

County Bank, Salinas Valley Savings To Hold Open House

Open house will be held tomorrow at two outstanding new financial buildings, County Bank's new drive-in branch (left) and Salinas Valley Savings and Loan's new Santa Cruz office. Both are on redevelopment land on River street, bracketing the year-old Title Insurance and Trust company building.

A striking aspect of the SVSL building is the landscaping, for which full-size trees were transplanted. The \$300,000 building was started last November.

The \$95,000 County Bank branch will provide 52 parking spaces, serving the main office one block away as well as the branch. The branch has two drive-up teller windows and nine indoor windows. It is County Bank's ninth branch.

Salinas Valley's open house will start with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. The County Bank opening will start at 1 p.m., and tours of the building will be given. Refreshments will be served. Open house will continue until 5 p.m. at both buildings.



CHARGE DISMISSED
Superior Court Judge Gilbert Perry yesterday dismissed a felony burglary charge which had been denied by Prentice P. Havard, 30, of Lake Isabella. Havard was accused of taking items from a rented unit of the Capri motel last December. Dismissal was on motion of the district attorney.

Highway 9 Collision Injures Four

Four persons were injured at 10:30 last night when two station wagons collided on Highway 9 in the Boulder Creek area.

Highway patrolmen said the vehicles were driven by Wayne Rickard, 18, of Ben Lomond, and Rolfe Denniston, 39, of Boulder Creek. Patrolmen said Rickard lost control of his vehicle on a curve and may be cited for driving on the wrong side of the roadway.

Rickard and his passengers, Peggy Hicks, 18, of Santa Clara, and Jerome Warner, 16, of Ben Lomond, were taken by Santa Cruz Ambulance Service to County hospital. Rickard was admitted for surgery, Warner was treated and released and the girl was treated and transferred to El Camino hospital, San Jose.

Denniston was to see a private physician for treatment of his injuries.

Salinas Valley Savings To Launch Treasure Balloons In Grand Opening

Salinas Valley Savings-Loan association will stage its grand opening tomorrow at 11 a.m. for its brand new Santa Cruz branch office at 75 River street.

The 12,500-square-foot structure was designed by architects Elston and Cranston.

Featured at tomorrow's ribbon-cutting ceremonies will be Sandra Becker, the 1965 Miss California, and Salinas Valley Savings' "Sky Ride Treasure Hunt." In the treasure hunt, hundreds of balloons will be sent aloft with attached certificates. Certificates may be redeemed for cash prizes ranging from \$1 to \$50—totaling \$500.

Benefit Dance Sunday For Animal Welfare

The second of two fund-raising benefit dances will be held Sunday from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

There will be gifts available for all who attend.

Among the many features of the new office are three-quarters of an acre of free parking, a money-cleaning machine that washes all coins before they are handed to customers, a drive-in teller service and a spacious community room.

The community room, which includes complete kitchen facilities, can be used by any non-commercial civic group, free of charge, by phoning 426-4200 for a reservation.

The community room, which includes a 16mm sound projector and screen, can be used days and evenings except weekends and holidays. A private outside entrance is available.

James K. Young is vice president and manager of the local office. He joined the firm in 1959 and was put in charge of the Santa Cruz branch when it opened in 1960.

The growth of the firm in the central coast area has enabled it to put other branch offices in Gilroy, Watsonville and San Jose. Headquarters is in Salinas.

In 1954, Salinas Valley Savings declared assets of just over \$8.3 million. Today, assets total more than \$130 million. More than 40,000 accounts are serviced by the company.

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