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# County BankUps Interest

County Bank of Santa Cruz has adopted a 4 per cent interest rate for all savings deposits effective January 1, bank president R. J. Seller announced today. The rate in effect increases interest paid on short-term deposits.

For the past three years, the bank has paid 4 per cent only on savings deposited for a full year, with 3½ per cent on deposits for a shorter term. Under the new policy, approved by the board of directors Tuesday, all savings will be credited quarterly with the 4 per cent annual rate.

The bank's action was made possible by a rule revision by the Federal Reserve Board, permitting a maximum of 4 per cent on savings deposits held less than a year.

Seller also announced an increased dividend rate for stockholders authorized by the board. Dividends will be 64 cents per share, with semi-annual payments of 32 cents. Previous dividend was 61⅔ cents. The bank recently increased its capital stock from 43,857 to 263,142 shares. The current dividend is payable January 4 to stockholders of record December 15.

The local offices of both the Bank of America and Wells Fargo bank reported today they know of no plans at the present time of increasing their interest rates. Both banks said they currently pay 3½ per cent on short term savings accounts and 4 per cent on long term.

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