

First National Bank Records Best Year Ever

First National Bank of Oregon recorded higher net earnings for the eighth successive year in 1970, it was reported by Ralph J. Voss, president of the statewide banking system.

At the same time the bank president revealed that year-end deposits were also at a record high figure and loans had dropped sharply from record levels over the past twelve months.

Earnings for the year totaled \$14,135,367, a gain of 1.8 per cent, over the year-end 1969 figure of \$13,888,819. On a per share basis, this is equivalent to \$2.66 per share compared to \$2.61 per share last year.

Voss credited a combination of effective control of expenses, the drop in the cost of money and high coupon bond purchases with reversing a downturn in earnings which became evident in the second and third quarters of the year.

Statement of condition figures for First National revealed year-end deposits of \$1,713,931,144. This is an increase of \$124,701,841, or 7.9 per cent over the 1969 year-end figure of \$1,589,229,303, and up 2.8 per cent from the 1968 total.

Loans fell to \$1,065,940,368, a drop of 8.5 per cent from the 1969 year-end record high of \$1,165,101,249.

Voss said actions of the Federal Reserve Board in easing the restrictive monetary policies pursued throughout 1969 resulted in extremely wide swings in the availability of money and related interest rates.

The removal of the interest rate ceiling on large short-term certificates of deposit in June and the expansion in the money supply brought a massive inflow of funds which were used to rebuild bank liquidity, the bank president explained. This combined with a continuing decline in loan demand due to the slowdown in the economy and earlier efforts to curtail loans due to the then existing tight money conditions accounts for the easier loan situation, Voss added.

Capital funds plus the reserve for loan losses increased to

\$137,254,901 from \$130,067,582 last December.

During 1970 First National established new branches in Portland's Georgia-Pacific Building and at Mt. Angel. New branch quarters were completed at Oak Grove, Valley River Center in Eugene and Midway-Division east of Portland. Extensive remodelings were completed at Astoria, Medford Main office and Woodburn.

Work will be finished in early 1971 on new quarters for the Roseburg branch which was destroyed by fire, the Union and Graham branch's expanded offices at Broadway and Grand Avenue in Portland, and at Gold Beach and Forest Grove.

Newly established branches are under construction at Junction City and King City, and expansion and renovation of the Cedar Hills and Keizer offices is progressing.

The steel skeleton of the bank's new 40-story head office in Portland's financial center will be topped out in January and the building is scheduled for completion in mid-1972, Voss reported.

Herb Sez ...

I have been giving this pollution by detergents quite a bit of thought and I think I have the solution. I doubt that you'll like it but it is one way out.

When I was somewhat younger than I am at the present time my mother washed the clothes to get the dirt out and wasn't too particular about them being blinding white. Then along came some soap company that coined the slogan "tattle-gray". It may have been Rinso with that bird call deal, "Rinso White". Any how, people became conscious of having clothes that didn't sparkle. The clothes were aseptically clean but not esthetically beautiful. To get every bit of the "ring around the collar" out they had to make the washing powder stronger and stronger because no woman wanted her neighbor's clothes to be brighter than hers.

Now for my solution--why not make Tattle-tale-gray a badge of honor? A man could proudly say, "I'm more patriotic than you. See, my shirt's dirty. Your shirt sparkles and everyone knows that you are using pollutants." Then nobody will be polluting, of course their clothes won't be as clean, but so what? It's not likely that any substitutes for phosphates will be found in the near future because it's most simple to find something wrong with any chemical used in the household. I can remember when my mother had a few blue balls tied up in a little cloth bag that she put in the wash to whiten the clothes, it was called bluing. I was told they were a deadly poison, but none of the kids in our town ever ate one to find out.

If you really want to be patriotic, throw the washer and dryer away, better still, don't throw them away, just store them. There's nothing that uses more electricity in the home than the water heater, and nothing uses hot water like a washer. The dryer runs up your power bill all by itself, without using any hot water. My mother used to stoke the kitchen stove with firewood and heat the water in a big brass boiler, but this would be taboo today. The suds didn't pollute anything because the wash water was always dumped into the back yard at a particular place where it wouldn't drain back into the well. There were no sewers in Placerville.

Really, the only problem is population, and the government and drug manufacturers are doing their darndest to extend the life expectancy. We're kinda nuts, ain't we?

Family Enjoys Vacation Trip

After a December 25 reunion with relatives here at the home of their son, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lowtrip in Ontario, Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Astoreca and Audrie and Carmen left December 26 for a vacation trip during the Christmas and New Years holidays.

They arrived at Willow Springs, Mo., December 28 and visited at the home of Mrs. Astoreca's father, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nelson. New Years Eve and Day was spent at the home of an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. Fox in West Plains. They also visited the Fox's daughter and family, the Robert Baileys, an aunt and uncle, the Charles Nelsons' of West Plains. While visiting there they were reunited with a cousin they had not seen for 20 years, and a daughter of the Nelsons', Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Carson and family of Illinois.

The next day found them at the home of another aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lowe in West Plains, where they met cousins from Kansas City, and Memphis. The Astorecas and Fox's were overnight guests in the Lowe home. They all attended a party January 2 honoring the birthday of a cousin, Mrs. Lorin Hall. Approximately 35 guests attended. After dinner at the Fox home Sunday they visited friends, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ferguson and family, former residents of the Nyssa, Vale and Juntura areas.

Monday, accompanied by her father they visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rothermich, also former area residents.

They left January 5 for Kimberling, Mo., where they visited Mrs. Astoreca's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Berry. The families toured the area around Branson, Mo. January 6. An interesting point visited included the campus grounds of the "School of the Ozarks", which is a special college, it allows a student to attend by earning their own college education.

The Ralph Foster Museum was visited and the Williams Memorial Chapel with its beautiful stained glass windows. The chapel has a great twenty-three hundred Pipe Skinner Organ and Hyer Bell Tower, which contains ninety six tubular bells. It is one of the largest in the United States. Both the pipe organ and bells are used for special occasions, concerts and Sunday services.

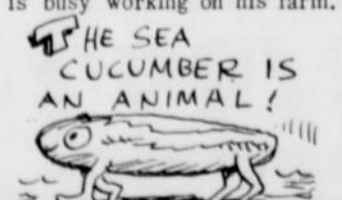
They went shopping and sightseeing January 7 in Springfield, Mo., visited by telephone a brother, Mr. Sgt. Gene Nelson, who is presently on duty at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Leaving January 8, they drove across Iowa.

They were guests in Albert Lea, Minn., visited at Verdale, Minn., with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Snyder and daughter, Celesta and participated in a birthday celebration, which took place at the Snyder home. While visiting there they found 15 below zero weather, and plenty of snow to provide an afternoon of snowmobiling.

They left Monday for the return trip home. Traveling via Lincoln, Nebr., Rawlins, Evanston, Wyoming, and Ogden. They encountered blizzard conditions in Wyoming and became stalled in a snowdrift. The Astorecas reported that the highway departments gave prompt attention to road conditions and took care of travelers in a most courteous way.

They arrived home safely Wednesday. Mrs. Astoreca has returned to work at the Vale Nursing Home, Audrie and Carmen are back in school and Gabe is busy working on his farm.



Oregon Dairy Princess



UNAWARE that she is about to be crowned 1971 Oregon Dairy Princess is Susan Gourley, 18, brown-eyed brunette from Brownsville. Holding crown is retiring Dairy Princess Mary Anne Cantrell of Jacksonville. The new princess was selected from a group of 14 dairy princesses representing 18 counties in the state. Miss Gourley represented Linn and Benton counties in competition. Ceremonies were held Monday at Portland's Sheraton Motor Inn and highlighted three-day dairy industry meeting.

MALHEUR COUNTY POTATO GROWERS HOLD MEETING

The Boulevard Grange Hall was the site for the Malheur County Potato Growers Association Annual Meeting held Friday, January 15. 150 potato growers from Malheur County attended the one day session and heard presentations on a list of diversified subjects. President Joel Mitchell of Nyssa called the Annual meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

Jim Nakano of Ontario reported to the group on the advertising programs that the Association conducted during 1970. His report indicated potato advertising was performed by the following methods; fruit and vegetable newspaper, calendars, exhibits and contributions to the Frozen Potato Products Institute Promotion Program.

George Sadamori, president of the Malheur County Potato Bargaining Association, told the group about activities of the Association and commented about the Simplot and Ore-Ida Potato contracts. He stressed the importance of membership participation and support in activities of any Association in order for it to function effectively.

Luther Fitch, Malheur Experiment Station Agronomist, told the group about the latest thinking on potato fertility recommendations. He has been active for a number of years in assisting in potato fertility research work.

After the lunch served by the Boulevard Grange Ladies and enjoyed by all, Roy Hirai of Nyssa spoke to the potato growers about the potato research and promotion bill which has been signed by President Nixon. Roy also reported on other activities of the National

Potato Council. Mr. Hirai then spoke on the current labor situation in Oregon and across the country. He informed the group of action needed to minimize any serious labor problem.

Warren Henninger, Malheur County Potato Extension Specialist, reviewed the program he conducted during the 1970 calendar year. His problems included, a greenpeach aphid and potato fertility survey. He also conducted potato variety and insect control trials.

Dr. B.J. Landis, USDA Entomologist, Yakima, Washington, presented an interesting report on the green peach aphid work he has conducted in the Columbia Basin of Washington. He indicated the importance of

Birth Defects Helped By March Of Dimes

Hope and help for children with birth defects can be sent through the mail, reports Mrs. Ed Austin, 1971 March of Dimes campaign director for Malheur County.

"Our mail appeals will be making their traditional appearance in homes here this month," she said. "Every person who sits down and writes a check for this cause should realize that that check can help create a whole new life for one of the nearly 250,000 children born with birth defects every year."

Money received by the March of Dimes supports continuing

controlling the aphid in order to obtain quality potatoes. This pest is a problem in Malheur County and for the past two years a green peach aphid reporting survey has been conducted to assist growers in controlling this aphid.

Jim Olson of the Statistical Reporting Service in Boise made a presentation on the Objective Potato Measurement Survey that has been conducted in Idaho for the past six years. He indicated that accurate potato production data has been derived from this survey and that this data has proven to be effective in pre-season potato contract negotiations.



programs in research, education, patient care and community service aimed at prevention and treatment of birth defects, according to Mrs. Austin. Here in Oregon the voluntary health agency maintains Birth Defects Centers at (Sacred Heart General Hospital in Eugene) University of Oregon Medical School in Portland) They are part of a nationwide network of more than 100 centers.

"I urge my fellow residents of Malheur County to put their stamp of approval on the March of Dimes return envelope," she asked.

Salem Scene

by Jack Zimmerman

Oregon's so-called "Corrupt Practices Act" has been in the news again and the election law will receive even more attention during the 56th session of the State Legislature.

Three bills--already scheduled for introduction when lawmakers convened Monday, could result in the most sweeping overhaul of Oregon election procedures since 1908. Present election law was substantially revised in 1957 but subsequent Legislatures have approved only technical amendments.

Upcoming potential changes are largely the result of between-sessions deliberations by the Elections Subcommittee of the Joint Interim Committee on Rules and Resolutions. Most of the changes are designed to streamline and modernize campaign regulations in view of current conditions and in response to charges and counter-charges following recent elections.

Oregon's reputation for "clean politics" often has been attributed to what many have called a model election law. But this reputation failed to deter interim committee members from "improving" the statute. Exerting particular influence on drafters of the proposed revisions were Portland Attorney John Faust, representatives of news media and Secretary of State Clay Myers.

Vast bulk of the changes are included in Senate Bill 20. It revamps 82 sections of the present law, repealing 21 regulations and amending 51 more.

Most significant changes involve appointment of a single political treasurer, through whom all contributions are received and expenditures made, and the reporting of campaign contributions and expenditures both before and after voters go to the polls.

Appointment of a single campaign treasurer--and it could be a self-appointment by the candidate himself, is aimed at better control and record-keeping of funds received and expended. During the pre-election report an estimate must be filed detailing the amounts expected to be received and spent during the remaining days before the election. Exceeding this amount by more than a specified percentage would constitute a violation. The latter provision is designed to control and possibly limit excessive last-minute spending.

SB 20 also attempts to re-

gulate the funneling of out-of-state contributions to candidates and contests involving measures. The law would require campaign treasurers to refuse such contributions unless accompanied by a list of contributors providing \$25 or more of the total.

On the local level, itemizing contributors would be a little easier. The amounts of campaign contributions that must be attributed to individual donors would rise from \$5 to \$25; and pre-election statements would permit lump sum expenditure reporting.

The Secretary of State would preside over this reporting service, assisted where feasible by duly authorized county officials.

A third bill, prepared by the League of Women Voters, would update and expand material that must be submitted by candidates for publication in the Voters' Pamphlet. It calls for a photograph -- not more than three years old, and the requirement that the candidate's statement shall include age, present occupation, education, business or professional experience and prior government experience.

Throughout meetings and hearings by the interim subcommittee were references to recent cases involving alleged election irregularities. Most frequent references were to the 1968 contest between Robt. Y. Thornton and Lee Johnson for Attorney General. SB 20 likely would prevent a defeated incumbent from remaining in office by more discretion in such cases to presiding judges.

Much time was spent discussing a "name" for the revised election statutes. Because the term "corrupt practice" occurs repeatedly in present law, Oregon's election regulations have been dubbed the Corrupt Practices Act. No direct action on an official new name. But the references to "corruption" have been modified by new language and a consensus favored a more positive nickname -- such as Fair Elections Law.

Circumventing new election regulations may be no more difficult than at present for the really corrupt. But a more positive nickname does seem in order -- if only in recognition of interim Legislators who toiled diligently at lily-guilding Oregon's election statutes to keep them among the best and most progressive in the land.

Malheur County Realtors Name Committee Heads

The Malheur County Board of Realtors met for their regular monthly meeting at lunch at the La Paloma on 1-12-71, with President Ruth M. Cunningham, Vale, Oregon, conducting the meeting.

It was announced that C.C. Cunningham had been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Oregon Association of Realtors and that Ruth Cunningham had been appointed to the Professional Standards Committee of the Oregon Association of Realtors.

F.M. Christiansen and Nell Christiansen were granted an "Honorary Membership" for two years in the Malheur County Board of Realtors, while they were away on a Mission.

Guests of the club were Ross E. Butler and Gary Goodfellow. The following committees were appointed by President Ruth Cunningham:

Membership, Merle Cummings; Legislative and Taxation, Jay Phillips; Publicity, Eleanor L. Hartwell; Program, Glenna Kinney and Emily Strey; Professional Standards, Chairman Jack Vincent (3 Year), Bud Strey (2 Year), Paul Parker

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Valerie Turner Contest Contender

Mrs. Klaas Laan, Valerie Turner, her mother, Mrs. Sherman Turner, and sister, Vicki, and a friend, Marie Elfring of Willow Creek left Friday morning for Portland, and the Dairy Princess contest. They stayed at the Sheridan Motor Inn at the Lloyd Shopping Center in Portland.

Saturday morning Mr. and Mrs. Mike Macy of Corvallis visited them and they went shopping together. The Dairy Princess Contest started in the afternoon. Valerie was one contestant of 14 contestants in the contest. That evening they went to the Diner of the Rheinlanders, a German Restaurant.

Sunday morning all of the girls and Mrs. Klaas Laan, their chaperone, went for a helicopter ride over the city of Portland. They met Governor McCall, and he was asked to be at the crowning of the Princess but he was unable to make it. Monday afternoon Princess Susan Gouley of Linn Bencon was crowned, after which the group drove home.

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