

Neighbors Make Christmas Merry For Polio Victims

By MARVIN SOSNA
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VENTURA, Calif. (AP) — It could have been a bleak Christmas for Betty and Herb Smith.



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bad, and the new year will shine bright for the future.

The Smiths are William H. 31, and Betty, 29, formerly of Spokane, Wash. He is a teacher at Nordhoff High School, and she teaches at the Ojai Cooperative Nursery School.

Both have been in iron lungs at Ventura County General Hospital since Oct. 10. He has been out of the respirator on rare occasions since then. She has been in her lung continuously.

They contracted polio within 24 hours of each other, and the first problem doctors faced was that of morale.

The Smiths have two children, Debra Susan, 5, and Jody Lyn, 2. They have a home. It has a mortgage.

They have payments to keep up. Herb added to his teacher's salary by coaching the Nordhoff High School junior varsity football team.

It was in September that Jody became ill. She was treated for fever and headaches, but no one thought of polio. The child appeared to recover.

Then, on a brisk October weekend, Mrs. Smith complained of the headache - dizziness - fever symptoms. She was rushed to the hospital.

Eighteen hours later Smith was in an iron lung next to her.

Jody had recovered from a mild polio attack, the doctors decided. Mrs. Ernestine Hix, Mrs. Smith's mother, rushed down from Spokane, took charge of the house and set things right. Among her more pleasant chores: "I had to give the children a lot of love."

And then the Ojai Valley Teachers Assn. set to work. It promoted a benefit raffle, made \$2,300 on a television set giveaway.

Smith's students at Nordhoff donated \$300—the complete receipts—from the Ojai-Santa Barbara Catholic High School football game. Town folks collected \$300.

Where did the money go? Debra blew out the candles on a family decorated birthday cake. The youngsters are eating three

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HOUSING FASHION NOTE—A 50-foot-high relief in soft tones of beige, green and blue decorates outside of swank apartment house in Caracas, Venezuela. It depicts the "land of plenty" atmosphere for new settlers in the country.



—MLA Telephone

Startling Facts On Conservation In Publication

As much as 100 tons of top soil (two fully loaded boxcars) is washed away per acre of land in some parts of Oregon in a single storm!

Over \$100,000 was spent in 1953 by the State Highway Dept. in cleaning up roadside litter!

These and other startling facts are brought out in a new State Dept. of Education publication, "Conservation Education in Oregon Schools" for which Dr. Elmo S. Stevenson, president of Southern Oregon College, prepared the introduction and the section on "Oregon's Beauty."

meals a day. They look healthy and happy.

Three nurses on round-the-clock duty for the Smiths are paid by the March of Dimes and the fund.

There will be a Christmas tree and presents for Debra and Jody. Students from the high school will act as Santa's helpers.

When the Smiths leave the hospital, the mortgage will be paid up to date.

"We've only done what should be done," say the teachers and townspeople.

"Oregon recognizes its conservation problems and is doing something about them," Dr. Stevenson stated. "The state's entire economic structure lies close to the proper utilization and development of its natural assets. Farming, lumbering, fishing, mining, and tourist trade have reached the point where careful and wise development are necessary to improve our present productive capacity."

It was cited that the public schools of Oregon cannot ignore the importance of these problems and that it has become as necessary for our citizens to be able to act and vote wisely in the management of our soil, water, wildlife, scenery, minerals, and forests, as it is to compute sums, prepare meals, or write letters.

According to Dr. Stevenson, the purpose of the booklet is to assist teachers throughout the entire state by "pointing out the wealth of information available on conservation education, to show how this information may be supplemented and enriched by those carrying on conservation work, and to suggest activities which will initiate interest in conservation and at the same time strengthen the present fundamental offerings in Oregon's public schools."



FOR MAILING WRAP the decorated package in plain paper, using transparent tape to make it neat and trim, then...

Spending By Business Itself May Give Industry Boost

By SAM DAWSON

NEW YORK (AP)—What will give the boom increased zip in 1957? Will it be still greater spending by the average family, by government, by business?

Those willing to stick out their necks now and predict still better times in the next six months believe the added something which will spur the economy into a still faster pace than in booming 1953 will be spending by business itself.

Consumers turned the trick this year—spending their money or credit at a rate that confounded the experts.

Government spending had been the extra flip that sent the economy to its previously record heights in the 1950-53 period.

But business spending plans for early 1956—as announced in detail today by the Department of Commerce—show the most gains planned by any of the nation's three top spenders: the consumer, the government, the businessman.

Secretary Weeks got a one-day scoop on his department by tipping off the percentage figure to the National Assn. of Manufacturers—12 per cent more spending for new plants and equipment in the first three months of next year than in the booming 1955 period.

Consumer spending will still be by far the greatest prop to the economy. At present they are spending at an annual rate of better than 256 billion dollars. This is 8 per cent higher than in 1954.

All signs so far are that they will continue to spend at that rate, or a little higher as personal income totals rise. Three out of four consumers contacted in recent polls have said they thought times would be as good next year as this.

Early last summer, however, consumers were saying

they expected to spend more than they had been—and this fall they have done just what they said they would. Recently their tune has changed. Now most of them say they expect to spend as much next year as this, but they don't plan to spend more.



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of youngsters, can you help but smile? There are many pleasant moments for us, too, in helping people exchange personal Holiday greetings... in helping bring friends and families closer together, when it counts most. We appreciate the chance to serve you during any season. But we get extra satisfaction from doing so now, when so many calls have special meaning to the people who make and receive them.

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