

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10 - Q

Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange
Act of 1934

For the quarter ended December 31, 1995

or

____ Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 0 - 16123

Bethel Bancorp

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maine

01 - 0425066

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

489 Congress Street, Portland, Maine

04101

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(207) 772 - 8587

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

Former name, former address and former fiscal year,
if changed since last report.

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 12 months (or for such shorter periods that
the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to
such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes X No

APPLICABLE ONLY TO ISSUERS INVOLVED IN BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS DURING THE
PRECEDING FIVE YEARS:

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has filed all documents and
reports required to be filed by Section 12, 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities
Exchange Act of 1934 subsequent to the distribution of securities under a
plan confirmed by a court.

Not Applicable

APPLICABLE ONLY TO CORPORATE ISSUERS

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of
common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Shares outstanding as of January, 31, 1996: 1,203,486 of common stock, \$1.00
par value per share.

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BETHEL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Balance Sheets

	December 31, 1995	June 30, 1995
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Assets		
Cash and due from banks	\$ 3,962,657	\$ 3,855,648
Interest bearing deposits in other banks	347,813	367,423
Federal Home Loan Bank overnight deposits	18,080,682	10,517,000
Trading account securities at market	--	1,375
Available for sale securities	12,510,182	10,148,251
Federal Home Loan Bank stock	2,300,000	2,150,000
Loans held for sale	770,540	528,839
Due from broker	--	941,407
Loans	170,372,431	170,442,082
Less deferred loan origination fees	333,323	302,178
Less allowance for loan losses	2,394,000	2,396,000
Net loans	167,645,108	167,743,904
Bank premises and equipment, net	3,791,142	3,873,278
Real estate held for investment	479,750	452,479
Other real estate owned	727,028	1,068,454
Goodwill (net of accumulated amortization of \$779,816 at 12/31/95 and \$631,146 at 6/30/95)	2,718,156	2,866,826
Other assets	2,865,915	2,994,253
Total Assets	216,198,973	207,509,137
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Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity		
Liabilities		
Deposits	\$ 149,335,274	\$ 147,119,870
Repurchase Agreements	3,764,672	2,585,387
Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank	41,100,000	35,700,000
Notes payable	1,754,648	2,010,091
Due to broker	--	989,062
Other Liabilities	1,460,829	1,829,449
Total Liabilities	197,415,423	190,233,859
Shareholders' Equity		
Preferred stock, Series A, 45,454 shares issued and outstanding	999,988	999,988
Preferred stock, Series B, 71,428 shares issued and outstanding	999,992	999,992
Common stock, par value \$ 1, issued and outstanding, 1,203,486 shares at 12/31/95 and 547,502 at 6/30/95	1,203,486	547,502
Additional paid in capital	5,330,058	4,643,059
Retained earnings	10,285,945	10,180,244
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	18,819,469	17,370,785
Net unrealized loss on available for sale securities	(35,919)	(95,507)
Total Shareholders' Equity	18,783,550	17,275,278
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 216,198,973	\$ 207,509,137
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BETHEL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Income

Three Months Ended December 31,	
1995	1994
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Interest and Dividend Income		
Interest on FHLB overnight deposits	\$ 174,511	\$ 114,826
Interest on loans & loans held for sale	4,078,736	3,695,313
Interest on investment securities & available for sale securities	222,578	293,151
Dividends on Federal Home Loan Bank stock	36,887	53,513
Other Interest Income	11,978	5,756
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Total Interest Income	4,524,690	4,162,559
Interest Expense		
Deposits	1,652,178	1,301,404
Repurchase agreements	48,880	21,442
Other borrowings	592,950	597,446
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Total Interest Expense	2,294,008	1,920,292
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Net Interest Income	2,230,682	2,242,267
Provision for loan losses	147,708	168,496
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Net Interest Income after Provision for Loan Losses	2,082,974	2,073,771
Other Income		
Service charges	235,211	230,593
Available for sale securities gains (losses)	85,791	4,183
Gain (Loss) on trading account	7,006	210,676
Other	222,470	209,940
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Total Other Income	550,478	655,392
Other Expenses		
Salaries and employee benefits	952,595	941,010
Net occupancy expense	126,373	129,772
Equipment expense	175,814	176,272
Goodwill amortization	74,335	58,566
Other	606,554	778,666
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Total Other Expenses	1,935,671	2,084,286
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Income Before Income Taxes	697,781	644,877
Income tax expense	254,345	237,763
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Net Income	\$ 443,436	\$ 407,114
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Earnings Per Share		
Primary	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.30
Fully Diluted	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.28

BETHEL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Income

	Six Months Ended	
	December 31,	
	1995	1994
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Interest and Dividend Income		
Interest on FHLB overnight deposits	\$ 356,076	\$ 207,112
Interest on loans & loans held for sale	8,176,899	7,273,296
Interest on investment securities & available for sale securities	383,158	465,777
Dividends on Federal Home Loan Bank stock	73,737	102,916
Other Interest Income	17,476	12,659
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Total Interest Income	9,007,346	8,061,760
Interest Expense		
Deposits	3,287,660	2,454,043
Repurchase agreements	82,793	21,442
Other borrowings	1,192,909	1,233,081
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Total Interest Expense	4,563,362	3,708,566
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Net Interest Income	4,443,984	4,353,194
Provision for loan losses	295,563	348,814
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Net Interest Income after Provision for Loan Losses	4,148,421	4,004,380
Other Income		
Service charges	516,820	450,285
Available for sale securities gains (losses)	206,383	8,129
Gain (Loss) on trading account	7,006	223,823
Other	434,563	369,760
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Total Other Income	1,164,772	1,051,997

Other Expenses		
Salaries and employee benefits	1,995,844	1,869,651
Net occupancy expense	248,269	233,176
Equipment expense	344,102	317,405
Goodwill amortization	148,669	89,830
Other	1,214,711	1,266,482
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Total Other Expenses	3,951,595	3,776,544
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Income Before Income Taxes	1,361,598	1,279,833
Income tax expense	496,525	467,007
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Net Income	\$ 865,073	\$ 812,826
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Earnings Per Share		
Primary	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.60
Fully Diluted	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.56

BETHEL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity
Six Months Ended December 31, 1995 and 1994

	Common Stock	Preferred Stock	Additional Paid - In Capital	Retained Earnings	Net Unrealized Gains(Losses) on Available for Sale Securities	Totals
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Balance at June 30, 1994	\$ 547,400	\$ 1,999,980	\$ 4,640,968	\$ 9,006,038	\$ (438,023)	\$ 15,756,363
Net income for six months ended December 31,1994	--	--	--	812,826	--	812,826
Dividends paid on common stock	--	--	--	(87,584)	--	(87,584)
Dividends paid on preferred stock	--	--	--	(70,000)	--	(70,000)
Net change in unrealized losses on securities available for sale	--	--	--	--	(51,307)	(51,307)
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Balance December 31, 1994	\$ 547,400	\$ 1,999,980	\$ 4,640,968	\$ 9,661,280	\$ (489,330)	\$ 16,360,298
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Balance at June 30, 1995	\$ 547,502	\$ 1,999,980	\$ 4,643,059	\$ 10,180,244	\$ (95,507)	\$ 17,275,278
Net income for six months ended December 31, 1995	--	--	--	865,073	--	865,073
Dividends paid on common stock	--	--	--	(91,629)	--	(91,629)
Dividends paid on preferred stock	--	--	--	(70,000)	--	(70,000)
Issuance of common stock	241	--	4,999	--	--	5,240
Common stock warrants exercised	50,000	--	650,000	--	--	700,000
Stock split effected in the form of a dividend	597,743	--	--	(597,743)	--	0
Stock options exercised	8,000	--	32,000	--	--	40,000
Net change in unrealized losses on securities available for sale	--	--	--	--	59,588	59,588
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Balance December 31, 1995	\$ 1,203,486	\$ 1,999,980	\$ 5,330,058	\$ 10,285,945	\$ (35,919)	\$ 18,783,550
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BETHEL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES
Consolidated Statements of Cash Flow

	Six Months Ended December 31,	
	1995	1994
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Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 759,572	\$ 1,046,404
Cash flows from investing activities:		
FHLB stock purchased	(150,000)	(205,000)
Held to maturity securities purchased	--	(11,526,263)
Held to maturity securities matured	--	207,018
Available for sale securities purchased	(19,088,597)	(135,239)
Available for sale securities principal reductions	400,237	47,083
Available for sale securities sold	16,628,443	140,644
New loans, net of repayments & charge offs	(280,874)	(6,193,058)
Net capital expenditures	(195,644)	(1,123,017)
Real estate owned sold	471,184	421,103
Real estate held for investment purchased	(56,096)	(21,905)
Real estate held for investment sold	40,000	41,100
Premium paid for Key Bank acquisition	--	(1,590,228)
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Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(2,231,347)	(19,937,762)

Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net change in deposits	2,215,404	24,109,386
Net change in repurchase agreements	1,179,285	2,010,236
Dividends paid	(161,629)	(157,584)
Proceeds from stock issuance	745,240	--
Net (decrease) increase in advances from Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston	5,400,000	(7,645,000)
Net change in notes payable	(255,443)	(379,966)
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Net cash provided by financing activities	9,122,857	17,937,072
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Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	7,651,082	(954,286)
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Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	14,740,070	11,336,505
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Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 22,391,152	\$ 10,382,219
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Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, amounts due from banks, interest bearing deposits and federal funds sold

Supplemental schedule of noncash investing activities:

Net increase (decrease) in valuation for unrealized market value adjustments on available for sale securities	59,585	(51,307)
Net transfer (to) from Loans to Other Real Estate Owned	(158,173)	233,870

Supplemental disclosure of cash paid during the period for:

Income taxes paid, net of refunds	433,700	689,000
Interest paid	4,566,224	3,720,580

BETHEL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES
Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
December 31, 1995

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed and consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles 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 generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the six month period ended December 31, 1995 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending June 30, 1996. For further information, refer to the audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1995 included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K.

2. Securities

Securities available for sale at the carrying and approximate market values are summarized below.

	December 31, 1995		June 30, 1995	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
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Debt securities issued by the U.S. Treasury and other U.S. Government corporations and agencies	\$ 250,000	\$ 245,950	\$ 250,000	\$ 239,225
Corporate bonds	149,623	147,830	149,599	141,436
Mortgage-backed securities	11,608,003	11,672,488	9,315,419	9,297,505
Equity securities	556,978	443,914	577,939	470,085
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	\$ 12,564,604	\$ 12,510,182	\$ 10,292,957	\$ 10,148,251
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December 31, 1995 June 30, 1995

	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Due in one year or less	--	--	--	--
Due after one year through five years	250,000	245,950	--	--
Due after five years through ten years	149,623	147,830	399,599	380,661
Due after ten years	--	--	--	--
Mortgage-backed securities (including securities with interest rates ranging from 5.15% to 8.5% maturing December 2007 to November 2024)	11,608,003	11,672,488	9,315,419	9,297,505
Equity securities	556,978	443,914	577,939	470,085
	<u>\$ 12,564,604</u>	<u>\$ 12,510,182</u>	<u>\$ 10,292,957</u>	<u>\$ 10,148,251</u>

3. Allowance for Loan Losses

The following is an analysis of transactions in the allowance for loan losses:

	Six Months Ended December 31,	
	1995	1994
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 2,396,000	\$ 2,463,000
Add provision charged to operations	295,563	348,814
Recoveries on loans previously charged off	20,776	29,161
	<u>2,712,339</u>	<u>2,840,975</u>
Less loans charged off	318,339	413,275
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 2,394,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,427,700</u>

4. Advances from Federal Home Loan Bank

A summary of borrowings from the Federal Home Loan Bank is as follows:

December 31, 1995		
Principal Amounts	Interest Rates	Maturity Dates
\$ 19,400,000	5.15% - 8.30%	1996
5,000,000	5.17% - 6.88%	1997
15,700,000	4.97% - 6.35%	1998
1,000,000	5.75%	1999
<u>\$ 41,100,000</u>		
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June 30, 1995		
Principal Amounts	Interest Rates	Maturity Dates
\$ 25,400,000	4.41% - 7.65%	1996
5,300,000	5.17% - 8.30%	1997
4,000,000	4.97% - 6.35%	1998
1,000,000	5.75%	1999
<u>\$ 35,700,000</u>		
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5. Stock Dividend

The Company paid a 100% stock dividend to all shareholders on December 15, 1995. Based on this dividend, the current common stock outstanding was 1,203,486 shares at December 31, 1995. The Company anticipates continuing the annual dividend of \$.32 per share, resulting in an increase in yield to shareholders.

6. Reserve for Credit Losses

Effective July 1, 1995, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statement No. 114, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan" (SFAS No. 114) as amended by SFAS No. 118, "Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan - Income Recognition and Disclosures" (SFAS No. 118). SFAS 114 and 118, taken together, require the Company to identify impaired loans and generally value them at the lower of (i) the present value of expected cash flows discounted at the loan's effective interest rate or (ii) the loan's observable market price or (iii) fair value of the loan's collateral, if the loan is collateral dependent. The two statements, in connection with recent regulatory guidance, require the Company to reclassify its in-substance foreclosures to loans and disclose them as impaired loans.

Commercial and commercial real estate loans, with balances to one borrower greater than \$25,000, are considered impaired when it is probable that the Company will not collect all amounts due in accordance with the contractual terms of the loan. Except for certain restructured loans, impaired loans are loans on non-accrual status. Residential mortgage loans and consumer installment loans are considered homogenous loans that will be reserved for under the Company's general reserve analysis. The Company's policy for charging off loans to the reserve is 120 days delinquent for consumer installment loans and for all other loans when a loss has been determined. The Company policy for an insignificant delay in payments is when the contractual payment is up to 60 days delinquent and considers an immaterial shortfall in payments to be 10% or less of the contractual payment amount due. Upon adoption of SFAS 114 and 118, the Company did not change its method of recognizing interest income on impaired loans. When a loan is placed on non-accrual status, all interest previously accrued, but not collected, is reversed against interest income. Subsequent cash receipts are amortized and applied to principal and interest based on the contractual terms of the non-accrual loan. Impaired loans are returned to accrual status and are no longer considered impaired when they become current, as to principal and interest, and demonstrate a period of performance under the contractual terms, and, in management's opinion, are fully collectable. Residential and consumer installment loans are returned to accrual status when the contractual payments are less than 90 days delinquent and in management's opinion are fully collectable.

Loans which were restructured prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 114, and which are performing in accordance with the renegotiated terms are not required to be reported as impaired. Loans restructured subsequent to the adoption of SFAS No. 114 are required to be reported as impaired in the year of restructuring. Thereafter, such loans can be removed from the impaired loan disclosure if the loans were paying a market rate of interest at the time of restructuring and are performing in accordance with their renegotiated terms.

In accordance with SFAS No. 114, a loan is classified as an in-substance foreclosure when the Company has taken possession of the collateral regardless of whether formal foreclosure proceedings have taken place. Loans classified as in-substance foreclosures prior to adoption of SFAS No. 114, but for which the Company had not taken possession of the collateral was \$304,232 at June 30, 1995. This balance was reclassified from real state owned to loans for the comparable periods on the consolidated balance sheets and did not have a significant effect on the financial position, liquidity or results of operations of the Company.

At December 31, 1995, the recorded investment in impaired loans was \$820,906 of commercial loans and \$1,265,090 of commercial real estate loans, for a total of \$2,085,996, all of which were on non-accrual status. Included in this amount is \$1,650,771 of impaired loans for which the related impairment reserve is \$643,586, and \$435,225 of impaired loans which do not require an impairment reserve. The average recorded investment in impaired loans was \$2,311,932 and \$1,858,167 for the quarter and six months ended December 31, 1995, respectively. The amount of interest income recognized on impaired loans for the quarter was \$16,945 and six months ended December 31, 1995 was \$45,936. The allowance for loan losses contains \$1,750,000 for homogenous loans as deemed necessary to maintain reserves at levels considered adequate by management.

7. Subsequent Events

On Monday, January 8, 1996, the President of Bethel Bancorp (the "Company"), James D. Delamater, announced that the Company, subject to the receipt of necessary regulatory approvals, intends to merge the Company's two wholly-owned banking subsidiaries, Bethel Savings Bank F.S.B. and Brunswick Federal Savings Bank, F.A. (the "Bank Subsidiaries"). The proposed merger was approved by the Boards of Directors of the two Bank Subsidiaries on January 3, 1996. The resulting bank will be known as Northeast Bank, F.S.B. The Bank Subsidiaries have applied to the Office of Thrift Supervision for approval of the proposed merger.

On the same day, Mr. Delamater announced that the Company intends to change its name to Northeast Bancorp upon the merger of its two Bank Subsidiaries and at the same time to change the symbol under which its stock trades on The NASDAQ Stock Market to NEBC.

Financial Condition

Total consolidated assets were \$216,198,973, which represents an increase of \$8,689,836 for the six months ended December 31, 1995, when compared to June 30, 1995. Total loans decreased by \$69,651, while loans held for sale increased by \$241,701. Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB) overnight deposits increased by \$7,563,682, while securities available for sale and FHLB Stock increased by \$2,361,931 and \$150,000, respectively during the same period. Total deposits increased by \$2,215,404, total repurchase agreements increased by \$1,179,285, and total borrowings from the FHLB increased by \$5,400,000 from June 30, 1995 to December 31, 1995.

FHLB overnight deposits increased by \$7,563,682 due to the cash provided by increased deposits and repurchase agreements as well as the increase in FHLB advances. The Company restructured its investment portfolio, during the quarter ended December 31, 1995, to improve the yield on the securities portfolio. This was accomplished by selling mortgage-backed securities with lower coupon rates and purchasing additional mortgage-backed securities with better yields, resulting in an increase in securities available for sale of \$2,361,931. FHLB stock increased by \$150,000 due the increased levels of FHLB advances. The FHLB requires institutions to hold a certain level of FHLB stock based on advances outstanding.

Total loans decreased by \$69,651 for the six months ended December 31, 1995, which was a \$2,179,000 improvement from September 31, 1995. The total principal decrease was primarily due to regular principal payments on the loan portfolio as well as a principal reductions from portfolio loan pay-offs. The Company's local market as well as the secondary market has become and continues to be very competitive for loan volume. The local competitive environment and customer's response to favorable secondary market rates has effected the Company's ability to increase the loan portfolio. In the effort to increase loan volume, the Company's offering rates for its loan products has been reduced to compete in the various markets. The decrease in loan rates will result in some margin compression to the Company. Loans held for sale increased by \$241,701 due to the increased volume of mortgage loans sold and still pending closure to Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae. The increased volume was due to favorable secondary market rates during the Company's December 31, 1995 quarter.

The loan portfolio contains elements of credit and interest rate risk. The Company primarily lends within its local market areas, which management believes helps them to better evaluate credit risk. The Company also maintains a well collateralized position in real estate mortgages. Residential real estate mortgages make up 69% of the total loan portfolio, in which 48% of the residential loans are variable rate products. It is management's intent to increase the volume in variable rate residential loans, by selling fixed rate loans to the secondary market and marketing portfolio variable rate loans, to reduce the interest rate risk in this area. Fourteen percent of the Company's total loan portfolio balance is commercial real estate mortgages. Similar to the residential mortgages, the Company tries to mitigate credit risk by lending in its local market area as well as maintaining a well collateralized position in the real estate. The commercial real estate loans have minimal interest rate risk as 86% of the portfolio consists of variable rate products. Commercial loans make up 8% of the total loan portfolio, in which 92% of its balance are variable rate instruments. The credit loss exposure on commercial loans is highly dependent on the cash flow of the customer's business. The Banks attempt to mitigate losses in commercial loans through lending in accordance to the Company's credit policies. Consumer and other loans make up 9% of the loan portfolio. Since these loans are primarily fixed rate products, they have interest rate risk when market rates increase. These loans also have credit risk with, at times, minimal collateral security. Management attempts to mitigate these risks by keeping the products offered short-term, receiving a rate of return equal to the measured risks, and lending to individuals in the Company's known market areas.

Other real estate owned decreased by \$341,426 from June 30, 1995 to December 31, 1995 due to sales of these properties. On July 1, 1995 the Company adopted FASB Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Nos. 114 and 118. The adoption resulted in the reclassification of in-substance foreclosure loans to impaired loans. SFAS 114 and 118, taken together, require the Company to identify impaired loans and generally value them at the lower of (i) the present value of expected future cash flows discounted at the loan's original effective interest rate or (ii) the loan's observable market price or (iii) fair value of the loan's collateral, if the loan is collateral dependent. The two statements, in connection with recent regulatory guidance, require the Company to reclassify its in-substance foreclosures to loans and disclose them as impaired loans. The effect of SFAS 114 and 118 did not have a significant effect on the financial position, liquidity or results of operations of the Company and is more fully discussed in footnote 6 to the financial statements.

Both of the Company's subsidiary Banks continue to attract new deposit relationships. Total deposits were \$149,335,274 and securities sold under repurchase agreements were \$3,764,672 as of December 31, 1995. These amounts represent increases of \$2,215,404 and \$1,179,285, respectively, compared to June 30, 1995. Brokered deposits represented \$7,516,585 of the total deposits for the quarter ended December 31, 1995 and decreased by \$1,271,116 when compared to June 30, 1995's \$8,787,701 balance. The Company utilizes, as alternative sources of funds, brokered CD's when the national brokered CD interest rates are less than the interest rates on local market deposits. Brokered deposits are similar to local deposits, in that both are interest rate sensitive with the respect to the Company's ability to retain the funds. Based

on the growth of local deposits and attractive FHLB advance rates, management has chosen to reduce its level of brokered deposits. Management will be reviewing an additional \$3,000,000 of brokered deposits maturing in the next two quarters. Total advances from the FHLB were \$41,100,000 as of December 31, 1995, an increase of \$5,400,000 when compared to June 30, 1995. The cash received from FHLB advances as well as the increase in deposits and repurchase agreements was utilized for the increased loan demand, during the quarter ended December 31, 1995, and securities purchases as well as providing available funds for loan commitments that will close in the near future. The Company's current advance availability, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, is approximately \$56,300,000 over and above the December 31, 1995 advances reported. Mortgages, free of liens, pledges and encumbrances are required to be pledged to secure FHLB advances. The Company utilizes FHLB advances, as alternative sources of funds, when the interest rates of the advances are less than market deposit interest rates and to fund short-term liquidity demands for loan volume. With the borrowing capacity at the Federal Home Loan Bank and the continued growth in bank deposits and repurchase agreements, management believes that the Company's available liquidity resources are sufficient to support future loan growth.

Notes payable decreased by \$255,443, for the six months ended December 31, 1995, due to regular principal payments.

Total equity of the Company was \$18,783,550 as of December 31, 1995 versus \$17,275,278 at June 30, 1995. On September 8, 1995 Square Lake Holding Corporation exercised 50,000 warrants at an aggregate price of \$700,000. These proceeds will be utilized as general working capital. The exercise of these warrants contributed to the growth of the Company's total equity. Warrants outstanding were 133,764 as of December 31, 1995. The Company paid a 100% stock dividend to all shareholders on December 15, 1995. Based on this dividend, the current common stock outstanding was 1,203,486 shares at December 31, 1995. The Company anticipates continuing the annual dividend of \$.32 per share, resulting in an increase in yield to shareholders. Due to the ability of the Company to pay dividends from the subsidiaries to the holding company, the effect of increasing the dividend payout to common stock shareholders will not have a significant effect on the financial position, liquidity, or results of operations of the Company. Book value per common share was \$13.95 as of December 31, 1995 and \$13.95 at June 30, 1995, when restated for the 100% stock dividend. Total equity to total assets of the Company as of December 31, 1995 was 8.69%.

At December 31, 1995, the Banks' regulatory capital was in compliance with regulatory capital requirements as follows:

	Bethel Savings Bank, F.S.B.	Brunswick Federal Savings, F.A.
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Capital Requirements:		
Tangible capital	\$1,643,000	\$1,543,000
Percent of tangible assets	1.50%	1.50%
Core capital	\$3,286,000	\$3,087,000
Percent of adjusted tangible assets	3.00%	3.00%
Leverage capital	\$4,382,000	\$4,116,000
Percent of adjusted leverage assets	4.00%	4.00%
Risk-based capital	\$5,879,000	\$4,656,000
Percent of risk-weighted assets	8.00%	8.00%
Actual:		
Tangible capital	\$8,286,000	\$7,866,000
Percent of adjusted total assets	7.56%	7.64%
Excess of requirement	\$6,643,000	\$6,323,000
Core capital	\$8,286,000	\$7,866,000
Percent of adjusted tangible assets	7.56%	7.64%
Excess of requirement	\$5,000,000	\$4,779,000
Leverage capital	\$8,286,000	\$7,866,000
Percent of adjusted leverage assets	7.56%	7.64%
Excess of requirement	\$3,904,000	\$3,750,000
Risk-based capital	\$8,770,000	\$8,594,000
Percent of risk-weighted assets	11.93%	14.77%
Excess of requirement	\$2,891,000	\$3,938,000

The carrying value of securities available for sale of the Company was \$12,510,182, which is \$54,422 less than the cost of the underlying securities, at December 31, 1995. The reduction in carrying value from the cost was primarily attributable to the decline in market value of equity securities. The difference between cost and carrying value of the securities was primarily due to the change in current market prices from the price at the time of purchase. The Company has primarily invested in mortgage-backed securities. Substantially all of the mortgage-backed securities are high grade government backed securities. Management believes that the yields currently received on this portfolio are satisfactory. As in any long term earning asset with a fixed earning rate, the market value of mortgage-backed securities will decline when market interest rates increase. Since these mortgage-backed securities are backed by the U.S. government, there is little or no risk in loss of principal. Therefore, management believes that during adverse market fluctuations it would be advantageous to hold these securities until the market

values recover.

The Company's allowance for loan losses was \$2,394,000 as of December 31, 1995 versus \$2,396,000 as of June 30, 1995, representing 1.41% of total loans, as of each time periods. The Company had non-performing loans totaling \$3,624,000 at December 31, 1995 as compared to \$2,266,000 at June 30, 1995. Non-performing loans represented 1.68% and 1.09% of total assets at December 31 and June 30, 1995, respectively. The Company's allowance for loan losses was equal to 66% and 106% of the total non-performing loans at December 31, 1995 and June 30, 1995, respectively. At December 31, 1995, the Company had approximately \$4,175,000 of loans classified substandard, exclusive of the non-performing loans stated above, that could potentially become non-performing due to delinquencies or marginal cash flows. Along with non-performing and delinquent loans, management takes an aggressive posture in reviewing its loan portfolio to classify loans substandard. The following table represents the Company's non-performing loans as of December 31 and June 30, 1995, respectively:

Description	December 31, 1995	June 30, 1995
1-4 Family Mortgages	\$1,322,000	637,000
Commercial Mortgages	1,614,000	1,223,000
Commercial Installment	644,000	375,000
Consumer Installment	44,000	31,000
Total non-performing	\$3,624,000	2,266,000

The following table reflects the quarterly trend of total delinquencies 30 days or more past due, including non-performing loans, for the Company as a percentage of total loans:

3-31-95	6-30-95	9-30-95	12-31-95
2.27%	2.46%	2.15%	3.51%

The majority of the non-performing loans are seasoned loans located in the Oxford county area. This geographic area continues to have a depressed economy resulting in high unemployment and a soft real estate market. Management has allocated substantial resources to the collection area in an effort to control the growth in non-performing, delinquent and substandard loans in this area. In addition, the Company has historically experienced a seasonal increase in delinquent loans during the winter months, which increased total delinquencies during the second quarter, followed by an improvement in the spring and summer months.

The increase in non-performing, delinquent and classified loans this quarter was also due, in part, to the timing of the Company being funded by the guaranteed portion of an SBA loan, in the amount of \$370,000. The Company has now been funded its guaranteed portion of the SBA loan. The Company has also received commitment letters for loan payoffs on loans that are in non-performing, delinquent or classified status. The loan payoffs are expected to improve the Company's level of non-performing, delinquent and classified loans in future quarters.

Classified assets are also considered in management's analysis in the adequacy of allowance for loan losses. Based on reviewing the credit risk and collateral of delinquent loans, classified loans and non-performing loans, management has considered the risks of the loan portfolio and believes the allowance for loan losses is adequate. Management at each of the subsidiary Banks primarily lends within their local market areas, which management believes helps it to better evaluate credit risk. The Company also maintains a well collateralized position in real estate mortgage loans. On a regular and ongoing basis, Company management evaluates the adequacy of the allowance for loan losses. The process to evaluate the allowance involves a high degree of management judgement. The methods employed to evaluate the allowance for loan losses are quantitative in nature and consider such factors as the loan mix, the level of non-performing loans, delinquency trends, past charge-off history, loan reviews and classifications, collateral, and the current economic climate. Management believes that the allowance for loan losses is adequate considering the level of risk in the loan portfolio. While management uses its best judgement in recognizing loan losses in light of available information, there can be no assurance that the Company will not have to increase its provision for loan losses in the future as a result of changing economic conditions, adverse markets for real estate or other factors. In addition, various regulatory agencies, as an integral part of their examination process, periodically review the Company's allowance for loan losses. Such agencies may require the Company to recognize additions to the allowance for loan losses based on their judgements about information available to them at the time of their examination. The Company's most recent examination by the OTS was on May 15, 1995. At the time of the exam the regulators proposed no additions to the allowance for loan losses.

The state of Maine's economy appears to be stable with moderate or flat growth. However, the weakness in the Oxford county economy, which has resulted in high

unemployment and a soft real estate market, must be considered a risk to the overall credit quality of the loan portfolio of Bethel Savings Bank. Bethel Savings Bank has expanded its market beyond the Oxford county with the acquisition of the Key Bank branches. The Company will continue to monitor loans within these portfolios and increase the levels of allowance for loan losses when necessary.

Results of Operations

Net income for the quarter ended December 31, 1995 was \$443,436. Primary earnings per share was \$.32 and the fully diluted earnings per share was \$.29 for the quarter ended December 31, 1995. This compares to earnings of \$407,114 or a primary earnings per share of \$.30 per share and a fully diluted earnings per share of \$.28, for the quarter ended December 31, 1994. Net income for the six months ended December 31, 1995 was \$865,073 versus \$812,826 for the period ended December 31, 1994. Primary earnings per share was \$.64 and fully diluted earnings per share was \$.58 for the six month period ended December 31, 1995 versus primary earnings per share of \$.60 and fully diluted earnings per share of \$.56 for the period ended December 31, 1994. The 1994 earnings per share has been restated to give consideration to the 100% stock dividend.

The Company's net interest income was \$2,230,682 for the quarter ended December 31, 1995 versus \$2,242,267 for the quarter ended December 31, 1994, for a decrease of \$11,585. This decrease was due to an increase of \$362,131 in total interest income offset by an increase in total interest expense of \$373,716.

The Company's net interest income was \$4,443,984 for the six months ended December 31, 1995, versus \$4,353,194 for the six months ended December 31, 1994, an increase of \$90,790. Total interest income increased \$945,586 during the six months ended December 31, 1995 compared to the six months ended December 31, 1994, resulting from the following items. Interest income on loans and loans held for sale increased by \$903,603 for the six months ended December 31, 1995 resulting from a \$368,487 increase due to an increase in the volume of loans as well as an increase of \$535,116 due to increased rates on loans. Interest income on investment securities decreased by \$106,324 resulting from a \$102,454 decrease due to a decrease in volume as well as a decrease of \$3,870 due to decreased rates on investments. Interest income on short term liquid funds increased by \$148,307 resulting from a \$105,318 increase due to an increase in volume as well as an increase of \$42,989 due to increased rates on FHLB overnight deposits. The increase in total interest expense of \$854,796 for the six months ended December 31, 1995 resulted from the following items. Interest expense on deposits increased by \$833,617 for the six months ended December 31, 1995 resulting from a \$311,548 increase due to an increase in the volume of deposits as well as an increase of \$522,069 due to increasing deposit rates. Interest expense on repurchase agreements increased by \$61,351 due to an increase of \$59,663 in the volume of repurchase agreements as well as an increase of \$1,688 due to increased repurchase agreement rates. Interest expense on borrowings decreased by \$40,172 for the six months ended December 31, 1995 resulting from a decrease of \$284,230 due to a decrease in the volume of borrowings offset by an increase of \$244,058 due to a change in the mix of interest rates on borrowings. The changes in net interest income, as explained above, are also presented in the schedule below.

Bethel Bancorp			
Rate/Volume Analysis for the six months ended			
December 31, 1995 versus December 31, 1994			
	Difference Due to		
	Volume	Rate	Total
Investments	\$ (102,454)	\$ (3,870)	\$ (106,324)
Loans	368,487	535,116	903,603
FHLB & Other Deposits	105,318	42,989	148,307
Total	371,351	574,235	945,586
Deposits	311,548	522,069	833,617
Repurchase Agreements	59,663	1,688	61,351
Borrowings	(284,230)	244,058	(40,172)
Total	86,981	767,815	854,796
Net Interest Income	\$ 284,370	\$ (193,580)	\$ 90,790

Rate/Volume amounts spread proportionately between volume and rate.

From October 1993 to late 1995, actions by the Federal Reserve Board resulted in increases in prime lending rates. In December 1995, actions by the Federal Reserve Board resulted in a decrease in prime lending rates. Approximately 20% of the Company's loan portfolio is comprised of floating rate loans based on a prime rate index. Interest income on these existing loans will fluctuate in the same direction as the prime rate, as well as on approximately 21% of other loans in the Company's portfolio that are based on short-term rate indices such as the one-year treasury bill. A fluctuation in short-term

interest rates will also effect deposit and FHLB advance rates, in the same manner. The Company is experiencing and anticipates additional net interest margin compression due to fluctuating rates. The impact on net interest income will depend on, among other things, actual rates charged on the Company's loan portfolio, deposit and advance rates paid by the Company and loan volume.

Total non-interest income was \$550,478 and \$1,164,772 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995 versus \$655,392 and 1,051,997 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1994. Service fee income was \$235,211 and \$516,820 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995 versus \$230,593 and \$450,285 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1994. The December 31, 1995 six month increase of \$66,535 in service fee income was primarily due to the deposit fee income generated from the acquisition of the Key Bank branches. Income from available for sale securities gains was \$85,791 and \$206,383 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995 versus \$4,183 and \$8,129 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1994. Gains from the sale of securities have increased due to the Company selling some of its available for sale securities, taking advantage of the fluctuation in market prices in the mortgage-backed security portfolio. Income from trading account securities was \$7,006 for each of the three and six month periods ended December 31, 1995 versus \$210,676 and \$223,823 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1994. The gain on trading account, in the December 31, 1994 quarter, was due to the sale and appreciation in the market values of the securities classified as trading. Currently, all of the trading account portfolio has been liquidated.

Other income was \$222,470 and \$434,563 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995, which was an increase of \$12,530 and an increase of \$64,803 from other income for the three and six months ended December 31, 1994, which was \$209,940 and \$369,760, respectively. Gains on the sale of loans held for sale amounted to \$40,342 and \$123,158 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995 versus \$56,858 and \$116,760 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1994. Gains from the sale of loans have increased as a result of increased originations due to secondary market loan demand from the Company's customers due to current low rates. Gross income for First New England Benefits was \$76,179 and \$154,502 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995 versus \$103,675 and \$169,689 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1994. The amounts discussed in this paragraph are reflected in other income.

Total operating expense, or non-interest expense, for the Company was \$1,935,671 and \$3,951,595 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995 versus \$2,084,286 and \$3,776,544 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1994.

Compensation expense increased by \$11,585 and \$126,193 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995 as a result of the addition of the four new branches, annual salary increases and the increase in the number of individual employees qualifying for the Company's profit sharing and 401(k) program. Net occupancy expenses decreased by \$3,399 and increased by \$15,093 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995. The six month increase in occupancy expense was primarily due to the four new branches acquired from Key Bank. Equipment expense increased by \$26,697 for the six months ended December 31, 1995 due to the expenses associated with the new acquisitions as well as the general needs at the subsidiaries. Goodwill expense increased by \$15,769 and \$58,839 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995 due to the premium paid for the four Key Bank branches. Other expenses have decreased by \$172,112 and \$51,771 for the three and six months ended December 31, 1995 versus the three and six months ended December 31, 1994. Other expenses decreased during the three and six months ended December 31, 1995 primarily due to the Company decreasing its computer services, provision for real estate owned, telephone, supplies and deposit insurance expenses. In September 1995, the Company received a rebate from the FDIC for its BIF insured deposits. This rebate reduced other expenses by approximately \$56,000.

The FDIC has proposed a one time assessment on all SAIF insured deposits in a range of \$.85 to \$.90 per \$100 of domestic deposits held as of March 31, 1995. This one time assessment is intended to recapitalize the SAIF to the required level of 1.25% of insured deposits and could be payable in early 1996. If the assessment is made at the proposed rates, the effect on the Company would be an after tax charge of approximately \$320,000 (assuming an income tax rate of 36%). The one time charge assumes a .85% charge on Brunswick Federal Savings, F.A. deposits of approximately \$60,000,000 at March 31, 1995, which does not include the BIF insured deposits of the newly acquired Key Bank branches. Subsequent to the proposed payment of the one time assessment, the ongoing risk based assessment schedule for the newly capitalized SAIF would be similar to the schedule of BIF (the current FDIC board proposal has rates ranging from 4 to 31 basis points). The Company anticipates that it would be assessed at the lowest BIF rate as it currently is assessed at the lowest SAIF rate due to its regulatory standing. If the Company's premium is reduced to 4 basis points, the Company would have future after tax annual savings of approximately \$180,000 (assuming an income tax rate of 36%). The annual savings assumes a .04% insurance premium charge compared to the current .23% insurance premium paid on the Company's total deposit base of \$149,000,000.

The Company announced, subject to the receipt of necessary regulatory approval, its intention to merge the Company's two wholly-owned banking subsidiaries, Bethel Savings Bank, F.S.B. and Brunswick Federal Savings, F.A.. The merged banking subsidiaries would operate under the new name Northeast Bank, F.S.B.. The Company also intends to relocate its corporate headquarters and open a new retail banking facility in the Lewiston/Auburn area. Subject to regulatory approval, it is expected that these events will be completed by July 1, 1996. Due to the corporate plans mentioned above, the Company will

incur additional expenses that will have a negative impact on earnings in the following quarters. The additional expenses are one time in nature and have not been projected at this time. The Company anticipates, over the long term, these moves will lead to an increase in efficiency and performance.

Impact of Inflation

The consolidated financial statements and related notes herein have been presented in terms of historic dollars without considering changes in the relative purchasing power of money over time due to inflation. Unlike many industrial companies, substantially all of the assets and virtually all of the liabilities of the Company are monetary in nature. As a result, interest rates have a more significant impact on the Company's performance than the general level of inflation. Over short periods of time, interest rates may not necessarily move in the same direction or in the same magnitude as inflation.

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Part II - Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Not Applicable.

Item 2. Changes in Securities

Not Applicable.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

Not Applicable.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

Not Applicable.

Item 6. Exhibits and Reports on Form 8 - K

(a) Exhibits

- 11 Statement regarding computation of per share earnings
- 27 Financial data schedule

(b) Reports on Form 8 - K

No reports on Form 8 - K have been filed during the quarter ended December 31, 1995.

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Signatures

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

BETHEL BANCORP

(Registrant)

/s/ James D. Delamater

James D. Delamater
President and CEO

/s/ Richard Wyman

Richard Wyman
Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 13, 1996

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EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
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BETHEL BANCORP AND SUBSIDIARIES
 Exhibit 11. Statement Regarding Computation of Per Share Earnings

	Three Months Ended December 31, 1995 -----	Three Months Ended December 31, 1994* -----
EQUIVALENT SHARES:		
Average Shares Outstanding	1,195,685	1,094,800
Total Equivalent Shares	1,195,685	1,094,800
Total Primary Shares	1,293,424	1,226,670
Total Fully Diluted Shares	1,529,798	1,460,434
Net Income	\$ 443,436	\$ 407,114
Less Preferred Stock Dividend	35,000	35,000
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Net Income after Preferred Dividend	\$ 408,436	\$ 372,114
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Primary Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.32	\$ 0.30
Fully Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.29	\$ 0.28

	Six Months Ended December 31, 1995 -----	Six Months Ended December 31, 1994* -----
EQUIVALENT SHARES:		
Average Shares Outstanding	1,157,967	1,094,800
Total Equivalent Shares	1,157,967	1,094,800
Total Primary Shares	1,252,857	1,231,236
Total Fully Diluted Shares	1,492,080	1,465,000
Net Income	\$ 865,073	\$ 812,826
Less Preferred Stock Dividend	69,999	69,999
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Net Income after Preferred Dividend	\$ 795,074	\$ 742,827
	=====	=====
Primary Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.60
Fully Diluted Earnings Per Share	\$ 0.58	\$ 0.56

*The 1994 earnings per share was restated due to the 100% common stock dividend.

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