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S. Clifford Sparks, president and chairman of the board of directors, beams happily as months of the hard work of organizing culminate in the formal opening of the Bank of Illinois Valley last Saturday. Beside him are S. A. MacEachron, vice president and manager of the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco; Martha E. Sparks, cashier; and A. A. Rogers, Oregon state superintendent of banks.

Bank Of Illinois Valley Opened Saturday With Formal Ceremony And Celebration



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LOCALS

O'Brien Women's Club Bank Banquet Decided Success

The banquet put on last Saturday night by the O'Brien Women's club on the occasion of the bank opening was a pronounced success from every standpoint.

The more than 100 guests were lavished in their praise of the delicious turkey dinner, served with such dispatch that everyone was able to eat while it was still warm.

The program, ably conducted by Master of Ceremonies Harry W. Holmes, moved briskly and provided hilarious moments and solemn thought-provoking interludes in about equal measure.

The assemblage was favored with musical selections by Mrs. Raymond Proctor, Mrs. Gordon White, Miss Cecily Hawk and Herbert Drews. George Martin sang "The Old Refrain."

An inspiring address was delivered by A. A. Rogers, state superintendent of banks, and President S. Clifford Sparks of the Bank of Illinois Valley outlined the development and organization of the bank and predicted a rapid upward swing in the Valley's prosperity. A number of prominent guests from Grants Pass and other points in southern Oregon spoke briefly in congratulation of the people of the Valley on their accomplishment.

Chairman Bessie Knipple of the O'Brien Women's club has ex-

pressed her appreciation of the help and cooperation so cheerfully extended to the ladies by many individuals and organizations in the presentation and serving of the banquet.

It is announced that the next regular meeting of the O'Brien Women's club will be at 2 p.m. August 11, at the clubhouse.

McLean Relative Missing In Action

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sparks of Inglewood, Calif., have received word that their son Donald Jr. has been declared missing in the Korea fighting. Young Sparks is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. William McLean of Kerby.

"Junior" Sparks, recently promoted to corporal, wrote his parents from Japan on July 6. The official statement that he had been missing in Korea since July 10 was the first word his parents received that he had been sent into the battle. He was serving with the 24th Artillery division, which has been in the thick of the fighting almost from the beginning.

Ex-California Couple Buys Cave Junction Business

Ernie and Vera Broughton, formerly of Modesto, Calif., have moved to this community and purchased the Dew Drop Inn. They plan to open the Dew Drop as soon as possible, and promise an outstanding selection of sandwiches and fountain and luncheon specialties at reasonable prices.

License Examiner Here Monday, July 31st

A Drivers License Examiner will be on duty in Cave Junction, July 31, 1950, at the Legion Hall between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., according to an announcement received from the Secretary of State's office.

Persons wishing licenses or permits to drive are asked to get in touch with the examiner well ahead of the scheduled closing hour in order to assure completion of their applications with a minimum of delay.

Legion Auxiliary Clinic

The Clinic at the Legion Hall, July 12th, was very well attended. Immunizations and vaccinations were given by Dr. Durey and staff. This Clinic will be held every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month, from eleven to three o'clock.

BLESSED EVENT

SWIFT—Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Swift of O'Brien, a 7 pound 5 ounce boy on July 7, 1950. Named James Emory.

Over Due Plane Raises Fear Of Forced Landing

It was reported yesterday (Wednesday) that a Cessna 170 aircraft, with the pilot and two passengers aboard, was missing on a flight from Crescent City to Montague, Calif. Officials in the area between the two points are conducting a search, and all available search planes were out seeking evidence of a forced landing along the route. Checks by the CAA ruled out the possibility that the plane landed at an alternate airport.

The plane left Crescent City Tuesday evening; names of the pilot and passengers were not available at press time.

McIntires Lose Home In Blaze

The Leonard McEntire house at O'Brien was burned last Sunday evening about 7 o'clock. The family had just left the house, and cause of the blaze was undetermined. Observers expressed the belief that the fire started in the kitchen.

Neighbors, state forest service employees and passersby pitched in but were unable to save anything of value from the house. They were successful however in confining the fire and saving neighboring houses from all but minor damage.

Rigel In Korea

Word has been received from Pfc. Raymond N. Rigel that he was sent to Korea on the fourth of July. He left on a C-54 transport plane from March Field, Riverside, California.

Raymond is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Rigel of Holland. He enlisted 1½ years ago in the air corps and has been taking training in electrical engineering. He was graduated from Lowry Air-force base in Denver, Colorado last May with a high scholastic average.

He has many friends in the vicinity, having attended high school at Kerby before enlisting.

Last Call For Jubilee Queen Contestants

Les Henry, chairman of the Jubilee Queen contest, requests that all organizations wishing to enter a candidate contact him immediately. Les said that several organizations have signified their intention of entering a queen contestant, but that some groups have not been heard from and he is anxious that all interested organizations have an opportunity to enter before it is too late.

It is not necessary that the actual queen contestant be decided upon yet, as long as a responsible officer of the organization gives the necessary notification.

Mrs. Merle Griffen and daughter Patty were house guests last week with Rev. and Mrs. Gray.

The Youth Group from Community Church met last week at the Gray home, and enjoyed swimming and refreshments, and also the discussion led by Raymond Mendenhall. Those present were Becky Freeman, Phyllis Dick, Daine Morey, Cecily Hawk, May Bowerman, Christine Duncan, Jeanne Chappell, Bud Proctor, Dick Cole, Ed Burton, Ray Mendenhall, Fred Micholotti, Glenn Perry, Dwain Cross, Bill Kitts, Bob McGuire and Clifford Ether-ton. This week (Thurs.) at same place there will be a watermelon feed, swimming and discussion led by Ed Burton. Next week the leader is to be Dick Cole, with a corn feed promised and the place to be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman returned home from their trip north on Sunday afternoon.

Saturday Rev. and Mrs. Gray were surprised when their son, Byron and his family of five, together with two other young people from Umatilla arrived and will be spending the week visiting the home folks.

Rev. and Mrs. Cox and family of Gospel Tabernacle were guests at the England home on Sunday.

The monthly "Singspiration" of the valley churches was held last Sunday at Wonder, and owing to the absence of the pastor and wife at Conference, Rev. Staines of Selma presided. Visiting speakers included Dr. Randall of the American Sunday School Union, and Rev. Collins, evangelist, who is vacationing at the Oregon Caves. An enjoyable musical number was that of Cliff Owens on his electric steel guitar.

Lee Fatally Injured

Arley Lee, who recently moved to Crescent City from Cave Junction, was killed about 10 miles north of Crescent City last Monday afternoon.

He was a truck driver for Clarence A. Baird, who bought a saw mill on the coast and took over its operation a few weeks ago. Apparently Lee had stopped to take up on a binder, and a log rolled from the truck and passed over his body.

Ernest Britt Joins Grants Pass Funeral Home

L. Earle Hall of the Hall Funeral home in Grants Pass has announced the association of Ernest H. Britt, Cave Junction funeral director, with the Grants Pass firm.

The Britt Funeral home will be maintained at Cave Junction and operated by Lester J. Tythcott of the Valley Ambulance service.

This combination will offer an additional service to the people of the Illinois Valley, in that additional equipment and facilities will be available to the community.

The ceremony and celebration on the formal opening of the Bank of Illinois Valley last Saturday was one of the finest examples of teamwork and community participation ever witnessed in the Valley.

The parade, generally by the Rough and Ready Ramblers and participated in by virtually every organization in the Valley, was declared the largest and best conducted of any in Cave Junction's history. Many of the floats took days of preparation, and several of them provided the spectators with a good healthy chuckle. Slim Hamrick's claim to the first depository in the Illinois Valley went unchallenged.

The ceremony in front of the bank included short addresses by President S. Clifford Sparks, A. A. Rogers, state superintendent of banks, and S. A. MacEachron, vice president and manager of the Portland branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, and the introduction of the bank's officers by master of ceremonies Harry W. Holmes. Each speaker lauded the Valley's enterprise in going out and organizing its own bank, and predicted an economic upswing for the Valley made possible by adequate banking facilities. Mr. MacEachron pointed out that the Federal Reserve System's opinion of our prospects was reflected by the membership emblem appearing on the door; it is seldom that a newly organized bank has the honor of being accepted immediately as a member of the Federal Reserve System.

Cutting of the ribbon across the door by Mr. MacEachron climaxed the ceremony, and the young Eagle's drum corp led the way into the bank.

The bank's beautiful myrtlewood interior was enhanced by the scores of floral offerings from individuals and organizations as far away as Portland. The public moved in to inspect its new bank and pass through the cool vault. Some men expressed disappointment that no samples were being

handed out, but the ladies were favored with beautiful, fragrant white gardenias. Many lingered to open accounts with the three tellers on duty.

At 2 p. m., festivities opened at Rambler's Roost, where the Rough and Ready Ramblers dispensed heaping plates of succulent barbecue, donated by merchants and business houses of the Valley. At the banquet that evening, President Les Milligan of the Ramblers declined to accept all the credit for the success of the parade and the barbecue. Said he: "Although the Ramblers worked hard and each member contributed to the fullest extent, I'd like to say that we couldn't have put it across without the splendid cooperation of the other groups and organizations, and we want them to know how much we appreciate it." In Mr. Milligan's opinion, it was an "all-Valley operation."

After the banquet by the O'Brien Women's club (reported elsewhere), a large crowd attended the Carnival Dance in the V. F. W. pavilion at Rambler's Roost. The bank celebration finally dwindled away in the early hours, leaving the Valley weary but with a distinct glow of accomplishment.

President Sparks said yesterday that congratulatory messages were still coming in from all over the west coast, and expressed his gratitude to the people of the Valley for their splendid contribution to the opening ceremony.

Special Council Meeting Will Discuss Sewer System

City officials have announced that there will be a special council meeting this Friday (July 21) evening in the American Legion hall at 8 p.m.

William Morton, the engineer who laid out and did much of the survey work on the proposed sewer system, will be present at the meeting to explain the system and make recommendations.

There has been considerable public interest in this sewer system, with various organizations and individuals seeking to find specific answers to their questions regarding the benefit to be derived versus the cost of installation. This should be an excellent opportunity to attend receive first hand information.

Contributions To Barbecue

The amount collected from Valley merchants and business houses for the free barbecue held last Saturday afternoon at Rambler's Roost was \$547.50. Those contributing were:

Valley Shoe Shop, George Simmon's Drugs, Larue McKinstry Drugs, Manchel's, Freeman's Garage, Bob and Ruth Shop, Day's

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School Bond Report

The Josephine County School District, in its report on the seven hundred thousand dollar bond issue, August 1948-June 1950, shows that \$265,388.47 of the money was spent on our new Illinois Valley high school.

This expenditure breaks down as follows: site, \$1100.00, building \$249,107.66, furniture and equipment \$14,880.81, other \$300.00.

Other expenditures in the Valley from this bond issue were \$344.00 at Kerby elementary and \$22,638.07 at O'Brien. The Valley schools also received a share of the \$14,248.81 allotted throughout the county for furniture and equipment.

Donkey Baseball Game Scheduled August 2nd

The Illinois Valley Lions club is sponsoring a donkey baseball game Wednesday, August 2, at 7 p.m. at Rambler's Roost in Cave Junction.

Selection of players for each side has not been completed, but the Lions promise a highly entertaining evening. Admission is 30 cents for children and 60 cents for adults.

Volunteer players are needed; see Luther Sherier at I.V. Cleaners.



Cpl. Charles Southward

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Southward of Kerby have received word that their son, Corporal Charles Southward, boarded a transport at San Diego for Korea last week with the 1st Tank Battalion, First Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force.

Corporal Southward entered the Carine Corps from Eugene in December 15, 1948, and was promoted to corporal on June 7, 1950.

After receiving his initial training at San Diego he completed two courses of study at the Marine's engineering school at Le Jeune, N. C., where he graduated second in his class.