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THE ILLINOIS VALLEY MARKS PROGRESS

Today, July 12, marks the first anniversary of the opening of the Bank of Illinois Valley. One year's operation has seen deposits shoot from absolutely nothing to nearly one million dollars — a \$930,000 peak to date. Even the founders, with unbounded faith in the enterprise, dared not hope that this level could be reached in the first year.

The fact that the bank has become such a solid and accepted institution in one short year is due to three factors: sound, constructive management; the whole-hearted support of the Valley community, and the richness and commercial activity of the Valley itself.

Of the faith, the hard work, the disappointments, the obstacles which had to be overcome in order to establish our bank, nothing need be said — it is still fresh in everyone's memory. However this writer believes that we can all profit from the lesson provided by the bank's phenomenal success — the proposition that the people of the Valley, by pulling together in common cause, with the rich potential of the Valley behind them can achieve results beyond the hopes of the most optimistic.

The people of the Valley are once more engaged in a monumental project — one which, in its own way, will take its place beside the bank as a major landmark in the success and development of the Illinois Valley. We refer, of course, to the Illinois Valley Medical Center.

As in the case of the bank, this project has its calamity-howlers; those who can see nothing but the obstacles — and there are obstacles. Fortunately however, there are also those who have the faith and energy to look beyond the obstacles, people who say "Sure it's going to be a tough job, but the result is worth it. Come what may, the people of the Valley urgently need and deserve adequate hospitalization facilities, and they are going to get them."

While the people of Josephine county have many blessings, they do suffer from geographical misfortune — the fact that the two main centers of population, gathered about Grants Pass and the Illinois Valley, are separated by thirty miles of road — and not very good road, either. The Grants Pass area, being the larger, is quite naturally the county seat and the center of various county installations, including the hospital. The county cannot afford duplicate installations, and it certainly cannot alter the map; therefore, although the people of the Valley occasionally wax bitter about being the "step-children" of Josephine county, it is a condition brought about by unavoidable circumstance rather than anyone's design. And for some time to come the Valley will have to continue "seeking its own salvation" and working out its own solutions to this problem.

An inspection of the register at Josephine General hospital in Grants Pass reveals that a high percentage of patients come from the Illinois Valley. It is doubtful if any of them enjoyed the thirty mile ride to the hospital, and of course the chance of survival of accident and emergency cases is inversely proportional to the distance traveled and the time elapsed before hospital facilities are reached. As we see it, the need for adequate hospital facilities in the Valley is so obvious that it requires no debate.

The real question is *how*. And that should be pretty obvious too; only by the support, moral and financial, of every individual in the Illinois Valley. This Medical Center project belongs to no individual and no organization. It is true that individuals and organizations from all over the Valley have gotten behind the project, determined to put it through, but it is not "their project" — it is *your* project, and it can only be put through with your support. It is your wife, your child, perhaps you yourself who will benefit from hospital facilities in the Valley. It will unquestionably result in the saving of lives.

The Medical Center, when established, will be a non-profit institution, the property of the

— LOCALS —

Mr. and Mrs. Don E. Christensen and daughter Karen from Tacoma, Washington were visiting Mr. and Mrs. Herb Drews.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Smith of Salem were visiting a sister, Mattie Seyferth in Bridgeview this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Nealy and Mrs. Jennie Tyner are visiting relatives in Nebraska and Ohio and plan on taking a month's trip through the country.

Fred Seyferth spent the Fourth of July with relatives in Alturas, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Blakeley of Roseburg are visiting the Les Milligans.

T. J. Milligan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Les Milligan is spending part of his vacation with his aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ern Marshall of Fortuna, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sowell and Johnny and Mr. and Mrs. Les Milligan took in the rodeo at Klamath Falls over the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Demesseman of Wellsville, Kansas and their four children Charlotte, Virginia, Billy and Danny are living in the Valley. They are staying with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Martin until their house can be finished at the Illinois Valley Dairy where Mr. Demesseman is working.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Arrison and two daughters are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Guy Wahl. The family is looking for a home in the Valley.

Terry Spitz, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Spitz and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Palmer is visiting here from Van Nuys, California.

Frieda Thayer and two of her friends took a trip to the coast and to Crater Lake over the Fourth.

Joanne Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Smith, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hazel Newparst in Chico, California and will return Sunday.

Fourth of July guests at the C. V. Southward residence were Mrs. P. H. Williams of Springfield, Oregon and Mrs. John W. Crawford of Eugene. The Southwards accompanied their guests to Eugene where they visited relatives.

Under the supervision of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Cox and Rev. and Mrs. Don Wantland, a group of young people from the Assembly of God church, several from Cave Junction Community church and an out-of-the Valley guest from Wilderville went on a picnic Tuesday evening, July 2 at Patrick's Creek.

As soon as the appetites were satisfied games were played, after which the group sang choruses while Mrs. Wantland accompanied them on the accordion.

Visiting at the George Duncan home over the week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Ira Simon and Mr. and Mrs. Byrd Wagner, all of Eugene. (Mr. and Mrs. Simon are the paternal grandparents of the Duncan's new grandson.)

While here they visited the Oregon Caves.

The Wagners, who are not newcomers to the Valley were here when the Redwood Highway was first paved through O'Brien. They were surprised at the growth and the number of changes in the Valley.

The main topic of conversation? Why baby Donald Ray, of course, who now weighs nearly three pounds and is doing very well, thank you.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Villair, Miss Dorothy Thrasher of Kerby and Miss Shirley Peterson of Grants Pass spent the weekend at the coast and attended the Lily Festival at Brookings.

community. No one stands to gain financially from its establishment and operation, unless it be the patient and his friends and relatives who will gain the time and expense now consumed by the trip to Grants Pass.

The Medical Center board of directors, together with several individuals and organizations of the Valley are now engaged in a fund drive to raise the money necessary for our hospital installation. If each of us accepts his share of this obligation, as his circumstances permit, the drive will go over with no difficulty. If we shirk our responsibility with a "let somebody else do it," it will fail because there isn't any "somebody else" here — there is only us. A community of this size cannot afford free-riders; if each citizen doesn't pull his weight the wagon doesn't move.

We know that it is possible for the community to put this project over. It is for you, the individual, to decide if the Valley is to have its Medical Center. We urge everyone to back this movement to the utmost; make such a contribution as you can afford, participate in your organization's plans for the drive, support the benefits and activities which will be staged. This Valley has the strength and to spare — let's prove it. A more worthy cause would be hard to find.

Mrs. Jessie Leonard is here in the Valley from Los Angeles visiting her son Gordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Pappy Beene spent the weekend in the Valley. They now reside at Myrtle Creek.

Marjorie Cowin and granddaughter Jana White arrived in the Valley Monday from Las Vegas, California. They are visiting Mrs. Cowin's brothers Meryle and Carl Preston and families. They have been staying with Meryle Preston in Cave Junction and will leave Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Johnson and their grand daughter, Nancy Hansen from Woodside, California, have spent the past week enjoying the Oregon sunshine at the Q-X Ranch.

Thursday, July 5, two more guests, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hoffman from Atherton, California, arrived. Mr. Hoffman is the president of the Linkbelt Company at Atherton and the best cribbage player in the west, as Tex Clifford well knows.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Duke of San Juan Bautista, Calif., spent the Fourth of July week fishing and visiting relatives in the Valley and near vicinity. They lodged with Mr. Duke's father, Clyde Duke of Selma.

Wednesday, the Fourth, Mr. and Mrs. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Les Jensen and family of Wilderville, Les Martin and Don Preston enjoyed an evening of picnicing at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Hilliard.

We have a sad tale to relate — very sad indeed. It seems that two prominent businessmen-about-town never seem to get their names in the paper, and they were crying on each other's shoulders when Mrs. Abernathy came upon the scene. After getting the story, the NEWS is most happy to oblige these two gentlemen by chronicling their social activities: JIM TAYLOR of Taylors' Self-service laundry and WILLIS WILSON of the Valley drug are going swimming at Seat's dam over the weekend.

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From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh

Might Say The Birds Got "Nettled"

Had dinner with Tik Bradley the other day, and over a frosty bottle of beer I found out about his job with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

"Now just exactly what do you do?" I asked him. "Shoot birds with a cannon" he calmly replies.

Seems they actually do use a cannon—to shoot out a net over a flock of birds feeding on the ground. The birds start to take off at the sound of the shot, but he settling net brings them back to earth. Then they're banded round the leg so more can be

learned about their migratory habits. Afterwards, they're let loose—and everyone's happy.

From where I sit, it was a good example of how when you learn the real facts they're often not as bad as they may sound at first. Like with people. Get to really know your neighbor and chances are you'll be more tolerant of his preferences—even though they're not your own. Take a good look, before you jump to conclusions.

Joe Marsh

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF BANK OF ILLINOIS VALLEY of Cave Junction, Oregon

at the close of business June 30, 1951, a State banking institution organized and operating under the banking laws of this State and a member of the Federal Reserve System. Published in accordance with a call made by the State Banking Authorities and by the Federal Reserve Bank of this District.

ASSETS	
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balance, and cash items in process of collection	\$311,092.03
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	380,003.05
Corporate stocks (including \$1,350.00 stock of Federal Reserve bank)	1,350.00
Loans and discounts (including \$198.83 overdrafts)	158,276.06
Furniture and fixtures	10,270.41
Investments and other assets indirectly representing bank premises or other real estate	7,114.77
Other assets	1,466.64
TOTAL ASSETS	\$869,572.96

LIABILITIES	
Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	\$646,542.71
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	142,157.43
Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)	10,000.00
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	3,723.95
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	11,554.54
TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$813,978.63
Other liabilities	4,165.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	\$818,143.63

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	
Capital*	\$ 40,000.00
Surplus	5,000.00
Undivided profits	1,249.72
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital) Bank Organization, Guaranty Fund	5,179.61
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 51,429.33
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$869,572.96

*This bank's capital consists of:
Common stock with total par value of \$40,000.00.
I, S. Clifford Sparks, President of the above-named bank, hereby certify that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest:
Harry W. Holmes
K. C. Hamilton
G. W. Martin
Directors.

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