Statement of Year-end Figures for 1st National Bank Show Increase

Year-end statement of condition figures reported by the Central Point branch of the First National Bank of Portland show that on December 31, 1952, deposits at the branch were $1,555,342 and loans were $855,001.

In releasing the figures R. C. Isaacs, manager of the branch, also reported comparable figures at the branch a year ago. On December 31, 1951, deposits were $1,320,419 and loans were $646,531.

At the same time, the First National Bank of Portland and its 48 statewide banking offices reported that total deposits as of December 31, 1952 climbed to a new high to establish an all-time record of $591,-795,622. Loans at First National on that date were $298,814,677, and total resources were $646,993,394. Comparing latest figures with December 31, 1951, First National deposits increased $34,406,905, loans increased $24,443,437, and total resources increased $45,753,172.

Additional figures show First National increased its capital funds from $36,875,908 on December 31, 1951 to $44,482, 355 on December 31, 1952. This represents a net increase in capital funds of $7,606,446 after declaring dividends for the year 1952 of $1,740,000 and adding $740,-000 out of earnings to the reserve for possible loan losses.

Six million dollars of this increase was added from the proceeds of the sale of 200,000 shares of stock in June, 1952, and the balance from earnings during the full year. Capital accounts of the bank now stand at $15,000,000 captial, $20,000,000 surplus and $9,482,35 undivided profits.

Figures were also reported for the First National Bank of Portland group, consisting of the First National Bank of Portland and its 48 statewide banking offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 offices. On December 31, 1952, deposits were $729,-924,388, loans were $355,945,791 and total resources were $797,324,175.

Over December 31, 1951, First National Bank grup deposits increased $44,832,840, loans increased $35,792,-282, and total resources increased $58,715,134.

Young Couple Married At Reno December 11

Miss Joanne Campbell of Medford and Clyde Halfhill ,son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Halfhill of Sams Valley, were married in Reno, Nevada Dec. 11.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Campbell and Miss Dorothy Campbell, parents and sister of the bride, accompanied them to Reno. They formerly lived in Medford but now of Marysville, California.

[illegible] is in the service sta- [illegible] ppans. His ship [illegible] Jan. 6 for the Philippines. He has been home on furlough. Mrs. Halfhill will reside in Medford during his absence.

[illegible] RY MEETING—

[illegible] missionary meeting [illegible] nity Bible church [illegible] at the home of Mrs. Rolf [illegible] Friday evening, Jan. 2. [illegible] the regular meeting, election [illegible] icers was in order. The same [illegible] cers were re-elected. Mrs. Lewis Collins, president; Mrs. Jim Mills, 1st vice president; Mrs. Dick Law- [illegible] 2nd vice president; Miss Ila Mae [illegible] nbotham, secretary; and Mrs. [illegible] d treasurer.

STEER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO — A roan Shorthorn won the world's championship in the International Live Stock Exposition here. This popular grand champion was Ohio's Leader 2nd, shown by Ohio State University, Columbus. He was smooth, mellow and every inch a champion, according to Judge A. D. Weber, of Manhattan, Kans. He slaughtered at a dressing percentage of more than 68 per cent, showing a higher ratio of slaughter weight to live weight than any other International grand champion on record. He sold for $4.55 per pound to bring his total earnings with prizes to $6,880.

Girl, 7, in Accident Not Flustered by Cop

SPEARMAN, Tex.—To everybody who ever wanted to "tell off a cop," and to citizens here and in nearby Amarillo, Tex., blonde Nancy Ownbey is a real heroine.

And no wonder.

Nancy is 7. She and her brothers, Jim Steve, 5, and Robbie, 4, were riding down an Amarillo street with their mother, Mrs. Robert J. Ownbey of Spearman.

A pickup truck hit the car. The jolt threw Mrs. Ownbey out. The car rolled on. Nancy had a sprained foot. But she grabbed the wheel, stood on the brake and brought the car to a stop. She calmly turned off the ignition and picked up her mother's purse.

At the hospital, while Mrs. Ownbey was being examined, an officer asked to see her driver's license.

"It's in my billfold in my purse," she said, "but I don't know where the purse is."

"Your little girl has it," said the officer and went to see Nancy.

Nancy looked him in the eye. "My mama's hurt. You can't have her purse."

"But I need her billfold," said the law.

"You can't have it," sail Nancy, putting it behind her.

"But your mother told me to take it," the officer said. "I want her driver's license."

Nancy put a hand on her hip. "How do I know she told you to take it? Maybe you're just telling me that to get it."

"But I'm an officer of the law—I'm supposed to see driver's licenses. . ."

"You can't have it. You might not even be a policeman. You might just be dressed up like one."

At that critical moment, W. R. Hill of Amarillo, Mrs. Ownbey's uncle, arrived. Nancy gave him the purse. He gave the cop the driver's license.

The officer examined it and returned to Nancy.

"Aren't you going to thank the policeman?" Hill said.

"No," said Nancy. "He didn't thank me."

ATTENDS MEET IN SALEM—

Alf B. Mekvold, Jackson county superintendent of schools, is in Salem this week to attend the annual meting of the Oregon Association of School Administrators. The meetings were held Tuesday and Wednesday. Before returning to Medford, Mekvold plans to go on to Seattle to check on the availability of school buses.

Mrs. Mekvold is Librarian at the Grade School here.

Mrs. Wiltermood from Grants Pass visited over the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mead.

Committees for 1953 Grange Completed

Committees for 1953 in the Central Point Grange were announced this week. They include:

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Agriculture — Gene McCurley, Henry Conger, Don Niedermeyer, Chuck Taylor, Claude Hoover; legislative—Winn Arnold, Johh Niedermeyer, Chester Wendt; home economics—Stella Niedermeyer, chairman.

Reception—Anna Wendt, Nellie Niedermeyer, Mary Taylow; relief—Emma Conger, Verda Alt, Lola Saltsgaver; juvenile—Saima Kelly, Luvene Sutherland, Velda Mang; ways and means—Walter Jensen, Margaret Jensen, Arnold Bohnert, Benton Boyce.

Recreation — John Niedermeyer, Maurine Conger, Ruby Downing; gift—Opal Niedermeyer, Dorothy Hall; music — Lu Floux, Frieda Smith, Anna Wendt; building—Fred Kuest, Delmar Smith, Otto Niedermeyer; finance—Lillian Weidman, Harold Gebhard, Frank Ward.

Resolution—Chuck Taylor, Velma Lull, Thelma Dobrot: membership—Velda Mang, Cleo Young, Delmar Smith; youth chairman—Julius Dobrot; tableaus—Mary Taylor, Margaret Wilson; auto and fire insurance—C. G. Whitney.

Public relations—Chester Wendt, Nyla Kust, Leonard Kunzman, Melvin Hall; publicity chairman—Frieda Smith.

Locals

(News from last week)

Holiday guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cochran and family are Mrs. Cochran's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Malin. Mrs. Malin has been ill the past few days.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Field and son, Bruce spent Christmas with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Jacobs at Normandale Hereford Ranch near Prineville. At Klamath Falls, on their return, Bruce boarded a train for San Francisco where he will spend several days.

Miss Marilyn Bohnert was chosen to represent her speech class in the recent OSC International Speech Contest. Miss Bohnert and five young men made the finals where Miss Bohnert placed fourth and was awarded a championship speech certificate.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert von der Hellen and family spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends in Los Angeles and other parts of California.

Miss Marilyn Bohnert has been named co-chairman of the OSC 4-H Radio Committee. She will M. C. the regular 4-H broadcast over KOAC on January 5th.

The newly organized Junior 4-H leaders group met last week at Doreen Bohnert's home where they packed baskets of food, clothing, and gifts for two needy families in the Central Point area. While delivering them, they enjoyed a hay ride and caroling party then returned to the Bohnert home for refreshments. They were accompanied by 4-H Extension agents, Miss Jean Brooks and R. H. Cate Jr. Officers for the group are Cecil Thames, Roxy Anne president; Bill Littlefield, Shady Cove, vice president; Gail Skyrman, secretary; and Doreen Bohnert, treasurer. An executive committee meeting was held this week at Gail Skyrman's home.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Mallon, Nancy and Norman, drove to San Francisco to spend Christmas with relatives and friends. They had expected to arrive home by Saturday morning but, because of highway conditions, were not able to reach home till late Saturday night. In fact, they arrived on the scene just a few minutes after the accident that critically injured "Wink" Newnham of Gold Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bertram and daughter Lucille, of Nyssa, Oregon, visited with the John Bohnert family this week. The Bertrams raise hereford cattle and were interested in seeing valley herds. Mrs. Bertram is a former member of the Oregon State Grange Youth Committee, having served with Mrs. Bohnert while she was State Superintendent.