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**"EASY LOANS" MAY BE AVAILABLE TO WEST VEGANS SOON**

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## Seek Federal Lending Office

### Board Expands Youth Corps, Hot School Lunch Programs

By ROBERT JOHNSON

NEW BUSINESS ACTIVITY is in prospect for West Las Vegas in the not too distant future following a favorable report to the Economic Opportunity Board of Clark County on the advisability of setting up a Small Business Development Center here.

The report was delivered by Gene McCoy of the First National Bank of Nevada, chairman of a committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of establishing such an agency on the Westside under Title IV of the federal Economic Opportunity Act of 1964.

McCoy made his committee's recommendation to the county board at its regular monthly

meeting last week and it was approved without dissent by the 26 board members present. The official report read:

"On the basis of discussion and review of material, the Small Business Development Center Feasibility Study Committee recommends that a Small Business Development Center be established in Clark County, and further, that an application be made to the Office of Economic Opportunity for a Community Action grant to establish such an office, and further, that an Advisory Committee to the proposed center be established along the lines recommended by the Small Business Administration."

TITLE IV of the federal act authorizes loans and guarantees to small businesses up to \$25,000 on more liberal terms than the regular provisions of the Small Business Administration. According to Al Lansman, Nevada member of the SBA Advisory Committee, such loans could be made available to West Las Vegas of proven good character who normally would be unable to secure financial backing for a small business venture through regular banking channels.

Loans would be repayable over a period of 15 years at 5 and 1/2 per cent interest and handled through the regular spending authority of the SBA.

Other matters discussed at last week's meeting of the county economic opportunity board included extension of the Neighborhood Youth Corps program starting in mid-September, expansion of the hot lunch program in the public schools and a proposed Neighborhood Participation project to be administered county-wide by Operation Independence, the West Las Vegas-based "self-help" agency.

IT WAS REPORTED that \$1 million has been allocated for a nine-month extension of the Neighborhood Youth Corps program starting Sept. 15. Approximately 700 jobs will be available to school dropouts and in-school participants (the latter on a part-time basis) between the ages of 16 and 21. Some \$80,000 will go toward wages for those employed under this program.

Dr. Leslie Shuck of the county school district outlined plans to expand the hot lunch program to include six West Las Vegas elementary schools under a budget of \$28,000. Principal H. P. Fitzgerald reported that the pilot project conducted at Kit Carson School during the last term had proved very successful, as reflected by improved student attendance and favorable comment from parents.

The Neighborhood Participation program has been tentatively allocated a maximum of \$80,000 to train and compensate a staff of 30

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## Blue Ribbon Winner



CHAMPION CAMPER -- Maj. Carl Irby (right), Salvation Army commander here, congratulates Stephen Giles of Las Vegas for winning blue ribbon award as most outstanding camper at SA's "Camp-o-Wood" near Tucson, Ariz., this summer. Stephen, son of Mrs. Philip Mosley, was named Honor Camper, Honor Cabin Leader and top BB gun marksman in competition with youths from five states. Forty Las Vegas youngsters attended Catalina Mt. camp this summer.

## Songbird and Friends



NANCY AIDS CAUSE--Singing star Nancy Wilson (left rear) takes time out between shows of recent Riviera Hotel engagement to purchase raffle tickets from three members of Doolittle Center Happy Times Club, who hope to raise enough money to finance excursion to Disneyland for club's 75 members late this month. Happy Timers (from left) are Wanda Winn, Joann Sloan and Yvette Winn. Men's Progressive League is supporting funds drive.

## Bailey Again Named Forward, Inc., Prexy

BOB BAILEY WAS REELECTED to his fourth consecutive two-year term as president of Forward, Inc., the West Las Vegas investment group, at a stockholders meeting held last week at Sugar Hill. Also returned to office a fourth time was secretary Robert Johnson, who has served in that capacity ever since the organization was founded in 1959.

New officers named last week included Ed Fly, Vice president, and Nathaniel Collins, treasurer, while Primas White was elected to the board of directors.

A board meeting is scheduled for tonight, Aug. 5, with a general meeting of stockholders set for Aug. 19.

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