

## West Salem Branch Bank to Open for Business July 11

West Salem's first bank, the West Salem branch of the United States National bank, will open Monday, July 11, according to an announcement received today from E. C. Sammons, president of the state-wide banking organization.

Sammons at the same time announced the appointment of a Salem man, Rex Gibson, as manager of the new branch.

## Air Force Chief Asks Big Bombers

Chicago (AP)—The air force chief of staff told American airmen Saturday in their biggest reunion since the war that the nation must have heavy, long-range bombers ready for action in the first stages of any conflict.

Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg, air force chief of staff, told members of the air force association at a luncheon meeting that the "strength we allot our various type of forces in peace does not necessarily reflect their relative importance in winning a war."

The association is sponsoring the national air fair, featuring hundreds of war planes of all types at nearby O'Hare field.

"In order to win eventually, we must be ready at the outset effective that its results will assist us throughout the struggle," Vandenberg said.

"This requires a long-range force ready for action, and other forces ready both for action and expansion."

Vandenberg said the air force "does not believe or maintain that all international problems can be solved by air power alone, and we are aware that the maintenance of the overwhelming force for many years would bankrupt the economy of the nation."

## Margaret Truman Will Tour Country

Buffalo, N.Y., July 5 (AP)—Margaret Truman will inaugurate her first cross-country tour with singing engagements here Nov. 13 and 15, it was announced today.

Frank N. Farrar, president of

Gibson has been associated with banking in Salem since 1922. He rose from his first employment as a messenger with the old Ladd & Bush bank to his present position of an assistant manager, serving in various capacities within the Ladd & Bush bank and later with the Ladd & Bush-Salem branch of the United States National bank when that institution purchased Ladd & Bush in 1940.

**Diploma From ABA**  
Gibson is a product of Salem schools. He graduated from Salem High school, Capital Business college in Salem and has continued banking studies throughout his career. Only this past week, he received his diploma from the three-year course in graduate banking studies conducted by the American Bankers association at Rutgers university in New Jersey.

Located at 1117 Edgewater street in West Salem, the new branch, according to Sammons, is designed to bring West Salem complete banking facilities.

"It will be staffed with personnel from the Salem area who are familiar with the industrial and agricultural conditions of the community and who will be in a position to work intelligently with the residents in further developing the West Salem district," he said.

**In Remodeled Building**  
The establishment of the new branch, 39th of the branches in the banking organization, is in line with the bank's policy of providing banking facilities for the continued growth and expansion of industrial and agricultural activities within the state, said Sammons.

the Buffalo Philharmonic Society, said the president's daughter will open the orchestra's season with those appearances.



Rex Gibson, who will be manager of West Salem branch of United States National Bank of Portland, opening July 11.

## Mrs. Mariette Weller Dies in Lincoln

Word has been received from Lincoln, Nebr., of the death there June 29 of Mrs. Mariette Weller, sister of Mrs. Emma Gemmel, of Salem. Funeral services and interment were at Wray, Colorado, July 3.

Mrs. Weller, who since 1942 had resided with a son in Lincoln, was born at Corning, Iowa, March 30, 1856 and for about 58 years lived near Wray, Colorado, where the family homesteaded. After her husband's death 27 years ago she went to Independence, Mo., to live with a daughter, Mrs. Maymie Bullard and following the death of Mrs. Bullard moved to Lincoln.

Surviving besides the sister in Salem are four sons, George Weller of Lincoln, and William H. Weller and Henry Weller all



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## Quiet Celebrations Feature Fourth of July in Salem

State institutions in Salem celebrated the Fourth of July in a variety of ways.

At Oregon state prison the usual Independence day boxing events and field day were the program.

Oregon state hospital had a ball game and races. Boys at Oregon state training school at Woodburn, defeated the school staff in a softball game 34 to 17. The boys also had a program of races and other contests.

At Hillcrest school for girls comedy contests were featured. Youngsters at Fairview home participated in a parade, comic and serious. Each of the cottages had a part. There was a picnic dinner at noon.

of Denver; a brother, Sanford Gaskill of Corning, Iowa; 15 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

tracks. A brush fire on Mill Fire Wrecks Hotels  
creek just east of 12th street was extinguished by firemen.

Highways were alive with traffic, beaches and cities in the valley where celebrations were held were crowded, but many Salem people remained at home. Attendance was good at baseball games on the home grounds.

### Balloon Stolen

Seattle, Wash., July 1 (AP)—Police today were looking for a 38-foot barrage balloon reported stolen from a war surplus store here.

The balloon was inflated.

Revere, Mass., July 5 (AP)—A fierce fire wrecked two hotels, 24 waterfront cottages and 19 automobiles at Revere beach—the Coney Island of New Eng-

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