Oregon Business Activity Reaches All-Time High During 1964 According To U.S. National Bank Publication

Oregon's business activity during 1964 reached an all-time high, according to the latest issue of U.S. National Bank's "Oregon Business Barometers." The index of business activity, contained in the bank's quarterly publication, hit the 128.3 mark at the end of the year, a rise of 5.7 points over the 1963 year-end figure and 28.3 points above the base years of 1957 - 59.

The increased business activity throughout the state resulted in increased income, spending and saving, and helped push Oregon's economy to new levels that exceeded the national performance in many respects and also out-performed the other two Pacific Northwest states.

For the second year in succession, total employment for the state made substantial gains, increasing 2.5 per cent to 730,600. The national increase was only 2.2 per cent. Eugene had a five per cent increase compared to Portland's two per cent increase and a decrease of two per cent in Salem.

At the same time, the unemployment rate dropped in September to three per cent, a level that had not been reached since 1960. However, the devastating Christmas flood caused this figure to rise to 5.5 per cent, highest December rate since 1961. The rate has dropped in recent weeks as the flood-ravaged areas continue to get back on their feet.

Personal income in Oregon showed substantial gains, increasing by 8.1 per cent compared with 5.5 for the nation, 4.9 for Washington and 3.4 for Idaho. Oregon ranked fifth in the nation with its gain. Spurred on by this income increase, bank debits, used as a measure of consumer and business spending, moved up six per cent. Eugene showed the largest gain with a 14 per cent increase. Salem experienced a decrease of four per cent, the first such downward trend in postwar years.

Increased income also was reflected in a savings increase of 12 per cent in financial institutions. This bettered the national rate of increase by one per cent. In Portland savings and time deposits in banks increased by a larger pecentage than in any other city of the 12th Federal Reserve District —10.6 from $459 million to $508 million.

The entire report, compiled by Dr. Edward W. Reed, University of Oregon faculty member and U.S. National's economic consultant, reflects on a rosy year in which new highs were reached by the state's economy.

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Tulelake Firm Notes 20 Years Of Progress

TULELAKE—Oregon Agricultural Chemicals, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ed (Nona) Greene of Tulelake, is celebrating its 20th year of progress in 1965.

Begun as a small weed control business in this area, OAC has expanded to encompass California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Alaska, with branch offices, warehouses and operating crews in all five states.

The firm, still aiding farmers in control of field pests, has expanded to include contracts from county, state and federal governments, highway systems, mills, railroads, irrigation districts, utility companies (telephone and electric power), and federal forests, in the control of weeds, brush and insects.

Modern equipment, ground spray rigs, airplanes and helicopters speed up the operations that cut control methods by thousands of man-hours per year. Equipment sales are followed up by instructions in use.

Greene flies frequently to Fairbanks, Palmer, Juneau, Sitka, and Anchorage, where business is rapidly expanding.

Headquarters for Oregon Agricultural Chemicals are in Tulelake.

Collegian Proposes Districts

SALEM (UPI) — A political science student at Oregon State University may have put the skids under the House-approved congressional redistricting plan at a Senate Elections Committee hearing.

David Buchanan of Albany proposed slicing off the eastern portions of Multnomah, Clackamas, Marion, Linn and Lane counties and adding them to the Second District.

He said it would result in nearly exactly equal populations in all four of Oregon's congressional districts, would maintain present communities of interest, affect the fewest people, and result in more compact district boundaries than any other plan proposed.

Sen. Ben Musa, D-The Dalles, chairman of the senate committee and an admitted opponent of the House-approved plan, told Buchanan "you have aroused my interest with this idea."

Buchanan, who was asked to prepare a map for the committee's next meeting, said there was no real need to use county lines as district boundaries.

The House-approved plan which was drafted by Rep. Betty Roberts, D-Portland, splits Multnomah County, but retains all other county lines.

The Roberts plan would shift Benton County to the Fourth District, Marion and Linn counties to the Second District, and add Multnomah County west of the Willamette River to the First District. The resulting districts are nearly equal in population.

Mrs. Roberts appeared before the senate committee to explain her proposal. She said any alternate methods considered should meet the tests of population, integrity of county boundaries, community of interest, and political balance at least as well as her proposal.

Sen. Alice Corbett, D-Portland, asked if Portland residents wanted to be divided into two congressional districts.

Rep. Howard Willits, D-Portland, a cosponsor of the Roberts plan, said "they don't care for it, but Multnomah County has to be divided, and the river is a natural boundary."

Treating Plant To Be Expanded

WEED — The J. H. Baxter Treating Plant manager, Robert Sexton, has stated that further expansion of the rapidly growing plant is planned for the near future.

The local treating plant, purchased by Baxter from the International Paper Company in August of 1962, has increased its employes from eight to 40.

J. H. Baxter Treating Plant is one of five such West Coast lumber products treating plants.

SCD Plans Annual Meet

SILVER LAKE—Major plans for the March 2 annual meeting of the Fort Rock-Silver Lake Soil and Water Conservation District were completed at the Februrary meeting of the supervisors.

The 7:30 p.m. session will be held at the Silver Lake School auditorium. Special guests will be state conservationist A. J. Webber and Roy Fox, state conservation engineer, both of Portland. Fox will speak on "Planning for Efficient Irrigation Water Use."

An annual highlight will be the speech contest. Pupils from Fort Rock, Silver Lake and Summer Lake schools will compete on the topic, "Wildlife Conservation." Mrs. Anne Sprague, Lake County Superintendent of Schools, will be moderator for the contest.

Paul Danford, teacher at Summer Lake, will report on the summer school conservation workshop program which provides college credit. He is one of four North Lake County teachers who attended a workshop last summer.

Ranchers interested in using a rangeland drill, on loan from the Lakeview Conservation District, may inquire at the Silver Lake office.

Team Ropers Vie At Malin

MALIN—Sunday, Feb. 21, a three steer average, jackpot team roping was held at the Vowell Brothers arena in Malin.

Herman and Ray Vowell took first with Mel Bettencort, Klamath Falls, and Bill Steppe, Malin, taking second, and also winning the fastest time for the day.

Weather permitting, Sunday, Feb. 28, another jackpot team roping will be held at the Vowell Brothers arena at 1 p.m.

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