

Welfare: The Giant That Threatens To Destroy Us

The House Task Force on Welfare began hearings Thursday afternoon, with Robert Davis, Executive Assistant to Governor Tom McCall, and State Representative Stafford Hansell as the first witnesses.

First National Earnings High

First National Bank of Oregon recorded higher net earnings for the eighth successive year in 1970, it was reported by Ralph J. Voss, president of the statewide banking system.

At the same time the bank president revealed that year-end deposits were also at a record high figure and loans had dropped sharply from record levels over the past twelve months.

Earnings for the year totaled \$14,135,367, a gain of 1.8 percent, over the year-end 1969 figure of \$13,888,819. On a per share basis, this is equivalent to \$2.66 per share compared to \$2.61 per share last year.

Voss credited a combination of effective control of expenses, the drop in the cost of money and high coupon bond purchases with reversing a downturn in earnings which became evident in the second and third quarters of the year.

Statement of condition figures for First National revealed year-end deposits of \$1,713,931,144. This is an increase of \$124,701,841, or a 7.9 percent over the 1969 year-end figure of \$1,589,229,303, and up 2.8 percent from the 1968 total.

Loans fell to \$1,065,940,368, a drop of 8.5 percent from the 1969 year-end record high of \$1,165,101,249.

Voss said actions of the Federal Reserve Board in easing the restrictive monetary policies pursued throughout 1969 resulted in extremely wide swings in the availability of money and related interest rates.

The removal of the interest rate ceiling on large short term certificates of deposit in June and the expansion in the money supply brought a massive inflow of funds which were used to rebuild bank liquidity, the bank president explained.

Capital funds plus the reserve for loan losses increased to \$137,254,901 from \$130,067,382 last December.

During 1970 First National established new branches in Portland's Georgia-Pacific Building and at Mt. Angel. New branch quarters were completed at Oak Grove, Valley River Center in Eugene and Midway-Division east of Portland. Extensive remodelings were completed at Astoria, Medford Main office, and Woodburn.

Work will be finished in early 1971 on new quarters for the Roseburg branch which was destroyed by fire, the Union and Graham branch's expanded offices at Broadway and Grand Avenue in Portland, and at Gold Beach and Forest Grove.

Newly established branches are under construction at Junction City and King City, and expansion and renovation of the Cedar Hills and Keizer offices is progressing.

The steel skeleton of the bank's new 40-story head office in Portland's financial center will be topped out in January and the building is scheduled for completion in mid-1972, Voss reported.

SHOP AT HOME

mittee, called the job facing the Task Force an "impossible task," but added "it must be done." Rep. Hansell called welfare "the giant that threatens to destroy us."

He noted that "in 14 years in the legislature I've never felt the resentment from the people that I find regarding welfare."

He noted that the problem of illegitimate children is one that must be solved, saying that "I see no reason to continue to harness society with this problem when it can be prevented." One of the things he said should be investigated is "mandatory sterilization, in the case of the repeaters."

Rep. Hansell said that he doesn't believe "we can approach an open ended budget again this biennium."

Former representative Davis was the next speaker, Thursday afternoon. He pointed out that at a given time approximately 10 percent of those on welfare rolls were ineligible. He noted that some of these would be due to fraud, others to mistakes.

Davis called for uniform statewide approach to the enforcement of child support obligations. He called for an increase in the fraud and investigative unit within the Attorney General's office, to give a "reasonable opportunity of detection of fraud." He also asked for beefing up on the recovery division within the Attorney General's office.

Davis said that he felt "Those who are on welfare, able to work and can find work... should work." He noted that "I still believe there is some dignity in being able to go to work, and earn, rather than be given an outright dole."

Davis called for some changes in Federal regulations... including the Earnings Disregard Formula. He said "I think there should be a reasonable residency requirement." He said that "A stepfather who assumes responsibility for his wife's children... should have his income taken into consideration if welfare has been given the children."

And the former Emergency Board member noted that there must be a stop to people being brought into the welfare circle and remaining there.

Davis called for a new look at the programs for the aged and disabled, and noted that there should be further steps to provide them with adequate provisions.

Friday afternoon saw former state legislator L. B. Day testifying.

Day noted that "taxpayers are fed up, and are convinced, their money is being wasted on welfare." He said "We've been approaching welfare with a band aid... we have to change that to a tourniquet."

The major thrust, he noted, should be toward prevention and rehabilitation.

Just noting some possible areas to change the trend toward more and more people on welfare, Day said that divorces are one of the big causes. He asked if raising the marriage license fee drastically, and then putting some of the money into family counseling services wouldn't help.

The former Emergency Board member noted that the alcoholic problem is also affecting our rising welfare load.

He noted that "We just aren't getting at this problem. It's time we address ourselves to it." Day asked if putting aside, say, 20 percent of the tax collected in the state on alcoholic beverages, and then putting that into a fund for alcoholic rehabilitation, might not help.

He said that another partial answer to the problem, might be to adopt the Washington system of unemployment tax. That would take 1/2 of one percent, or possibly even one percent of the individual's income, and put

Attend Winter Board Meeting

Marie Hawks, president of the local Business and Professional Women's Club, and Betty Bigelow, B.P.W. state treasurer, attended the winter board meeting held at the Village Green in Cottage Grove Jan. 15, 16, 17.

Honored guest for the regular meeting here on Feb. 2 will be B.P.W. state president Molly Maidenwald. Other guests will include members of the Reedsport B.P.W. club.

The event will be held at the Rainbow Cafe and all members are urged to attend.

Despite some widely held beliefs, many of the big redwood trees being harvested today on protected tree farms are the third crop to be utilized for houses, outdoor furniture and, today, even paper.

Social Happenings

AT SIXES, ELK RIVER AND PORT ORFORD

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PARENTS VISIT

Visiting last weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Buller and daughter Bobbie Jo, were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Crace and son Vic, of Dallas.

SUNDAY GUESTS

Sunday, Emil Yaroma and Carol Kurpies of Valsetz stopped to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bud Buller and daughter.

Sixes Installs New Officers

The Sixes Grange met Jan.

9 for a short business meeting.

Edwin and Phyllis Burt were new members. After the meeting the 1971 officers were installed by county deputy Don Coe from Chetco. The installing team all from Chetco Grange were Don Coe, installing officer; Lillian Zumphe, marshal; Kathryn Foster, installing master; Ona Norton, installing chaplain; Margaret Hurlburt, emblem bearer; Edith Rirington, Regalia bearer; Edna Wiegel, musician; Doris Williams, custodian. Guests from Chetco were Sherman Hurlburt, Frank Rirington, Walter Norton, Grace Coe, Joe Zumphe and

Ivy Webster. Sixes Grange officers that were installed were Master, R.K. Erwin; Overseer, Robert Billings; Lecturer, Jennie Cannon; Steward, George McDonald; Asst. Steward, Virgil Cannon; Chaplain, Marlon Brooks; Treas., Ethel Montgomery; Sec., Clara Erwin; Gate Keeper, Ed Seely; Ceres, Juanita Billings; Pomona, Belva McDonald; Flora, Elizabeth Skelton; Ex. Comm., Clarence Brooks, A.J. Skelton and W.L. Montgomery; Lady Asst. Steward (absent and will be installed at later date); C.W.A. Chairman, Kathryn Rice. After the installation, a dessert luncheon was held.

AT INSTALLATION

Mr. and Mrs. R.K. Erwin and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brooks attended the Chetco installation at Chetco Sunday.

FRIDAY GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brooks and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Billings were guests Friday evening at the R.K. Erwin home. Grange books were audited during the evening.

IN SPRINGFIELD

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Fromm returned last Saturday after spending the week with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fromm and children, Scott and Cheryl of Springfield.

CARDS PLAYED

The Reckless Eight Pinochle Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Steinmetz on Jan. 9. Marion Hubbs and Jamie Steinmetz held honors. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Marlon Hubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Gerhardt, and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Peterson.

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29¢

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- HILLS BROS. COFFEE (INSTANT) 1 LB. TIN 93¢
- 10 OZ. \$1.59 2 LB. TIN \$1.77
- 5 LB. TIN \$2.42

- PARKAY, DIET SOFT MARGARINE 1 LB. 39¢

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