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Governor Knight Urges Construction Of Proposed Feather River Project

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SACRAMENTO (UP)—Gov. Goodwin J. Knight today urged construction of the Feather River Project "at the earliest possible moment" and asked the Legislature to spend \$5.1 million to get the gigantic project underway.

In his budget message to a joint session of the two houses, Knight said he "heartily approves" of a recommendation by the Water Project Authority that \$26.8 million should be spent to get rolling on the FRP.

But the governor said \$5.1 million was about all that could be spent in the fiscal year starting July 1, 1956. He promised he will press for the rest of the money when the Legislature returns in 1957, or whenever the initial steps have been completed and construction is ready to start.

The FRP is a \$1.5 billion undertaking to transport water from the Feather River watershed to San Diego County.

The Legislature authorized the project in 1951 but never has appropriated a dime to start construction.

"The December floods demonstrated all too forcefully the great urgency for commencing the FRP at the earliest possible moment," Knight said.

"This project now has been thoroughly studied and reviewed. It has been found engineeringly and financially feasible by eminently competent authorities both in and outside the state service."

The adoption of this recommended appropriation will be a commitment by the State of California to proceed without delay with the construction work of relocating the railroad and the highway.

"It will constitute a further commitment to follow through promptly on the construction of the Oroville Reservoir itself as the next step, involving an outlay of some \$400 million."

Knight's request included \$900,000 to acquire the San Luis Dam and Reservoir site; \$824,000 to purchase the site of the dam about

five miles above Oroville; \$1,360,000 for surveys, explorations and investigations and \$1,360,000 for actual construction plans and specifications.

The remainder of the \$5.1 million will be spent to acquire right of way for relocation of the Western Pacific Railroad and highway in Feather River Canyon.

The governor did not discuss the San Luis controversy nor the counties of origin question, two stumbling blocks in progress of the FRP in past sessions.

But his actual budget request

for the project did contain a line which said:

"Only that work which must be done by the state irrespective of who builds the San Luis unit has been included for San Luis Dam."

The San Luis controversy involves the question of whether the state or federal government should build the dam and reservoir on the West Side of San Joaquin Valley. It caused a split in the Senate last session which blocked almost every legislative proposal dealing with the FRP.

"Knight did not mention it today, but last week in a speech in Los Angeles he said that no money should be spent for purchase of the San Luis site "until mutually satisfactory arrangements have been reached with the federal government for integration of the San Luis Project with the FRP or until July 1, 1957."

Some legislators, particularly Southern California representatives said they still feel no start should be made on the FRP until the county of origin water question is settled.

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The officers' platform was moved to the bank's south well opposite the teller counter, permitting four teller stations and the addition of about 250 square feet of interior clerical area. There are now 10 teller stations.

Fluorescent lighting was installed and the interior was redecorated.

All work was done locally under the direction of John Weber, construction superintendent for Continental Service Company of San Francisco.

Women Of Moose To Exchange Visits

WEED—An invitation to attend and participate in a meeting in Klamath Falls Sunday, March 11, was read to the Women of the Moose Chapter No. 1035 at the regular meeting of the local chapter Thursday night, February 23, with Mrs. Ray Hanks, presiding.

The Klamath Falls meeting will honor Mooseheart Baby Village.

Mrs. M. Borgman and Mrs. John Stokes were hostesses for the regular meeting and served refreshments to 12 members.

Pellegrino Heads Newman's Club

WEED—Frank Pellegrino, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Pellegrino, has been elected president of Newman's Club, a Catholic organization on Oregon State College campus. The club's membership is over 300.

Frank is a junior, a major in agricultural engineering, a member of Lambda Chi and played guard on the OSC Beavers' football square for the last three seasons.

The Newman's Club held a successful spaghetti dinner as its annual project and Frank was chairman and chief cook.

SERMON
WASHINGTON (UP)—President Eisenhower heard a sermon Sunday on a topic that had a familiar ring.

Dr. L. R. Elson of National Presbyterian Church where the President attended the 9 a.m. service spoke on "Alternatives in High Decisions."

LAST GAME

SAN FRANCISCO (UP)—San Francisco's fabulous Dons play their last home game of the season Tuesday night, going after their 51st consecutive victory against St. Mary's at the Cow Palace.

K. C. Jones will be making his last appearance with the Dons. He is ineligible for NCAA competition which starts for the Dons March 16 when they play UCLA in a regional tournament at Corvallis, Ore.

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