

Bank Of America Opens New Southwest Office

Memories of the past, accomplishments of the present, and hope for the future were joined in the grand opening this week of Bank of America's new Western avenue and Eighty-seventh street branch.

Among those present for the opening of the new branch was Otto H. Wagner, member of the pioneer family which owned a large section of land in the neighborhood and still owns the property across the street from the bank.

The family name is retained in the Wagner post office station, named in honor of John Wagner, who came here from Wisconsin in 1885. Wagner park has been suggested as a name for the park which was to replace the old brick yard at Eighty-seventh street and St. Andrews place and which finally became St. Andrews playground.

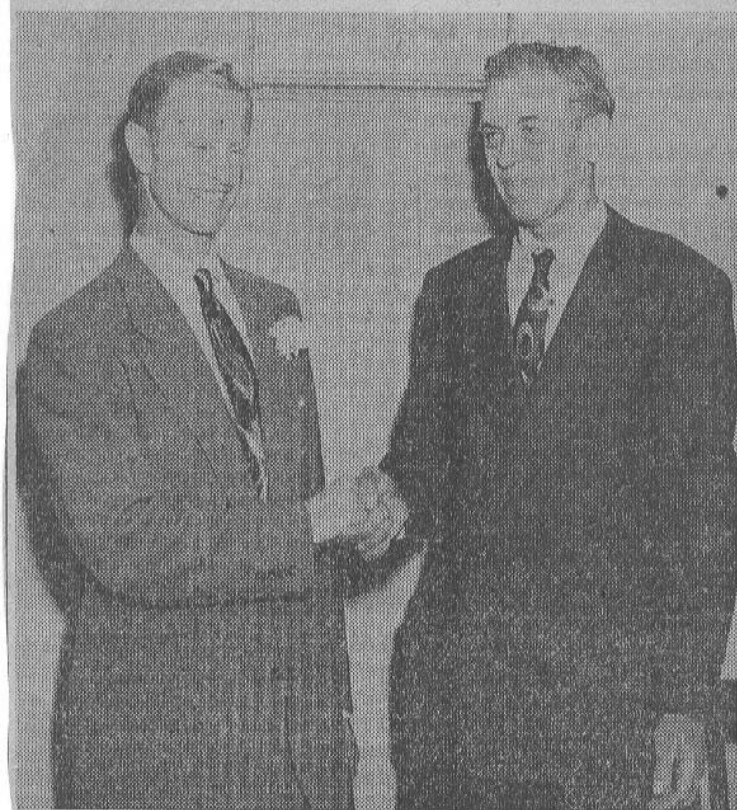
Other prominent residents attending the opening included Arthur Cozad, Justus Leonard, A. Lee Elkins, Carl Reiman, all past presidents of Western Avenue Businessmen's association, and G. E. Morgan, who is now the association's president.

Manager is Paul O. Marble, former credit officer at Los Angeles headquarters.

Norman D. Armitage is assistant cashier.

Vincent A. Bauchiero is in charge of personnel and interior operations.

The branch is just off the corner of Western avenue and Eighty-seventh street, the bank having reserved the corner lot with an eye to the future, when it anticipates that a larger building will have to be built to accommodate the growth of the area.



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CONGRATULATIONS: Otto H. Wagner, right, member of the Southwest's pioneer Wagner family, shakes hands with Paul O. Marble, manager of the new Bank of America branch at Manchester and Western avenues, on the occasion of the opening of the branch.