

Healthy and vigorous economy for Oregon

Population growth, economic diversification, expanding international trade and renewable natural resources all add up to a forecast for a "healthy, vigorous" Oregon economy over the next decade.

So notes U.S. Bancorp's Oregon Business Barometer, a quarterly report on the state's economy prepared by the firm's economics department, headed by Dr. Kevin R. Kelly, vice president.

Over the last decade, Oregon has ranked well above the national averages in economic activity. According to the Barometer, this trend should continue into the 1980s.

Although employment and income in Oregon's forest products industry will decline in relation to total state figures, our renewable lumber resources will continue to be a major source of benefits to our economy in the next decade. In the agricultural sector, the Barometer predicts less farm employment, increasing average farm size and higher labor productivity. Exports of farm products could reach \$38 billion during 1979-80, a fivefold increase during the decade, and the export market should continue to grow in future years. "Our highly skilled marketing-oriented

farmers remain one of the state's most valuable resources," states the Barometer.

The current grain embargo ordered by President Carter may cause an export loss of about 350 million bushels of corn and 75 million bushels of wheat. Unless other world markets or government grain removal efforts can absorb this shortfall, grain industry prices will be lower than was earlier forecast. On the positive side, new China trade channels have recently opened up for white wheat.

Employment in Oregon's high technology industries increased 57.3 percent between 1973 and 1979. The 1980s should bring continued rapid growth and possible expansion of this industry throughout Oregon, adding employment and income stability statewide. Oregon's trade and services industries experienced exceptional growth in the 1970s, and the Barometer predicts the trend will continue.

In the national outlook, the Barometer estimates the current recession may last 10 to 12 months, with a two to three percent drop in real output. In the Pacific Northwest, however, "flat to modest growth remains the best bet."

Balladtown U.S.A. March 7-8

The celebration responsible for Forest Grove's "Balledtown U.S.A." nickname returns March 7 and 8 with the 34th annual rendition of the Original All Northwest Barbershop Ballad Contest and Gay 90's Festival.

The Barbershop Ballad contest remains the focus of the weekend celebration with its Friday and Saturday night productions. The Four Cheers Quartet of Portland is slated to perform its 1978 and 1979 championship showings at this year's contest. The Occidentals of North Hollywood California is the guest quartet.

Designed to invite participation from the entire community, the Festival includes numerous contests, events and exhibits sponsored by local businesses and service organizations.

The Welcome Wagon Club will coordinate window and costume judging with an assist from the public relations

staff of Forest Grove Community Hospital. Forest Grove National Bank has given its support to Friday's Pie Eating Contest and Saturday's Cribbage Tournament while financial neighbor Washington Federal is sponsoring a Friday afternoon Senior Citizen Costume Contest. March 8, Saturday, finds the Kiwanis Club hosting their 28th Annual Pancake breakfast, the Rotary Club coordinating the noon parade, and the Lions Club sponsoring an Old Time Fiddlers Contest. In addition the Western Washington County Jaycees will host a National Guard display and the Tualatin Valley Gem club will hold their annual Gay 90's Show. This is just a sampling of the type of events and their respective sponsors for this year's event themed "Harmony Round-Up".

A complete listing of events and further information is available from the Chamber of Commerce, 357-3006.

Sheep production presented

An introductory program on sheep production will be offered by the Extension Service on Feb. 21 at 7 pm in St. Helens and on Feb. 22 at 7 pm in Vernonia. The St. Helens program will be in the Extension Office in the Courthouse and in Vernonia at the West Oregon Electric Coop meeting room. Topics covered will include breed selection, management, equipment, diseases, feed and lambing. All are welcome and there is no charge.

4-H Rabbit judging Sat.

Columbia County 4-H club members with rabbit projects will have an opportunity to participate in a judging contest on Saturday, Feb. 23, according to Robert H. Stevely, Columbia County Extension agent. The contest will be held at the Rock Creek Campus of the Portland Community College from 9 am to 12:00 noon.

Mr. Don Hunter of PCC will show the proper methods of tattooing and of fryer selection. The contest will consist of identifying rabbit items, identifying breeds and varieties of rabbits, judging several classes of rabbits, and a class of tanned pelts. They will also be asked to answer written questions. Intermediate and senior 4-H club members will be asked to give reasons for the order in which they place the rabbits. 4-H members, leaders and parents are asked to meet at the PCC rabbit barn at 9 am sharp.

5 day plan to stop smoking

Another "5 Day Plan To Stop Smoking", and a nightly film will begin March 9, and continue till March 13. The clinic is at seven each evening at the High School Room number one. Dr. Winnton Bunnell M.D. will be the instructor.

Those who wish to quit smoking permanently are invited to attend. There is no charge. If you need more information call Leland Seibert at 429-6161.

BOWLING

WOMEN'S CITY TOURNAMENT WINNERS

TEAM—Jordan Finishers.....2736
All Events Scratch—Alice Ellson...1596
All events Handicap—Trudy Magoff1825
Singles scratch—Alice Ellson.....593
Singles handicap—Trudy Magoff...649
Doubles scratch—Alice Ellson & Jeanett Dass.....1003
Doubles handicap—Bess Moser & Dot White.....1166
Hi game scratch—Alice Ellson.....245
Hi game handicap—Mel Wilson.....247

Sunday Mixed, February 10

Unknown 55½-36½
Hot Shots?? 49-43
Easy Rollers 49-43
Go Getters 48-44
A-Variety 47-45
Misfits 42-50
Hi Lo's 39-53
Strike Outs 37½-54½

High team series, Unknowns 2199; High individual series, Mickey Johnson 575, Shawn Naeve 511; High individual game, Mickey Johnson 202, Shawn Naeve 198; Mickey Johnson picked up 6 splits, Jack Wendlin picked up 4 splits, Shawn Naeve picked up 3 splits, all on lanes 7 & 8.

Wednesday Mens, February 13

Pine Cone Cafe 22-10
Vernonia Drug 20-12
Mist Shake & Ridge 19-13
Vernonia Milk 17-15
Cedar Side Inn 15-17
Jaycees 12-20
Don's Auto 12-20
Teachers 11-21

High team series, Pine Cone Cafe 2758; High individual series, L. Alford 569; High individual game, Henry Anderegg 217.

Thursday Mens, February 14

Out House Gange 23-9
Brunsmans Hardware 19-13
Eagle Office Restaurant 18-14
Alpine Lanes 15-17
Cedar Side Inn 14½-17½
Mike's Tavern 14-18
West Oregon Elect 12½-19½
Lew's Place 12-20

High team series, Lew's Place 2794; High individual series, Rick Knight 585; High individual game, Bill Cota 223; Pete Dunay 200-557, John Dotter 190-557, Virg Hiveley 211, DeWayne King 205, Stan Wilkerson 208, Rick Garcia 205.



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