

Jake: George    Harry: Charlie,    Sally: Mary  
Freddie: Ed, Billy    Lana: Mrs. Thompson

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**GEORGE.** He just took over the bank, Billy.

*(SFX: Crowd pounding on door.)*

**GEORGE.** Open the doors, let them in.

*(CROWD ad-libs as entering.)*

**GEORGE.** Now, just remember that this thing isn't as black as it appears. I have some news for you folks. I've just talked to old man Potter, and he's guaranteed cash payments at the bank.

**ED.** How about our money, George. Where's our money?

**GEORGE.** Now please, now please. Wait a minute, wait a minute. Listen to me. You're thinking of this place all wrong. The money's not here.

**GEORGE.** Now wait a minute! Let me tell you, let me tell you. Your money's in people's houses. In the Kennedy house, and the McClaren house, and in your house, and a hundred others. Now, what are you going to do, foreclose on them?

**CHARLIE.** I got two hundred and forty-two dollars in here, and two hundred and forty-two dollars isn't going to break anybody.

**GEORGE.** All right, Charlie, all right, now you'll get your money in sixty days.

**CHARLIE.** Sixty days?!

**GEORGE.** Well, now that's what you agreed to when you bought your shares.

**MAN.** I got my money! Old Man Potter's taking over the bank. He'll pay you fifty cents on every dollar.

**ALL.** *(Crowd Uproar.)*

**GEORGE.** Now wait a minute, wait a minute, please folks! Please don't leave. I beg of you not to do this. If Potter gets a hold of your shares, he'll be owning this Building and Loan. He's got the bank, he's got the bus line, he's got the department stores. And now he's after us, 'cause he wants to keep you living in his shacks and paying the kind of rent he decides to charge. Now we can get through

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this all right, but we've got to stick together. We've got to have faith in each other.

**MRS. THOMPSON.** My husband's out of work. We need money.

**ED.** I got doctor bills to pay!

**MRS. THOMPSON.** Can't feed my kids with faith!

**MARY.** How much do you need? We've still got some money. We've got two thousand dollars from the wedding.

**GEORGE.** Hey, Mary! (To ALL:) I got two thousand dollars here! This'll tide us over until the bank reopens. All right, Charlie, how much do you need?

**CHARLIE.** Two hundred and forty-two dollars.

**GEORGE.** Aw, Charlie, just enough to tide you over until the bank reopens.

**CHARLIE.** I'll take two hundred and forty-two dollars.

**GEORGE.** Okay, okay, Uncle Billy, give Charlie two hundred and forty-two dollars. Okay, all right, Ed, now, how much just to get by?

**ED.** Twenty dollars, I suppose.

**GEORGE.** Now we're talking. Now Mrs. Thompson, how 'bout you?

**MRS. THOMPSON.** But it's your own money George.

**GEORGE.** Never mind that, how much do you want, Mrs. Thompson?

**MRS. THOMPSON.** Could I have \$17.50?

**GEORGE.** Seven... Bless your heart. Of course you can have it. Uncle Billy, give her \$17.50... Pay it back when you can now. Pay it back when you can. All right, all right, who's next...?

*(MUSIC: Transition.)*

**BILLY.** Look at the clock. Look!

*(SFX: Tick tock of clock.)*

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