

In 1913 the F R B system was born. In 1918 it came as a youth to SLC. Relive with us now thru the eyes of this fledgeling -- with some comments from the ^{staff)} 'kids' -THE LIFE & TIMES OF THE SLC BRANCH

It's 1918 as we came into being, a branch must be formed, offices rented and helpers hired. Doc Ostler, Lillian Chisholm our beginning redhead and Royal Everson. These were the first of my good and able crew. So much to be done and we were so anxious to do well . . . Doc Ostler remembered many a night they rushed to catch the 12:30AM street car.

The twenties dawned and didn't the ladies show 'em when they got the vote! Bobbed their hair a- rolled their stockings, even walked on airplane wings. They also got jobs. Anna Gasser joined us in May of 1920 to sort our currency. Don Sheets remembers she never missed a counterfeit. Miss Shelly (did anyone ever call her Edith?) bobbed in a month later. I wonder if anyone ever saw her walk . . . seems to me she always zipped. DID ANY OF THIS GROUP CHARLESTON???

Le Roy Larson, who Don remembers as a prankster, and Wallace Scott come on the staff in 1921 with Lyte Moyer joining us in 1926. We recall Lyte's passion for LARGE LARGE cars

Our little family increases as the 20's advance. These were growing and building years, congested working conditions, heavy volume of work long days and nights and finally in 1927 our very own brand new bldg. Vi Thompson was the very first to join us in our new home Feb 1927 as a secretary and later that year we got Bert Page who proved to be a pretty good addition to our baseball team. In 1928 Merrill Coulam joined us and Don remembers that Tony always seemed to get the hives whenever his mother-in-law visited!

On March 1, 1929 Charly Price acquired us as lifetime companions. . . 56 years later and he is still here -- organizing our parties and handling the details and don't we just still depend on him gratefully? Charlie were you 19 when you came here???

The crash of '29 shook our group but we had plenty for all to do and didn't the 30's have to be better? however Charly Price remembers many bank failures and the first Sunday workday (in his tenure) for our check dept "Return Items"

Our family didnt grow quite as fast during the 30's but we added Gordon Harwood in 1931 and his contribution to the bank baseball team is still remembered by Don Sheets and the fact that he is one of the most congenial persons to grace our staff has to be mentioned.

Al Wilkins who was known as stub and kept the cafeteria knives sharp just out of the goodness of his heart came along in 1936 and our alltime most outrageous person in the form of Ed Watson burst into our midst in 1939. They were wonderful additions indeed.

Mr Liggett reminds us we also had the big bands. . . Did any of this crew JITTERBUG?

1940's ment war and as Mr Liggett remembers Sinatra! Don Sheets also recalls that "in 1942 the first non-male messenger was hired."

Non-Male???now that is news!!! CCC and RFC and lots of late late nights.

1/42 brought us Don Sheets (whatever happened to him?) did he ever find the 'moose'? and Walt Freshwater who drove the Armored Car by day and moonlighted stringing tennis rackets; Gladys Miller our quiet as a mouse sorter and Virginia Sellers the original 'Girl Friday' and Robert Manning smoker of stogies and deer meat all became family in 1943.

Faron Cutler arrived in '44 with Hardy Rogers coming along in 1945. Now Hardy had to be one of our more outspoken 'family' members and he had some very determined opinions on a number of topics but the one that inflamed his passion most was Franklin Delano Roosevelt. One time in my stamp selling days I had acquired a block of stamps commemorating the accomplishments of Elenor Roosevelt. Well he took one look at Elenor and refused to buy the stamp and when I asked why he said "I wouldn't lick her backside" was his response!

1945 and the war was finally over. . . we had Truman and new cars and it was time to get on with our lives.

1946 brought Donna Norris into the fold. She probably holds the record for training 803 operators -- Jack Walker also joined our group that year. He skied and hiked and was one of our earliest free spirits. 1947 saw Grant Holman arrive at our door, law book in one hand and a carpet bag full of the worlds worst jokes in the other. He told a lot of real bad jokes over the next 38 years. Does anyone remember any of 'em? 1949 brought Dick Buehler with his gentle sense of humor, Glen Rottman and the ever present oil can (did he come equiped with that or did we give it to him?) That man could oil anything. Nora Mae Graham Willey came along too that year and to all us long timers Nora will always be the personnel department.

As the 50's began we welcomed Erwin Barglebaugh from LA and were horrified as the Korean War broke out. Not again! and the 50's also saw the developement of check routing symbols/^{what will they think of next?}and the need for duplicate records in case of war or other mayhem and that made the Boise Record Center necessary.

Well we hadn't seen anything yet as 1950 brought us one of our brightest and everyones hands down favorite -- Tobe or more formally Marie Zobell graced our group with her presence. Don remembers her as fun loving' with a good sense of humor and I consider us all better for having known her. She is one of a kind!

Quiet competent Wayne Stewart arrived in '52 with Ray Emerson and his many abilities and/^{artistic}talents joining us in 1953. Our little blonde doll-like Sandra Hazelgren Jensen arrived in 1954.

Our resident Irishman Mike Buckley came in '56 in the form of an auditor originally and we quaked in our boots or ignored him depending on our current assignment. ^{we still do!} Mr Liggett too joined the district family that year We would have paid more attention Ron if we had of known you were coming our way.

Our own "Music Man" Paul Wainwright was welcomed in 1956 and he has shared his musical gifts and those of his family so generously with all of us ever since.

Marguerite Dietrich with her tireless energy and limitless abilities
the
joined/family in 1957. How we have counted on her over the years
The late '50's found us once again planing a new home for our ever'
growing family and finally in the spring of 1959 we moved -- money bags
and baggage -- one block south.

Dave Gillespie was our first new kid in the new building in May 1959.
Does that make him original equipment? Or can we count all the kids
who came that first year. Carol Anderson, Jerry Shurtliff, and John Peace.'
Carol being our voice, /switchboard operator
Jerry our record setter (perfect attendance)
and John our tall tale teller par excellance.

The past 67 years have seen so many changes -- from an all male staff
to one dominated by women and back to a current even mix...how many
changes we have wondered over and been in awe of. I am always amazed
and pleased to acknowledge the sturdy stuff our FED ladies are made of.
I consider it an honor to be ranked among them.

We wish to make a special thanks to Virginia Sellers who does such
an outstanding job as our "retiree reporter" Our thanks for
Your tireless efforts
at keeping tabs on this diverse group can never accurately be expressed.
Computers, our large first in the 60's to the myriad small PC's of today.
Another wa& -- a man on the moon. John Balles, Paul Volker and even a
new roof -- we raised the old one so many times we plum wore it out.