

Scout Week Event Stated

"For God and My Country," motto of the Boy Scouts, will echo through every city and town in the United States beginning Friday, February 7.

This is the beginning of National Boy Scout Week, which ends Thursday, February 13, and commemorates the 48th anniversary of the organization.

In the Klamath Basin, as will be done throughout the nation, scouts will wear their uniforms to school and to church on Boy Scout Sunday, February 9.

This will be in addition to the Cub Scout blue and gold dresses most of the packs are holding for their parents and friends.

Participating in this year's theme, the Safety Good Turn, will be 65 scout units composed of 2,000 boys and 500 leaders who will bring together for a public demonstration those groups involved in the safety program of the community. It will be shown how these agencies work together in the interest of safety and how the Boy Scouts will work toward interesting youth in safety.

Klamath Basin merchants will feature safety displays, arranged by units in their own neighborhoods. There will be demonstrations in school assemblies and on street corners, church and school lawns, building lobbies and public squares, when scouts and Explorer Scouts demonstrate scout skills in safety.

"For God and My Country" is more than just a motto. It's the confirmation and a pledge from the youth of our nation that our promise of tomorrow lies in them.

The Boy Scouts are a United Fund organization.



OPEN HOUSE for Ruth Gustavson, new Klamath County Home Extension agent was attended by members of home extension units from all parts of the county. Reception hours were from 1 to 3 p.m. in the lecture room of the exhibit building at the Klamath County Fairgrounds. The affair was sponsored by the alumni and members of the Klamath County Home Extension Committee. Pouring is Mrs. R. L. Fleming. Standing, left to right, are Miss Gustavson, Mrs. Lee Holliday and Mrs. W. B. Bickers. The floral arrangement of daffodils, acacia and carnations, that centered the tea table, was presented to the guest of honor.

EXHIBIT DRAWS INTEREST

VIENNA (UP) — An American architecture exhibit in Bucharest is attracting unusual interest in Communist Romania, informed sources reported today. The sources said 150,000 persons saw the exhibit during its first 12 days.

and Romanian newspapers and magazines have published long commentary. The three-week exhibit was organized by the Romanian Union of Architects and the Romanian Institute for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

BIG BEAVER

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Beavers were a lot bigger 8-12,000 years ago. An upper jawbone found at a construction site here indicates beavers of that era weighed perhaps 500-600 pounds and were roughly the size of a black bear.

Financial Woes To Face New California Governor

By **JAMES C. ANDERSON**
SACRAMENTO (AP) — California's new governor faces a financial headache when he takes office in 1959.

No matter whether it will be Democrat Edmund G. (Pat) Brown or Republican William F. Knowland, the problem will be acute. The financial crisis facing the state is brought about by a number of factors—unprecedented growth, demands for new and better services in such fields as mental hygiene, a falling off of business generally in the last few months and the need, perhaps necessity to find new revenue to finance water development.

Outgoing Republican Gov. Goodwin J. Knight is no more responsible for the financial plight of the state than is the Legislature with which he has operated in the past five years.

Knight foresaw the need for new revenues as long ago as 1955—but the Legislature at that time refused to enact a cigarette tax or increase liquor, horse racing and beer levies by enough to balance the need for additional income.

In the budget Knight submitted to the Legislature Monday, February 3, he asked for no new or higher taxes although his own finance department admitted state revenues in the 1958-59 fiscal year will fall about \$100,000,000 short of matching general fund expenditures.

Knight said he was not seeking new taxes because he had been told by influential leaders in both houses of the Legislature that the legislators would not vote for tax increases in an election year. By 1959, when either Knowland

or Brown will take office, the state's financial outlook will be even darker.

Robert Harkness, chief of the budget division of the state Department of Finance, estimates the 1959-60 budget will be between 200 and 250 million dollars out of balance.

To further complicate matters, the estimated deficiency in '59-60 cannot be made up by using surpluses and reserve funds, most of which were whittled away by the Legislature and by Knight to "balance" earlier budgets.

Nor does the budget picture for next year include any general fund money, that is money from such tax sources as the sales tax, for water development.

And water, according to Harvey O. Banks, state director of the Department of Water Resources, should get about \$125,000,000 a year for an indefinite period if the state is to go forward with the Feather River Project and other units of the California water plan.

Not only that, but the state should spend, according to Harkness, about \$80,000,000 a year from general fund sources for "hard core capital outlay," that is new plants and buildings for state agencies.

The Knight budget proposed for 1958-59 allocates no general fund revenues to capital outlay but will finance building needs out of a bond issue which will be almost exhausted by 1960.

2. How to finance orderly development of the state's water resources.

3. How to finance building needs for state colleges, prisons, mental hospitals and other departments of state government.

Many observers feel the only logical way out of the dilemma is to levy new taxes or perhaps increase the state sales tax. But even in 1959, which is not an election year, that will be unpopular with the Legislature and probably with the new governor.

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