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Holiday Greetings

We're grateful to be spending Christmas among all our friends and neighbors... as a measure of our gratitude, may we extend our very best wishes to you for a happy, healthy and festive season.

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Salem Scene

by Robert L. Darnedde

Comments at the recent legislative orientation conference held at Salem last week provided some insight into the dominant role revenue estimating plays in Oregon's fiscal affairs and the consequences of inaccurate estimates.

Kenneth Bragg, legislative fiscal officer, reported that resources for the 1963-65 biennium will be "\$42 million" above estimates of ten months ago. As a result, total resources for the biennium would have been sufficient to have financed the \$404.2 million budget passed by the 1963 legislature at its regular session.

Additionally, he asserted that the \$476.6 million anticipated revenue for the 1965-67 biennium had a significant effect on the size of Governor Hatfield's record-breaking \$464.9 million budget.

Had it been possible to accurately forecast revenues for the 1963-65 biennium, Bragg said no tax increase would have been

necessary during the last session, no referendum would have been called, no special session, no cutbacks, and no subsequent increase in property taxes due to reductions in basic school support would have occurred.

The importance of obtaining revenue estimates of maximum accuracy, therefore, cannot be overemphasized.

Nonetheless, the revenue estimating error can be associated with two significant events: Federal tax reduction of January, 1964, and the State's improved employment picture—the effects of which the Legislature or the Tax Commission could not have determined.

Increased funds to the state due to the federal tax cut, Bragg said, had proven impossible to estimate. "While it is possible to compute the direct effects, the effects of economic stimulation are unknown," he declared.

The increase in employment

was a clear factor, since 16,500 new jobs were produced during the first 10 months of 1964.

Another factor relating to estimating problems, "and the only one over which the state may exert direct influence," said Bragg, is that of estimating procedures.

He said when estimating personal income tax revenue, the Tax Commission extends historical trends which indicate both maximum experience, thus providing a range of possibility based on the highest and lowest change since World War II. Economic indicators are then judged and anticipated revenue determined.

Bragg said "several deficiencies exist in this procedure," but he failed to offer any suggestions as to how the procedure could be improved or changed.

The function of estimating revenues, unfortunately, is not an exact science, and until new methods and techniques can be found and tested for their accuracy, it is perhaps better to make conservative predictions and possibly end the biennium with a surplus, than to over estimate income and be forced to cut back appropriations.

Wheat Growers National Meeting Set for Portland

National Association of Wheat Growers will hold its 15th annual convention in Portland Jan. 5-8 at the Sheraton Motor Hotel.

Governor Mark Hatfield will deliver the opening address, followed by President Anson Horning's annual report. Congressman Graham Purcell, chairman of the wheat subcommittee, will deliver the keynote address.

Ray Mertes, public relations manager for United Air Lines, will speak at a luncheon; Dorothy Jacobson, assistant secretary of Agriculture for International Affairs, will deliver an address in the afternoon, dealing with exports of wheat.

An interesting panel has been arranged for Wednesday afternoon on the subject, "Key Decisions Affecting Wheat Exports." Carl Bruns of Nebraska will serve as moderator of this panel. Those appearing on the panel follow: Herb Hughes, Nebraska, "The Problem of Competitive Pricing of U. S. Export Wheat"; Dick Baum, executive vice president, Western Wheat Associates, USA, Inc., "Overseas Wheat Market Development Programs for the Future"; Allen Tom, vice president, NAWG, "International Agreements and Negotiations on World Wheat Trade"; Raymond Vickery, FAS, USDA, "Outlook for Exports"; William Pierce, vice president, Cargill Company, "Enlarged World Trade with Communist Bloc Countries."

Dr. John Schnitker, director of agricultural economics, will address the convention on Thursday morning on future wheat programs. Also on Thursday, Dr. Nyle C. Brady, director of science and education, USDA, will bring us an address on general research needs. Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman will be speaker for the banquet on Thursday night, January 7.

Many interesting activities have been planned for the ladies, including a trip to Mount Hood and Timberline Lodge for sightseeing and lunch. Thursday, January 7, there will be a noon luncheon on the Willamette River, followed by a style show.



Glad Tidings

Like the Wise Men, let us marvel anew at the miracle of Christmas.

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P.S. We'll be closed December 26 and January 2



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