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New Guaranteed Loans for Rural Areas

T WO NEW types of Farmers Home Administration guaranteed loans through commercial banks to assist rural America have been well received since they became available two months ago. That was the assessment of Gordon Cavanaugh, administrator of the FMHA, Washington, D.C., in an exclusive interview in Des Moines last week with the Northwestern Banker.

The two new programs cover guaranteed loans for Above Moderate Housing and for Farm Credit (ownership and operating loans). They are additions to the traditional direct lending role assigned to the FMHA by Congress for many years and the Business and Industrial Loan program authorized for rural America through FMHA by Congress in 1973.

Above Moderate Housing

Mr. Cavanaugh said until now the FMHA housing loans have been for people with adjusted incomes up to \$15,600. The new Above Moderate Housing guaranteed loans are available to rural people with adjusted incomes ranging from \$15,600 to \$20,000. "Previously," he said, "the program was not successful because of limitations. We think the new program is very workable and hope it will be attractive to lenders."

The new housing loans carry a 90% guarantee of the loan by

FMHA. The interest rate is negotiated between the borrower and the lender, the only stipulation being that the rate is not unreasonable. "We recognize there



is a great deal of variety in rates in various areas of the nation," Mr. Cavanaugh said, "so the general terms covering rates were used rather than setting exact figures."

The borrower is expected to make a down payment of 3% on the first \$25,000 and 5% down payment on any amount above \$25,000. The adjusted income is arrived at by deducting 5% from all income, as well as deducting \$300 per child. An applicant with \$22,000 income and three children would have \$1,100 (5% of income) and \$900 (three children) subtracted to bring him to a total of \$20,000, the top qualifying level for the loan.

The Above Moderate Housing guaranteed loan program applies in all towns up to 10,000 population, Mr. Cavanaugh said, and in some non-standard SMSAs up to 20,000

population. The loans are for any rural resident or anyone who intends to be a rural resident. The loans have a 33 year maturity.

Housing loans to persons below \$15,600 adjusted income are made direct by FMHA, Mr. Cavanaugh noted. Those borrowers must show they can't get credit elsewhere on affordable terms. They pay a maximum rate based on the federal borrowing rate, now 83/4%, for 33 years. If the applicant has below \$11,200 income, FMHA can provide an interest credit, pulling the interest rate as low as 1%. The loan is reviewed every two years to reflect changes in income, and such borrowers are required to move to private credit when they can afford

"For the new guaranteed mortgage loan there is no requirement to shift to a private lender," Mr. Cavanaugh emphasized, "so the loan remains on a guaranteed basis with no requirement for graduation to private credit. This enhances its attractiveness to commercial banks and the secondary market."

The Above Moderate Housing program was part of the 1977 Housing Act, but was not implemented until the fall of 1978 and has been marketed now for two months, Mr. Cavanaugh said. The Act provides a \$500 million guaranty pool for fiscal '79, ending September 30, and another \$500

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Iowa News

Two bankers have announced their candidacies for election to offices in the Iowa Bankers Association at the annual convention next September 25.

Edward L. Tubbs, who is now serving the second year of his two-year term as IBA treasurer, is a candidate for the office of vice president. If elected, this would make him the president-elect for the office of president in 1980-81. Mr. Tubbs is president of the Maquoketa State Bank.

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the Farmers Savings Bank in Grundy Center, is a candidate for the two-year term of office as IBA treasurer.

Les H. Olson, president of the Toy National Bank in Sioux City, was named IBA president-elect last September and is scheduled to advance to the presidency at the convention next September.

EDGEWOOD: The following changes have been reported by the Community Savings Bank here: James F. Adams, president to chairman of the board; Robert E. Arthur, vice president and cashier to president; Steven A. Brady, assistant cashier to cashier; Lowell Rowell, vice president (inactive), and Richard F. Ashline to assistant cashier and Greeley office manager.

HILLS: Charles W. Gay has been named chairman of the board of the Hills Bank & Trust Company replacing Ivan Maas. Mr. Gay, a director since 1965, is president of Gay Locker Co., Iowa City. Mr. Maas, a director since 1934 and chairman since 1968, remains on the board. Willis M. (Bill) Bywater has joined the board. He is executive vice president of Bankers Advertising Co. and vice president of Economy Advertising Co., Iowa City.

KALONA: Gary A. Kallaus has joined the Farmers Savings Bank

here as assistant cashier. He was previously employed at the Uni-Bank & Trust Co., Coralville, for the past 19 years.

MANSON: James D. Galpin was recently promoted from assistant cashier to cashier at the Manson State Bank. He joined the Manson bank in 1975 after employment with the State Savings Bank, Aplington.

MUSCATINE: The following promotions have been announced by the First National Bank of Muscatine: John G. Volkman, assistant vice president: James V. Pulliam, assistant vice president and manager of the Mall office; Jo Mercer, assistant vice president and corporate secretary; Jay S. McKee, loan officer; Dee Ann Emlet, head teller, and Phyllis Bishop, downtown drive-in manager.

Nebraska News

BELLEVUE: Peter J. Bina has been promoted to vice president and cashier at the Bank of Bellevue.

CLARKSON: Steven E. Pribnow has been named assistant cashier at the Clarkson Bank.

COLUMBUS: Gordon Specht has been promoted to assistant vice president at the Citizens Bank &

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The proceeds of this issue together with monies on hand will be applied toward the construction of a new middle school (\$3,000,000), and for the conversion of an existing elementary school to a middle school (\$1,500,000). Both construction projects are scheduled to begin during the spring of 1979 and to be completed by the fall of 1980. In the opinion of counsel, these bonds are legal and binding general obligations of Topeka Unified School District No. 501, Kansas, and all taxable property located therein is subject to the levy of sufficient taxes to pay the principal and interest on the bonds without limit as to rate or amount.

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Trust Co. here. He previously had 17 years experience in the finance business. Celia Ann Baumgart has been promoted to assistant cashier.

GERING: John McLellan Jr. has been promoted to vice president at the Gering National Bank & Trust Company. He joined the bank in 1975 and heads the instalment loan department. Ray Ernst and James Kozal were promoted to assistant cashier. Mr. Ernst joined the bank in 1976 and is in the instalment loan department. Mr. Kozal, the bank's internal auditor, joined the bank in April.

RANDOLPH: Neil M. Lackas was recently promoted from cashier to vice president and cashier at the First State Bank here.

SCHUYLER: Charles P. Heavican has been promoted from assistant vice president to vice president at the Schuyler State Bank.

WAYNE: Bob Reeg has been promoted to executive vice president at the First National Bank of Wayne. He was also elected to the board of directors. Bill Dickey was promoted to vice president. Mr. Dickey had previously served as loan officer.

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million is in President Carter's fiscal '80 budget, he added.

Guaranteed Farm Credit

Guaranteed lending for farm credit was authorized in the Agricultural Credit Act of 1978 and signed by the President in late 1978. It established for the first time the authority for guaranteed farm lending. It follows the same format as the housing program with 90% guarantee, interest rates negotiated on a "reasonable" basis Digitized with the commercial lender, and no

graduation requirement to total private credit if circumstances change. In addition, it provides for higher loan levels than authorized by FMHA's direct lending program.

Under the guaranteed program, loans for ownership purposes can go as high as \$300,000, and those for operating purposes can go as high as \$200,000. The applicant must be a family farmer; i.e., principally engaged in agriculture with an operation that can be handled by the family and possibly some outside help. Changes in the same act provide that the applicant can be doing business as an individual, a partnership or a corporation. Previously, the wording allowed only for individuals. "These changes are not meant to expand the type of farmers served," Mr. Cavanaugh cautioned, "but only to recognize the realities of farm setups for legal or tax purposes. We hope these changes will expand the amount of credit available to small farmers.'

This guaranteed farm lending program also has been operating only for two months. Previously, all such lending was done by FMHA on a direct basis. Now, the commercial bank lender supplies all the borrowed funds in both the home mortgage loan program and the guaranteed farm credit program.

The amount budgeted by FMHA for farm credit ownership loans is \$800 million and the amount for operating loans is \$700 million. These totals cover both the guaranteed type of loan and FMHA's direct loans for the same purposes.

Business & Industrial Loans

The Business and Industrial Loan program started in 1973 after being authorized by Congress and through fiscal 1977 averaged \$357 million loan guarantees per year. Last year, Mr. Cavanaugh noted, that went to \$1 billion and that is the amount budgeted by the President for fiscal 1980. The B&I program is directed to loans in communities of up to 50,000 population. Mr. Cavanaugh points out that 75% of the loans to date have been made in towns of less than 10,000 population.

A principal stipulation of the B& I loan is that it must strengthen rural employment. Again, these loans are 90% guaranteed, with negotiated rates of interest, and a strong secondary market. The popularity of these loans with communities has led to the program being over subscribed in the current year. Losses to date, Mr. Cavanaugh stated, are 2% of the total outstanding loans. "We have had excellent bank participation in this program," he said, "with increasing interest from larger bank lenders. We hope the new loan guarantee program for rural housing and on-farm lending will receive similar support from commercial bank lenders."

Banker Support

Referring to the role of bankers in the guaranteed loan programs, Mr. Cavanaugh stated, "We are anxious to see participation in these programs by rural banks. Many have been hesitant to take part in this lending due to the long term nature of the loans. Now, with the 90% guarantee of these loans and availability of a good secondary market, we see the program serving a set of income levels in small communities in many parts of the country that have been having trouble getting financing."

Mr. Cavanaugh pointed out that the legislation governing the Above Moderate Housing program has had the support of the Independent Bankers Association of America from the time the legislation was introduced in Congress. FMHA, he said, also is working closely with the American Bankers Association's lending committee which is putting together a Farmers Home Administration Lenders Manual. This manual details the farm guarantee loan programs for banker members, as well as FMHA's Business and Industrial Loan guarantee program.

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South Dakota News

CANTON: George Hanson was recently promoted from cashier to vice president at the Farmers State Bank of Canton. He has been with the bank for 32 years. L. H. Hammerstrom was promoted from assistant cashier to cashier. He has been with the bank for 23 years.

MILLER: R. L. Blachford has been promoted to assistant manager of the First National Insurance Agency, according to Howard J. Peterka, president of the First National Bank.

SIOUX FALLS: Nancy Eggers has been promoted to assistant manager of the Hillcrest branch, and Richard Moon was promoted to loan officer at the Park Ridge branch of the Valley National Bank.

SIOUX FALLS: Robert Stepp has been appointed manager of the United National Bank's Gayville branch. He was previously employed by First Bank System.

MADISON: Walter M. Willy, 87, former president of the Security Bank of Madison, died recently in Vacaville, Calif., where he had been living since Thanksgiving.

Illinois News

AUBURN: Joyce Wanless has been promoted to assistant trust officer at the State Bank of Auburn. She joined the bank in 1974 as a secretary.

AURORA: Carl Schmitz, chairman of the board of the Old Second National Bank of Aurora, died in December. He had retired in 1977 after completing over 55 years of service with the bank.

GLEN ELLYN: Donald H. Fischer has been elected president and chief executive officer of the First Security Bank of Glen Ellyn. Mr. Fischer will begin his new duties early this month to fill the vacancy created by the death of James E. Burgess in December.

ogitize PEORIA John W. Busey has been

elected president and trust officer of the Madison Park Bank here. He joined the bank as executive vice president in October, 1978.

Minnesota News

BAGLEY: Gerald G. Gast has joined the First National Bank of Bagley as executive vice president and director. He was formerly vice president of the Farmers and Merchants State Bank of Breckenridge since 1970.

CROSBY: The following elections have been announced by the First National Bank of Crosby: R. Gary Lee, vice president; Larry Pater, assistant vice president; H. D. Lound, cashier; Elaine Gordon and Irene Johnson, assistant cashier, and Elaine Karnewski, customer relations officer.

ELBOW LAKE: Brad B. Henry has been promoted to assistant vice president at the First National Bank of Elbow Lake.

HOPKINS: Named recently at the Northwestern National Bank of Hopkins were Darryl D. Hansen, senior vice president; Andrew A. Christensen, assistant vice president, and Devon Sawyer, compliance officer.

MANKATO: Promotions announced recently at the First National Bank of Mankato include T. B. Johnson, vice president; Harry Skinner, personal banking officer, and R. Neil Drum, credit analyst.

CLOUD: The following changes have been announced at the Northwestern Bank & Trust Co.: T. V. Stern, president; Jerry J. Kigin, president to chairman of the board, and Glenard A. Wischmann from vice president to senior vice president.

WELLS: George H. Wanzek was recently elected president of the Peoples State Bank of Wells to succeed G. A. Uggen, who was elected chairman of the board. Mr. Wanzek most recently held the position of executive vice president.

Montana News

KALISPELL: Roy W. Stanley has been elected to the board of directors at the First Northwestern Bank of Kalispell.

Colorado News

PUEBLO WEST: After failing to receive an acceptable bid from any of 16 groups submitting a bid for takeover of Village Bank of Pueblo West, the FDIC opened the bank-January 29 in receivership and began paying off depositors as the first step to liquidating the troubled bank. Problem loans surfaced during a 1977 examination and the bank had been operating under an agreement with the FDIC since then. Deposits were approximately \$5 million.

Wyoming News

SHERIDAN: Promotions announced recently at the First National Bank here include: John A. Brayton, senior vice president; Robert A. Barkley, vice president; John L. Piesik and David J. Withrow, assistant vice president, and Beulah Fackenthall, assistant cashier.

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North Dakota News

FARGO: Harold Natvig has been elected vice president in charge of credit review and compliance regulation at First Bank of North Dakota, Fargo. He was formerly with the National Bank of South Dakota.

LANGDON: First Bank of Langdon has increased its capital from \$750,000 to \$1 million by stock dividend.

Colorado News

BOULDER: Kenneth W. Charlton was recently elected executive vice president at the First National Bank in Boulder. Most recently senior vice president, he will continue as head of the bank's lending division.

FORT COLLINS: Max S. Beebe was recently appointed vice president and personnel director at the First National Bank here. Gary A. McCarthy was promoted to assistant vice president and commercial loan officer.

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