

Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Oregon is losing its leadership role in one nationwide economic category. And that's good news!

The category is personal bankruptcy. And the decline of personal bankruptcies is good news for the business community -- and for uncounted numbers of consumers who succumb to the lure of easy credit.

A major deterrent to personal bankruptcy in Oregon today is the independent, non-profit Consumer Credit Counseling Service. Born just three years ago, CCCS was conceived and is supported principally by merchants, banks and finance companies.

It may seem anachronistic but the very people who extend credit are those fighting hardest to discourage its use by some consumers.

"Credit is a little like fire," said Larry Winthrop, Portland executive for a nationwide department store chain. "When used with respect and common sense, both are blessings. Abuse either and the results can be tragic."

Winthrop is current president of CCCS and one of its founders. "At about the same time credit buying expanded in Oregon," he explained, "personal bankruptcies started to soar."

Oregon's District Courts recorded a 650 percent bankruptcy increase between 1957 and 1967.

"Oregon Retail Council -- a statewide organization of retail merchants, took official notice of this alarming situation," Winthrop continued. "After intensive study, ORC put together the non-profit counseling service and opened offices in March of 1967."

The service offers free counseling to anyone interested and helps families in deep trouble manage their financial affairs without resorting to bankruptcy and its stigma.

Has CCCS really helped? Between 1966 and 1968 personal bankruptcies in the U.S. increased some 2 percent. During the same period, personal bankruptcy in Multnomah County decreased nearly 30 percent!

Bolstered by early successes, Eugene businesspeople organized CCCS a year ago. And Salem businessmen followed suit last August. Statewide bankruptcy totals are showing a steady decline. Here are the figures:

In 1966 bankruptcies totaled 5,174. In the first year of CCCS operation, 1967, the total dropped to 4,897. Total for 1968 declined to 4,611 and last year dipped to 4,484.

"Every reputable businessman abhors the loss of self respect, marital tensions and family break-ups that often result from credit abuse," said Eugene Fire Chief E.L. Smith

has visiting University of Oregon President Robert D. Clark praising students for their assistance during the recent fire on campus. In his letter he said "it is unfortunate that there are many people who are willing to criticize our young people when compliments are more appropriate."

Saito Attends 4-H Program

Representing Malheur County at the 13th annual Oregon 4-H Club Conference, February 8-10 was Jeanine Saito, a junior at NHS.

Jeanine was one of sixty-nine Oregon youths attending the Know-Your-Government program in Salem.

Sponsored by the Sears-Robuck Foundation, 4-H Club Conference acquaints teenagers with departmental functions of their government.

The 4-Hers were housed at the Marion Motor Motel and commuted from there to the statehouse. Through a conducted tour of the capital, the group visited the House of Representatives and Senate chambers and the Governor's office, learning the history of the building and interesting details.

MEET DEPARTMENT HEADS

During their stay, the delegates met for conferences with heads of the State Departments of Agriculture, Transportation, Public Welfare, Natural Resources and Environmental Quality, and the Executive and State Police. They also experienced a bit of college life when they were guests for dinner at Willamette University dormitories.

VISIT SUPREME COURT

Assembling in the Supreme Court building, the group met with Chief Justice William Perry and also toured the Supreme Court Library.

Speaking to the delegates at different times were Secretary of State, Clay Myers and Secretary of the Treasury Robert Straub.

Climax of the conference was a luncheon at which Governor Tom McCall spoke and during which four delegates to the National 4-H Club Conference in Washington D.C. were announced.

When asked about her trip, Jeanine had these comments. "It was a great experience for me to tour the capital, supreme court building and to actually sit in the Governor's chair. (I was one of the brave ones.) I found it really interesting talking to the heads of the departments and learning how our state government is run. It was also a lot of fun meeting and getting to know other 4-Hers from all over the state!"

Oregon artists are available again this year for one-day workshops and demonstrations throughout the state under a program offered by Statewide Services at the University of Oregon's Museum of Art.

There is no charge for the artist-workshop program, which last year offered workshops in wood block techniques, sculpture, drawing, weaving, lithography, and other media. Local community groups may request the services of an artist by contacting Antonio Diez at the U of O Museum of Art.

SUNSET VALLEY ACTIVITIES

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SUNSET VALLEY - Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lorensen and Miss Mertrude King were Payette visitors Feb. 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Sauer were dinner guests on Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Langley Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lorensen and daughters and Mrs. Harriet Turner were among those who attended the Adrian Smorgasbord Saturday. The Smorgasbord was reported to be one of the best ever put on by the PTA.

Jennifer and Sue Burdiss and Mrs. Rose Douglas of Parma, were Saturday dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ora Newgen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Newgen were visitors of Mrs. Newgen's sister, Mrs. Gus Stroth and Mr. and Mrs. Yorki Echevarria of Boise, and Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Thomas, Adrian.

Charles Moore, Ontario; and John Knottingham were Sunday dinner guests of Mrs. Lois Counsil.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Princehouse, Ontario, were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Reffett Feb. 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Ekanger were Sunday dinner guests at the Jerry Gordon home in Payette and Sunday callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver in Nyssa.

Mr. and Mrs. John Cleaver visited at the Magnus Ekanger home Friday.

Messrs. Elver, Gary and Bill Nielsen attended a Dairyman's Creamery meeting at Caldwell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elver Nielsen called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Nielsen in Ontario Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Astoreca were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatch in Adrian where they honored the

ninth birthday anniversary of Kelly Hatch.

The Oregon Trail Grange hosted a dinner for Malheur County Pomona Grange members Saturday at the Oregon Trail Hall. Included in the program was a talk on "Crime Control" which was presented by the Baker County Sheriff, Del Dixon, and Nadee Strauser. Master of Ceremonies was our own county sheriff Robert Ingram.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira Price attended a Pleasant Hour Card party held Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Strickland.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hadley and family, Boise, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Brent Folkman.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mitchell were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Mitchell of Payette.

Mr. Bates took a group of eighth grade boys on a fishing trip to Juntura Saturday.

Tony Asumendi celebrated his eighth birthday anniversary Monday at the home of his parents, the Duane Smiths. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Astoreca and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Don Hatch and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Haney and family called on Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nielsen Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Gary Nielsen took David to Boise Monday for a check-up. David underwent surgery a few weeks ago.

Rev. and Mrs. Fred Moxom attended the wedding of Rev. Louis Dewey, Nampa, and Mrs. Maude Breen, Clearwater, Ida., long time friends of the Moxoms. The ceremony was solemnized Sunday at the Church of God in Nampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances Gestrin of Donnelly were guests at the Owyhee Church Sunday. They were dinner guests of Rev. Moxom.

KINGMAN KOLONY NEWS

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KINGMAN KOLONY - Mrs. Bill Toomb and Mrs. Mable Piercy went to Weiser Sunday and visited Mr. and Mrs. Herb Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Phifer were afternoon dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Callahan in Boise and Sunday evening dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wright also of Boise.

Saturday evening Mr. and Mrs. Paul Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Strawn attended the Smorgasbord at the Adrian School. The Lester Strawns celebrated their 39th Wedding Anniversary.

February 22 Mr. and Mrs. Lester Strawn went to New Plymouth and attended a birthday party for Vicki Strawn at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Cleone Dougherty and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell and other relatives Feb. 20. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Campbell entertained with a family dinner Feb. 22 for relatives on both sides of the family. There were 68 dinner guests and afternoon callers during the day. The McCains will spend 10 days visiting relatives and friends in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gordon and family of Jordan Valley were Feb. 21 visitors at the Earl Kygar home.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Begeman and Mrs. Dale Will were guests Monday at a birthday dinner for Kent Van Dewater in Big Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bullard and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Long were Sunday callers at the Al Thompson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rex Walters of Boise spent the weekend visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Al Thompson. Al Thompson and Rex Walters spent Sunday fishing at the Owyhee Reservoir.

Mr. and Mrs. Milborn Cooper of Caldwell were Sunday visitors at the Delbert Sloan home.

Cherry and Teresa Stacy were Saturday overnight guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Conant. Their mother, Mrs. Lester Stacy came for them Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pitz and children were Sunday visitors in the Willis Conant home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Callahan and children of Boise, Mrs. Carl Callahan of Caldwell visited Feb. 15 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Bowers were Feb. 18 guests in the Charles Bowers home.

Mr. and Mrs. Olen Arnold went to Albion, Ida., to visit his son, Harold Arnold and family Feb. 16-21.

Monday Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nedrow went to the meeting of the Soil Conservation held at East Side Cafe.

Tuesday Donald Womack of Idaho Falls had business in this area and visited his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nedrow and family.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Ed Nedrow attended the Elks Crab feed in Ontario.

BLAST SMOKE HABIT

Trying to quit the nicotine bit? Here's an offbeat idea.

The idea really worked for Dr. Roger O. Egeberg, HEW's Assistant Secretary for Health and Scientific Affairs. He decided to quit smoking and substitute another harmless habit instead. He still wanted to chew or finger something.

Dr. Egeberg, he says, remembered that some Middle Easterners carry amber beads which they finger from time to time. "But I couldn't afford amber, and cheap beads didn't feel right," he says. "I cast about and finally found just the thing -- a .45 caliber bullet. I carried it in my jacket and when the urge to smoke a cigarette came, I'd finger the bullet. Of course, I wound up the day with black fingers."

So far, not too offbeat. But hang on. "If the urge to smoke got really strong," he says, "I'd put the bullet in my mouth. Then I'd realize that the damn thing might explode and blow my skull off." Not a very cool way to blow your mind.

"That was usually enough to keep down the urge for two or three hours. And in about three weeks I was cured."

Dr. Egeberg picked a hazardous way to quit. A way not recommended by anyone. But sticking with cigarettes

PACKWOOD TO SPONSOR BILL TO ESTABLISH COASTAL ZONE UNIT

Senator Bob Packwood (R-Ore.) said today he is co-sponsoring legislation which will establish a coastal zone management program.

Called "The Coastal Zone Management Act of 1970," the legislation is designed to provide for more effective use of the nation's coastline.

"When I think of Oregon's beauty, I immediately think of the Oregon coast," Packwood said. "I want that beautiful area to be given every consideration so that it may remain as unspoiled as possible."

"The rapidly intensifying use of coastal areas already has outrun the capabilities of local governments. We must provide for a management program

can be even more hazardous. Putting a cigarette instead of a bullet -- in your mouth can mean disability and slow death for millions of people."

To find out just how high the hazards of smoking really are, check with your local respiratory disease association. They have the facts.

which will result in coordinated future development of our coastal area."

The bill provides: --That up to 50 percent of cost grants to designated state coastal authorities for the development and three-year operation of coastal zone management programs.

--Establishment of a special "Marine Resources Fund" in the Treasury and provides for an annual \$125 million deposit using funds obtained from offshore oil revenues.

--Authorities joint federal-state estuarine sanctuaries to create natural field laboratories for long-run studies.

--Provides that new federal projects within a state's coastal zone approved by either the designated state coastal authority or Marine Science Council.

Members of the FFA are students of vocational agriculture in high school.

Nyssa FFA Chapter is one of 9,000 local FFA chapters in the United States.

OVER 525

High School Seniors

(Many Of Whom Will Attend TVCC This Fall)

In The TVCC Education District

Plus Freshmen and Adult Education Students Now Attending The College

NEED YOUR YES VOTE

In Support Of The TVCC Tax Levy

Please remember our college has no tax base and the \$632,337 you will be voting on is the complete local operating money available for Treasure Valley Community College.

This Local Money Will Generate \$3,071,615 For The Total 1970-1971 Budget Requirements

VOTE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27

From 8 A.M. to 8 P.M.

This message paid for by Citizens' Committee for TVCC
Harry Erlebach, Chairman 1197 Verde Drive, Ontario

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- ★ WHEAT ★ BARLEY
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