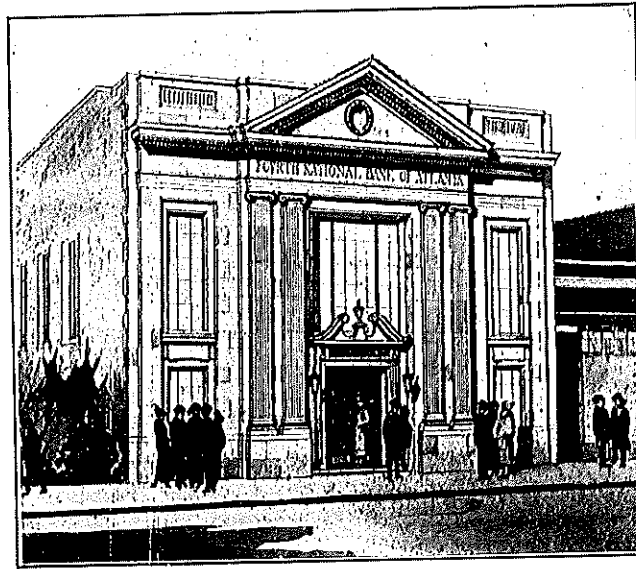


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## Fourth National Bank Gives Decatur Metropolitan Facilities

The Decatur Branch of the Fourth National Bank of Atlanta furnishes Decatur with metropolitan banking facilities and in addition thereto retains to the city community conveniences.

The Decatur Branch of the Fourth is the old DeKalb County Bank, now become a part of this great National Banking House. The DeKalb County Bank was organized in 1911 by the late J. O. Norris and operated successfully until 1922 when it became a part of the Fourth. At the time of the merger it was under the direction of Frank T. Hopkins, President and C. H. Blount, Cashier.

The Fourth National of Atlanta is 37 years of age. It has a history of faithful service and steady growth. Today its resources are more than 40 millions of dollars. The Decatur branch is housed in a new modern building erected in 1924.

While Decatur has every modern metropolitan facility through this branch of the great Atlanta bank, the community conveniences have been retained, such as longer hours and an advisory board, appointed from local stockholders. The Decatur Branch is under the management of C. H. Blount. Mr. Blount came to Decatur in 1914 as Cashier of the DeKalb County Bank and has remained with this institution since that date except for a short period during the war when he was in Army.

The Advisory Board is composed of the following prominent citizens of DeKalb County: George E. Everitt, Andrew Sledd, Frank O. Watkins, James A. Hall, L. E. Morehead, L. J. Cassells, Scott Candler, J. Frank Kelley, I. L. Rogers and Frank T. Hopkins.

Few, if any, cities the size of Decatur can boast of an institution with banking resources of forty millions. The entire resources of the Fourth National are at the disposal of its Decatur and DeKalb County patrons. Mr. Blount and his co-workers are ready and willing at all times to give courteous and competent service to the public in every line of activity in which this great institution is engaged.

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## Fourth National Is Strong Bank

### Well Known Institution Will Soon Erect Large Building

When the Fourth National Bank of Atlanta entered the Decatur field last year by taking over the DeKalb County Bank, an event of great importance to Decatur and DeKalb County took place. It meant that Decatur had been lifted out of the class of communities with restricted banking facilities and had been put in touch with the vast resources of one of the leading banking institutions of the Southeast.

Since its establishment several years ago, the DeKalb County Bank had served the people of Decatur and DeKalb County as well as its limited capital and resources would permit but the growth of the county and the City of Decatur - the enormous increase in the volume of business here - made it impossible for a bank with limited resources to meet in a satisfactory way all the demands made upon it.

So, when the Bank of DeKalb County became a part of the Fourth National Bank of Atlanta, the patrons of the old DeKalb County Bank found themselves in touch with the ample resources afforded by one of Atlanta's largest and strongest banks.

In other words, the people of Decatur and vicinity found that a great Atlanta bank had extended its service and resources to the Decatur community where the people could take advantage of them without the effort of a trip to the city as formerly.

Mr. O. H. Blount, for a number of years cashier of the DeKalb County Bank, was retained as cashier under the new management and so generous was the response of the public that it required but a few weeks to show that larger and more adequate quarters were needed to house the bank and handle its growing volume of business.

After looking the situation over, officials of the bank purchased a few months ago a lot from Dr. W. J. Houston, adjoining the filling station of the Standard Oil Company on the east side of the court house square on which will be built a large modern banking house - a building fitted out in every way to meet the needs of the bank and its patrons.

This building will be a substantial structure, and will prove a great addition to the appearance of the business section of the city.

The plans for this building have been made, and it is expected that the actual work of construction will be started early in the new year.

The building is expected to be finished during the coming summer.

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And when it is finally located in its new home, the Decatur branch of the Fourth National will be in position to serve the people of this community better than ever before.

The Fourth National is one of the old and solid banks of the state.

It is a national bank, through and through.

It is a specialist in commercial banking, having limited the exercise of its energies and resources for more than a third of a century to this one field.

It is an extraordinary example of stability and continuity in banking, having undergone no change in management or policies since it was established in 1890.

It has been remarkably distinguished throughout its whole history by a sustaining record of sound, wholesome, natural growth, due solely to the inherent quality of its adequate, responsive, interested service.

Its last published statement shows the Fourth National to have resources of over thirty million dollars.

It is a big strong National Bank - Eight Departments, all National, an active designated Depository of the United States, State of Georgia, County of Fulton and City of Atlanta, seeking new business on its ability to render exceptional service.

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