

County Bank To Open Boulder Creek Branch

The County Bank of Santa Cruz' open house for its new \$80,000 Boulder Creek branch office tomorrow sets a new high-water mark in county banking history as well as reaffirming the financial stability of what Bank President Richard P. Snyder calls "the area's continually expanding economy."

The open house, scheduled for 2 to 5 p.m. will present the building and facilities to the public for inspection before the doors swing open for business Monday, according to Vice-President A. R. Morgan. On hand

will be officers from the main bank as well as other branches to show off their Spanish mission motif building.

Snyder said that while they don't plan on a big affair, nearly 800 persons are expected to tour the building and consume the refreshments.

"We felt the Boulder Creek-Brookdale area has long needed banking facilities due to population and business growth. We certainly feel that it is one of the coming places in the county," Snyder said.

Facilities which will be avail-

able are: safety deposit boxes, commercial and savings accounts, loans for homes, home improvements, personal and auto.

"And the amount and type of facilities will grow with the area," Snyder added.

Named to head the new venture is Jack F. Rasmussen, 40, who for the last four years has been assistant manager of the Felton office. He is formerly of Sacramento and has more than 20 years experience. President of the San Lorenzo Valley Ki-

wanis club and a member of the Elks lodge, Rasmussen's new title will be assistant cashier and manager.

He and his wife, Eileen, and their 8-month-old son, Scott, presently live in Felton.

David Pence of Boulder Creek, who has been with the Felton branch the last six months, will be teller for the new branch. Miss Pat Mills of Ben Lomond will be bookkeeper-teller and Mrs. Pat Anderson, Glen Lomond, will be bookkeeper. Snyder emphasized the bank also planned to expand the number of employes as soon as business demands rise.

Hours for the bank, which is on Central avenue between the Citizens' Utilities company of California and Dick Burgess' Aero Television and Radio company, will be open 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Fridays, and will be closed on Saturday.

The bank will also be closed on the seven nationally recognized holidays as well as Admission Day.

The 2200-square foot building is set on a lot with drive-in banking facilities and a 35-car parking lot at the rear.

Constructed primarily of adobe brick and pumice block the new structure combines modern and Spanish mission architec-

ture throughout. The front wall is natural adobe studded with fluted columns of colored glass. The north wall is also of adobe with the remaining walls plastered in beige and off-white. The roof is constructed over exposed beams and features acoustical tile and the light wells over the working area to let in natural light.

The modern 200-square foot vault was placed in the front of the building, against usual bank layout traditions, to allow for expansion at the rear. Bank President Snyder added the vault has all of the up-to-date devices to make it fire and burglar proof.

The employes' lounge, kitchen, and conference room are at the back of the building adjoining the bank officers' platform — which will be open as it is in all branches of the County bank.

Five tellers' windows and safety deposit booths are set against one wall. Snyder said that nearly 140 safety deposit boxes have been installed but more would be added as the need grows.

The building was designed by architect Kermit Darrow, and the contractor was Werner Jasper of Ben Lomond.

Snyder said as far as was possible all building material and labor came from Santa Cruz county.

Snyder, who said County bank currently lists its assets at more than \$35 million, cited continued economic growth in the county as one of the major reasons for launching the fourth branch bank. He said:

"Northern Santa Cruz county is very strong financially due to several causes. First I would list our large and scenic recreation areas in both the mountains and on the beaches. Each year attendance figures for visitors spiral higher.

"Also we can not discount the light industry which has expanded with the county and played its part in leading to the expansion.

"A third significant factor which is sometimes taken for granted is our remarkable climate which lures commuters from the less likely climate of the Santa Clara valley and San Jose area particularly. It also accounts for the great number of retired persons who find the relaxed mode of living here so enjoyable."

Directors of the County Bank are: Dr. A. E. Allegrini, Glenn E. Coolidge, J. J. Johnson, R. J. Sellar, Porter Sesnon, Snyder and A. E. Strong.

Other branch banks are located at Soquel, East Santa Cruz and Felton.

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