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It Was 'Opening' Day On River Street

Miss California, Sandra Lynne Becker, startled even herself when she cut the ribbon at yesterday's dedication of the new Salinas Valley Savings branch office building at 75 River street. Her act released hundreds of helium-filled balloons that contained prize certificates for the lucky finder. With her were, from left: James M. Laurent, vice-president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of San Francisco; Firmin A. Gryp, executive vice-president of Salinas Valley Savings; Santa Cruz Mayor Norman Walters, and James K. Young, vice-president and manager of the Santa Cruz branch. An estimated 4000 persons toured the new plant which completed a building program started here in 1960 when the firm constructed a "permanent" location on Walnut. In 1961, the home office was completed in Salinas, followed by a Gilroy branch in 1962, and the San Jose branch in 1963.



Yesterday's open house at the new Front and River street branch of the County Bank was a specially bright day for Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth M. Bryant and family. They are shown being made \$300 richer as winner of the County Bank Treasure Hunt. Branch Manager Lionel "Bud" Lennox hands them a bag of quarters totaling \$300. With Mr. and Mrs. Bryant is their daughter, Mrs. Robert Watson. Between 400 and 500 persons visited the bank's open house with heather going to the ladies, key chains to the men and tops to the children. Official ribbon cutting will be held tomorrow at 9:30 a.m. and will also signify a new banking practice at the Front and River branch. That branch will be open from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily except Friday when it will remain open to 6 p.m.