



Cub Scouts

Cub Scout Pack 14 was in suspense for a few minutes Monday evening when Santa Claus arrived, but without his helpers who had the treats. Santa visited the boys and other guests at the meeting at Roosevelt school and commented that his helpers, the Crater Lions, could not keep up with his sleigh and might be a little late. After singing many of the famous Christmas carols, Mike Morris, Santa's helper and the Crater Lions representative, saved the day by bringing treats for all of the Scouts.

Cubmaster Ken McHugh awarded Bobcat insignia to Bruce McKenzie, Wolf badges to David Branchfield, Gary Bertrand, Walter Miller, Lynn Wood, and Robert Polski, all of Den 9, and to Malcolm Byers, Creigh House, Mike Johnson, Bruce Legas, Gregg Middlekauff, Steve Phillips, Mark Teeters, and Gary Thompson, all of Den 3.

Gold arrows on the wolf badge went to David Williams, Den 5; Billy Mayer, Den 10; David McEachron, Den 7; Gary Bertrand, Walter Miller, Lynn Wood, and Robert Polski, all of Den 9. Lane Forncrook of Den 10 was awarded two silver arrows.

Bear Badges were presented to Tom Bolton, Den 2; Riley McHugh, Den 7; John Seedy and David Williams, Den 5; and Douglas Johannson, Bruce Cunningham, and Cregg McDougall, all of Den 1.

Gold Arrows on the Bear badge went to John Seedy, Den 5; Douglas Johannson and Bruce Cunningham, of Den 1.

Two silver arrows on the bear badge went to Bobby Jo Ellis of Den 10.

Dale Trautman and David Williams of Den 5 received Lion badges.

One-year pins went to David Williams, Den 5; Jim Hunt, Den 1; David McEachron, Den 7; and Russ Ferguson, David Sherrill, and Cregg McDougall, all of Den 1.

Dwight Brown and Dale Trautman of Den 5 were awarded two-year pins.

Denner stripes went to David Williams, Den 5; Bruce Cunningham, Den 1; and Mike Johnson, Den 3.

Assistant Denner bars went to

each exist in any individual, family, community, city or nation public health is endangered in some degree. Despite the relatively low estate of TB today, the federal, state, and local governments, plus private organizations such as the Christmas seal supported tuberculosis societies, are spending approximately \$775 million on it annually.

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Eisenhower Faces 1959 With Greatest Executive Freedom Since Taking Job

By MERRIMAN SMITH
Washington—President Eisenhower faces 1959 with possibly the greatest degree of executive freedom he has known since entering the White House.

This is true despite the fact he will have to spend his last two years in office working with a heavily Democratic congress.

For this reason, and because he is in the home stretch of nearly 50 years of government service, the concluding years of the chief executive's term might well turn out to be the most interesting period of his official career.

Eisenhower, according to his doctor, Maj. Gen. Howard McC. Snyder, was in better than average health for a man of 68 as 1958 drew to a close. Unless future illness restricts his activities, the President is expected to play a more personal role in the conduct of his administration in the next two years.

There are several reasons for this:

—He did what he regarded as his best for the Republican party in the 1958 elections. Therefore, he has no reason to feel bowed down by any debt of gratitude to the GOP whereby he would be expected to apply the customary partisan yardstick to many domestic policies before him for consideration.

—He remains highly conscious of his place in history. —There has been a major reshuffle of the White House staff, beginning with the un-

to Malcolm Beyers, Den 3; Douglas Johannson, Den 1; and Don Stroh, Den 5.

Each Den placed different types of Christmas tree ornaments on the seven-foot Douglas fir at the end of the gym.

The gayly colored ornaments and decorations were taken to the Camp White Veterans hospital following the meeting.

—"Sparky", the fluffy yellow-colored play lion previously presented by the Crater Lions club, was awarded to Den 9 for having the highest percentage of Cubs and parents at the meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled Jan. 12 in the Roosevelt gym from 7 to 8 p.m.

State Employees Suggest Pay Boost

Salem—Officials of the Oregon State Employees association met with Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield Wednesday and suggested salary adjustments or increases for state workers totaling about \$10 million above the present biennium.

Jay Blair, Association president, said some salary adjustments were made by the 1957 Legislature but that other revisions were needed.

A retirement plan for state employees also was discussed and Association officials said it might be a good idea to create an interim committee to give thorough study to the retirement system.

"Our retirement system is now confusing to the state employees as well as the employers," Blair said. Some said there apparently are too many options in the system.

Portland Police Hunt for Robber

Portland—Police hunted today for a man who held up the Hillsdale Branch of the Multnomah bank about 1 p.m. Wednesday and escaped with \$3400.

The man threatened Mary Pitman, cashier, with a small automatic pistol. She said he asked for currency and refused silver.

The holdup man was described as dark, or tanned, with bushy eyebrows. He weighed about 155 pounds and was 35 or 40 years of age. He escaped in a 1957 Chevrolet with a blue top, white sides and blue bottom trim, witnesses said.

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der-fire resignation of Sherman Adams as the Assistant to the President. Adams' departure was marked almost immediately by Eisenhower's greater participation in matters which the former governor of New Hampshire would have considered a "bother" to the President.

The President is deeply concerned by the state of federal finances. Second only to peace in the world, he would like to see government spending under more stringent control with resultant reductions in the Federal deficit and the public debt. He'll fight members of his own party as well as Democrats on what he considers excessive spending.

—He will be less concerned about political criticism than possibly at any other time in the White House. Among other things, this seems to mean golf three times a week, weather permitting, in or out of town.

Political Trial

The year 1958 was indeed a trial for the former five-star general, politically, internationally and personally. But he seems to have withstood the rigors of frustration, annoyance and even regret rather well, judging from surface indications.

Display of Aggression

The mainland Chinese Communists pelted Nationalist-held Quemoy and Matsu in a bewildering display of off-and-on aggression which served to strain sorely the American policy of defending Formosa against enemy attack.

During the year, Eisenhower resisted the mercurial demands of Russia's Krushchev for a summit conference, but

problem of the year was the recession and he was forced to combat heavy spending remedies in and out of his own party; fend off efforts to reduce taxes and use his influence to keep the economy as close as possible to an even keel. The policies of Eisenhower and his economic advisers were rewarded late in the year as the country pulled out of the worst of the recession, although a disappointing level of unemployment persisted.

During 1958, the international scene was seldom quiet for more than few weeks at a time and even then, uneasily. The President felt it necessary to send troops into Lebanon for several months as part of a Western effort to retard the sweep of Soviet influence through the Middle East.

Then there was the election. The President put his shoulder to the GOP wheel with unusual vigor, stumping more than 7,000 miles in behalf of his party. If he changed any election results, it was not immediately discernible in the blizzard of Democratic votes that snowed in the Republicans for another two years on Capitol Hill, giving the President's political position the strongest hand in Congress since the hey-day of the New Deal.

—This could well have been

Eisenhower's last major political crusade, aside from a few speeches in behalf of the GOP presidential nominee in 1960. Current indications are that the President does not at this stage plan to intrude forcefully into the selection of the Republican standard bearer in the next national convention.

Physically, the President seems to have had a good year. His physical checkup in the late summer produced a doctors' announcement that he was in better shape than most men his age. He continued to take frequent holidays and there was a hint that 1959 might see him combining business and pleasure at some point outside the continental limits. Alaskan statehood will be formally observ-

ed July 4 and, in addition, the President always has wanted to visit Hawaii.

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HALF A SUNBURN—This is really just an experiment to discover whether the sunshine is better in San Francisco or in Miami. TWA hostess Sally Dorr, age 22, other statistics self-evident, exposes the right arm, leg, and side of the face to San Francisco's sunlight, and will now fly direct to Miami to repeat the test on the left side. Outcome of the test will be published in very fine print.

Scientists Unhappy About Disrespect For Tuberculosis

Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of articles by Delos Smith, United Press Science Editor, on the fight against tuberculosis.

By DELOS SMITH

New York—Tuberculosis scientists aren't happy about the public's increasing disrespect for tubercle bacilli. Regardless of the wonderful new drugs that have made it easier to cure tuberculosis, it cannot be forgotten that TB remains a communicable disease which can menace anyone.

The principal anti-TB drugs are streptomycin, isoniazid, and paraaminosalicylic acid or PAS. They slaughter tubercle bacilli by the multitudes, but neither in the first onslaught or in many onslaughts can they kill all the bacilli in a tuberculous lung.

Three to six months of daily drug taking are usually necessary before the patient's sputum contains no bacilli. This means lung destruction has been arrested and the patient can be turned out of the hospital, since he can no longer transmit his disease to others.

But he may well contain bacilli still. They are "sleeping" but will awake and multiply. Then lung destruction resumes and he is a TB transmitter again. That happens, of course, only if he stops taking a drug. He must not stop for a minimum of 18 months.

Millions "Positive" Another potential menace

to public health is the fact that 35 to 50 million Americans are "positive" to the tuberculin test which means their defensive chemistry once engaged tubercle bacilli successfully. They were attacked but didn't succumb. But bacilli "sleep" in many of them and many awaken and make them both tuberculous and TB-spreaders. Practically all the new cases come from "positive reactors."

Still another danger is that of the estimated 800,000 active and inactive cases of tuberculosis in the United States - one half unknown to public health authorities or private physicians.

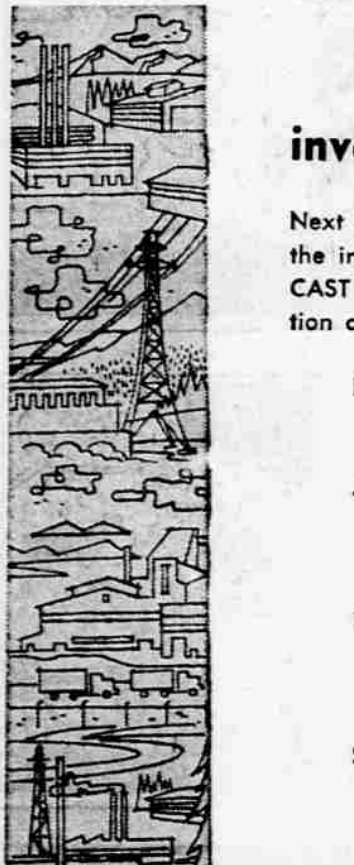
TB is conspicuously a waxing and waning disease. An active case is one in which the disease is on the upswing; when it swings downward the case is inactive - until it swings up again.

To have some 400,000 of these unsupervised "unknown" carriers around spreading bacilli displeases public health authorities.

On Way Out

They and tuberculosis scientists don't want to panic anyone, and have no need to. It can be demonstrated mathematically that tuberculosis is on its way out in the United States and Western Europe, and certainly the chances of any healthy person catching it are infinitesimal compared to what they used to be.

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