SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORP

Form 8-K April 19, 2001

> UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

> > FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) April 19, 2001

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

71-0407808 Arkansas 0-6253 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (Commission (I.R.S. employer identification No.)

501 Main Street, Pine Bluff, Arkansas (Address of principal executive offices)

71601 (Zip Code)

(870) 541-1000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

ITEM: 5 Other Events

The following is the text of a press release issued by the registrant at 8:00 A.M. Central Standard Time on April 19, 2001.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

April 19, 2001

SIMMONS FIRST ANNOUNCES RECORD FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS

Pine Bluff, Arkansas - Simmons First National Corporation today announced record earnings of \$4,554,000, or \$0.64 diluted earnings per share for the first quarter of 2001. These earnings reflect an increase of \$0.05 per share, or 8.5%increase over the first quarter of 2000 diluted earnings per share of \$0.59.

Because of the Corporation's cash acquisitions, cash earnings (net income excluding amortization of intangibles) are an integral component of earnings.

Diluted cash earnings, on a per share basis, as of March 31, 2001 were \$0.71 compared to \$0.65 at March 31, 2000. Cash return on average assets was 1.09% and cash return on average stockholders' equity was 11.85% for the three-month period ended March 31, 2001, compared with 1.13% and 11.79%, respectively, for the same period in 2000.

"Despite margin pressures, our Company recorded good earnings during the 1st quarter" said J. Thomas May, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "The increase in earnings was primarily attributable to strong growth in the loan portfolio".

Total assets for the Corporation at March 31, 2001, were \$1.946 billion, an increase of \$188 million, or 10.7%, over the same figure at March 31, 2000. During the third quarter of 2000, Simmons First completed the acquisition of eight branches with assets of \$72 million. Stockholders' equity at the end of the first quarter of 2001 was \$175.0 million, a \$12.2 million, or 7.5%, increase from March 31, 2000.

Asset quality remains strong with the allowance for loan losses as a percent of total loans at 1.67% as of March 31, 2001. Non-performing loans equaled 0.93% of total loans, while the allowance for loan losses equaled 179% of non-performing loans as of March 31, 2001.

As previously announced, the Company has adopted a stock repurchase program. This program authorizes the repurchase of up to 400,000 shares. As of March 31, 2001 the Company has repurchased 275,782 shares of stock with a weighted average repurchase price of \$21.96 per share.

CONFERENCE CALL

Management will conduct a conference call to review this information at 3:00 p.m. CST (4:00 p.m. EST) on Thursday, April 19, 2001. Interested parties can listen to this call by calling 1-800-874-9030 (United States and Canada only) and ask for Simmons First National Corporation conference call. A recorded playback of the call will be available the next morning by calling 1-800-642-1687. The passcode for this playback is 379897 and the recording will be available through the end of business April 26, 2001. In addition, the call will also be available live or in recorded version on the Company's website at www.simmonsfirst.com under the "webcast" icon.

Simmons First National Corporation is a financial holding company, with community banks in Pine Bluff, Jonesboro, Lake Village, Dumas, Rogers, Russellville, Searcy and El Dorado, Arkansas. The Company's eight banks are conducting financial operations from 63 offices in 33 communities.

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Simmons First National Corporation
(870) 541-1350
Ticker symbol: SFNCA

Statements in this press release that are not historical facts should be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements of this

type speak only as of the date of this news release. By nature, forward-looking statements involve inherent risk and uncertainties. Various factors, including, but not limited to, economic conditions, credit quality, interest rates, loan demand and changes in the assumptions used in making the forward-looking statements, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contemplated by the forward-looking statements. Additional information on factors that might affect Simmons First National Corporation's financial results is included in its Form 10-K filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated End of Period Balance Sheets For the Quarters Ended (In thousands)	Mar 31 2001		
ASSETS Cash and non-interest bearing balances due from banks Interest bearing balances due from banks Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	\$ 29,838	\$ 77,495 12,990 20,650	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	 	111,135	
Investment securities Mortgage loans held for sale Assets held in trading accounts	372,775 16,494	398,483	
Loans Allowance for loan losses	(21,368)	1,294,710 (21,157)	
Net loans		1,273,553	
Premises and equipment Foreclosed assets held for sale, net Interest receivable Intangible assets tax deductible, net Intangible assets non tax deductible, net Other assets	 1,211 17,476 32,284 2,172	46,597 1,104 18,878 32,944 2,297 17,441	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 1,912,493	\$ 1, ===
LIABILITIES Non-interest bearing transaction accounts Interest bearing transaction accounts and savings deposits Time deposits less than \$100,000 Time deposits greater than \$100,000	465,490 596,686 348,167	324,969	
Total deposits	 1,624,975	1,605,586	1,

Federal funds purchased and securities

sold under agreements to repurchase			
	76,531	67,250	
Short-term debt		4,070	
Long-term debt - parent company		14,857	
Long-term FHLB debt - affiliate banks	9 366	9 574	
Trust preferred securities	17,250	17,250	
Accrued interest and other liabilities	21,335	20,563	
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,770,596	1,739,150	1,
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Capital stock	7,072	7,181	
Surplus		47,964	
Undivided profits	121,301	118,232	
Accumulated other comprehensive income	•	•	
Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) on AFS securities	1,273	(34)	
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 1,873,320 ======	\$ 1, ===
LIABILITIES Non-interest bearing transaction accounts Interest bearing transaction accounts Savings deposits Time deposits less than \$100,000 Time deposits greater than \$100,000	146,592 315,424 596,990 333,952	599,025 308,136	\$
Total deposits		1,557,620	1,
Federal funds purchased and securities sold under agreements to repurchase Short-term debt Long-term debt Accrued interest and other liabilities TOTAL LIABILITIES	6,156 41,538 19,595	77,054 6,832 41,762 18,520	1,
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	174 , 890	171,532	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 1,919,297 ======	\$ 1,873,320 ======	
Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Average Year-to-Date Balance Sheets For the Quarters Ended (In thousands)	Mar 31 2001	Dec 31 2000	S
ASSETS Cash and non-interest bearing balances due from banks Interest bearing balances due from banks Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreements to resell	\$ 62,928 25,202 46,205	\$ 54,011 14,495 22,170	\$
Cash and cash equivalents	134,335	90,676	

Investment securities - held-to-maturity
Investment securities - available-for-sale

Mortgage loans held for sale

Loans

Assets held in trading accounts

Allowance for loan losses

1,373

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Net loans	1,266,050	1,180,004	1,
Dromings and equipment	46,499	43,362	
Premises and equipment			
Foreclosed assets held for sale, net	1,130	1,226 17,387	
Interest receivable			
Intangible assets, net		30,813	
Other assets		17,765	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 1,794,014	
LIABILITIES			===
	\$ 202 , 688	\$ 188,220	\$
Interest bearing transaction accounts		145,582	
Savings deposits		299,297	
Time deposits less than \$100,000		587,140	
Time deposits greater than \$100,000	333,952	273,129	
Total deposits	1,595,646	1,493,368	1,
Federal funds purchased and securities			
sold under agreements to repurchase	81,472	64,304	
Short-term debt	6.156	9 , 371	
Long-term debt		43,255	
Accrued interest and other liabilities			
	19,595	17,199	
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,744,407	1,627,497	1,
TOTAL STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	174 , 890	166,517	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		\$ 1,794,014 ======	
Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Statements of Income - Quarter-to-Date For the Quarters Ended (In thousands, except per share data)	Mar 31 2001	Dec 31 2000	S
INTEREST INCOME Loans	\$ 29,161	\$ 30,415	\$ 2
Federal funds sold and securities purchased	- 20,101	, JU, 11J	~ Z
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under agreements to resell	639	281	
Investment securities	5 , 700	5 , 848	
Mortgage loans held for sale, net of unrealized gains (losses)	172	160	
Assets held in trading accounts	7	7	
Interest bearing balances due from banks	335	276	
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	36,014	36 , 987	 3
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INTEREST EXPENSE			

Time deposits				13,818	
Other deposits		3,181		3,471	
Federal funds purchased and securities					
sold under agreements to repurchase				1,223	
Short-term debt		104		105	
Long-term debt		819 		843	
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE				19,460	1
NET INTEREST INCOME		16,956			
Provision for loan losses		1,853		1,994	
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION					
FOR LOAN LOSSES		15,103		15,533	1
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NON-INTEREST INCOME Trust income		1 107		1 202	
				1,282	
Service charges on deposit accounts		Z, 1U1		2,190	
Other service charges and fees		528 624		398	
Income on sale of mortgage loans, net of commissions		624			
Income on investment banking, net of commissions		162 2 , 456		71	
Credit card fees					
Other income				513	
Gain on sale of securities, net		 			
TOTAL NON-INTEREST INCOME				7 , 755	
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE					=
Salaries and employee benefits				8,262	
Occupancy expense, net		1,166		1,043	
Furniture & equipment expense		1 , 336		1,355	
Loss on foreclosed assets		75		60	
Deposit insurance		76		43	
Other operating expenses		•		5,288	
TOTAL NON-INTEREST EXPENSE		16,817			
NET INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES		6,379		7,237	
Provision for income taxes		1,825		2,270	
NET INCOME	\$	4 , 554	\$		\$
BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$	0.64	\$	0.69	\$
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$	0.64	\$	0.69	\$
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(In thousands, except per share data)	2001	2000	2
For the Quarters Ended	Mar 31	Dec 31	Se
Consolidated Statements of Income - Year-to-Date			
Simmons First National Corporation			

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INTEREST INCOME Loans	\$ 29,161	\$110 , 112	\$ 7
Federal funds sold and securities purchased	• •		
under agreements to resell		1,530	
Investment securities		23,585	1
Mortgage loans held for sale, net of unrealized gains (losses)		542	
Assets held in trading accounts	7		
Interest bearing balances due from banks	335	890	
TOTAL INTEREST INCOME	36,014 	136 , 754	
INTEREST EXPENSE			
Time deposits		49,055	3
Other deposits	3,181	12,816	
Federal funds purchased and securities			
sold under agreements to repurchase	1,057	3,833	
Short-term debt	104	516	
Long-term debt	819	3,473	
TOTAL INTEREST EXPENSE		69 , 693	Ę
NET INTEREST INCOME			
Provision for loan losses	1,853	67,061 7,531	
NET INTEREST INCOME AFTER PROVISION			
FOR LOAN LOSSES	15 , 103	59 , 530	
NON-INTEREST INCOME			
Trust income	1,407	5,282	
Service charges on deposit accounts	2,101	7,998	
Other service charges and fees	528	1,804	
Income on sale of mortgage loans, net of commissions	624 162	1,727	
Income on investment banking, net of commissions	162	259	
Credit card fees		10,522	
Other income		2,763	
Gain on sale of securities, net			
TOTAL NON-INTEREST INCOME	8,093	30,355	:
NON-INTEREST EXPENSE			
Salaries and employee benefits	9,003	33,544	
Occupancy expense, net	1,166	3,873	
Furniture & equipment expense	1,336	5,246	
Loss on foreclosed assets	75	254	
Deposit insurance	76	299	
Other operating expenses	5 , 161	19,340 	
TOTAL NON-INTEREST EXPENSE	16,817	62,556	
NET INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	6,379	27 , 329	
Provision for income taxes	1,825	8,460	
NET INCOME	\$ 4,554		\$
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BASIC EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.64 =====		\$ =:
DILUTED EARNINGS PER SHARE	\$ 0.64		\$
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Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Risk-Based Capital For the Quarters Ended (In thousands)		Dec 31 2000	Sep 30 2000
Tier 1 capital Stockholders' equity Trust preferred securities Intangible assets Unrealized loss (gain) on AFS securities Debt issuance costs	17,250) (916)	17,250 (35,664) 2,211 (924)
Total Tier 1 capital	155 , 615		•
Tier 2 capital Qualifying unrealized gain on AFS securities Qualifying allowance for loan losses	367 16,059	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Total Tier 2 capital	16,426 	•	16,149
Total risk-based capital	· ·	\$ 171,138 ======	•
Risk weighted assets	\$ 1,279,382 =======	\$ 1,290,494 = =======	
Assets for leverage ratio		\$ 1,837,163 ======	
Ratios at end of quarter Leverage ratio Tier 1 capital Total risk-based capital	8.26% 12.16% 13.45%		12.06%
Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Loans and Investments For the Quarters Ended (In thousands)	Mar 31 2001 	Dec 31 2000 	Sep 30 2000
Loan Portfolio - End of Period Consumer Credit cards	\$ 185,411	\$ 197 , 567	\$ 186,342

Student loans	74,562	67,145	66,071
Other consumer	187,408	192,595	194,421
Real Estate			
Construction	70,123	69,169	71,383
Single-family residential	240,049	244,377	243,904
Other commercial Unearned income	284,488 (91)	•	275 , 091 (113)
Commercial	(31)	(102)	(113)
Commercial	173,040	161,134	146,156
Agricultural	49,274	57,164	70,064
Financial institutions	4,741	2,339	2,379
Other	11,395		13,233
Total Loans		\$ 1,294,710 ======	
Investment Securities - End of Period			
Held-to-Maturity			
U.S. Treasury	\$ 24,702	\$ 21 , 923	\$ 19 , 516
U.S. Government agencies		40,965	40,950
Mortgage-backed securities	10,153	11,065	14,296
State and political subdivisions	109,076	110,380	107,147
Other securities	178	80	82
Total held-to-maturity	205,106	184,413	181 , 991
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Available-for-Sale			
U.S. Treasury	21,655	24,037	27,146
U.S. Government agencies	113,219	156,436	161,031
Mortgage-backed securities	14,501		13,910
State and political subdivisions	6,912	6,821	6 , 720
FHLB stock	6,267	6,165	6,068
Other securities	5 , 115	5,430 	4,869
Total available-for-sale	167,669		
Total investment securities	\$ 372 , 775	\$ 398,483	
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Fair Value - HTM investment securities	\$ 208,641 ======	\$ 185,663 =======	\$ 181,357
Investment Securities - QTD Average			
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Taxable securities	\$ 273 , 507	\$ 286,981	\$ 284,901
Tax exempt securities	115,424	114,971	113,173
Total investment securities - QTD average	\$ 388,931	\$ 401 , 952	\$ 398,074
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Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated Allowance and Asset Quality Mar 31 Dec 31 Sep 30 Jun 30 2001 2000 2000 2000 For the Quarters Ended (In thousands) Allowance for Loan Losses \$21,157 \$20,691 \$18,002 \$17,7 Balance, beginning of quarter Loans charged off 965 962 834 617 630 660 8 Credit card 6 Other consumer 211 209 Real estate 46 286 474 3 271 Commercial ---------_____ 2,062 2,277 1,826 1,9 Total loans charged off Recoveries of loans previously charged off
 131
 121
 116

 192
 149
 294
 Credit card 1 294 1 Other consumer 2 27 15 63 Real estate 34 Commercial 43 420 299 468 -----____ Total recoveries 3 1,978 1,358 450 2,155 1,994 1,892 1,642 ____ Net loans charged off 1,6 Allowance for loan losses of acquired branches --1,853 1,9 Provision for loan losses Balance, end of year Non-performing assets Non-performing loans Nonaccrual loans \$ 4,862 \$ 4,739 \$ 4,393 \$ 3,7 2,872 791 2,929 9 2,083 2,682 2,300 1,9 Real estate Commercial 2, ------9,622 2,643 2, 1 -----265 8, ----Consumer

 9,817
 8,212
 9,622

 2,121
 2,752
 2,643

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 Total nonaccrual loans Loans past due 90 days or more 11,938 10,964 Total non-performing loans Other non-performing assets 1,211 147 1,104 196 1,226 Foreclosed assets held for sale 1,2 Other non-performing assets -------------____ 1,326 1,2 Total other non-performing assets 1,358 1,300 Total non-performing assets Ratios Allowance for loan losses to total loans 1.67% 1.63% 1.63% 1.5

178.99%	192.97%	168.70%	204.7
160.71%	172.51%	152.24%	178.6
0.93%	0.85%	0.97%	0.7
0.68%	0.64%	0.73%	0.5
	160.71%	160.71% 172.51% 0.93% 0.85%	160.71% 172.51% 152.24% 0.93% 0.85% 0.97%

Simmons First National Corporation Consolidated - Selected Financial Data For the Quarters Ended (In thousands, except per share data)	Mar 31 2001	Dec 31 2000	Sep 30 2000
QUARTER-TO-DATE			
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.69	\$ 0.67
Diluted cash earnings per share	0.71	0.75	0.75
Cash dividends declared - per common share	0.21	0.21	0.20
Cash dividends declared - amount	1,485	1,507	1,456
Cash earnings	5,072	5,501	5,473
Return on average stockholders' equity	10.56%	11.52%	11.77%
Cash return on average stockholders' equity	11.85%	12.86%	13.08%
Return on average assets	0.96%	1.05%	1.08%
Cash return on average assets	1.09%	1.19%	1.21%
Net interest margin (FTE)	4.08%	4.23%	4.18%
FTE Adjustment	750	743	729
Amortization of intangibles	785	808	767
Amortization of intangibles, net of taxes	518	534	508
Average shares outstanding	7,121,100	7,236,853	7,304,226
Diluted shares outstanding	20,157	20,033	21,173
Shares repurchased	118,955	93,200	63 , 627
Average price of repurchased shares	23.77	20.06	21.35
Average earning assets	1,759,924	1,716,597	1,684,457
Interest bearing liabilities	1,522,124	1,487,678	1,460,588
YEAR-TO-DATE			
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.64	\$ 2.58	\$ 1.89
Diluted cash earnings per share	0.71	2.83	2.08
Cash dividends declared - per common share	0.21	0.80	0.59
Cash earnings	5,072	20,741	15,240
Return on average stockholders' equity	10.56%	11.33%	11.25%
Cash return on average stockholders' equity	11.85%	12.56%	12.44%
Return on average assets	0.96%	1.05%	1.05%
Cash return on average assets	1.09%	1.18%	1.17%
Net interest margin (FTE)	4.08%	4.24%	4.25%
FTE Adjustment	750	2,910	2,167
Amortization of intangibles	785	2,811	2,003
Amortization of intangibles, net of taxes	518	1,872	1,338
Average shares outstanding	7,121,100	7,298,842	7,319,655
Average earning assets	1,759,924	1,648,734	1,626,065
Interest bearing liabilities	1,522,124	1,422,078	1,400,051
END OF PERIOD			
Book value	\$ 24.75	\$ 24.14	\$ 23.31
Shares outstanding	7,072,216	7,180,966	7,271,692
Full-time equivalent employees	928	927	934

Total number of ATM's	59	59	58
Total number of branches	61	61	61
Parent company only - investment in subsidiaries	192,997	190,159	184,133
Parent company only - intangible assets	94	116	144

SIGNATURE

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, thereunto duly authorized.

SIMMONS FIRST NATIONAL CORPORATION

Date: April 19, 2001 /s/Barry L. Crow

Barry L. Crow, Executive Vice President

and Chief Financial Officer