

# Automatic Bank Bookkeeping System to Process Checks

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DETROIT, May 25.—(AP)—The development of an automatic bank bookkeeping system to bring "a high degree of automation" to the job of processing checks was announced today.

Burroughs Corp. said it had developed the automatic system in co-operation with the Todd Co., Inc., of Rochester, N. Y., and Addressograph-Multigraph Corp. of Cleveland. Field tests are to be arranged.

Pending the granting of patent rights, the details of the system were not divulged.

However, Burroughs said the system is based in part on use of an "invisible code" identifying both the depositor and the bank on which his check is drawn.

Devices for automatic reading of the code make it possible to sort the checks automatically, Burroughs said.

The result, it was said, is that

banks will be able to sort their own checks by customer and for distribution to other banks with a much greater degree of speed and efficiency.

The system requires no change in customer check writing practices, Burroughs said.

In future, it also is expected to be possible to code and record the amounts for which checks are written, Burroughs said.