

# SECURITY STATE BANK

WEWOKA, OKLAHOMA

November 25, 1936

Judge C. Guy Cutlip  
Wewoka, Oklahoma

Dear Judge Cutlip:

This is to remind you of our conversation of some two or three weeks ago in which we discussed with you something in regard to our Silver Anniversary Celebration, which we plan to hold in the Ball Room of the Aldridge Hotel Saturday evening, December 5, 1936 at 6:30 o'clock p.m. This letter will serve as an invitation to you and Mrs. Cutlip to be our guests at the banquet.

We are also depending upon you to make a talk of twenty-five or thirty minutes at the meeting as the main feature of our program. In this talk, if you will permit us to make a suggestion or two, we would be glad to have you give something of the history of Wewoka and Seminole County together with anything you may care to say about the bank's beginning and whatever progress it may have made during these twenty-five years.

We expect to have present at the meeting the three men who organized this bank, Mr. L. C. Parmenter, Mr. R. W. Parmenter and Mr. C. E. Morgan. The organization meeting was held in the town of Holdenville on January, 1911. The charter was not issued until November 7, 1911 and the bank was opened for business December 5, 1911 by Roy W. Parmenter.

You will notice we are holding the banquet on December 5, 1936, in celebration of the opening of the bank, on which date the bank was open for business instead of on the date which the charter was issued. As we have it Roy W. Parmenter was living in Muskogee where he was engaged in the real estate business and where he was also interested in a hardware store at the time the bank was opened. Just a few weeks before the bank was to open for business Roy moved his family to Wewoka and was really the officer and only employee in charge on the opening date of this bank.

C. E. Morgan was at that time employed by the First National Bank in Henryetta and did not join Mr. Parmenter in the bank here in Wewoka until some three or four weeks after the bank had opened for business.

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L. C. Parmenter was engaged in the hardware business in Holdenville and while he was president of the bank he was never active here in the bank.

Much credit, I think, is due to these three men who had the foresight and ambition to organize a bank in a town which was already overbanked at the time. Any flowers or jokes you can hand these three men I believe will be entirely in order. In as much as there will be a special edition of the Wewoka Daily Times Democrat Sunday, giving something of the history of this bank you will likely have all the ammunition you will need for your part of the program. If, however, there is any other information you would like to have please let me know and I shall be glad to secure any information you may need.

Please do not forget to advise Mrs. Cutlip that she is to be our guest also.

Yours very truly,

  
Vice President

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