

Citizens State Bank Observes 110th Anniversary



The Citizens State Bank, Henry County's oldest and largest financial institution, marked its 110th birthday on July 1. The celebration included refreshments, a cake, a glimpse of the past and a lot of whistle tooting.

The star of the show proved to be the Indiana University/Hooks Drug calliope which performed an hour concert at the main office in downtown New Castle. The brightly-colored, hand-painted circus wagon houses a 32-note steam whistle dating back to the 1920's. Serving as a melodious magnet, the calliope captured the attention of many New Castle residents and provided an invitation to join the

party. The calliope also made stops at the Payne Village and Money\$taion branches.

"I was very pleased with the results of the celebration," said Pierre-Long, Executive Vice President for Marketing. "Not only did the public respond, but I was particularly proud of the participation by our employees."

Visitors to CSB's main lobby were treated to popcorn, soft drinks and cookies as well as a display of banking memorabilia. "Many of our older customers really enjoyed the display which included many items of old equipment used at various times by the bank," remarked Pete. "It's always fun

to reminisce!" Refreshments were also served at the Mt. Summit, Lewisville and Spiceland branches.

Citizens State Bank holds Indiana Bank Charter No. 3, issued on July 3, 1873, just three days after Indiana's banking laws went into effect. CSB began business on South Main Street then moved a short time later to the northeast corner of Main and Broad Streets, the present site of the motorbank. The bank marked its 50th anniversary with a brand new building on the northwest corner of Main and Broad, the present location.

Citizens has absorbed several other banks during its 110 years. The first



A young visitor gets a look at antique office equipment during celebration.

was the Bundy National Bank in 1880. Central Trust and Savings was acquired in 1930. During the difficult days of the 1930's, CSB took over smaller county banks in Mt. Summit, Spiceland and Lewisville.