UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE

SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

DATE OF REPORT: October 2, 1996
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FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

INDIANA
(State of Incorporation)

0-17071
35-1544218
(IRS Employer ID No.)

200 East Jackson Street
P.O. Box 792

Muncie, Indiana 47305-2814
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)
(317) 747-1500
(Registrant's Telephone Number)

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## ITEM 2. ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS.

On October 2, 1996, First Merchants Corporation acquired all of the assets of Randolph County Bancorp through the merger of Randolph County Bancorp with and into First Merchants Corporation (the "Merger"). Randolph County Bancorp's principal asset was the shares of common stock of its wholly-owned subsidiary, The Randolph County Bank (the "Bank"). The Bank is an Indiana state chartered commercial bank providing various commercial and consumer banking services to its customers located primarily in the Winchester, Indiana community and the surrounding area. As a result of the Merger, the Bank became the fifth whollyowned subsidiary of First Merchants Corporation, joining First Merchants Bank, National Association, Pendleton Banking Company, First United Bank and The Union County National Bank of Liberty. First Merchants Corporation accounted for the Merger under the pooling of interests method of accounting.

Pursuant to the terms of the Merger, shareholders of Randolph County Bancorp receive twenty and 53/100 (20.53) shares of First Merchants Corporation common stock for each share of Randolph County Bancorp common stock held. Cash will be paid for fractional shares of First Merchants Corporation common stock resulting from the exchange ratio. Based on the exchange ratio, shareholders of Randolph County Bancorp will receive approximately Five Hundred Sixty-five Thousand Seven Hundred Five $(565,705)$ shares of First Merchants Corporation common stock. The terms of the Merger were agreed upon in arm's length negotiations between the respective managements of First Merchants Corporation and Randolph County Bancorp.

For further information regarding the terms of the Merger, see the Agreement of Reorganization and Merger between First Merchants Corporation and Randolph County Bancorp dated January 17, 1996, which is incorporated into this Form $8-\mathrm{K}$ by reference and filed as an exhibit hereto.

ITEMS 3-6. Not Applicable.
ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.
(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.
(i) Independent Auditor's Report.
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Registration Statement on Form S-4 [SEC File No. 33-02349] ordered effective on May 9, 1996.)
(23) Consent of Geo. S. Olive \& Co., LLC

ITEM 8. Not Applicable.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

DATE: October 14, 1996.

FIRST MERCHANTS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Larry R. Helms
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Senior Vice President
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To the Stockholders and
Board of Directors
Randolph County Bancorp
Winchester, Indiana

We have audited the consolidated balance sheet of Randolph County Bancorp and subsidiary as of December 31, 1995 and 1994, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1995. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing
standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements described above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Randolph County Bancorp and subsidiary as of December 31, 1995 and 1994, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 1995, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed its method of accounting for income taxes in 1993.

GEO. S. OLIVE \& CO. LLC

Indianapolis, Indiana
January 17, 1996, except for the last paragraph of the note on Loans and Allowance as to which the date is March 19, 1996

## ASSETS

Cash and due from banks
Federal funds sold
Cash and cash equivalents
Interest-bearing deposits
Investment securities
Available for sale
Held to maturity
Total investment securities
Loans
Allowance for loan losses

## Net loans

Premises and equipment
Interest receivable
Other assets

Total assets

## LIABILITIES

Deposits
Noninterest bearing
Interest bearing
Total deposits
Due to broker
Interest payable
Other liabilities
Total liabilities

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
Common stock, $\$ 100$ stated value Authorized 60,000 shares

Issued and outstanding 27,555 and 27,567 shares
Paid-in capital
Retained earnings
Net unrealized gain on securities available for sale
Total stockholders' equity
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity

| \$ 4, 080, 023 | \$ 2,503, 628 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1,400, 000 | 1,050,000 |
| $5,480,023$ | 3,553,628 |
| 22,029,295 |  |
|  | 28,776,202 |
| 22,029,295 | 28,776,202 |
| 43,493,754 | 43,778,184 |
| $(593,580)$ | $(489,409)$ |
| 42,900,174 | 43,288,775 |
| 1,331,159 | 1,459, 800 |
| 1,082,609 | 1,037,736 |
| 292,182 | 315,625 |
| \$73,219, 037 | \$78, 431, 766 |


| \$ 7,333,464 | \$ 6,537,517 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 56,107,793 | 62,243,689 |
| 63,441,257 | 68,781,206 |
| 387,591 | 795,000 |
| 380, 724 | 304,932 |
| 256,405 | 223,635 |
| 64,465,977 | 70,104,773 |


| 2,755,500 | 2,756,700 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 709,036 | 709,344 |
| 5,250,057 | 4,860,949 |
| 38,467 |  |
| 8,753,060 | 8,326,993 |
| \$73, 219, 037 | \$78,431, 766 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.
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## INTEREST INCOME

Loans receivable Taxable Tax exempt
Investment securities
Taxable
Tax exempt
Federal funds sold
Deposits with financial institutions
Total interest income

INTEREST EXPENSE
Deposits
Short-term borrowings

## Total interest expense

NET INTEREST INCOME
Provision for loan losses

NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES

## OTHER INCOME

Fiduciary activities
Service charges on deposit accounts
Other customer fees
Security gain
Other income

Total other income

OTHER EXPENSES
Salaries and employee benefits
Net occupancy expenses
Equipment expenses
Data processing fees
Deposit insurance expense
Printing and office supplies
Advertising
Legal and professional fees
Director and committee fees

Other expenses
Total other expenses

| $\$ 3,857,471$ | $\$ 3,446,748$ | $\$ 3,358,934$ |
| :---: | ---: | ---: |
| 26,112 | 34,340 | 34,793 |
|  |  |  |
| 854,488 | $1,024,299$ | $1,182,463$ |
| 340,132 | 435,395 | 586,638 |
| 68,798 | 27,523 | 46,706 |
| 5,297 |  | 1,055 |
| $-\cdots-\cdots-\cdots-\cdots$ |  |  |


| 2,489,584 | 2,326,572 | 2,532,477 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8,636 | 44, 095 | 3,927 |
| 2,498, 220 | 2,370,667 | 2,536,404 |
| 2,654,078 | 2,597,638 | 2,674,185 |
| 408, 000 | 120,000 | 240,000 |

$2,246,078 \quad 2,477,638$
2,434,185

| 35,680 | 59,705 | 45,635 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 143,992 | 119, 292 | 112, 264 |
| 28,425 | 36,184 | 27,246 |
|  |  | 220,000 |
| 14,715 | 26,494 | 12,775 |
| 222,812 | 241,675 | 417, 920 |


| 812,950 | 822,890 | 773,491 |
| ---: | ---: | ---: |
| 143,934 | 152,663 | 56,404 |
| 77,953 | 62,107 | 45,691 |
| 71,209 | 70,211 | 66,583 |
| 78,431 | 156,958 | 151,157 |
| 45,087 | 53,839 | 48,686 |
| 46,250 | 44,650 | 39,500 |
| 69,685 | 50,541 | 40,457 |
| 65,900 | 71,050 | 69,800 |
|  |  | 111,848 |
| 123,128 | 129,372 | $1,403,617$ |

(continued)

| YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 |  | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX AND CUMULATIVE |  |  |  |  |
| EFFECT OF CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING METHOD | \$ | 934,363 | \$1,105, 032 | \$1,448, 488 |
| Income tax expense |  | 267,337 | 302,931 | 409,877 |
| INCOME BEFORE CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN ACCOUNTING METHOD |  | 667, 026 | 802,101 | 1, 038,611 |
| CUMULATIVE EFFECT OF CHANGE IN METHOD OF ACCOUNTING FOR INCOME TAXES |  |  |  | 33,500 |
| NET INCOME | \$ | 667,026 | \$ 802,101 | \$1, 072,111 |
| PER SHARE |  |  |  |  |
| Income before cumulative effect of change in accounting method |  | \$24.20 | \$29.10 | \$37.68 |
| Net income |  | 24.20 | 29.10 | 38.89 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING |  | 27,565 | 27,567 | 27,567 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY



See notes to consolidated financial statements.

| Year Ended December 31 | 1995 |  |  | 1994 | 1993 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$ | 667,026 | \$ | 802,101 | \$1, 072, 111 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities |  |  |  |  |  |
| Provision for loan losses |  | 408, 000 |  | 120, 000 | 240, 000 |
| Depreciation and amortization |  | 130,957 |  | 100,449 | 36,353 |
| Deferred income tax |  | $(15,862)$ |  | 27,159 | $(76,018)$ |
| Investment securities amortization, net |  | 95,274 |  | 361,978 | 312,138 |
| Security gain |  |  |  |  | $(220,000)$ |
| Net change in |  |  |  |  |  |
| Interest receivable |  | $(44,873)$ |  | 68,134 | $(60,642)$ |
| Interest payable |  | 75,792 |  | 47,644 | $(48,100)$ |
| Other assets |  | 111,231 |  | $(263,005)$ | 110,380 |
| Other adjustments |  | 48,578 |  | 3,474 | $(61,023)$ |
| Net cash provided by operating activities |  | ,476,123 |  | 1,267,934 | 1,305,199 |

## INVESTING ACTIVITIES

Net change in interest-bearing deposits

| $(103,595)$ |  | 100,000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $(8,133,079)$ | $(11,802,796)$ | (19,940, 074) |
| ld |  |  |
| 14,441, 000 | 16,055,577 | 17,880,875 |
| $(132,280)$ | $(3,718,068)$ | $(5,110,851)$ |
| $(2,316)$ | $(707,920)$ | $(483,189)$ |
|  |  | $(744,800)$ |
|  | 744,800 |  |
|  | 82,053 | 47,510 |

Net cash provided (used) by investing activities

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FINANCING ACTIVITIES
    Net change in
        Noninterest-bearing, NOW, money market and savings
            deposits
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        Certificates of deposit
    Cash dividends
    Purchase of stock
    Net cash provided (used) by financing activities

NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR

ADDITIONAL CASH FLOWS INFORMATION
Interest paid
Interest paid
\$2, 422, 418
2,429,994
\$2,584,504
Income tax paid
249,253
404,195
419, 860

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

The accounting and reporting policies of Randolph County Bancorp ("Company"), and its wholly owned subsidiary, The Randolph County Bank ("Bank"), conform to generally accepted accounting principles and reporting practices followed by the banking industry. The more significant of the policies are described below.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires 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

The Company is a bank holding company whose principal activity is the ownership and management of the Bank. The Bank operates under a state bank charter and provides full banking services, including trust services. As a state bank, the Bank is subject to the regulation of the Department of Financial Institutions, State of Indiana and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

The Bank generates commercial, mortgage and consumer loans and receives deposits from customers located primarily in Randolph County, Indiana and surrounding counties. The Bank's loans are generally secured by specific items of collateral including real property, consumer assets and business assets. Although the Bank has a diversified loan portfolio, a substantial portion of its debtors' ability to honor their contracts is dependent upon economic conditions in the agricultural industry.

CONSOLIDATION--The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and the Bank after elimination of all material intercompany transactions and accounts.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES--The Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting standards ("SFAS") No. 115, ACCOUNTING FOR CERTAIN INVESTMENTS IN DEBT AND EQUITY SECURITIES, on January 1, 1994.

Debt securities are classified as held to maturity when the Company has the positive intent and ability to hold the securities to maturity. Securities held to maturity are carried at amortized cost. Debt securities not classified as held to maturity are classified as available for sale. Securities available for sale are carried at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported separately in stockholders' equity, net of tax.

Amortization of premiums and accretion of discounts are recorded as interest income from securities. Realized gains and losses are recorded as net security gains (losses). Gains and losses on sales of securities are determined on the specific-identification method.

At January 1, 1994, the Bank determined there were no securities which should be reclassified as available for sale, and therefore there was no change in total stockholders' equity.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 115, investment securities were carried at cost, adjusted for amortization of premiums and discounts. Realized gains and losses on sales were included in other income. Gains and losses on the sale of securities were determined on the specific-identification method.

Loans are carried at the principal amount outstanding. Interest income is accrued on the principal balances of loans, except for installment loans with add-on interest, for which a method that approximates the level yield method is used. Loans are placed in a nonaccrual status when the collection of interest becomes doubtful. Interest income previously accrued but not deemed collectible is reversed and charged against current income. Interest on nonaccrual loans is then recognized as income when collected.

Allowance for loan losses is maintained to absorb potential loan losses based on management's continuing review and evaluation of the loan portfolio and its judgment as to the impact of economic conditions on the portfolio. The evaluation by management includes consideration of past loss experience, changes in the composition of the portfolio, the current condition and amount of loans outstanding, and the probability of collecting all amounts due. Impaired loans are measured by the present value of expected future cash flows, or the fair value of the collateral of the loan, if collateral dependent.

The determination of the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses is based on estimates that are particularly susceptible to significant changes in the economic environment and market conditions. Management believes that, as of December 31, 1995, the allowance for loan losses is adequate based on information currently available. A worsening or protracted economic decline in the area within which the Company operates would increase the likelihood of additional losses due to credit and market risks and could create the need for additional loss reserves.

Premises and equipment are carried at cost net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method for bank premises and the declining-balance method for equipment based principally on the estimated useful lives of the assets. Maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred while major additions and improvements are capitalized. Gains and losses on dispositions are included in current operations.

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred.
Income tax in the consolidated statement of income includes deferred income tax provisions or benefits for all significant temporary differences in recognizing income and expenses for financial reporting and income tax purposes. The Company files consolidated income tax returns with its subsidiary.

Earnings per share have been computed based upon the weighted average common shares outstanding during each year.

## - - ACQUISITION OF COMPANY

In January, 1996, the Company signed a definitive agreement to be acquired by First Merchants Corporation ("First"), Muncie, Indiana. The agreement provides that each stockholder of the Company would receive shares of First common stock for each common share of Company stock held. The proposed transaction is subject to the approval of the Company's stockholders and appropriate regulatory authorities.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(TABLE DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

-     - RESTRICTION ON CASH AND DUE FROM BANKS

The Bank is required to maintain reserve funds in cash and/or on deposit with
the Federal Reserve Bank. The reserve required at December 31, 1995, was \$586,000.

## - INVESTMENT SECURITIES



NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (TABLE DOLLAR AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

The amortized cost and estimated market value of securities available for sale at December 31, 1995, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because issuers may have the right to call or prepay obligations with or without call or prepayment penalties.

|  | 1995 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| MATURITY DISTRIBUTION AT DECEMBER 31 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { AMORTIZED } \\ & \text { COST } \end{aligned}$ | FAIR VALUE |
| Within one year | \$ 9, 073 | \$ 9,073 |
| One to five years | 12,406 | 12,454 |
| Five to ten years | 352 | 367 |
| After ten years | 135 | 135 |
| Totals | \$21,966 | \$22, 029 |

Securities with a carrying value of $\$ 103,000$ and $\$ 99,600$ were pledged at December 31, 1995 and 1994 to secure certain deposits and for other purposes as permitted or required by law.

There were no sales of investment securities during 1995, 1994 or 1993.
However, a gain of $\$ 220,000$ was realized in 1993 from proceeds of an investment security previously written off in 1992. The tax expense on this gain was $\$ 87,000$ in the year ended December 31, 1993.

On December 31, 1995, the Bank transferred all securities from held to maturity to available for sale in accordance with a transition reclassification allowed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board. Such securities had a carrying value of $\$ 21,966,000$ and a fair value of $\$ 22,029,000$.

| LOANS AND ALLOWANCE |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DECEMBER 31 |  | 1995 | 1994 |
| Commercial and industrial loans |  | \$ 3,230 | \$ 3,578 |
| Real estate loans (includes $\$ 10,111$ and $\$ 9,687$ secured by farmland) |  | 22,590 | 18,848 |
| Agricultural production financing and other loans to farmers |  | 6,063 | 5,681 |
| Individuals' loans for household and other personal expenditures |  | 12,988 | 17,016 |
| Tax-exempt loans |  | 85 | 90 |
| Other loans |  | 5 | 47 |
| Unearned interest on loans |  | $\begin{aligned} & 44,961 \\ & (1,467) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 45,260 \\ & (1,482) \end{aligned}$ |
| Total loans |  | \$43,494 | \$43,778 |
| DECEMBER 31 | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 |
| Allowance for loan losses |  |  |  |
| Balances, January 1 | \$489 | \$567 | \$382 |
| Provision for losses | 408 | 120 | 240 |
| Recoveries on loans | 21 | 20 | 16 |
| Loans charged off | (324) | (218) | (71) |
| Balances, December 31 | \$594 | \$489 | \$567 |
| Nonperforming loans |  |  |  |
| Nonaccruing loans |  |  | \$33 |
| Loans contractually past due 90 days or more other than nonaccruing | \$36 | \$343 | \$45 |

The Company adopted SFAS No. 114 and No. 118 ACCOUNTING BY CREDITORS FOR IMPAIRMENT OF A LOAN and ACCOUNTING BY CREDITORS FOR IMPAIRMENT OF A LOAN INCOME RECOGNITION AND DISCLOSURES on January 1, 1995. The adoption of SFAS No. 114 and 118 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations. Impaired loans totaled \$631,000 at December 31, 1995. An allowance for losses at December 31, 1995, was not deemed necessary for impaired loans totaling $\$ 525,000$, but an allowance of $\$ 73,000$ was recorded for the remaining balance of impaired loans of $\$ 106,000$. The average balance of impaired loans for 1995 was $\$ 572,000$. Interest income and cash receipts of interest totaled $\$ 47,000$ and $\$ 37,000$ during the period in 1995 that the loans were impaired.

The Bank has entered into transactions with certain directors, executive officers, significant stockholders and their affiliates or associates (related parties). Such transactions were made in the ordinary course of business on substantially the same terms and conditions, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the same time for comparable transactions with other customers, and did not, in the opinion of management, involve more than normal credit risk or present other unfavorable features. The aggregate amount of loans, as defined, to such related parties were as follows:

|  | 1995 | 1994 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balances, January 1 | \$963 | \$795 |
| Changes in composition of related parties | (442) |  |
| New loans, including renewals | 84 | 1,167 |
| Payments, etc., including renewals | (96) | (999) |
| Balances, December 31 | \$509 | \$963 |

On March 19, 1996, the Company charged off $\$ 188$, 000 in loans to a single borrower. In conjucnction with the chargeoff, a provision for loan losses of $\$ 188,000$ was also recorded. These transactions were the result of information related to the borrower which became available subsequent to December 31, 1995 and discussions with regulatory authorities. Both of these transactions are reflected in the December 31, 1995 consolidated financial statements.

-     - PREMISES AND EQUIPMENT
DECEMBER 31 1995 1994


## Land

| \$ 223 | \$ 223 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1,208 | 1,203 |
| 511 | 512 |
| 1,942 | 1,938 |
| (611) | (478) |
| \$1,331 | \$1,460 |

DEPOSITS

| DECEMBER 31 | 1995 | 1994 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Noninterest bearing | \$ 7,333 | \$ 6,538 |
| Interest-bearing demand | 9,446 | 10,464 |
| Savings deposits | 9,949 | 12,981 |
| Certificates and other time deposits |  |  |
| of \$100,000 or more | 5,476 | 4,279 |
| Other certificates and time deposits | 31,237 | 34,519 |

Total deposits
\$63,441 \$68,781
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Certificates maturing in years ending December 31:

| 1996 | $\$ 25,555$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| 1997 | 6,109 |
| 1998 | 4,154 |
| 1999 | 642 |
| 2000 | 253 |

\$36,713

INCOME TAX

| YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income tax expense |  |  |  |
| Currently payable |  |  |  |
| Federal | \$196 | \$188 | \$339 |
| State | 87 | 88 | 147 |
| Deferred |  |  |  |
| Federal | (12) | 19 | (55) |
| State | (4) | 8 | (21) |
| Total income tax expense | \$267 | \$303 | \$410 |
| Reconciliation of federal statutory to actual tax expense |  |  |  |
| Federal statutory income tax at 34\% | \$318 | \$376 | \$492 |
| Tax exempt interest | (107) | (139) | (183) |
| Effect of state income taxes | 55 | 63 | 83 |
| Other | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| Actual tax expense | \$267 | \$303 | \$410 |

A cumulative net deferred tax asset is included in other assets. The components of the asset are as follows:

| DECEMBER 31 | 1995 | 1994 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Differences in depreciation methods | \$(32) | \$(17) |
| Differences in accounting for loan losses | 187 | 143 |
| State income tax | (14) | (13) |
| Differences in accounting for pensions | (19) | (2) |
| Differences in accounting for securities |  |  |
| available for sale | (25) |  |
| Other | 5 |  |
|  | \$ 102 | \$111 |
| Assets | \$192 | \$151 |
| Liabilities | (90) | (32) |
|  | \$ 102 | \$119 |

In the normal course of business there are outstanding commitments and
contingent liabilities, such as commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit, which are not included in the accompanying financial statements. The Bank's exposure to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the other party to the financial instruments for commitments to extend credit and standby letters of credit is represented by the contractual or notional amount of those instruments. The Bank uses the same credit policies in making such commitments as it does for instruments that are included in the consolidated balance sheet.

Financial instruments whose contract amount represents credit risk as of December 31 were as follows:

Commitments to extend credit are agreements to lend to a customer as long as there is no violation of any condition established in the contract. Commitments generally have fixed expiration dates or other termination clauses and may require payment of a fee. Since many of the commitments are expected to expire without being drawn upon, the total commitment amounts do not necessarily represent future cash requirements. The Bank evaluates each customer's credit worthiness on a case-by-case basis. The amount of collateral obtained if deemed necessary by the Bank upon extension of credit is based on management's credit evaluation. Collateral held varies but may include accounts receivable, inventory, property and equipment, and income-producing commercial properties.

Standby letters of credit are conditional commitments issued by the Bank to guarantee the performance of a customer to a third party.

The Company and Bank are also subject to claims and lawsuits which arise primarily in the ordinary course of business. It is the opinion of management that the disposition or ultimate resolution of such claims and lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial position of the Company.

-     - RESTRICTION ON DIVIDENDS

Without prior approval, the Bank is restricted by Indiana law and regulations of the Department of Financial Institutions, State of Indiana, and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation as to the maximum amount of dividends it can pay to its parent to the balance of the undivided profits account, adjusted for defined bad debts. As a practical matter, the Bank restricts dividends to a lesser amount because of the need to maintain an adequate capital structure.

At December 31, 1995, total stockholders' equity of the Bank was $\$ 8,756,000$ of which $\$ 6,152,000$ was restricted from dividend distribution to the Company.

## PENSION PLAN

The Bank's defined-benefit pension plan covers substantially all of its employees. The benefits are based primarily on years of service and employees' pay near retirement. 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. Pension expense was $\$ 52,000$ for $1995, \$ 77,000$ for 1994 and \$50, 000 for 1993.

The following tables set forth the plan's funded status and amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheet:


## FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each class of financial instrument:

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS--The fair value of cash and cash equivalents approximates carrying value.

INTEREST-BEARING DEPOSITS--The fair value of interest-bearing time deposits approximates carrying value.

INVESTMENT SECURITIES--Fair values are based on quoted market prices.
LOANS-For both short-term loans and variable-rate loans that reprice frequently and with no significant change in credit risk, fair values are based on carrying values. The fair value for other loans, are estimated using discounted cash flow analyses, using interest rates currently being offered for loans with similar terms to borrowers of similar credit quality.

INTEREST RECEIVABLE/PAYABLE--The fair values of interest receivable/payable approximate carrying values.

DEPOSITS--The fair values of noninterest-bearing and interest-bearing demand accounts are equal to the amount payable on demand at the balance sheet date. Fair values for fixed-rate certificates of deposit are estimated using a discounted cash flow calculation that applies interest rates currently being offered on certificates to a schedule of aggregated expected monthly maturities on such time deposits.

DUE TO BROKER--The fair value of due to broker approximates carrying value. The estimated fair values of the Company's financial instruments are as follows:

|  | 1995 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CARRYING | FAIR |
| DECEMBER 31 | AMOUNT | VALUE |
| ASSETS |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 5,480 | \$ 5,480 |
| Interest-bearing deposits | 104 | 104 |
| Investment securities available for sale | 22,029 | 22,029 |
| Loans, net | 42,900 | 42,939 |
| Interest receivable | 1,083 | 1,083 |
| LIABILITIES |  |  |
| Deposits | 63,441 | 63,409 |
| Interest payable | 381 | 381 |
| Due to broker | 388 | 388 |



## CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

| YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES |  |  |  |
| Net income | \$667 | \$802 | \$1, 072 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities |  |  |  |
| Equity in undistributed income of subsidiary | (397) | (524) | (899) |
| Change in |  |  |  |
| Other assets | (3) | (101) | (4) |
| Other liabilities | 18 |  |  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 285 | 177 | 169 |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES |  |  |  |
| Cash dividends | (276) | (179) | (165) |
| Purchase of stock | (4) |  |  |
| Net cash used by financing activities | (280) | (179) | (165) |
| NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH | 5 | (2) | 4 |
| CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR | 2 | 4 |  |
| CASH AT END OF YEAR | \$ 7 | \$ 2 | \$ 4 |

RANDOLPH COUNTY BANCORP
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 1996
(UNAUDITED)

ASSETS

Cash and due from banks
Interest-bearing deposits
Investment securities available for sale
Loans
Allowance for loan losses
Net loans
Premises and equipment
Interest receivable
Other assets
Total assets

LIABILITIES
Deposits
Noninterest bearing Interest bearing

Total deposits
Federal funds purchased
Interest payable
Other liabilities
Total liabilities

Commitments and Contingencies
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
Common stock, $\$ 100$ stated value Authorized - 60,000 shares Issued and outstanding - 27,555 shares 2,755,500
Paid-in capital
Retained earnings
Net unrealized gain on securities available for sale
Total stockholders' equity
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity
\$ 2,066,900
107,319
24,270,905
44, 829, 303
$(665,663)$
44,163,640
1,273,289
1, 088, 399
326,214
\$ 73,296,666 ------------------------
\$ 5,333,893 57, 053,987

62,387,880
1,500, 000 407,725 62,317

64,357,922
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709, 036
5,593,391
$(119,183)$
8,938, 744
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\$ 73,296,666

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

## AANDOLPH COUNTY BANCORP

## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME

 (UNAUDITED)|  | SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1996 | 1995 |
| INTEREST INCOME |  |  |
| Loans receivable | \$1,994,342 | \$1, 867, 882 |
| Investment securities | 593,654 | 624,834 |
| Federal funds sold | 53,597 | 9,289 |
| Deposits with financial institutions | 3,625 | 1,634 |
| Total interest income | 2,645,218 | 2,503,639 |
| INTEREST EXPENSE |  |  |
| Deposits | 1,240,992 | 1,217,456 |
| Short-term borrowings | 7,869 | 8,636 |
| Total interest expense | 1,248,861 | 1,226,092 |
| NET INTEREST INCOME | 1,396,357 | 1,277,547 |
| Provision for loan losses | 90,000 | 60,000 |
| NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION FOR LOAN LOSSES |  |  |
| LOAN LOSSES | 1,306,357 | 1,217,547 |
| OTHER INCOME |  |  |
| Fiduciary | 3,984 | 1,425 |
| Service charges on deposit accounts | 85,792 | 55,682 |
| Other customer fees | 21,897 | 14,333 |
| Other income | 7,960 | 9,442 |
| Total other income | 119,633 | 80,882 |
| OTHER EXPENSES |  |  |
| Salaries and employee benefits | 421, 074 | 422,495 |
| Net occupancy expenses | 77,604 | 71, 417 |
| Equipment expenses | 33, 010 | 41,737 |
| Data processing fees | 29,847 | 29,356 |
| Deposit insurance expense | 1,000 | 77,138 |
| Printing and office supplies | 22,822 | 21,886 |
| Advertising | 18,586 | 23, 094 |
| Legal and professional fees | 26,473 | 23, 231 |
| Director and committee fees | 30, 300 | 35,100 |
| Other expenses | 141,082 | 57,620 |
| Total other expenses | 801,798 | 803,074 |
| INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX | 624,192 | 495,355 |
| Income tax expense | 198,193 | 142,955 |
| NET INCOME | \$ 425,999 | \$ 352,400 |
| PER SHARE |  |  |
| Net income | \$ 15.45 | \$ 12.78 |
| WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING | 27,565 | 27,567 |

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

RANDOLPH COUNTY BANCORP
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF CHANGES
IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(UNAUDITED)

|  | 1996 | 1995 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balances, January 1 | \$8,753, 060 | \$8,326,993 |
| Net income | 425,999 | 352,400 |
| Cash dividends | $(82,665)$ | $(82,701)$ |
| Change in unrealized gain (loss) on securities available for sale, net of taxes of \$103,402 | $(157,650)$ |  |
| Balances, June 30 | \$8,938,744 | \$8,596,692 |

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.
OPERATING ACTIVITIES
Net income
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided
by operating activities
Provision for loan losses
Depreciation and amortization
Investment securities amortization, net
Net change in
Interest receivable
Interest payable
Other adjustments
Net cash provided by operating activities
INVESTING ACTIVITIES
Net change in interest-bearing deposits
Purchase of securities held to maturity
Purchase of securities available for sale
Proceeds from maturities of securities available for sale
Proceeds from maturities of securities held to maturity
Net change in loans
Purchase of premises and equipment
Other
$\quad$ Net cash provided (used) by investing activities

## FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Net change in
Noninterest-bearing, NOW, money market and savings deposits
Certificates of deposit
Net increase in short-term borrowings
Cash dividends
Net cash used by financing activities

NET DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR

| SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30 |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1996 |  | 1995 |
| \$ | 425,999 | \$ | 352,400 |
|  | 90, 000 |  | 60, 000 |
|  | 57,870 |  | 67,037 |
|  | 58,082 |  | 51,606 |
|  | $(5,790)$ |  | 81, 025 |
|  | 27,001 |  | 48,377 |
|  | 34,373 |  | 92,037 |
| 687,535 |  |  | 752,482 |
| $(3,724)$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} (100,000) \\ (2,843,274) \end{array}$ |
| $(9,983,335)$ |  |  |  |
| 7,035,000 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 8,516,000 |
| $(1,373,790)$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} (1,151,960) \\ (1,850) \end{array}$ |
| 12,786 |  |  | 58,040 |
| $(4,313,063)$ |  |  | 4,476,956 |
| $(2,055,575)$ |  |  | $(4,899,998)$ |
| $\begin{aligned} & 1,002,198 \\ & 1,500,000 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $(1,041,491)$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| $(234,218)$ |  |  | $(192,969)$ |
| 212,405 |  |  | $(6,134,458)$ |
| $(3,413,123)$ |  |  | $(905,020)$ |
| 5,480, 023 |  |  | 3,553,628 |
| \$ 2,066,900 |  |  | 2,648,608 |

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

## Note 1: General

The significant accounting policies followed by Randolph County Bancorp (Corporation) and its wholly owned subsidiary for interim financial reporting are consistent with the accounting polices followed for annual financial reporting. All adjustments which are in the opinion of management necessary for a fair statement of the results for the period reported have been included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Note 2: Acquisition
On October 2, 1996, First Merchants Corporation of Muncie, Indiana (First Merchants) acquired all of the assets of the Corporation through the merger of the Corporation with and into First Merchants. Pursuant to the terms of the merger agreement, stockholders of the Corporation receive 20.53 shares of First Merchants common stock for each share of the Corporation common stock held.

The following unaudited pro forma combined condensed balance sheet as of December 31, 1995, and the pro forma combined condensed statements of income for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 1995, give effect to the Merger based on the historical consolidated financial statements of First Merchants Corporation ("First Merchants") and its subsidiaries and the historical consolidated financial statements of Randolph County Bancorp ("Randolph County") and its subsidiary under the assumptions and adjustments set forth in the accompanying notes to the pro forma financial statements.

The pro forma financial statements have been prepared by the managements of First Merchants and Randolph County based upon their respective financial statements. These pro forma statements, which include results of operations as if the Merger had been consummated at the beginning of each period presented, may not be indicative of the results that actually would have occurred if the Merger had been in effect on the dates indicated or which may be obtained in the future.

The following pro forma combined condensed balance sheet and condensed statements of income include:
(a) First Merchant's historical consolidated financial information.
(b) Randolph County's historical consolidated financial information.
(c) The combined statements of First Merchants and Randolph County, which have been designated herein as "First Merchants/Randolph County Pro Forma Combined."
(d) Union National Bancorp's ("Union National") historical consolidated financial information, which has been designated herein as "Union National." On August 1, 1996, Union National was merged with and into First Merchants. The merger was accounted for as a pooling of interests; accordingly, historical financial data for Union National is included for all periods presented.
(e) The combined statements of First Merchants, Randolph County and Union National which have been designated herein as "Pro Forma Combined."


[^0]The following pro forma adjustments are necessary to record the Merger and pending merger.
[1] To reflect exchange of shares of Randolph County common stock for shares of First Merchants common stock, retaining the historical cost basis of assets, liabilities and equity through the treatment as a pooling of interest. A total of 565,704 shares of First Merchants common stock will be issued at the exchange ratio of 20.53 shares of First Merchants common stock for each of the 27,555 issued and outstanding shares of Randolph County common stock as of December 31, 1995, resulting in a transfer from common stock to additional paid-in capital of $\$ 2,686,000$ to reflect the decrease in the aggregate par value of the issued and outstanding shares of First Merchants common stock relative to the aggregate par value of the currently outstanding shares of Randolph County common stock.

| Common stock | $\$(2,686)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Additional paid-in capital | $\$ 2,686$ |

[2] To reflect exchange of shares of Union National common stock for shares of First Merchants common stock, retaining the historical cost basis of assets, liabilities and equity through the treatment as a pooling of interest. A total of 942,685 shares of First Merchants common stock will be issued at the exchange ratio of 4.86 shares of First Merchants common stock for each of the 193,968 issued and outstanding shares of Union National common stock as of December 31, 1995, resulting in a transfer from common stock to additional paid-in capital of $\$ 852,000$ to reflect the decrease in the aggregate par value of the issued and outstanding shares of First Merchants common stock relative to the aggregate par value of the currently outstanding shares of Union National common stock.

| Common stock | $\$(852)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Additional paid-in capital | $\$ 852$ |

PRO FORMA COMBINED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME
Year Ended December 31, 1995
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except share and per share data)

| Interest income | \$ | 49,964 | \$ | 5,152 | \$ | 55,116 | \$ | 11,332 | \$ | 66,448 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest expense |  | 22,083 |  | 2,498 |  | 24,581 |  | 6,770 |  | 31, 351 |
| Net interest income |  | 27,881 |  | 2,654 |  | 30,535 |  | 4,562 |  | 35, 097 |
| Provision for loan losses |  | 640 |  | 408 |  | 1, 048 |  | 340 |  | 1,388 |
| Net interest income after provision |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| for loan losses |  | 27,241 |  | 2,246 |  | 29,487 |  | 4,222 |  | 33,709 |
| Total other income |  | 6,907 |  | 223 |  | 7,130 |  | 463 |  | 7,593 |
| Total other expenses |  | 18,842 |  | 1,535 |  | 20,377 |  | 2,617 |  | 22,994 |
| Income before income taxes |  | 15,306 |  | 934 |  | 16,240 |  | 2,068 |  | 18,308 |
| Income taxes |  | 5,448 |  | 267 |  | 5,715 |  | 545 |  | 6,260 |
| Net income | \$ | 9,858 | \$ | 667 | \$ | 10,525 | \$ | 1,523 | \$ | 12,048 |
| Net income per common share | \$ | 1.95 |  |  | \$ | 1.87 |  |  | \$ | 1.84 |
| Average Shares Outstanding |  | 255, 169 |  |  |  | 621, 078 |  |  |  | 564, 214 |

# PRO FORMA COMBINED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME 

Year Ended December 31, 1994
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except share and per share data)


|  | (a) |  | (b) |  | (c) | (d) |  |  | (e) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FIRST MERCHANTS |  | RANDOLPH COUNTY | PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS INCREASE (DECREASE) | FIRST MERCHANTS/ RANDOLPH COUNTY PRO FORMA COMBINED | UNION NATIONAL | PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS INCREASE (DECREASE) |  | FORMA MBINED |
| Interest income | \$ 42,006 | \$ | 5,210 |  | \$ 47,216 | \$ 9,365 |  | \$ | 56,581 |
| Interest expense | 16,498 |  | 2,536 |  | 19,034 | 5,022 |  |  | 24,056 |
| Net interest income | 25,508 |  | 2,674 |  | 28,182 | 4,343 |  |  | 32,525 |
| Provision for loan losses | 1,014 |  | 240 |  | 1,254 | 400 |  |  | 1,654 |
| Net interest income after provision for loan losses | 24,494 |  | 2,434 |  | 26,928 | 3,943 |  |  | 30,871 |
| Total other income | 6,589 |  | 418 |  | 7,007 | 343 |  |  | 7,350 |
| Total other expenses | 18,215 |  | 1,403 |  | 19,618 | 2,490 |  |  | 22,108 |
| Income before income taxes | 12,868 |  | 1,449 |  | 14,317 | 1,796 |  |  | 16,113 |
| Income taxes | 4,396 |  | 410 |  | 4,806 | 444 |  |  | 5,250 |
| Net income(1) | \$ 8,472 | \$ | 1,039 |  | \$ 9,511 | \$ 1,352 |  | \$ | 10,863 |
| Net income per common share | \$ 1.65 |  |  |  | \$ 1.67 |  |  | \$ | 1.64 |
| Average Shares Outstanding | 5,124,626 |  |  |  | 5,690,576 |  |  |  | 634,145 |

[^1]The following unaudited pro forma combined condensed balance sheet as of June 30, 1996, and the pro forma combined condensed statement of income for the year ended June 30, 1996, give effect to the Merger based on the historical consolidated financial statements of First Merchants Corporation ("First Merchants") and its subsidiaries and the historical consolidated financial statements of Randolph County Bancorp ("Randolph County") and its subsidiary under the assumptions and adjustments set forth in the accompanying notes to the pro forma financial statements.

The pro forma financial statements have been prepared by the managements of First Merchants and Randolph County based upon their respective financial statements. These pro forma statements, which include results of operations as if the Merger had been consummated at the beginning of each period presented, may not be indicative of the results that actually would have occurred if the Merger had been in effect on the dates indicated or which may be obtained in the future.

The following pro forma combined condensed balance sheet and condensed statements of income include:
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(d) Union National Bancorp's ("Union National") historical consolidated financial information, which has been designated herein as "Union National." On August 1, 1996, First Merchants acquired for shares of First Merchants common stock, all of the issued and outstanding common stock of Union National. The transaction will be accounted for as a pooling of interests; accordingly, historical financial data for Union National is included for all periods presented.
(e) The combined statements of First Merchants, Randolph County and Union National which have been designated herein as "Pro Forma Combined."


See notes to pro forma consolidated balance sheet

The following pro forma adjustments are necessary to record the Mergers.
[1] To reflect exchange of shares of Randolph County common stock for shares of First Merchants common stock, retaining the historical cost basis of assets, liabilities and equity through the treatment as a pooling of interest. A total of 565,705 shares of First Merchants common stock were issued at the exchange ratio of 20.53 shares of First Merchants common stock for each of the 27,555 issued and outstanding shares of Randolph County common stock as of June 30, 1996, resulting in a transfer from common stock to additional paid-in capital of $\$ 2,686,000$ to reflect the decrease in the aggregate par value of the issued and outstanding shares of First Merchants common stock relative to the aggregate par value of the currently outstanding shares of Randolph County common stock.
Common stock
\$ $(2,686)$
Additional paid-in capital
\$ 2,686
[2] To reflect exchange of shares of Union National common stock for shares of First Merchants common stock, retaining the historical cost basis of assets, liabilities and equity through the treatment as a pooling of interest. A total of 942,685 shares of First Merchants common stock were issued at the exchange ratio of 4.86 shares of First Merchants common stock for each of the 193,968 issued and outstanding shares of Union National common stock as of June 30, 1996, resulting in a transfer from common stock to additional paid-in capital of 852,000 to reflect the decrease in the aggregate par value of the issued and outstanding shares of First Merchants common stock relative to the aggregate par value of the currently outstanding shares of Union National common stock.

| Common stock | $\$(852)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Additional paid-in capital | $\$ 852$ |

PRO FORMA COMBINED CONDENSED STATEMENT OF INCOME Six Months Ended June 30, 1996
(Unaudited)
(In thousands, except share and per share data)


## CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

We consent to the use of our report, dated January 17, 1996, except for the last paragraph of the note on Loans and Allowance as to which the date is March 19, 1996, on the consolidated financial statements of Randolph County Bancorp included herein in the Current Report on Form 8-K of First Merchants Corporation, dated October 2, 1996.

GEO S. OLIVE \& CO. LLC

Indianapolis, Indiana
October 11, 1996


[^0]:    See notes to pro forma consolidated balance sheet

[^1]:    (1) Net income excludes the cumulative effect of change in accounting for income taxes.

