



MEDFORD NATIONAL BANK IN 1935—The Medford branch of the U. S. National bank is currently commemorating the 25th anniversary of its establishment Dec. 2, 1935. Branch Manager Allan F. Perry can also boast that his father, J. A. Perry, was a stockholder in the original bank, which opened April 30, 1906. During the past 25

U.S. National To Observe 25 Years In City This Week

This week the Medford branch of the U. S. National bank will observe its 25th anniversary of its establishment, Dec. 2, 1935. After 25 years, with six times as many employees and after undergoing two major remodeling jobs, the organization reviews a period of "banking success." Friday, Dec. 2, not only will commemorate an anniversary for the Medford branch, but also marks the passage of 25 years of service for U. S. National on the part of Allan F. Perry, manager, whose far "y" roots go back into Medford's banking history. His father, J. A. Perry, was a stockholder in the original Medford National bank, which was opened April 30, 1906. Actually, a banking history of Medford is not complete without a mention of its origin, which in this case occurred in the old mining town of Jacksonville. In 1856, C. C. Beckman opened a bank which enjoyed a very "rare" 56 years of existence. During that time, with the exception of a limited period, there were no loans on the books. Dividends Paid Despite this unusual condition, a consistent dividend was paid to stockholders through income received from exchange, express charges, and for keeping of gold dust and coin. Miners from the hills of Jackson and Josephine counties would come to Jacksonville with as much as \$4,000 to \$5,000 of gold dust in a leather pouch. This was usually deposited in the bank for safe keeping, or exchanged for gold coin. The bank, in

turn, would send the gold dust to San Francisco. A charge of 1 per cent a month was made for this service of safe keeping. Sometimes miners took a receipt, but more often they did not, merely leaving the gold dust with their name attached for fear a receipt, if taken, would be lost in the hills. Gold gave way to pears, and in 1912 this area's first bank discontinued, still paying all its depositors in full. Normal Growth A period of normal growth followed the opening of the Medford National bank in 1906, and it was not until the early 1930's that a need for the advantages of consolidation became apparent. Consequently, in December, 1935, the Medford bank became a branch of U. S. National. The first manager of the Medford branch, George Frey, stayed with the bank until his death in 1946. At that time Allan Perry, who had previously been note teller and assistant manager, took over the manager's position. Medford hasn't stopped growing and neither has the bank. In 1955, a bank-from-your-car facility was installed and a major expansion project completed. "From all indications, our next 25 years of business will be marked with the same type of growth and success that seems to be associated with the Medford area," Manager Perry predicts. RAIL MILEAGE New Zealand has 3,400 miles of railway.

years several noteworthy advancements for customer convenience have been made, and the next quarter of a century should also see growth and success, according to Perry. The Medford National bank shown above is located at Central ave. and Main st., the location of the present U. S. National bank branch.

Group To Discuss All County Roads

A meeting of the Jackson County planning advisory group has been called for 8 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 30, in the county court room by County Judge Earl Miller. "Present freeway, county roads and streets in the county's communities will be discussed," the county judge explained. "This meeting is important and representatives of your community are urged to be present with all the information that can be obtained on present streets and roads in your community and what you think should be done for their future development and coordination with the county and state highway program." The organization is an advisory group aimed at better coordination of thinking and programming for an orderly well-balanced long range development plan for the entire county. Such matters are covered as proper land use development patterns; a future study for better and more road development; study for a broadened sewage system and a coordinated program of highways, roads and street locations and their expansion to meet the needs of the county's citizens, Judge Miller said.

Crowd Jeers U.S. Governors During Sao Paulo Visit

Sao Paulo, Brazil - (UPI) - Twenty-eight touring U. S. governors Saturday received their first taste of anti-Americanism in their visit to Argentina and Brazil from a small group of students who shouted "Cuba yes, Yankees no" outside their hotel. The Sao Paulo university students picketed the hotel with pro-Castro placards, jeered the governors as they departed for Santos and argued with passersby. There was no violence and police did not try to disperse the demonstrators. Complete Tour The governors, who yesterday completed a ten-city good will tour of Argentina and Brazil were greeted by signs proclaiming: "We want Castro! Long live Cuba! Get out of Cuba! Vote for China (Communist) China at the United Nations!" One sidewalk observer shouted at the students: "Forget Cuba! Save Hungary! Freedom for Hungarians!" Later the governors held a news conference. Gov. Orville L. Freeman of Minnesota said that Americans felt great sympathy for Fidel Castro and received him with open arms after the revolution but that "when Castro stepped up his attacks and lies against the United States the sympathy faded." He said that "today Castro represents a new kind of imperialism that free people everywhere want to fight and defeat."

Boys Find Corpse Hanging From Tree

Portland - (UPI) - The corpse of a man, believed to have been dead for about six months, was found in a wooded area here Friday. The corpse was found dangling by its neck by two young boys in an area between Johnson creek and Crystal Springs blvd. near NE 35th ave.

Robber Hits Airline Office in Portland

Portland - (UPI) - A gunman, carrying a .38 caliber revolver, held up the Northwest Airlines ticket office in downtown Portland Friday. He escaped with \$150. Police said the gunman answered the description as the same man who robbed the J. C. Penney Co. downtown store's lay-away department last Friday. A total of \$225 was taken in that holdup.

Extension Service Official Succumbs

Corvallis - (UPI) - James R. Beck, Corvallis, the assistant director of the Oregon State Extension service, died at his home of an apparent heart attack Friday night. He was 64. Beck, appointed assistant director in 1947, was a member of the Oregon State faculty for 38 years. He is survived by his widow, Ruth E., and two children. Mrs. Robert Frazier of Cincinnati, Ohio, and James R. Beck, Seattle.

Astoria Navy Workers To Receive Pay Hike

Washington - (UPI) - The Navy Department has approved a wage increase for the Astoria area, Rep. Walter Norblad announced Saturday. Norblad said the raise, averaging seven cents hourly, would affect about 180 ungraded Navy employees. It is scheduled to become effective the first pay period after Dec. 10. Edinburgh, Scotland - (UPI) - Robin Lorimer, 42, sat in a post hole four hours Friday night protesting against Edinburgh's new lamp post lighting plan.

Salem Woman Fails In Killing Attempt

Salem - (UPI) - A 28-year-old Salem divorcee went berserk early Saturday and tried to kill her 8-year-old daughter, according to Salem police. After that, she intended to kill her son and then herself. Police Sgt. Kenneth Keuscher said Mrs. Diane Harrison, a key punch operator for the state, said in a statement she planned to kill both the girl, Jacqueline, her 6-year-old son, Douglas, and then herself because she thought she had a venereal disease. Keuscher said a charge of assault with intent to kill against the woman was pending but steps were also being taken to commit her to the state hospital.

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