

House candidate Kopetski claims mortgage program key to recovery

by DAN DILLON

Throughout his campaign in the 5th Congressional District, Democratic candidate Mike Kopetski has been reminded constantly of the tough economic conditions that Oregonians face.

Unemployment and under-employment are two topics that voters will not let the candidate escape.

Downswings in the homebuilding and lumber products industry have struck the new district particularly hard and Kopetski is concerned that Washington, D.C., is not getting that message.

"I don't think Ronald Reagan understands how badly off we are in states like Oregon," Kopetski told The Post recently.

"Unfortunately, Denny Smith hasn't approached the White House," he added. "I would hope he'd take a leading role for the sake of Oregon."

Kopetski outlined a plan that he thinks will aim Oregon and the nation toward a more stable economic base.

His plan aims at boosting the home construction industry

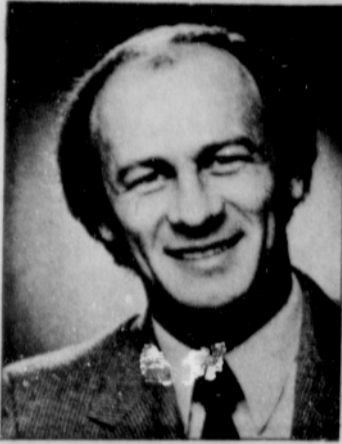
throughout the nation by a mortgage "buy down" program and a tax credit on new home purchases.

A mortgage buy down program allows the federal government to pay part of the interest on conventional loans for first-time new home purchasers with family incomes less than \$40,000 a year. The same class of homebuyers would be eligible for a tax credit equal to 1 percent of the purchase price of a new home under Kopetski's plan.

Such a plan has been introduced in Congress by Rep. Les AuCoin, D-Ore., and Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind. They have received strong bipartisan support.

Kopetski said, "Immediate benefits to Oregonians and to the nation at large will far exceed the immediate investment from the general fund. We will see a pick-up in housing starts within weeks of the bill being passed."

"And then we will see people going back to work in the homebuilding industry and the piles of unused logs that lie beside closed mills will start to diminish," he said. "Our mills and our timber industry will be on the road to recovery."



Mike Kopetski

Turning to other topics, Kopetski said he supports a bilateral nuclear freeze with the Soviet Union for two reasons.

"Just for our own survival, for one," he said, "and besides, it creates a massive drain on the resources we put into weaponry."

The whole nuclear arms race, he said, is "dead-end economics." In lieu of continuing the nuclear armament build-up, the candidate said he favors a build-up of strong, conventional weaponry.

The savings would be one way to get at the national deficit, he said.

"I don't agree with Reagan's premise that we're behind," Kopetski said of the nuclear arms race. "I think we've got to convince the Pentagon that we want to stop building those weapons. We have let conventional defensive weapons become outdated. We need flexibility."

Kopetski said Reagan's proposed tuition tax credits for private schools is wrong.

"We should continue on a path aimed at quality at our two- and four-year institutions," he said. With a qualified work force, new businesses can be attracted to bolster the state's economy.

"I don't think we should help private institutions to the detriment of public institutions," he said.

Kopetski, 32, has been an administrator to Oregon Legislative Committees and served as an investigator and writer for the U.S. Senate Watergate Committee.

A resident of Salem, he is married and has one son.

Stream improvement is Rhody group's goal

by MICHAEL P. JONES
Post Correspondent

Retired Army Col. Jack Baker and his wife, Beth, can remember 14 years ago when they moved to Rhododendron and could see steelhead spawning in Henry Creek, just outside their back door.

Fourteen years can be a long time when a creek is used by a lot of people.

In 1969 the developer of an aborted development changed the meandering course of the creek one night by driving a bulldozer, equipped with a light, into the waterway. In the process, according to the Bakers, some valuable spawning grounds for fish were destroyed.

The Bakers believe that improving the stream could result in a better habitat for fisheries. They approached the state Department of Fish and Wildlife through the Rhododendron Neighborhood Group.

Acknowledging the Bakers' concern, a staff member of the department recently completed an investigation of the creek, taking inventory of the existing habitat for fisheries and assessing the feasibility of improving the stream for steelhead, coho salmon and trout.

Jay Massey, fish biologist for the department's Clackamas County office, walked the creek, beginning at its mouth, where it flows into the Zigzag river just east of Rhododendron.

An investigation conducted a few years ago indicated that the stream has potential as a habitat for steelhead and coho, but warranted further study before any work could begin.

According to that study the creek, which begins on the 3,200-foot level of East Zigzag Mountain, flows an estimated four miles and drops 1,500 feet in elevation.

The stream's basin is narrow and tree-lined, and is fed by two creeks and an undetermined number of mountain springs. It maintains a

five-cubic-foot-per-second flow.

The stream is estimated to be 65 percent shaded with second-growth conifers and brush, with a water temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Massey's visit was the second one conducted by the department. The stream could be a project for the state's Salmon, Trout Enhancement Program (STEP).

The STEP program was designed to assist citizens with the improvement of stream habitat. Activities like bank stabilization, which is done by planting shrubs and willows, removing rock barriers and log jams, and planting eggs in the stream, are included in the program.

Two fish passage problems identified in the first state visit, in September of 1973, were of concern to Massey.

The first problem is a 10-foot-high bedrock chute located about one and a quarter miles above the creek's mouth.

The second problem is a large slide that buried the stream and has affected its flow.

Massey's visit, however, resulted in the identification of a number of additional fish passage problems which, the fish biologist said, could be eliminated with a little teamwork and muscle among the residents and fishermen.

Wood debris blocked four areas of the creek. A large log jam located near the Rhododendron Summer Home Association's waterworks proved to be the most severe of all the blockages.

In some cases, said Massey, log jams and clusters of branches can be beneficial as they collect gravel for spawning and yet still allow adequate passage for fish.

Also, Massey said that logs provide shelter for small fish.

In excess, however, such jams not only block fish passage but also prevent gravel dispersion, which is needed downstream for spawning.

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Hoodland Happenings

Artisan's gallery to open in Wemme

THURSDAY, MAY 6

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, will be served at 11:30 at the Welches School library.

Learn to bake delicious, healthy homemade breads in a Welches Community School class, "Bread Baking." The class begins at 7 p.m. and will be taught by Cinda Tilgner and held in Welches School kitchen.

Welches Community School will also present the following classes this evening: "Recreational Basketball," 7 to 9 p.m. in the Welches School gym; "Wrestling for Kids," 7:30 to 9 p.m. in Welches School room 15; and "Basic Plumbing," 7 to 9 p.m. in Welches School room 20.

FRIDAY, MAY 7

The Wy'East Artisans Guild cordially invites everyone to a Grand Re-opening of the Wy'East Artisans Gallery at their new location in Wemme (next to the Log Home Supply). Refreshments will be served and the open house will continue through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

A special performance of "Wizard of Oz" by the Welches "after school drama workshop" group will given tonight at 7:30 in the upper building gym. A 50 cent per person admission charge, or \$2 for the entire family, will be collected at the door. Funds

raised will go toward buying costumes and props in the future.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

The Wy'East Artisans Guild open house will continue today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Welches students from the advanced science class will hold a car wash at the school.

SUNDAY, MAY 9

Happy Mother's Day! The Wy'East Artisans Guild open house will continue today from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 10

A senior citizens lunch, sponsored by Loaves and Fishes, will be served at 11:30 a.m. in the Welches School library.

"Babysitting—a guide for young sitters," a special class for Welches students sponsored by Welches Community School, will be held today at 3:30 p.m. Tips on safety, care and play for young children and infants will be included. A certificate will be given to those students who attend. Meet leader Maria Krager-Hone at the Welches Community School for this class.

MONDAY, MAY 10

An "Aerobic Exercise" class sponsored by Welches Community School will be held at 6 p.m. in Welches

School.

TUESDAY, MAY 11

The Hoodland Senior Citizens monthly potluck luncheon will be served today beginning at noon. All senior citizens are invited to these monthly potlucks, which are held at the Hoodland Women's Club building on Salmon River Road. Women from the Chapel of the Hills church will be hosting this month's potluck. If you need transportation to this luncheon, call Maxine Worley at 622-3331.

A class in "Home Canning" will be held this evening in Welches School kitchen beginning at 7 p.m. Terry Pearson will teach how to can fruits, vegetables and other food items at home. This class will continue on May 18.

The Eastern Star meets in Sandy every second Tuesday of the month at 8 p.m. at the Masonic Temple. Call mountain resident Mabel Brown at 622-3958 for further information.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12

An early morning hike will be led this morning by Welches Community School leader Lou Tipton. Bring your babies in back packs, a lunch with beverage, and meet at the parking lot of the Women's Club at 9:30 a.m. to carpool.

The Welches School Science Fair will be held this evening at the school

beginning at 7 p.m.

Some upcoming events on the mountain are:

A "Spring Clean-up" work party at the Hoodland Women's Club will be held May 15 beginning at 10 a.m. Anyone wishing to help with repairs, improvement projects or clean-up is welcome. A list of projects, along with all materials and tools needed, will be available. Join in a potluck lunch by bringing a main dish, salad or dessert (beverages will be provided) and enjoy a few hours of companionship, work and fun.

A meeting of the Welches School Board will be held on May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Welches School. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, as approved by the Welches Elementary School Budget Committee. A copy of the budget may be inspected or obtained at Welches School between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

The Welches Community School's annual trip to the Japanese Gardens and Rose Gardens in Portland will be Tuesday, May 25. This tour will be led by a retired senior volunteer who will explain the history and design of these gardens and their role in Japanese society. To join this tour, pre-register with Reva Cox at 622-3397.



Larry Topliff

SUHS junior wins \$75 for essay

Larry Topliff, a junior at Sandy Union High School, won \$75 recently for an essay entered in the Clackamas County Law Day contest.

"The quality of written material was exemplary," according to John Haub, Law Day chairman and Clackamas County deputy district attorney.

The theme of the essay contest was, "Law Day XXV, a Generation of Progress."

Topliff's essay was about the progress made in the field of juvenile law.

SPECIAL Mother's Day BUFFET

1 p.m. until 6 p.m. on May 9th

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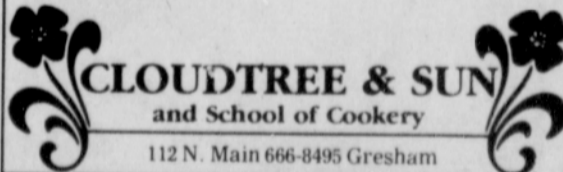
Dr. Buntain and his wife, Hulda, feed over 6,000 people six days a week. They established and built a hospital in Calcutta, India, operate a school of nursing and six village clinics. They teach 5,800 children (3,700 of whom are fed daily) in 12 schools from kindergarten to college. He pastors more than 4,000 parishioners and is vitally concerned about the spiritual welfare of India.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa says,
"Everybody recognizes Mark Buntain for his great love for these people."

SERVICES this Sunday: 9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Morning Worship with Dr. Buntain
6:00 Evening Service

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