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election in September with the County Clerk's office in Pontiac.

Also on that day, the consequences of the deepening Depression took the new city another step closer to financial disaster.

Michigan Gov. William A. Comstock proclaimed an eight-day moratorium closing banks, trust companies and financial institutions across the state. He said that the action was necessary, "in view of the acute financial emergency now existing in Detroit and throughout the state of Michigan."

Birmingham had already lost one bank in 1932, and Comstock took this

action to protect the remaining banks in the state from "runs," or depositors withdrawing all of their money at the same time.

THE BANK CLOSING surprised National Bank of Birmingham President Elmer G. Huston, who said, "Our bank is in good financial condition."

Perhaps it was: His bank was allowed to reopen the next day at 1 p.m. and allow withdrawals of up to 5 percent.

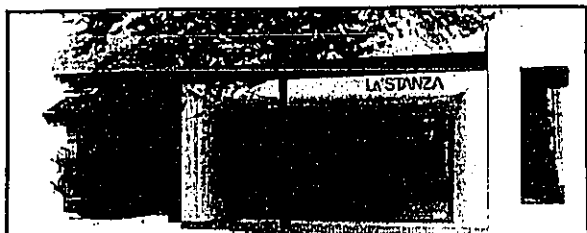
However, President Franklin D. Roosevelt in March declared a national

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