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Bomb damage at the Ben Lomond Branch of the Bank of America. According to the sheriff's department a single pipe-bomb filled with black powder went off at about 3 a.m. Monday. The blast broke four large windows, blew this hole in the wall, and damaged one piece of office equipment. (see story) VALLEY PRESS PHOTO

Bank of America bombed

What was promised October 19, last year, at the Ben Lomond Branch Bank of America opening, happened early Monday morning when a pipe-bomb was set off against the rear wall of the bank.

Damage was not great, but four 2 x 8-foot windows were knocked out, and a 12-inch diameter hole was knocked in the wooden-plaster wall

of the bank at its base.

At the Bank Opening last year, participants in the opening ceremonies were asked to leave the building when a bomb threat was phoned in to authorities. Between 300 and 400 persons then waited outside while the bank was searched, but no bomb was found.

Sheriff's deputies and the Federal Bureau of Investigation were on the scene Monday sifting the debris for clues.

Many persons in the Valley heard the blast (or blasts) which occurred at about 3 a.m., but the point of origin was not discovered until the bank's maintenance man arrived on the scene at 4 a.m.

The maintenance man, Clifford Earl Daugherty, of Scotts Valley, told detectives that he was one hour late to work on this morning, and that under normal circumstances he would have been in the bank building at about 3 a.m.

Don Bailey, Ben Lomond Bank manager, told The Valley Press at 11 a.m. Monday the bank was operating normally.

He said that even the drive-up teller window, next to the place where the bomb went off was open and operating by 9 a.m.

Bailey intimated he was a little discouraged by the act against the Bank of America, which has been the target nationally of many acts of this nature by radicals, but also asserted quietly that "It takes more than this to stop us."

One piece of office equipment was damaged, the manager said, but that replacement of it would be made by the end of that day.

It was reported that the 3 a.m. blast was heard by two sheriff's deputies in the Felton area, but that they could not find where it had occurred.

The bomb was described as having been made of a pipe loaded with black powder and ignited by a lighted fuse, according to the sheriff's department Monday.

According to Valley reports two blasts were heard, although the sheriff's department states they had reports and evidence of only one blast.

Herm Ius, owner of Ben Lomond Super Market, who lives in Ben Lomond, said that he was sleeping on the deck at his home and heard a blast. He waited for sirens, but when he heard none, he went back to sleep.

Felton sewer study goes to County

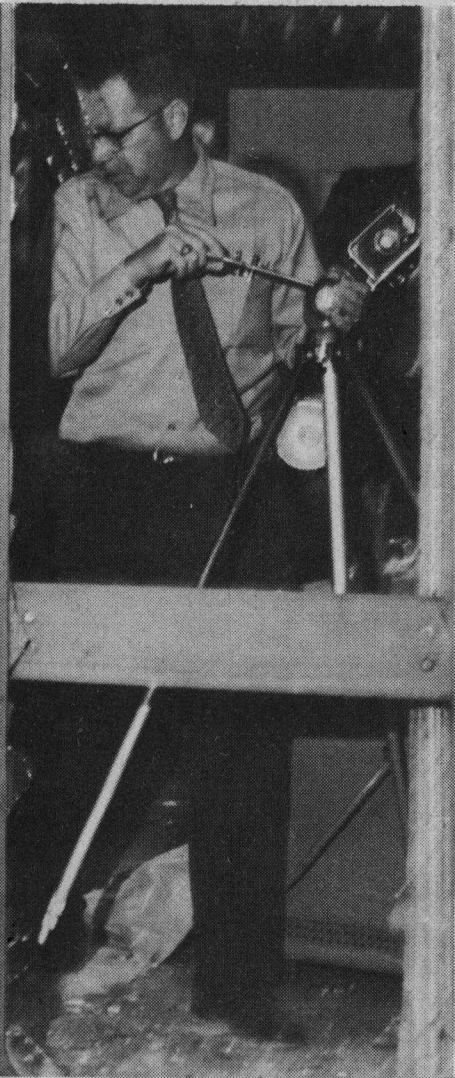
A report from the engineers of the Felton Sewer Study Advisory committee is scheduled to be presented to the county board of supervisors at next week's, April 13, meeting.

The county supervisors are expected to receive the report and authorize payment of \$8,000 to Consoer, Townsend and Associates of San Jose for making the preliminary survey.

The report, which will be paid for by a special tax levy already collected in the Felton area, covers the community's sewer needs to 1995 and the various means of meeting the problems such as pumping sewage to Santa Cruz for treatment or erecting a plant in the valley.

After the board accepts the report, it is anticipated a public meeting will be held in Felton to discuss and review the report. Should it be decided to continue work on the project, the engineers would then be asked to determine the various costs involved and how to pay them.

The preliminary report indicated there would be some three million gallons a day generated in the Felton area by the year 1995. Preliminary estimates place the project's costs at \$8 million but a large portion would be made up in Federal grants.



I.D. man in action

Benjamin J. Seibel, I. D. technician with the Santa Cruz Sheriff's Department sets up his camera to photograph the bomb damage at Ben Lomond Branch Bank of America Monday morning. (story) VALLEY PRESS PHOTO