

Owyhee Riding Club Holds 25th Anniversary

The Owyhee Riding club held a social-dinner hour to commemorate their 25th Anniversary. Lynn Snodgrass acted as Master of Ceremonies. Events of the evening brought back memories of how the riding club got its start.

In June of 1944, a small group of riding enthusiasts met on the playground west of the grade school in Nyssa and formed what is now known as the Owyhee Riding Club. W. L. Lane was elected the 1st president with D. O. Bybee as secretary. Since then there have been twelve other presidents; L. T. Marshall, Roy Holmes, Lloyd Adams, Lynn Snodgrass, Willis Bertram, Neil Dimmick, Gilbert Holmes, Cliff Fox, Charley Culbertson, Leonard Phillips, Keith Moss and Jack Woods, the present president. There have been eight secretaries; Nora Snodgrass, Mrs. Eris Bertram, Sue Marshall, Rowena Kreager, Ann Clayton, Judy Favorel, Bernita Barker, and Bonnie Sappe, the secretary at present.

In 1945 twenty acres of land bordering on the south of the

Nyssa city limits was purchased for rodeo ground, and thousands of dollars were spent leveling and building a racetrack. The following year bucking-chutes and corrals for handling live stock were erected on the land by volunteer work of the members.

In 1947 a new grandstand was built and the very first rodeo, a one-day and one-night show, was presented. In August 1953 the Oregon Trail Grange and the Owyhee Riding club pooled their finances and bought the old Oregon Trail schoolhouse. Until then the meetings were held in members homes.

Many weekend outings, trail-rides, picnics, and volunteer work have made this club what it is today.

The 25 year history was read by Robert Holmes, Neil Dimmick and Nora Snodgrass. December 13 the Owyhee Riding Club celebrated their Silver Anniversary with members and friends at the Golden Slipper in Vale, remembering the past and looking forward to a successful future.

scribed are largely subconscious, rather than coldly contrived. They simply reflect the fact that economic forecasters are human like everyone else. We hope that revelation doesn't shock anyone. Other professions behave in much the same way.

In modern times forecasting may acquire a misleading air of objectivity from the fact that electronic equipment and complex mathematical techniques are used. The forecast you read is more likely to be the output of a computer, solving a large number of simultaneous equations, than the conclusions of an individual genius scratching on the back of an envelope.

But the computer can only process the numbers that are put into it, and the equations can only reflect the relationships among economic quantities that are thought by someone to be important in determining trends. Some very basic questions remain unsettled -- one school believes that money supply is all-important in determining which way the economy goes, and another school believes that government fiscal policies have a greater influence.

The computer program will depend on which theory you start with. And even when you have decided that, you can't be sure what numbers to feed in. Neither the Federal Reserve Board's actions in determining money supply nor Congress' action on the federal budget, can be known in advance. And maybe some third force will take over, as was the case in 1969.

When computers are used in forecasting, their output seldom surprises the economist who provided the input. Sometimes it will, but if it surprises him too much he is likely to change the initial assumptions or rewrite the program. In this way, a forecast is usually achieved that is not too far out of line with the economist's initial beliefs or with what other economists are saying.

We realize that none of these comments seems of much help to the man who has decisions to make and seeks information on the economic outlook in making them. But it is better to be aware of gaps in our knowledge of relevant facts than to fill them in with what may be non-facts.

Economic life is largely a matter of living with uncertainty. Economists may in the future be helpful by developing better techniques for reducing uncertainty about the future. But we suspect that the more promising line of activity is to develop appropriate strategies for making decisions in the face of the unknown and the unknowable.

Study Shows Autos, Grades

Don't Mix Well

The more a student uses a car during the week, the poorer the student's grades will be, emphasized R. H. Peine, Regional Manager of the Allstate Insurance Companies.

Referring to "A Teenage Pattern," and Allstate study of 20,000 high school students, Peine stated the major finding: Grades go down as driving privileges are extended.

"Parents are the only people who can supervise and enforce sensible use of the automobile during the academic year," he said.

In addition young drivers are becoming involved in more auto accidents than ever before, the insurance executive said. Citing late statistics, he urged parents to exercise strict control over their children's driving.

"Parents simply must realize the importance of strict supervision of their children's

Packwood Sponsors Education Bill

As the Senate continues debate and voting on the tax reform bill, one piece of legislation has the unqualified support of Oregon Senator Bob Packwood.

The legislation is in the form of an amendment to the tax bill which would provide a tax credit for higher education expenses. Packwood is co-sponsoring the proposal.

"The amendment would provide a tax credit of up to \$325 to any taxpayer who paid the tuition and fees of another student or himself at any institution of higher learning which offers courses above the twelfth grade including business, trade or vocational school," Packwood explained.

"The credit would be computed on the first \$1500 of expenses for each student in the following manner: 100% of the first \$200, 25% of the next \$300, and 5% of the subsequent \$1000.

"The available credit would be reduced gradually by subtracting from the credit 2% of the taxpayer's adjusted gross income in excess of \$15,000. No credit would be available to the taxpayer with an adjusted gross income of more than \$31,250."

driving habits," said Peine. "Young drivers have the highest crash and death rate of any age group on the road today."

"The other important reason for parental control of young drivers is that their education will suffer if they are allowed too much use of a car."

He noted with concern late accident figures from the National Safety Council, which show that drivers in the 15-24 age group have a crash and death rate nearly DOUBLE that of older drivers.

Young drivers under 24 have crashes at an annual rate of 41 per 100 drivers while drivers aged 40-65 have 18 collisions per 100 drivers.

"Many of these crashes could have been prevented if the drivers involved had been properly trained," said Peine.

But even if the young driver is well trained, studies must come before driving. The Allstate "A Teenage Pattern" study showed that too much use of a car affects the grades of good students as well as poor students.

Grades start to suffer when the car is used more than two days out of five during the school week. Students who do not drive or who use the car only on weekends have the best grades, while those who drive two to four school days a week have significantly poorer grades, the survey proved.

Peine made these recommendations to parents interested in helping their children become good students and good drivers:

1. Make sure that scholarship comes first and driving second.

2. See that they get proper driver training in a high school.

3. Restrict the use of cars to weekends and keep the week days for school work. There will be exceptions, but this is a good basic approach.

4. Don't permit a teenager to have a part-time job just to pay for a car or to support one.

5. Keep the keys in your own pocket and lend the car only under the proper circumstances.

"It's up to the parents to keep cars and school work in their proper perspective and to provide the guidance and example in use of the car," the business leader added.



During the holiday season, remember special friends with an assortment of buttery cookies.

APRICOT STRIPS

- 1 pkg. (11 oz.) dried apricots
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
- 1/2 cup chopped candied red cherries
- 4 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 1/2 cups butter
- 1/4 cup lemon juice

Cut apricots into quarters. Combine apricots, 1 cup water and 1/2 cup sugar in saucepan; cover.

Heat to simmering stage; cook 5 minutes. Turn off heat and let stand covered until cool. Add 1 teaspoon lemon rind; mash. Stir in cherries. Sift flour, remaining sugar and salt together into mixing bowl. Cut butter and 1 teaspoon lemon rind into dry ingredients until mixture resembles fine meal. Add lemon juice and remaining 1/2 cup water, a small amount at a time. Mix well after each addition. Shape dough into patty. Cut into 3 equal pieces.

Roll each piece of dough on a lightly floured board or canvas into a rectangle 12 x 5 inches. Spread 1/3 of apricot filling in a band 3 inches wide, lengthwise down center of each piece of dough. Fold the 1 inch of uncovered dough on each side over the filling. Brush crust with milk and sprinkle with sugar, if desired. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet in hot oven, 400°, 15 to 18 minutes. Cut into slices 1-inch wide. Makes 32 to 36 bars.

Mortgage Lending In Oregon On Increase

In spite of current tight money problems, mortgage lending in Oregon at the end of the third quarter reached \$669 million, an increase of \$236 million over mid-year 1969, according to figures compiled and released by the state's title insurance companies.

The figures, based upon a survey of 21-county area representing 86 per cent of the state's population, reflect approximately the same rise in mortgage recordings experienced during a comparable period last year.

First National Bank of Oregon led all lenders in the 21-county area with recordings totaling \$116 million, a 17.3 per cent share of the market. The bank's third quarter total soared some \$50 million over the mid-year figure, and the number of new mortgages increased by 1,194 to 3,252.

Year-to-date lending for the State of Oregon to veterans totaled \$78 million on mortgage recordings, a \$30 million increase over mid-year and 11.7 per cent of the market. The number of new mortgages rose to 4,975, an increase of 1,922 since mid-year.

U. S. National Bank's recordings amounted to \$64 million at the end of the third quarter, up \$24 million over mid-year and a 9.5 per cent share of the market. The number of mortgage loans came

to 2,090, an increase of 616. Completing the list of the top five lenders were Benj. Franklin Savings & Loan, 1,936 new mortgages for \$49 million, an increase of \$10 million over mid-year and 7.3 percent share of the market; and Portland Federal Savings & Loan, 1,245 mortgages for \$38 million, an increase of \$10.7 million and 5.8 per cent of the market.

home

Skirt Holiday Tables

This holiday, glamorize a room with a table covered in an eye-popping print and match it with a solid one. Put gifts on one and serve goodies from the other. Dash gay pillows covered in the same fabric on couch and chairs and you're set for entertaining.

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holiday

Give Christmas a Personalized Plus

It's the personal touch that really counts at Christmas...the holiday when you have the opportunity to show others how much you care. It's a simple matter to buy a gift or select a card, but the token of your feeling that's homemade means ever so much more!

The new Dri Mark Communicator, a fine-line fiber-tipped water color marker which sells for only 19c, is a handy item to have around the house as the holiday season approaches. Let the children help you design personalized greeting cards to send to friends. Supply

them with a variety of colored paper, tin foil, sparkles, some glue, cotton, buttons, and the Communicator in its twelve cheery colors. Suggest a range of holiday themes...Santa Claus, holly, reindeer, peace, religion... then have the kids go to work.

For gift wraps, provide the kids with rolls of inexpensive shelf paper on which to draw or glue their own designs. Gift tags and labels will be eye-catching and ultra-personal when they are brightly colored in abstract or "art nouveau" motifs. (NP Features)

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