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Holmes on New Year

Before taking off for the Rose Bowl game, Gov. Holmes gave out with a New Year message to the people. His first sentence spreads over a lot of territory.

Oregon's economy, short-changed by national policy makers and subdued by local gloom makers through 1957, appears to be on its way to inspired, new growth again in 1958.

Let's analyze this sentence—politically, not grammatically. First there is the dig at the GOP administration in Washington. It has "short-changed" Oregon, presumably because of the rise in the discount rates. That, however, was an effect rather than a cause.

The second clause, "subdued by local gloom makers through 1957" digs at Oregonians who decry Oregon's tax structure as freezing industrial development. There may be some truth in that—anyway Gov. Holmes took the initiative in calling a special session of the Legislative Assembly to reduce taxes.

In spite of these drawbacks Gov. Holmes sees dawn and daylight ahead. He catches glimpses of "inspired, new growth" in 1958. We don't know what he uses for binoculars, but are suspicious that he has tinted the glasses. Next year is election year, and incumbents ride election waves better if the economic tide is rising.

A letter-to-the-editor from Brazil, published in a national magazine last week, indicates there is at least some realization in foreign countries that the confusing fronts exhibited by the United States are not exemplary of the nation's actual status.

Salem's durable Dr. Henry Morris is kingly pin nationally in Kiwanis Club attendance and this Tuesday will receive his 36-year pin denoting a perfect record for that many years.

Cost of Living

After a brief standstill in October the index of cost of living rose 4 per cent in November, rising to a point 21.7 above the base of 1947-49. The rise was attributed to the highest prices for new model autos although price increases were recorded on clothing and services.

We wonder, however, if cost-of-living figures are wholly reliable. If they are based on list prices they may be unrealistic. Keen competition, particularly in electric appliances and automobiles, forces price cuts at dealer levels.

The cost of living is high, no doubt of that. It may seem something of an anomaly to have the index rise when employment is declining and prices of many commodities have dropped.

"Back to Earth"

This is the time of year when learned bodies assemble to listen to reports and papers from savants. The top body in science is the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

True enough. The surface of the moon is sterile, and one can't plow and seed interstellar space. Dr. Sears' address helps get us "back to earth" where we face problems of finding and using natural resources to support increasing populations.

Some of Portland's long-talked-of plans appear to be nearing fruition. Bids, it is announced, will be opened on the multi-million-dollar East Side shopping center and a new Sheraton Hotel in the next 60 days.

In his radio report on NATO Secretary Dulles included a few paragraphs on his visit to Spain, with praise for its aid in combatting Communist expansion.

If the Air Force makes old Camp Adair a missile base that would move this valley into a prime target area. Salem would be right in line for a "near miss" and for radioactive fallout.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"I prefer to speak of it as 'getting sensible'... not as 'getting old,' Roscoe!"

Safety Valve

Contributions to the Safety Valve must be signed by the contributor, giving full name and address. This is necessary to insure accountability. Contributions should be limited to 500 words.

Answer to Ballot Box

As long as your chin's sticking out, be my guest, x x x

There's a sprig in Silvertown that "gets under your skin" and "into your heart." It's green, it's friendly, it's clean and good.

Sure, they think about having fun most of the time, they like to hop and swing, they speak a language I don't "dig"—but I find them more than patient in "translating" this odd "jargon" into a more picturesque "jargon" that I still can't "dig."

Such things as an appreciation of decent parents and a good home, a deep reverence for God, a respect for the differences of thought and behavior of others,

How does this concern you and your paper? Why, in heaven's name, have the escapades of a handful of less than 1 per cent, I'm told, "misdirected" Silvertown teenagers been so colorfully given front-page billing?

Warden Leads Tour Warden Joseph Ragen, led the boys through the prison which contains 1,089 men.

Two boys ordered to make the tour were unable to do so. Jimmy Lampton, 12, was struck by a state police shotgun blast as he and James May, 14, tried to drive a stolen auto around a police road block Thursday night.

They were a subdued group after two hours behind the walls. They visited the mess hall, the textile and sheet metal factories and the isolation building where all spent five minutes together in one of the dark, little cells.

From a man convicted of murder and from a robber they received the information that they, too, were young once. And neither was so very old now.

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Comes the Dawn

A holiday greeting from all of us to the Ohio State football team. A Merry Christmas and an Unhappy New Year's...

Well, tonight is New Year's Eve. And you'd best remember one thing. Make sure kids put all those Christmas toys—especially those booby-traps with wheels and with sharp corners—away before they go to bed tonight.

And you don't have to go out to celebrate the New Year tonight. After all, Adam and Eve stayed home—and raised a little Cain...

If you've been worrying about the expenses involved in lighting the state Capitol building each night during this holiday season you can stop blowing your fuses. Plans are now to light the building only on weekend nights after Jan. 1.

Christmas is gone. But a good chunk of it remains these nights on "Christmas tree lane," at Icel Court. A big center tree, 30 feet high is lighted. And outdoor trees on nearby lawns also are lighted.

The first example is the new (or better the smooth-running, streamlined 1958-60 model) Dick Nixon who has recently hired a press agent of his very own.

Recognition of the principle of compensation. The late colonialism however seemed indifferent to paying for what they might take.

For have not nations this policy deterr rather than speeds up development. Resolutions like the one at Cairo are a "Red flag" which frightens away foreign investors.

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Clackamas County Clerk Sworn in; Ruling Requested

OREGON CITY, Dec. 30 (AP)—Robert Schumacher was sworn in as Clackamas County clerk today when the office was vacated by the elected clerk, Guy Pace.

Pace has announced his resignation as of Jan. 2. The county Republican Central Committee has asked a ruling from the attorney general on Schumacher's appointment.

Atty. Gen. Robert Y. Thornton is expected to rule on the matter Tuesday.

Prison Tour Grim for Young Law Violators

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 30 (AP)—Twenty youths who recently have had brushes with the law learned today that punishment for law violators can be grim and harsh.

They were taken on a directed tour through the bleak, old Joliet Prison on orders of Justice of the Peace William H. Wake of Aurora, Ill. All the youths, ranging in age from 12 to 17, had been arrested before Wake as law breakers, and he was determined to try to teach them that crime really doesn't pay.

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Nation's Road Toll Below 1956 Figure

CHICAGO, Dec. 30 (AP)—Deaths on the highways in the first 11 months of 1957 totaled 34,800—about 2 per cent under the 1956 figure for the period, the National Safety Council reported today.

The 1956 11-month total was 35,270. The mileage death rate, that is, deaths per 100-million vehicle miles, for the first nine months of the year was the lowest on record for a comparable period—5.7 against 6.1 for the first nine months of 1956, the council reported.

In November, 3,530 persons were killed in highway mishaps. That was 2 per cent under the 3,603 for November, 1956.

At the end of 11 months 29 states had better records than the same period last year, 17 showed increases, and one reported no change.

look on the Gaiter report and other information, and giving "his estimate of the military position of our country... now, and what has to be done in the future to continue that strength."

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Statesman Ballot Box

Statesman Roasted, Praised, In Readers' Replies to Query As to Proper Course for '58

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The Statesman Ballot Box last week breached a leading question: "What do you wish your Statesman to do in 1958?"

It was decided, when the question was formulated, that the answers would be printed, no matter what they were—cheers, jeers or suggestions. Not all of them, because similarity was expected (and received)—but a sample of all, with no holds barred so far as anything involving the Statesman is concerned.

Here are typical answers: "Do not paste an address sticker over the date; otherwise a fine paper." "Try and get some two or three-deck (parking) ramps built on those vacant lots in downtown Salem."

"Make a study of health insurance; present system appears unsatisfactory, especially for people over 65 years of age." "Protect youngsters."

"Please sponsor a drive against sex literature, gaudy cover books on news and magazine racks; you are a grandfather—protect our youngsters."

"Just keep right on printing the best newspaper you can, as you have done in the past. We wish you all a very successful 1958."

"Find a carrier in Hubbard who will put the paper in the box instead of throwing it on the porch to blow away."

"I wish for a Sunday paper; am trying for a Sunday paper and get two Monday papers." "Editor's note—On some mail routes, Sunday Statesman is delivered Monday."

"Give more front page prominence to the good things that the 95 per cent of teen-agers that are not delinquent."

"Keep on as at Present." "Just keep on printing a good, up-to-date, American newspaper."

"Please give us Sylvia Porter (copyrighted tax column). She interprets the financial world in layman's language."

"Discontinue Family Weekly and reduce rates to former price." "Editor's note—Addition of Family Weekly had nothing to do with Statesman's first price increase in six years."

"Instruct boys to have papers on porches and not on the lawn in the rain."

"Dispose of parking meters in Salem; welcome out-of-town trade."

"More ski reports and stories. Evidently your sports editors here no idea how much interest there is in this sport." "Editor's note—We've relayed this suggestion to Associated Press."

"Print some Turner news. I have to take the Stayton Mail to find out if Turner is still on the map."

"It Seems to Me, Better English. The Alps and the way you report on school kids' activities." "Editor's note—Hope we can assume this is commendation."

"Keep up the good work." "Urges City-County Stories"

"More vigorous reporting of city and county affairs, particularly in reference to economic and political."

"Quit publishing Ivan Lovell's letters; they aren't worth the space."

"Start ball rolling to force police to ferret out rats who stole Soviet reports laying of foundations has begun for a new Soviet scientific center in Siberia. The site, covering about 3,000 acres, lies along the banks of a reservoir near the Novosibirsk power station."

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Statesman Correspondent to Be Ambassador at Large for State

By A. ROBERT SMITH Statesman Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 — Newspapers should never get involved in partisan politics for or against anyone. This is a maxim to which all reporters should swear, as physicians swear to the code of Hippocrates, if the term free press is to press is to have any meaning for the readers of a democracy.

But there is a time and a place for everything, one supposes, and this is one of those times. For I am about to be A. Robert Smith come officially partisan in behalf of the state of Oregon for at least the next year and a half.

Just delivered to me is a beautiful certificate which certifies that "Mr. Robert Smith is duly appointed a member of the governor's staff as Oregon's ambassador at large."

Me, without a cutaway. Not even a fancy red cummerbund to hold my middle in.

My commission is "to serve the Great State of Oregon by advising the people of your nation of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Oregon Country which will be commemorated in 1939."

Between a reproduction of the famous Oregon pioneer statue and an artist's conception of the Buck Rogers era of tomorrow, the certificate goes on to say:

"The western states of the United States have become one of America's largest markets for import products. Twenty-four million people reside in these western states now."

"Oregon believes it incumbent upon itself to encourage international trade and a major feature of our Centennial Celebration in 1959 is an international trade fair. It will be viewed by millions of American consumers and all of the principal traders involved in export and import traffic of this huge

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or indirectly it has made grants, loans, provided technical assistance, helped finance government works and private works in backward countries. It has poured four billion dollars in Asia alone in the past few years, to enable the countries there to stand on their own feet.

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Trees Around 13th Green Snag Airplane

CLEVELAND, Dec. 30 (AP)—The 13th green at Mayfield Heights Country Club golf course was lucky for two men whose light plane deviated engine trouble while they were photographing the course today.

Tall trees around the green snagged the 1,800-pound Aerocraft as it was coming in for a forced landing. The plane hit a branch of one tree, then spun into the other tree. The branch of one tree splintered the fuselage just below the propeller.

The two men, James Snider, 31, Mayfield Heights, and Richard L. Cowie, 25, Willoughby, escaped without a scratch.

They remained in the plane 65 feet up for 45 minutes—while the tilt increased from 45 to 90 degrees—until a sufficiently long ladder could be brought from Cleveland Heights, several miles away.

Snider's father, Patrick, operates the golf course.

hub caps from kids; remove used car lots from main business section.

"We wish you would keep right on with Ballot Box in 1958, please."

"Spearhead a campaign for a decent humane society for Salem to supplement this disgraceful 'dog control' district."

"Have carrier boys leave their dogs home when they deliver and collect."

"We wish you'd publish TV guide program a day ahead. We get our paper by mail about noon or after and find we missed good plays." "Editor's note—That's why The Statesman also publishes the full week's programs in the Sunday edition, as well as two-days' programs on Saturdays and before each holiday."

"Would Still Be Too Much." "Put the price of your paper back down to \$1.50, and that's really 50 cents too much."

"Go all-out for power development. Get Drew Pearson's column and editorialize more along the A. Robert Smith and Alsop line of thinking."

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