

Smiling Bank Teller Keeps Watching for Counterfeit

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If you've got family budget worries don't go to a bank teller—he's got money problems of his own.
Burnt money, counterfeit checks,

rare coins, foreign currency fractured checking accounts are all problems confronting the smiling man in the cage who smoothly counts in and out thousands of dollars a day.
"How do you check for counter-

feit money?" I asked William Schwarz, teller at the Commercial Bank of Salem. I watched enviously as he ran neatly through a stack of green, happy lettuce, "First of all, by touch," he said. "That's why tellers sort of snap

a bill in their hands before laying it down."
"If it feels limp and uncrisp, we check to see if all the points on the U.S. seal on the bill are sharply etched. Also on many counterfeit bills the faces of Washington, Jefferson or whoever are not clear."

Calm Interest
Here was a man who talked about money like most persons talk about television programs—calmly and with interest. I nervously fingered two old worn one-dollar bills in my pocket and asked him how much loot he counts in an average day.
"Oh, about ten thousand, or so," he said.
Schwarz estimates that about 25 per cent of bank patrons either mentally follow the teller as he

"Some customers seem unhappy when we ask them for identification when cashing a check," he said. "Actually the law requires that we ask for identification in the case of government checks."

Out of Balance
Other situations which arise occasionally include patrons whose check books won't balance with the bank statements. (80 per cent of the time the customer is wrong) and persons who don't know how to write a check properly.

Another chore, especially at year's end, is tallying up contents of piggy bank and fruit-jar savings. These come either before the holidays for obvious reasons or just after the holidays for equally obvious reasons.

Usually people save coins of one denomination. Just recently Schwarz took in a jar containing \$19 worth of pennies.
But in general, most tellers know that the banking business is a matter of dollars and sense—mostly the common kind.



Bank tellers are people who can't take their work home with them. William Schwarz, teller at the Commercial Bank of Salem, is shown above counting only a small part of the cash he handles daily at the bank. Conrad Prange, Statesman reporter, gazes wistfully at all that loose money as he leans against door at bank vault. (Statesman photo)

Here's How

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counts out their money or they make a double check on the spot. And women, he says, are more cautious in this regard than men. The bank urges patrons to double check, if in doubt, before they leave the teller's window.

More Large Bills
For some reason or other, Schwarz says, people have taken to carrying around bills of larger denominations than they used to. It is not uncommon to see \$100 and even \$500 bills flashed. But in order to produce a \$1,000 bill recently for a special Salem store event, the bank had to send to Portland for one.
When merchants bring in bags of money to deposit, the cash and checks must be totaled while the merchant is standing there. This may take time, although the bank utilizes coin-counting machines.
"You can't rush your work when you're dealing with money," Schwarz says.

Collectors of Coins Form Salem Group

A Salem numismatist group was formally organized Friday night at the YWCA. Sixteen persons became charter members of the group which in laymen's language is a coin collectors' organization.
Named temporary chairman of the group was Leo Johnson, reputed to have one of the finest collections in the Northwest. His wife, Margaret, was named secretary.
It was announced that another meeting will be held within the next two weeks for the benefit of persons who may have been prevented by weather from attending the Friday night affair. An opportunity for charter membership will still be available at the next meeting and election of officers made.
Special guests Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis, prominent in Portland collectors' circle. He is president of the Oregon Numismatists Society of Portland.

EDITOR NAMED

EUGENE (N) — Gordon Rice, Lakeview, has been reappointed editor of the Oregon Daily Emerald, University campus newspaper.

Pendleton Man Killed in Crash

PENDLETON (N) — An accident on U.S. Highway 30 some 20 miles east of here was fatal early Friday to Darwin Eugene Kingsley, 21, Pendleton.
He died in a hospital about 18 hours after his car left the road, rolled over twice and traveled 440 feet.

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Army Renews Reich Project

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Under the program men may enlist in the 8th Infantry Division now training at Ft. Carson, Colo., and accompany that unit to Germany when it relieves the U.S. 9th Division in August.

January quota for the program is three, but a larger quota is expected for February enlistments.

Commander Matthew Calbraith Perry, best known for opening the ports of Japan to world trade in 1853-54 is also known as the "Father of the American Steam Navy."

Rural Electric Group Criticizes McKay on Power

ST. LOUIS (N) — The National Rural Electric Cooperative Assn. at the close of its convention here Tuesday, accused Interior Secretary McKay of consistently "refusing to carry out the provisions of the Flood Control Act of 1944 in disposing of power produced at federal hydro projects."

The law gives co-operatives preference in the purchase of such power.

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