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# Crocker-Citizens Bank

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# Gets SC Branch Permit

Crocker - Citizens National bank has been awarded a permit for a downtown Santa Cruz branch, according to word received here today.

The permit application listed only "in downtown Santa Cruz." In preliminary surveys of the community, officials of the Crocker-Citizens bank expressed interest in the redevelopment area of the San Lorenzo Park Plaza corporation.

Currently Santa Cruz is served by four banks in the down-

town area, the Bank of America at Pacific avenue and Soquel, the County Bank with two offices, the headquarters building at Pacific and Cooper street and a branch office on Front street, and the Wells Fargo bank at Pacific and Locust.

Crocker-Citizens is a national chartered bank, one of the largest in California. It reached billion-dollar size with the merger of the Crocker bank with the Anglo-California bank and later merged with the Citizens' bank of Los Angeles to form what is now the Crocker-Citizens, a

state-wide financial institution.

A few years ago Crocker-Citizens acquired two independent banks in Monterey county to give them six offices there, one in Salinas and five on the peninsula.

In addition to the banks with offices throughout the county, the Bank of California has an office in Watsonville.

The new permit would bring the total number of banking offices and authorized offices in the county to 23, representing the County Bank, Bank of America, Wells Fargo, the Bank of California and Crocker-Citizens.

## Bulletin

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