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### On Columns

There probably isn't one newspaper man out of dozen who doesn't at one time or another fancy himself as a columnist of sorts. Some of them even get around to writing one of the things now and then and there are a few, even, who have let their ambition run away with them and actually get one started—frequently to their own consternation when they find themselves saddled with a continuing job that they can't pawn off on somebody else, so are stuck with. That's the primary trouble with a column—you've got to write one whether there is anything to write about or not.

We're not immune. We've had the urge on numerous occasions, in fact we had a couple of them written before our innate tendency to go around extra work, instead of through it, exerted itself and we filed them for future reference in our file 13. Columns are awfully handy once in a while though, when you find yourself with a pretty good yarn that you'd like to tell, yet it doesn't fit as a news story by any stretch of the imagination. For example, you can't call most of B Mike's (either one of 'em) stuff news, for if most papers tried to run it as such they'd get sued for something before the press had stopped running.

We've given a lot of thought to columns, in fact we have an idea for the basis of one of the things that actually would be based on news, at least of a sort. Our idea was to keep track of all the various government letters, leaflets, booklets, releases, news stories, reports, annual reconciliations, semi-annual reconciliations, statements of policy and all the rest that are received each week in this office. Now the idea

behind the whole thing is good. It would keep the general public of Morrow county well apprised of what a good share of their tax money was going for—the various bureaus etc., telling you by means of these publications what they were doing with their time and your money. We weren't going to report on them, just count them, but after thinking the thing over for a while we decided that probably the people would just as soon not hear about such things. They have to pay for it, why rub it in. Besides we are going to have a change of administration pretty soon now and all this will be changed, we hope, and there might not be anything of interest to count. Another thing that convinced us not to start it we nearly overlooked it too—was that we would have to open all those letters and envelopes just to see what was inside. That thought changed our mind in a hurry. As it is, we can throw them away without a worry.

Another thing too, you run into with a column, is that to be any good it must be local. You've got to have a few items like "who was the professional man who came to a certain club meeting one day this week and after getting three-fourths of the way through his lunch remembered he had invited a guest for the meeting who was do doubt still waiting at his place of business to get a free meal from his host?" It is the recording of such little lapses of memory that make people cross the street when they see newspaper columnists coming up their side. Sometimes, even, the columnist has to walk on the other side when he sees his last victim coming—to be safe.

Nope, we can't see it. Not only are columns dangerous, but they are just a space filler. Come to think of it, we've filled quite a little space here without saying anything.



From father to son comes the "know-how" of American agriculture. Farmers are impressing upon their sons the importance of farm machinery to the huge farm production job so essential to the welfare of the country. Farm machinery replacement is necessary to the farmer in order to keep the farm plant in full operation. Set up a farm machinery replacement plan by investing regularly in U. S. Defense Bonds. By investing in safe, dependable U. S. Defense Bonds you will have money on hand to replace your valuable farm machinery when it is needed.

### From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

With the announcement this week that Dr. Chris Burnett, State Department of Agriculture, Salem, would begin cooperation with the Morrow County Court in Bangs Compulsory law enforcement, ends the first step in a

complete disease free county program started four and one-half years ago. Dr. Burnett will begin law enforcement with the District Attorney's office, Monday.

Reviewing the program a few days ago, the executive committee with members of the livestock disease control committee, both of the Morrow County Livestock-

Almost four out of every 100 Oregon children have a hearing problem. Unless they are found and brought under early medical supervision they may become classed as "problem children" or "delinquents"

When an adult asks a child to do something and receives no response, it may be that the child is disobedient, but perhaps he's just completely absorbed in whatever he is doing at the moment.

There are four chances out of a hundred he never heard the request. Punishing a child for doing something about which he is totally ignorant is just inviting trouble as he grows up.

**CAPITOL SHORT SHOTS**  
Fines on reckless drivers now averaging around \$45 will soon be higher. Judges threaten to organize a union and to strike on doing any parking. It took 30 cubic yards of concrete and rock to fill a tunnel under the Oregon penitentiary dug by Robert Green, whose escape plan was discovered last week. Unemployment compensation payments increased 44.5 percent in 1952 to \$15,153,054. Reserves now total \$77,241,000. Accidental deaths in Oregon averaged nearly 100 a month in 1952. Roadbuilding in Oregon cost \$29,300,000 in 1952.

Long's attorney protested the legality of the chamber being outside.

**TO CHANGE ELECTION LAWS**  
Changes in election procedures to be requested by the Oregon Assn. of County Clerks and Recorders during the 1953 legislative session include:

1. To permit county clerks to provide a special precinct for all absentee ballot voters in their counties, that the first ballots printed may be used where needed most.
2. Permit registration books to close 60 days prior to election. Present law says 30 days.
3. Eliminate posting election notices, as so few are read.
4. Require all change of registration to be done in person, instead of by mail.
5. All county offices to go on a five-day week.
6. Mail all voters sample ballots.

**SUSTAIN GOOD HEARING**  
The public is far too ignorant of the terrible handicap suffered by a child who can't hear well, says Dr. Harold M. Erickson, the state health officer.

governor" to serve whenever Governor Patterson cannot. Marsh has a fine record of four sessions in the house, being speaker during his last term there in 1945, was elected to the Senate in 1947, has served three terms there.

Representative Rudie Wilhelm, Jr., will be speaker of the House where has been a leading legislator for six years.

The increasing length of legislative sessions worries everybody, not only the economic-minded taxpayer who has a notion he pays through his income tax. It is the members of the legislature who are entitled to play a crying towel sonata concerto. They labor long and strenuously with nerve-wearing problems and are not paid enough to meet more than half of their expenses.

**TWO EXECUTIONS FRIDAY**  
A new penitentiary gas chamber has been completed and will be used for the first time in a double execution Friday, January 9.

Doomed to die are Morris Leiland, slayer of 15-year-old Thelma Taylor, and John Payne, who killed a Portland grocer during a holdup. Both have exhausted their appeals.

The former gas chamber was located outside the prison walls and was used for only one execution, that of Wayne Long, Clackamas county condemned murderer.

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**Capital Parade**

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### STATE GOVERNMENT CHANGES

Oregon starts the new year right in step with the national political theme song: "Change, Change, We Want a Change."

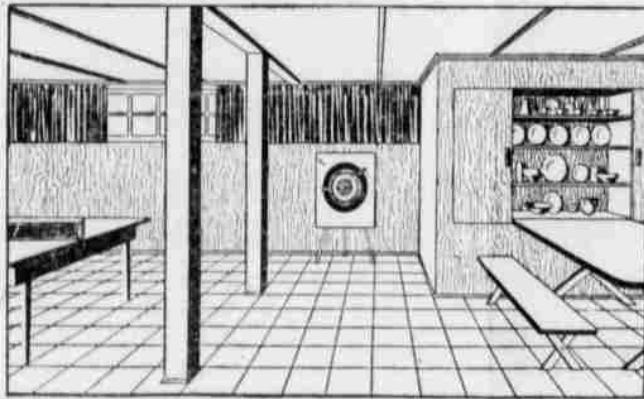
There are so many new faces around the Capitol an old time janitor says it reminds him of Ellis Island.

Changes in the top branches of the state government include:

Governor Paul L. Peterson (not much of a stranger around the place), State Treasurer Sigfried Unander, Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton, William C. Perry, the new Justice of the Supreme Court and members of the legislature, 35 percent of them ready for their first term—rushing around getting accustomed to the marble halls (you can't scratch a match on 'em), locating the state departments on the Capitol grounds; "Where do we eat?"

### LEGISLATURE NEXT WEEK

Eugene E. Marsh of McMinnville will be President of the Senate and Oregon's "lieutenant



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growers Association found that the first steps for a Bangs disease county was taken by the livestock committee of the Agriculture Planning Conference held at Lexington Grange Hall on January 29, 1948. Approximately 190 persons were present that day discussing and approving this and other recommendations of the various committees. Following this step, petitions were circulated by prominent livestock operators with approximately 190 signatures obtained. These were from all parts of Morrow County with approximately one-third from Boardman and Irigton with the remainder from South Morrow County. Signatures exceeded the required amount by almost twice the number.

A hearing for the purpose of considering objections to and for approval of the program was held on June 11, 1948. Thirty-four livestockmen attended. There were two objections, the majority asking for the program.

An so now, four and one-half years later, Morrow County is on the threshold of being declared Bangs free. Starting with eight and some tenths reactors, this has been reduced to slightly over one percent and is about to fall to practically zero. Many hours of planning have been spent by the livestock disease control committee. With no veterinarian assigned to the area at the beginning progress has steadily been made until we have stationed in Morrow County two Bureau of Animal Industry Veterinarians, with two in neighboring counties on call in case need arises.

This is an example of what can be accomplished by united effort of our farm people, which will not only affect the economics of livestock production in our county, but provide a safer county from the standpoint of human health as well.

last stages at the county agent's office. With all summarizing completed and ready to be sent to Oregon State College, some interesting statistics were found. For Example: During the past year, the agricultural agent received 3924 office and telephone calls, which was an average of almost 13 per day of the 301 days worked, made 301 farm visits, published 167 news stories, held 107 meetings which were attended by 2335 adults and 4-H members, besides attending 53 meetings of various kinds, wrote 3046 individual letters, besides an average of seven circular letters per month and distributing 7551 bulletins. In carrying out the Extension program in 1952, 206 days were spent working with adults, 95 days with 4-H members. Of this time, 155 days were spent in the office, 146 days in the field, 15,018 miles were driven during the year.

So with this record dispensed with, a new year begins. Whether the agent succeeds in accomplishing the needs and wants set forth by the people, depends entirely on the attitude and cooperation of all who we work with. He hopes everyone continues to give cooperation as in the past.

### CHURCHES

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Earl L. Soward, Pastor  
Bible School begins at 9:45. The morning Worship is at 11 o'clock. Evening service begins at 7:30. The pastor will bring the message at both services.  
Choir rehearsal will be at 8 p. m. on Thursday.

**LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
Lutheran services will be held at the Civic Center this Sunday, January 11 at 3:00 p. m. Bible story period for children at 2:30 p. m.

NEED Envelopes, Phone 882

### Statement of Condition FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Portland DECEMBER 31, 1952

Member of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

RESOURCES		
Cash in vault and in Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 88,559,460.80	
Due from Banks	41,704,367.63	
<b>Total Cash</b>		\$130,263,828.43
United States Government Obligations, Direct and Fully Guaranteed		153,964,381.46
State, County and Municipal Bonds and Warrants		46,250,162.00
Other Bonds and Securities		4,863,938.05
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank		1,050,000.00
Loans and Discounts		298,814,677.19
Accrued Interest Receivable		2,249,250.42
Bank Premises, Furniture and Fixtures and Safe Deposit Vaults		6,372,759.01
Other Real Estate owned (Branch locations purchased for future bank premises)		248,901.86
Customers' Liability on Accounts of Letters of Credit, Acceptances and Endorsed Bills		1,995,231.50
Other Resources		920,264.78
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>		\$646,993,394.70
LIABILITIES		
Capital	\$ 15,000,000.00	
Surplus	20,000,000.00	
Undivided Profits	9,482,355.20	
<b>Total Capital Funds</b>		\$ 44,482,355.20
Reserve for possible loan losses. This reserve is to apply against any loan losses that may develop in the future; it has not been allocated to any particular loans or type of loans. (Established from earnings January 1, 1949 through December 31, 1952)		2,585,918.93
DEPOSITS Demand	\$400,476,104.00	591,795,622.46
Savings and Time	191,319,518.46	
Liability for Letters of Credit and Acceptor Endorser or Maker of Acceptances and Foreign Bills		1,995,231.50
Interest Received in Advance		3,565,216.05
Reserve for Interest, Dividends, Taxes, Etc.		2,394,813.05
Other Liabilities		174,237.51
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>		\$646,993,394.70

FIRST NATIONAL BANK GROUP		
Composite totals for the First National Bank Group: The First National Bank of Portland and its 48 statewide banking offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 banking offices.		
DEPOSITS		
The First National Bank of Portland and 48 Offices	\$591,795,622.46	
18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group	138,128,765.82	
<b>LOANS AND DISCOUNTS</b>	\$729,924,388.28	
The First National Bank of Portland and 48 Offices	\$298,814,677.19	
18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group	57,131,113.84	
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES</b>	\$355,945,791.03	
The First National Bank of Portland and 48 Offices	\$646,993,394.70	
18 other Oregon Banking Offices in the First National Group	150,330,780.32	
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES OF THE 66 BANKING OFFICES IN THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK GROUP</b>	\$797,324,175.02	

### FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND

THESE ARE THE 66 BANKING OFFICES IN THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK GROUP

- The First National Bank of Portland and its 48 statewide banking offices and 15 affiliated banks with 18 offices
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|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---|
| <b>Portland Offices</b>         | COOS BAY BRANCH           | OAKRIDGE BRANCH    | First Monroe Bank                             |
| Portland Main Office            | COQUILLE BRANCH           | OREGON CITY BRANCH | First Newland-Sullivan Bank                   |
| East Portland Branch            | ENTERPRISE BRANCH         | PENDLETON BRANCH   | First Scio Bank                               |
| Nawatha Boulevard Branch        | FOSSEL BRANCH             | PORT ORFORD BRANCH | First Seaside Bank                            |
| Hollywood-Rose City Branch      | GOLD BEACH BRANCH         | SALEM BRANCH       | First Silverton Bank                          |
| Industrial Branch               | SHERMAN COUNTY BRANCH     | SHEPHERD BRANCH    | First Sweet Home Bank                         |
| Livestock-Kearney Branch        | GRANTS PASS BRANCH        | STAYTON BRANCH     | First Yamhill Bank                            |
| Montavilla Branch               | GRESHAM BRANCH            | THE DALLES BRANCH  | The First National Bank of Cottage Grove      |
| Sixth and Morrison Branch       | HEPPNER BRANCH            | TILLAMOOK BRANCH   | The First National Bank of Eugene             |
| Southwest Portland Branch       | HILLSBORO BRANCH          | UNION BRANCH       | The First National Bank of Springfield Branch |
| Union and Russell Branch        | HOOD RIVER BRANCH         | WOODBURN BRANCH    | The First National Bank of Forest Grove       |
| Uptown Branch                   | KLAMATH FALLS             |                    | The First National Bank of Lebanon            |
|                                 | Klamath Falls Branch      |                    | The First National Bank of Prineville         |
|                                 | South Sixth Street Branch |                    |   |
|                                 | LA GRANDE BRANCH          |                    |   |
|                                 | LAKEVIEW BRANCH           |                    |   |
|                                 | MEDFORD BRANCH            |                    |   |
|                                 | MERRILL BRANCH            |                    |   |
|                                 | MOLALA BRANCH             |                    |   |
|                                 | NEWBERG BRANCH            |                    |   |
|                                 | NORTH BEND BRANCH         |                    |   |
|                                 | NYSSA BRANCH              |                    |   |
|                                 |                           |                    |   |
| <b>Branches Out of Portland</b> |                           |                    |   |
| ALBANY BRANCH                   |                           |                    |   |
| ASHLAND BRANCH                  |                           |                    |   |
| ASTORIA BRANCH                  |                           |                    |   |
| BEND BRANCH                     |                           |                    |   |
| CENTRAL POINT BRANCH            |                           |                    |   |
| CONDON BRANCH                   |                           |                    |   |
- Affiliated Banks in the First National Bank Group**
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| First Carlton Bank | First Corvallis Bank |
| Philomath Branch   | First Corvallis Bank |
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