.19 \%$ of total assets) at September 30, 2004.

Total stockholders equity increased by $\$ 3.068$ million or $4.8 \%$ between the periods, primarily the result of an increase in retained earnings. Stockholders equity was $9.13 \%$ of total assets at September 30, 2004, as compared to $8.82 \%$ at December 31, 2003.

Asset Quality. We use several measures to determine the overall credit quality of our loan portfolio. These include the level of delinquent loans (those 30 or more days delinquent, excluding loans placed on non-accrual status), the level of non-performing loans, the level of potential problem loans and the dollar amount and type of loan charge-offs we experience. Between December 31, 2003 and September 30, 2004 the credit quality of our asset portfolios improved. The level of delinquent loans, non-performing loans, and the dollar amount of loan charge-offs all decreased. Potential problem loans increased slightly between the periods.

At September 30, 2004 loans that were 30 or more days delinquent (excluding loans placed on non-accrual status) totaled $\$ 1.827$ million or $0.48 \%$ of loans outstanding. By comparison at December 31, 2003 we had $\$ 2.752$ million or $0.76 \%$ of loans outstanding in this same category, a net decrease of $\$ 925$ thousand between the periods. We attribute these improvements to stricter consumer underwriting guidelines implemented in 2001 and improved delinquent loan collection procedures.

Total non-performing assets, including non-accruing loans, loans 90 days or more past due and still accruing interest, troubled debt restructured loans and other real estate owned were $\$ 1.410$ million at September 30, 2004, as compared to $\$ 3.678$ million at December 31, 2003, a $\$ 2.268$ million decrease. Contributing substantially to this decrease was a $\$ 1.425$ million agricultural loan, which was removed from non-accrual status and placed on accrual status during the second quarter.

Potential problem loans, which are those that are currently performing, but where we believe potential credit problems exist, were $\$ 9.019$ million or $2.37 \%$ of total loans at September 30, 2004, as compared to $\$ 7.846$ million or $2.17 \%$ of total loans at December 31, 2003. Our potential problem loans can vary significantly from quarter to quarter due to our significant volume of commercial loans with balances in excess of $\$ 1.0$ million.

The allowance for loan losses increased from $\$ 5.757$ million or $1.60 \%$ of total loans outstanding at December 31, 2003 to $\$ 6.218$ or $1.63 \%$ of total loans outstanding at September 30, 2004. Our management and Board of Directors deemed the allowance for loan losses as adequate at September 30, 2004.

The credit quality of the investment securities portfolios, both available-for-sale and held-to-maturity, remained strong during the quarter. At September 30, 2004, $99.8 \%$ of the securities held in the Company s bond portfolio were rated A or better by Moody s or Standard and Poor s credit rating services; $94.2 \%$ were rated AAA. At December 31, 2003, $98.5 \%$ were rated A or better and $89.8 \%$ were rated AAA by these same services.

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D. Comparison of the Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2004

Overview. During the third quarter of 2004 our net income and earnings per share were $\$ 2.164$ million and $\$ 0.19$ respectively. This was a $\$ 340$ thousand or $18.6 \%$ increase in net income and a $\$ 0.03$ increase in earnings per share over the third quarter of 2003. During the third quarter of 2003 we earned $\$ 1.824$ million in net income and $\$ 0.16$ per share. The improvement in our earnings can be attributed to a decrease in salaries and employee benefits expense and improvements in net interest income and total other income (including an increase in investment securities gains of $\$ 203$ thousand), offset by increases in other expenses.

The increases in our earnings resulted in improvements in both our return on average assets and return on average stockholders equity. Specifically, during the third quarter of 2004 our return on average assets and return on average equity increased to $1.17 \%$ and $13.16 \%$, respectively, as compared to $0.99 \%$ and $11.49 \%$ during the third quarter of 2003.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income is our most significant source of revenue. During the third quarter of 2004 and third quarter of 2003, net interest income comprised $80 \%$ and $84 \%$ of our total revenues, respectively. In the three month period ended September 30, 2004, our net interest income was $\$ 6.076$ million. By comparison, for the three month period ended September 30, 2003 our net interest income was $\$ 5.938$ million. The $\$ 138$ thousand improvement in net interest income between the periods was the result of several key factors, which are explained below.

Throughout the fourth quarter of 2003 and the first three quarters of 2004 maturing and adjustable-rate loans and investment securities were renewed and replaced by new loans and investments generally at lower rates of interest. This resulted in a 19 basis point decrease in loan yields between the periods. Specifically, the yield on loans for the third quarter of 2004 was $6.64 \%$, as compared to $6.83 \%$ for the third quarter of 2003 . In spite of this reduction in our loan yields, the interest income on loans increased by $\$ 139$ thousand due to an increase in average loans outstanding. During the third quarter of 2004 average loans outstanding were $\$ 371.0$ million, as compared to $\$ 351.9$ million during the third quarter of 2003, a $\$ 19.1$ million or $5.4 \%$ increase.

In addition, although interest income on our securities portfolio decreased by $\$ 157$ thousand due to lower reinvestment rates and a smaller securities portfolio, our net interest income benefited from a reduction in net amortization of premiums on investments between the periods. More specifically, the net amortization of premiums on investments, which is recorded as a reduction in interest income, was $\$ 638$ thousand during the third quarter of 2003, as compared to $\$ 492$ thousand during the third quarter of 2004, a $\$ 146$ thousand improvement.

And finally, in order to minimize the negative impact to net interest income associated with reduced earning asset yields, we lowered the interest rates paid on our savings accounts, NOW accounts and time accounts between the periods. These actions helped reduce in our interest bearing liability costs by $\$ 261$ thousand between the periods. In the three month period ended September 30, 2003 interest expense was $\$ 3.433$ million, as compared to $\$ 3.172$ million in the three month period ended September 30, 2004.

Rate and Volume Analysis: The purpose of a rate volume analysis is to identify the dollar amount of change in net interest income due to changes in interest rates versus changes in the volume of earning assets and interest bearing liabilities.

Rate and Volume Table:

The following table presents changes in interest income and interest expense attributable to changes in volume (change in average balance multiplied by prior year rate), changes in rate (change in rate multiplied by prior year volume), and the net change in net interest income. The net change attributable to the combined impact of volume and rate has been allocated to each in proportion to the absolute dollar amount of change. The table has not been adjusted for tax-exempt interest.


Net interest income was $\$ 138$ thousand greater in the three month period ended September 30, 2004 than in the three month period ended September 30, 2003. An increase in net interest income due to volume changes of $\$ 176$ thousand was offset by a $\$ 38$ thousand reduction in net interest income due to changes in interest rates. The interest income recorded on earning assets decreased by $\$ 277$ thousand between the periods due primarily to lower reinvestment rates on investment securities and loans. This reduction was offset by a $\$ 239$ thousand reduction in interest expense on interest bearing liabilities primarily because we lowered the interest rates paid on savings accounts, NOW accounts and time accounts between the periods. The $\$ 176$ thousand improvement in net interest income due to changes in volume was due to both an increase in the volume of earning assets and a slight reduction in the volume of interest bearing liabilities. Between the periods the volume of loans outstanding increased by $\$ 19.1$ million. This contributed an additional $\$ 319$ thousand toward interest income, but was offset by lower average volumes of investment securities, interest bearing deposits (at other banks) and federal funds sold, netting an increase in interest income due to volume of $\$ 154$ thousand. In addition, a reduction in the volume of our money market account, NOW account and time account balances, offset by an increase in saving account balances and borrowings netted a $\$ 22$ thousand decrease in interest expense.

Provision for Loan Losses. We recorded a provision for loan losses of $\$ 300$ thousand for the three month period ended September 30, 2004, as compared to $\$ 350$ thousand for the three month period ended September 30, 2003, a $\$ 50$ thousand decrease. The provision for loan losses decreased in the third quarter of 2004, as compared to the third quarter of 2003 due to an improvement in several asset quality measures between periods, including net charge-offs, non-performing loans and delinquent loans. Specifically, during the three month period ended September 30, 2004, we recorded net loan charge-offs of $\$ 195$ thousand. This compares to $\$ 243$ thousand during the three month period ended September 30, 2003, a decrease of $\$ 48$ thousand. At September 30, 2004, total non-performing loans totaled $\$ 1.387$ million, as compared to $\$ 4.139$ million at September 30, 2003, a $\$ 2.752$ million improvement. At September 30, 2004 loans that were 30 or more days delinquent (excluding loans placed on non-accrual status) totaled $\$ 1.827$ million or $0.48 \%$ of loans outstanding. By comparison at September 30, 2003 we had $\$ 2.629$ million or $0.74 \%$ of loans outstanding in this same category, a net decrease of $\$ 801$ thousand between the periods.

Non-Interest Income. Non-interest income increased from $\$ 1.146$ million in the three month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 1.477$ million in the three month period ended September 30, 2004, a $\$ 331$ thousand or $28.9 \%$ increase. One of the primary reasons other income increased between periods was an increase in net investment securities gains (losses). During the third quarter of 2004, we netted gains on the call and sale of available-for-sale investment securities of $\$ 224$ thousand, as compared to a $\$ 21$ thousand net gain during the third quarter of 2003, a $\$ 203$ thousand increase between the periods. Also, during the third quarter of 2004 trust fees, services charges on deposit accounts, commissions income and other service fees increased by $\$ 192$ thousand in total.

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These increases were partially offset by a $\$ 60$ thousand decrease in other income. Specifically, other income was $\$ 205$ thousand in the three month period ended September 30, 2003, as compared to $\$ 145$ thousand in the three month period ended September 30, 2004. Most of this change can be attributed to a $\$ 52$ thousand swing in the income recorded on our trading securities portfolio. During the third quarter of 2004, we recorded less than a $\$ 1$ thousand loss on our trading securities portfolio. This compares to a $\$ 52$ thousand gain during the third quarter of 2003. Under our executive deferred compensation plan, certain executive officers may defer a portion of their salary or bonus for distribution at retirement. Participants can elect to contribute their deferred amounts either to a funded investment account managed by the plan s Trustee or a
phantom stock investment. Funded deferred compensation accounts are recorded as trading securities. Gains and losses associated with funded deferred compensation accounts are recorded through other income and other expense. Under the phantom stock component of the plan, the deferred amounts are indexed to the price and dividend performance of our Company s common stock.

Non-Interest Expense. Non-interest expense increased from $\$ 4.252$ million for the quarter ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 4.329$ million for the quarter ended September 30, 2004, a $\$ 77$ thousand or $1.8 \%$ increase. Increases in occupancy expense, computer service fees, advertising and marketing and other expenses were offset by a reduction in salaries and employee benefits expense and professional fees.

Salaries and employee benefits expenses decreased $\$ 222$ thousand or $7.8 \%$, from $\$ 2.860$ million in the third quarter 2003 to $\$ 2.638$ million in the third quarter of 2004. The primary reason salaries and employee benefits expense decreased was due to a $\$ 305$ thousand reduction in executive deferred compensation expenses. During the third quarter of 2003, the price of the Company s stock increased substantially resulting in a $\$ 265$ thousand expense on the phantom stock component of the executive deferred compensation plan. Conversely, during the third quarter of 2004, the price of the Company s stock decreased resulting in a $\$ 40$ thousand benefit in salaries and benefits expense, netting a $\$ 305$ thousand expense savings in the comparative quarters. In addition, retirement plan expense decreased $\$ 17$ thousand, from $\$ 136$ thousand during the third quarter of 2003 to $\$ 119$ thousand during the third quarter of 2004 . The decreases in executive deferred compensation and retirement plan expense were partially offset by an increase in our health insurance costs, an increase in employees base salaries, and expansionary activities including the opening of a full-service branch in Johnson City, New York (Broome County) and a loan production office in Kingston, New York (Ulster County).

During the third quarter of 2004 computer service fee expenses increased substantially. Specifically, during the third quarter of 2004, we recorded computer service fees of $\$ 260$ thousand. This compares to $\$ 61$ thousand during the third quarter of 2003, a $\$ 199$ thousand increase. The increase is attributed to two primary factors. First, during the third quarter of 2004, we recorded a $\$ 135$ thousand expense related to a terminated conversion to a new core information processing system. The remaining portion of the increase in computer service fees was due to increased system operation, system recovery and information security demands on our information technology systems, as well as the implementation of new customer delivery systems.

Professional fees decreased between the quarters by $\$ 20$ thousand, from $\$ 85$ thousand during the three month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 65$ thousand during the three month period ended September 30, 2004. During the third quarter of 2003, we incurred significant professional fees related to the Company s SEC common stock registration. These fees did not recur during the third quarter of 2004. The increase in advertising and marketing expense between the quarters totaling $\$ 32$ thousand was primarily due to promotions and advertising for new branch and office locations.

Other expenses increased from $\$ 631$ thousand in the three month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 672$ thousand in the three month period ended September 30, 2004, a $\$ 41$ thousand or $6.5 \%$ increase. Increases in various components of other expense, including donations, customer relations expense, accounts receivable financing services, Mang Wilber minority interest expense, postage, software amortization, travel and entertainment expense, were offset by reductions in other losses, collection and non-filing expense, amortization of intangible assets, and most significantly a $\$ 48$ thousand decrease in the expense related to the funded component of our executive deferred compensation plan.

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Income Taxes. Income tax expense increased from $\$ 658$ thousand during the three month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 760$ thousand during the three month period ended September 30, 2004. The increase in income tax expense was due to an increased amount of pre-tax income. Our effective tax rate decreased between periods, from $26.5 \%$ in the three month period ended September 30, 2003 to $26.0 \%$ in the three month period ended September 30, 2004. The decrease in the effective tax rate during the third quarter of 2004 was due to a higher percentage of our pre-tax income being generated from tax-exempt state and municipal securities.

## E. Comparison of the Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003 and 2004

Overview. Net income decreased by $\$ 213$ thousand or $3.3 \%$, from $\$ 6.512$ million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 6.299$ million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. The primary reasons net income decreased over the comparable periods were a decline in net interest income and an increase in non-interest expenses. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, net interest income was $\$ 17.854$ million. This compares to $\$ 18.339$ million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003, a $\$ 485$ thousand or $2.6 \%$ decrease. The decrease in net interest income was largely driven by a significant decrease in investment securities yields. Total non-interest expense increased $\$ 413$ thousand or $3.34 \%$ on a comparable period basis. Significant increases in computer service fees and professional fees during the first nine months 2004 coupled with increases in advertising and marketing expense, net occupancy expenses and other non-interest expenses were reduced by decreases in salaries and benefits expense and furniture and fixture expenses.

The decrease in net income caused earnings per share to decrease by $\$ 0.02$, from $\$ 0.58$ for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 0.56$ for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. Similarly, the return on average assets and return on average stockholders equity decreased from $1.20 \%$ and $13.66 \%$, respectively, in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $1.15 \%$ and $12.91 \%$, respectively, for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004.

Net Interest Income. Net interest income is our most significant source of revenue. During the nine month periods ended September 30, 2004 and September 30, 2003, net interest income comprised $80 \%$ and $81 \%$, of our total revenues, respectively. In the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, our net interest income was $\$ 17.854$ million. By comparison, our net interest income for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 was $\$ 18.339$ million. The decrease in net interest income between the periods, totaling $\$ 485$ thousand or $2.6 \%$, was due to several factors.

A major reason net interest income decreased between the periods was an increase in our amortization of premiums, net of accretion of discounts on investments. During the first nine months of 2004, we experienced a decrease in interest income on securities due to very rapid prepayments on our mortgage-backed securities investment portfolio as homeowners refinanced their mortgages to take advantage of lower interest rates. This made it necessary for us to increase our amortization of premiums, net of accretion of discounts on investments, thereby reducing interest income on investment securities. Through the first nine months of 2004 we recorded $\$ 1.830$ million of amortization of premium, net of accretion on discounts on investments related to investment securities premiums. By comparison through the first nine months of 2003, we recorded $\$ 1.191$ million of this same expense, an increase of $\$ 639$ thousand or $53.7 \%$.

In addition, throughout the fourth quarter of 2003 and the first three quarters of 2004 maturing and adjustable-rate loans and investment securities were renewed and replaced by new loans and investments at lower rates of interest. Lower reinvestment rates contributed to the decrease in both interest income and earning assets yields. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 earning asset yields were $5.31 \%$, as compared to $5.72 \%$ for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003.

To minimize the negative impact to net interest income associated with reduced earning asset yields, we lowered our deposit rates and borrowing costs reducing the total average cost of interest bearing liabilities from $2.43 \%$ during the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $2.09 \%$ during the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004. The net impact of our interest rate reductions on deposits and borrowings reduced the cost of our interest bearing liabilities by $\$ 1.461$ million between the comparable periods, from $\$ 10.839$ million in the first nine months of 2003 versus $\$ 9.378$ million in the first nine months of 2004.

Rate and Volume Analysis: The purpose of a rate and volume analysis is to identify the dollar amount of change in net interest income due to changes in interest rates versus changes in the volume of earning assets and interest bearing liabilities.

Net interest income decreased $\$ 485$ thousand between the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 and the nine month period ended September 30, 2003. Between the periods, a decrease in interest income on earning assets of $\$ 1.946$ million was partially offset by a decrease in interest expense on interest bearing liabilities totaling $\$ 1.461$ million. Several rate and volume factors contributed to this net change.

Between the periods, the volume of average total earnings assets increased by less than $1 \%$ or $\$ 4.050$ million. Increases in average loans and investment securities outstanding were partially offset by decreases in average interest bearing deposits at other banks and federal funds sold between the periods. These changes resulted in a net increase due to changes in the volume of earning assets of $\$ 382$ thousand. The increase in interest income on earning assets due to changes in volume was nominal compared to the reduction in interest income due to changes in interest rates. Between the periods, interest income decreased $\$ 2.328$ million as a result of changes in interest rates on earning assets. Most of this decrease was due to a decrease in investment securities and loan yields.

The decrease in investment securities interest income totaling $\$ 1.428$ million was due to two primary factors, (i) the increase in amortization of premiums, net of accretion of discounts on investment securities, and (ii) the reinvestment of matured and sold securities into lower yielding investments. The amortization of premiums, net of accretion of discounts on investment securities (which is recorded as a decrease in interest income), increased by $\$ 639$ thousand between the periods due to low mortgage rates and high levels of prepayments on mortgage-backed securities. The remainder of the decrease in interest income on investment securities, totaling $\$ 790$ was due to the reinvestment of maturing and sold securities into new securities and lower rates of interest. Through the first nine months of 2004 the proceeds from the sale and maturity of investment securities totaled $\$ 153.1$ million. During the same nine month period, $\$ 125.0$ million was reinvested in new investment securities at lower rates of interest.

Interest income on loans decreased $\$ 924$ thousand between the periods due to changes in interest rates. During the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 matured loans were generally replaced by new loans at lower rates of interest. In addition, adjustable rate loans were generally adjusted to a rate of interest below the previous rate of interest causing a decrease in interest income.

The average volume of interest bearing liabilities increased modestly between the periods, resulting in a $\$ 79$ thousand decrease in interest expense due to changes in volume. Although the volume of interest bearing liabilities increased modestly between the periods, from $\$ 597.2$ million during the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 598.5$ million during the nine month period ended September 30 , 2004 , the change in the composition of interest bearing deposits resulted in a decrease in interest expense due to volume. More specifically, the average volume of time accounts outstanding decreased (typically a higher cost deposit liability), while the average volume of saving and NOW accounts increased (typically a lower cost deposit liability).

As investment securities and loan yields decreased between the periods, we lowered the rates of interest paid on deposit accounts and borrowings. These changes resulted in a $\$ 1.382$ million decrease in interest expense due to changes in rate on interest bearing liabilities.

Provision for Loan Losses. We recorded a provision for loan losses of $\$ 960$ thousand for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, as compared to $\$ 1.205$ million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003, a $\$ 245$ thousand or $20.3 \%$ decrease. The provision for loan losses decreased in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, as compared to the nine month period ended September 30 , 2003 due to an improvement in several asset quality measures between periods. Specifically, during the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, we recorded net loan charge-offs of $\$ 499$ thousand. This compares to $\$ 704$ thousand during the nine month period ended September 30, 2003, a decrease of $\$ 205$ thousand or $29.1 \%$. At September 30, 2004, non-performing loans totaled $\$ 1.387$ million, as compared to $\$ 4.139$ million at September 30, 2003, a $\$ 2.752$ million improvement. At September 30, 2004, loans that were 30 or more days delinquent (excluding loans placed on non-accrual status) totaled $\$ 1.827$ million or $0.48 \%$ of loans outstanding. By comparison at September 30, 2003 we had $\$ 2.629$ million or $0.74 \%$ of loans outstanding 30 or more days past due (excluding loans placed on non-accrual status), a net decrease of $\$ 802$ thousand between the periods. Potential problem loans are loans that are currently performing, but where we believe potential credit problems exist. At September 30,2004 , potential problem loans were $\$ 9.019$ million or $2.37 \%$ of total loans outstanding, as compared to $\$ 7.238$ million or $2.05 \%$ of total loans outstanding at September 30, 2003.

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Non-Interest Income. Non-interest income increased $\$ 107$ thousand or $2.5 \%$ on a comparable period basis, from $\$ 4.256$ million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 4.363$ million the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. Several factors contributed to the modest net increase in non interest income. Increases in trust fees, service charges on deposit accounts, commission income and investment securities gains totaling $\$ 330$ thousand were offset by decreases in bank owned life insurance income, other service fees and other income totaling \$223 thousand.

During the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, we realized net gains on the sale and call of investment securities totaling $\$ 875$ thousand. This compares to $\$ 740$ thousand in net gains on the sale and call of investment securities during the nine month period ended September 30, 2003, a $\$ 135$ thousand increase. Commissions income increased $\$ 98$ thousand due to an increase in the sale of insurance policies by our joint venture insurance agency Mang Wilber LLC. Trust fees and service charges on deposit accounts increased by $\$ 53$ thousand and $\$ 44$ thousand, respectively, between the periods due to increases in our fee schedules and growth in the volume of accounts serviced. Trust fees were $\$ 978$ thousand in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, as compared to $\$ 925$ thousand in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003. Service charges on deposit accounts were $\$ 1.134$ million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, as compare to $\$ 1.090$ million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003.

Income related to the Company s bank owned life insurance decreased $\$ 60$ thousand between the periods due to a reduction in the net crediting rates on insurance policies owned by the Bank due to lower interest rates.

Other service fees decreased by $\$ 24$ thousand between the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 and the nine month period ended September 30, 2003. The decrease was primarily due to a significant reduction in merchant credit card processing fees. We closed our largest merchant credit card processing account during the third quarter of 2003.

Other income was $\$ 466$ thousand in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003, as compared to $\$ 327$ thousand in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. This decrease was primarily due to the decrease in performance of the investments held in the Company strading securities portfolio and a decrease in title insurance agency income, offset by an increase investment services revenue. During the first nine months of 2003 we recorded $\$ 154$ thousand of other income on the Company s trading securities, as compared to $\$ 52$ thousand in the first nine months of 2004, a $\$ 102$ thousand decrease. Under our executive deferred compensation plan, certain executive officers may defer a portion of their salary or bonus for distribution at retirement. Participants can elect to contribute their deferred amounts either to a funded investment account managed by the plan s Trustee or a phantom stock investment. Funded deferred compensation accounts are recorded as trading securities.

We own a small portion of a title insurance agency, New York Bankers Title Agency East, LLC. During the nine month period ended September 30,2003 , we recorded $\$ 60$ thousand of income related to our investment in this title agency, as compared to $\$ 18$ thousand during the first nine months of 2004, a decrease of $\$ 42$ thousand. Between the periods, we reduced our ownership of the agency. In addition, the gross fees generated by the business activities of the title agency have decreased substantially due to a decrease in mortgage loans referred to the agency.

Decreases in title agency fees and gains on our trading securities were offset by increases in fees from investment services. During 2003 we hired a new investment services manager. Investment services fees have improved from $\$ 37$ thousand in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 73$ thousand in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 as a result of his sales activities.

Non-Interest Expense. Non-interest expense increased to $\$ 12.755$ million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, as compared to $\$ 12.342$ for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003. Increases in occupancy expense, computer service fees, advertising and marketing expense, professional fees and other expense were partially offset by decreases in salaries and benefits expense and furniture and fixture expense.

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Salaries and employee benefits expenses decreased $\$ 97$ thousand or $1.2 \%$, from $\$ 7.957$ million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 7.860$ million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. A decrease in salaries and retirement plan costs were offset by increases in group health insurance costs and other benefits. During the first quarter of 2004, we opened a full-service branch in Johnson City, New York (Broome County) and a loan production office in Kingston, New York (Ulster County). The increase in salaries and benefit expense resulting from these expansionary activities as well as other general salary increases were offset by a $\$ 384$ thousand decrease in executive deferred compensation expenses and a $\$ 50$ thousand decrease in retirement plan costs due to strong investment performance in our pension fund. Under the phantom stock component of our executive deferred compensation plan, the deferred amounts are indexed to the price and dividend performance of our Company s common stock. Increases and / or decreases to the deferred amounts invested in phantom stock are recorded through salaries expense. During the first nine months of 2003, the price of the Company s stock increased resulting in a $\$ 301$ thousand expense on the phantom stock component of the executive deferred compensation plan. During the first nine months of 2004, the price of the Company s stock decreased resulting in an $\$ 83$ thousand reduction in salaries and benefits expense, netting a $\$ 384$ thousand expense savings in the comparative periods. Group health insurance and other benefits expense increased $\$ 94$ thousand between the periods, reducing the benefit provided by the reduction in deferred compensation expenses.

Occupancy expenses increased from $\$ 1.026$ million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 1.110$ million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004, an $\$ 84$ thousand or $8.2 \%$ increase. Additional rents related to our expansion activities, as well as general increases in taxes, utilities, insurance and building repairs account for the increase in occupancy expense.

Computer service fees increased $\$ 255$ thousand or $122 \%$, from $\$ 209$ thousand in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 464$ thousand in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. This increase was due to general increases in computer system operation, system recovery and information security requirements, and a $\$ 135$ thousand one-time expense due to the termination of a contract to convert the Bank $s$ core information processing system.

Professional fees increased $\$ 155$ thousand or $75 \%$, from $\$ 207$ thousand in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 362$ thousand in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. This increase was primarily due to fees incurred as a result of our new status as an SEC reporting company and our listing on the American Stock Exchange, which both became effective in February of 2004.

Advertising and marketing expenses increased $\$ 31$ thousand or $9.7 \%$ between the comparable periods due to increased promotional activities in our new markets.

Other expenses did not vary significantly between the nine month period ended September 30, 2004 and the nine month period ended September 30, 2003. Specifically, other expenses increased $\$ 30$ thousand or $1.5 \%$ between the periods, from $\$ 2.025$ million for the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 2.055$ million in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. Decreases in Board of Director fees, collection and non-filing expense, telephone, amortization expense, other losses, executive deferred compensation, and deferred reserves for unadvanced credit instruments, were offset by increases in accounts receivable finance administration expenses, office supplies, travel and entertainment, customer relations, software amortization, minority interest expense and expenses related to listing our stock on the American Stock Exchange.

Income Taxes. Income tax expense decreased from $\$ 2.536$ million during the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $\$ 2.203$ million during the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. The decrease in income tax expense was due to an increase in tax-exempt income and a general decrease in taxable income. Similarly, our effective tax rate decreased between periods, from $28.0 \%$ in the nine month period ended September 30, 2003 to $25.9 \%$ in the nine month period ended September 30, 2004. This was due to a higher percentage of our pre-tax earnings being generated from tax-exempt sources.

## F. Liquidity

Liquidity describes our ability to meet financial obligations in the normal course of business. Liquidity is primarily needed to meet the borrowing and deposit withdrawal requirements of our customers and to fund our current and planned expenditures. We are committed to maintaining a strong liquidity position. Accordingly, we monitor our liquidity position on a daily basis through our daily funds management process. This includes:
maintaining the appropriate levels of currency throughout our branch system to meet the daily cash needs of our customers,
balancing our mandated deposit or reserve requirements at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York,
maintaining adequate cash balances at our correspondent banks, and
assuring that adequate levels of federal funds sold, liquid assets, and borrowing resources are available to meet obligations including reasonably anticipated daily fluctuations.
In addition to the daily funds management process, we also monitor certain liquidity ratios and complete a liquidity assessment every 90 days to estimate current and future sources and uses of liquidity. The 90-day sources and uses assessment is reviewed by our Asset and Liability Committee ( ALCO ). The ALCO, based on this assessment and other data, determines our future funding or investment needs and strategies. The following list represents the sources of funds available to meet our liquidity requirements. Our primary sources of funds are denoted by an asterisk (*).

## Source of Funding

## Currency*

Federal Reserve and Correspondent Bank Balances*
Federal Funds Sold*
Loan and Investment Principal and Interest Payments*
Investment Security Maturities and Calls*
Demand Deposits \& NOW Accounts*
Savings \& Money Market Deposits*
Certificates of Deposit and Other Time Deposits*
Repurchase Agreements*
FHLBNY Advances / Lines of Credit*
Sale of Available for Sale Investment Securities
Brokered Deposits
Correspondent Lines of Credit
Fed. Reserve Discount Window Borrowings
Sale of Loans
Proceeds from Issuance of Equity Securities
Branch Acquisition
Cash Surrender Value of Bank Owned Life Insurance
The following table summarizes several of our key liquidity measures for the periods stated:
Table of Liquidity Measures:

| Liquidity Measure |  | September 30, <br> $\mathbf{2 0 0 4}$ | December 31, <br> $\mathbf{2 0 0 3}$ |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |

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Although there was a general decline in our liquidity measures between September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003, we maintained sufficient levels of liquidity in both periods to meet anticipated funding needs. The anticipated principal repayments on existing loans and investment securities, as well as the anticipated deposit retention levels provide us with an adequate amount of liquidity. Furthermore, the substantial majority of the unencumbered available-for-sale investment securities are highly liquid and could be sold immediately or pledged for borrowing purposes to meet our anticipated or unanticipated loan and other funding requirements.

In addition to the above liquidity measures, at September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003 we had $\$ 14.8$ million and $\$ 14.4$ million, respectively, of cash surrender value in our bank-owned life insurance portfolio. These policies could be terminated and surrendered for cash upon our demand.

Our commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit increased by $\$ 10.0$ million or $16.9 \%$ between December 31, 2003 to September 30, 2004. At September 30, 2004 commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit were $\$ 69.1$ million, as compared to $\$ 59.1$ million at December 31, 2003. Our experience indicates that draws on the commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit do not fluctuate significantly and therefore are not expected to materially impact our liquidity.

We recognize that deposit flows and loan and investment prepayment activity are effected by the level of interest rates, the interest rates and products offered by competitors, and other factors. Based on our deposit retention experience, anticipated levels of regional economic activity, particularly moderate levels of loan demand within our primary market area, and current pricing strategies, we anticipate that we will have sufficient levels of liquidity to meet our current funding commitments for several quarters prospectively.

## G. Capital Resources and Dividends

The maintenance of appropriate capital levels is a management priority. Overall capital adequacy is monitored on an ongoing basis by our management and reviewed regularly by the Board of Directors. Our principal capital planning goal is to provide an adequate return to shareholders while retaining a sufficient capital base to provide for future expansion and comply with all regulatory standards.

At September 30, 2004 stockholders equity was $\$ 67.372$ million, $\$ 3.068$ million or $4.8 \%$ above December 31, 2003 stockholders equity of $\$ 64.304$ million. The increase in stockholders equity was primarily due to an increase in retained earnings totaling $\$ 3.104$ million.

The Company and the Bank are both subject to regulatory capital guidelines. Under these guidelines, as established by federal bank regulators, to be adequately capitalized, the Company and the Bank must both maintain the minimum ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets at $4.0 \%$ and the minimum ratio of total capital to risk-weighted assets of $8.0 \%$. Tier 1 capital is comprised of stockholders equity, less intangible assets and accumulated other comprehensive income. Total capital, for this risk-based capital standard, includes Tier 1 capital plus the Company s allowance for loan losses. Similarly, for the Bank to be considered well capitalized, it must maintain a Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of $6.0 \%$ and a total capital to risk-weighted assets ratio of $10.0 \%$. The Company and the Bank exceeded all capital adequacy and well capitalized guidelines at September 30, 2004 and December 31, 2003. The Company s Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets ratio and total capital to risk-weighted assets ratio at September 30, 2004 were $12.75 \%$ and $14.00 \%$, respectively.

The principal source of funds for the payment of shareholder dividends by the Company has been dividends declared and paid to the Company by its subsidiary bank. There are various legal and regulatory limitations applicable to the payment of dividends to the Company by its subsidiaries as well as the payment of dividends by the Company to its shareholders. As of September 30, 2004, under this statutory limitation, the maximum amount that could have been paid by the Bank subsidiary to the Company, without special regulatory approval, was $\$ 9.530$ million. The ability of the Company and the Bank to pay dividends in the future is and will continue to be influenced by regulatory policies, capital guidelines and applicable laws.

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## ITEM 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Our business activities generate market risk. Market risk is the possibility that changes in future market conditions, including interest rates and prices, will reduce earnings and make the Company less valuable. We are primarily exposed to market risk through changes in interest rates. This risk is called Interest Rate Risk and is an inherent component of risk for all banks. The risk occurs because we pay interest on deposits and borrowed funds at varying rates and terms, while receiving interest income on loans and investments with different rates and terms. As a result, our earnings and the market value of assets and liabilities are subject to potentially significant fluctuations as interest rates rise and fall. Our objective is to minimize the fluctuation in net interest margin and net interest income caused by anticipated and unanticipated changes in interest rates.

Ultimately, the Company s Board of Directors is responsible for monitoring and managing market and interest rate risk. The Board accomplishes this objective by annually reviewing and approving an Asset and Liability Management Policy, which establishes broad risk limits and delegates responsibility to carry out asset and liability oversight and control to the Directors Loan and Investment Committee and management s ALCO.

We manage several different forms of interest rate risk. The first is mismatch risk, which involves the mismatch of maturities of fixed rate assets and liabilities. The second is basis risk. Basis risk is the risk associated with non-correlated changes in different interest rates. For example, we price many of our adjustable rate commercial loans (an asset) using the Prime Rate as a basis, while some of our deposit accounts (a liability) are tied to Treasury security yields. In a given timeframe, the Prime rate might decrease $2 \%$ while a particular Treasury security might only decrease $1 \%$. If this were to occur, our yield on Prime based commercial loans would decrease by $2 \%$, while the cost of deposits might only decrease by $1 \%$ negatively affecting net interest income and net interest margin. The third risk is option risk. Option risk generally appears in the form of prepayment volatility on residential mortgages, commercial and commercial real estate loans, consumer loans, mortgage backed securities, and callable agency or municipal investment securities. The Bank s customers generally have alternative financing sources (or options) to refinance their existing debt obligations with other financial institutions. When interest rates decrease, many of these customers exercise this option and refinance at other institutions and prepay their loans with us, which requires us to reinvest the prepaid funds in lower yielding investments and loans. The same type of refinancing activity also accelerates principal payments on mortgage-backed securities held by the Bank. Municipal investment securities and agency securities are issued with specified call dates and call prices and are typically exercised by the issuer when interest rates on comparable maturity securities are lower than the current coupon rate on the security.

Measuring and managing interest rate risk is a dynamic process that the Bank s management must continually perform to meet the objective of maintaining stable net interest income and net interest margin. This means that prior to setting the term or interest rate on loans or deposits, or before purchasing investment securities or borrowing funds, management must understand the impact that alternative interest rates will have on the Bank s interest rate risk profile. This is accomplished through simulation modeling. Simulation modeling is the process of shocking the current Balance Sheet under a variety of interest rate scenarios and then measuring the impact of interest rate changes on both projected earnings and the market value of the Bank s equity. The estimates underlying the sensitivity analysis are based on numerous assumptions including, but not limited to: the nature and timing of interest rate changes, prepayments on loans and securities, deposit decay rates, pricing decisions on loans and deposits, and reinvestment / replacement rates on asset and liability cash flows. While assumptions are developed based on available information and current economic and local market conditions, management cannot make any assurances as to the ultimate accuracy of these assumptions including competitive influences and customer behavior. Accordingly, actual results will differ from those predicted by simulation modeling.

The following table shows the projected changes in net interest income from a parallel shift in all market interest rates. The shift in interest rates is assumed to occur in monthly increments of $0.50 \%$ per month until the full shift is complete. In other words, the model assumes it will take 6 months for a $3.00 \%$ shift to take place. This is also known as a ramped interest rate shock. The projected changes in net interest income are totals for the 12-month period beginning October 1, 2004 and ending September 30, 2005 under ramped shock scenarios.

Interest Rate Sensitivity Table:

| Interest Rates |  |  | Dollars in Thousands |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Interest } \\ \text { Rate Shock (1) } \end{gathered}$ | Prime <br> Rate |  |  | cted <br> lized <br> terest <br> me | Projected Dollar Change in Net Interest Income | Projected <br> Percentage Change in Net Interest Income | Projected Change in Net Interest Income as a Percent of Total Stockholders Equity |
| -2.00\% |  | 2.75\% | \$ | 23,496 | $(\$ 2,088)$ | -8.16\% | -3.10\% |
| -1.00\% |  | 3.75\% | \$ | 24,212 | $(\$ 1,372)$ | -5.36\% | -2.04\% |
| No change |  | 4.75\% | \$ | 25,584 |  |  |  |
| 1.00\% |  | 5.75\% | \$ | 24,892 | (\$692) | -2.70\% | -1.03\% |
| 2.00\% |  | 6.75\% | \$ | 24,757 | (\$827) | -3.23\% | -1.23\% |
| 3.00\% |  | 7.75\% | \$ | 25,527 | (\$57) | -0.22\% | -0.08\% |

(1) Under a ramped interest rate shock, interest rates are modeled to change at a rate of $0.50 \%$ per month.

Many assumptions are embedded within our interest rate risk model. These assumptions were approved by the Bank s ALCO and were based upon both management s experience and projections provided by investment securities companies. Assuming our prepayment and other assumptions are accurate and assuming we take reasonable actions to preserve net interest income, we project that net interest income would decrease by $\$ 827$ thousand or $1.23 \%$ of total stockholders equity in a $+2.00 \%$ ramped interest rate shock. Similarly, we project that net interest income would decrease by $\$ 2.088$ million or $3.10 \%$ of total stockholders equity in a $2.00 \%$ ramped interest rate shock. This is within our Asset and Liability Policy guideline, which limits the maximum projected decrease in net interest income in a $+2.00 \%$ or $2.00 \%$ ramped interest rate shock to $5.00 \%$ of the Company s total equity capital.

Our strategy for managing interest rate risk is impacted by general market conditions and customer demand. But, generally, we try to limit the volume and term of fixed-rate assets and fixed-rate liabilities, so that we can adjust the mix and pricing of assets and liabilities to mitigate net interest income volatility. We also purchase investments for the securities portfolio and structure borrowings from the FHLBNY to counter-balance interest rate risk taken in the loan portfolio. We also offer adjustable rate loan and deposit products that change as interest rates change. Approximately $22 \%$ of our total assets were invested in adjustable rate loans and investments at September 30, 2004.

## ITEM 4: Controls and Procedures

Our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the design and operational effectiveness of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13(a)-15(e) and 15(d) 15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of September 30, 2004. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company s disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 are recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC s rules and forms.

## PART II OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1: Legal Proceedings

The Company is not the subject of any material pending legal proceedings, other than ordinary routine litigation occurring in the normal course of its business.

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On an ongoing basis, the Bank also becomes subject to various legal claims from time to time, which arise in the normal course of business. The various pending legal claims against the Bank will not, in the opinion of management based upon consultation with counsel, result in any material liability to the Company and will not materially affect our financial position, results of operation or cash flow.

## ITEM 2: Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

During the three month period ended September 30, 2004 the rights of holders of our registered securities were not modified; nor were any other class of security issued that could materially limit or qualify our registered securities.

On August 27, 2004 we announced that our Board of Directors approved a stock repurchase program, which authorizes the purchase, at the discretion of management, of up to $\$ 1,500,000$ of the Company s common stock. All shares repurchased under the repurchase program will be made in the open market or through private transactions and will be limited to one transaction per week, and shall be conducted exclusively through Merrill Lynch, a registered broker-dealer. All such purchases shall be effected in compliance with the laws of the State of New York, Rule 10b(18) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations thereunder, and the rules and regulations of the American Stock Exchange. The following table summarizes the shares repurchased by us under this repurchase program during the three month period ended September 30, 2004:

Share Repurchases:

| Month / Year | Total Shares Repurchased | Average Price Paid per Share |  | Total Cost <br> (1) |  |  | Remaining <br> Share <br> Repurchase <br> Authority |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| July 2004 | 0 | \$ |  | \$ |  |  | 1,500,000 |
| August 2004 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  | 1,500,000 |
| September 2004 | 4,300 | \$ | 12.10 | \$ | 52,030 |  | 1,447,970 |
| Totals | 4,300 | \$ | 12.10 | \$ | 52,030 |  |  |

(1) Excludes brokerage commissions paid by the Company.

All shares purchased by the Company in the three month period ended September 30, 2004 were purchased under the publicly announced program.

ITEM 3: Defaults Upon Senior Securities

The Company did not default on any senior securities during the three month period ended September 30, 2004.

## ITEM 4: Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

None.

ITEM 5: Other Information

None.

ITEM 6: Exhibits
(a) See Exhibit Index to this Form 10-Q

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

THE WILBER CORPORATION

By: /s/ Alfred S. Whittet
Alfred S. Whittet
President and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Joseph E. Sutaris
Dated: 11/04/2004
Joseph E. Sutaris
Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

No. Document
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