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State Budget

By FLOYD L. WYNNE

The newly announced state budget of 299 million dollars represents a 24 million dollar increase over the last two-year budget.

Governor Holmes budget gave increases to all departments mostly at the expense of the state building funds.

He slashed the building fund requests from 35 million dollars down to \$2.5 million, or a cut of some \$32.5 million.

This, of course, will pose a tremendous problem for the incoming administration, and most certainly will be the subject of a tremendous battle in the Legislature.

Most certainly, the building funds will be increased. The proposed figure of \$2.5 million compares with \$13.8 million spent during the past two years.

The increases granted by the governor were 10 million dollars for the basic school fund, eight million dollars for higher education, seven million dollars for institutions, two million dollars for welfare, and seven million dollars for others.

In commenting on the slash in building funds, incoming Gov.-elect Mark Hatfield said, "It was apparently done to enable the Finance Department to unrealistically balance the budget."

The recently released third portion of the taxation survey by Dr. John F. Sly pointed out "If Oregon is to maintain a favorable tax position with competitive states, it must accept, for the time being, a restraint on spending programs, a restraint on additional revenues from its present income levies; and a restraint on expenditures from its property tax bases."

Clearly a 34 million dollar increase in the state budget is not the answer. It's palmed off as only a 24 million dollar increase, but it actually has been made to look that way by the use of a slash in building funds.

What the Legislature will do with the budget is still open to question, but I, for one, hope that they will listen carefully to Dr. Sly's recommendations, and hold the line on spending.

There are other departments that can be cut back. The budget listed is only that portion of the budget that comes from Legislature appropriated general funds. The Highway Commission for instance will spend almost as much money as all of the general fund agencies put together.

Dr. Sly has hoisted the caution sign, and clearly warned that Oregon must proceed cautiously in any additional expenditures. Let's take a good sharp look at that budget, and the budgets of all the other state departments, and prune carefully and wisely, but prune!

In three and one-half years, the city water works had been put in and Fred L. Moore, of Dorris Hardware, was given his final check in the amount of \$1,777.92.

Interesting voucher items show the life of the community. A "pest house" had been set up at the foot of the hill to the east of Dorris and it was moved three times at a cost of \$2.25 for the first two moves and then \$3. Finally, the city bought a tent house from Ira Whitcomb for \$22.50 for summer housing of patients with contagious diseases.

Most of the town has been rebuilt twice after disastrous fires razed the buildings. The city hall was wiped out both times and the one "demand and warrant book" is the only 1908 record book left.

Neither fire nor disaster could quench the civic pride in the little community just below the Oregon-California line. Ask any of the thousand or more residents and you'll get this answer: "We're always booming down here."

came that we might have peace. Men of greed and hate rule parts of the world we live in, and have no respect for the Babe of Bethlehem, yet He had a twofold purpose in His life, that if followed now, would produce blessings everywhere. Hideous weapons of destruction are made to destroy civilization, but He offers a tree that men may never die.

First, Jesus lived that He might help others. The blind could receive their sight. The heartbroken could come, and leave with a mended heart. Sorrowing and bereaved people could leave His presence with the knowledge that "He cared." No one in need was ever turned away. We need this spirit of helping others in the world now. His was a life devoted to the welfare of all, and is best expressed by the song, "My Saviour was sent from Heav'n above. My Saviour was sent to bring God's love; Tho' all of His wondrous grace is free, and all that He asks is that others see Jesus in me."

Lastly, Jesus came to share what He had with us. He shared with the 500 when they had no bread. He shared with the disciples when they had no fish. He shared all He possessed that He might bring joy to others, this is one of the greatest needs today that we share with those less fortunate than we. This is the real spirit of Christmas, not what will I receive, but what can I give to make others happy. The Bible declares, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." May we all enter into the spirit of Christmas with a new dedication that we present ourselves to Christ, then go out and help and share with others the joys that we have received from our association with Him.

Christmas Poem

By NELSON REED

For 'most a week, dear Santa now,
I've been most awful good.
I've brushed my teeth and washed my face
And never spilled my food.

I've scarcely ever yelled
Or run around like mad,
I've done most everything Mom's said
And mostly too for Dad.

I haven't overflowed the tub
Nor left the water run,
I've been as good as I can be
And Santa, it's no fun.

I've wiped my feet 'fore I came in,
And also wiped my nose.
I've picked up almost all my toys
And put away my clothes.

I try to be so awful good,
You'd better come right quick
Cause Mom is getting worried
And she thinks I may be sick.

I've said my prayers most every night
And God blessed everyone.
So Santa, hurry up and come,
I want to have some fun.

Please fill my stocking clear up full
And don't forget the tree,
And bring a lot of presents for
My Dad and Mom and me.

I'm writing you just what I want
So you won't have to worry.
Just put it all in your big pack.
Please, Santa, won't you hurry?

God's Gift

Editor's Note: This is another guest editorial on the true meaning of Christmas, written before the birthday of Christ by pastors of Klamath Falls churches.

By REV. HARRY STRACHAN
Pastor, Klamath Temple

As we approach the Christmas season, and our thoughts go back to Bethlehem, and as we prepare our Christmas trees, may we remind ourselves of the real spirit of Christmas. When we place our gifts under the tree, may we remember that God hung His greatest gift on a tree nearly two thousand years ago, and that gift was His only begotten Son, born of a woman, for we read, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through Him might be saved." The Babe of Bethlehem became the Saviour of the world.

Today we live in a world of fear and frustration, whereas Jesus

Washington News

By JAMES MARLOW

Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP) — Until Thursday night's Atlas firing, the past few weeks in Washington have been the dullist in years.

But come January things will be popping on both the congressional and diplomatic fronts.

In the Senate some Northern Democrats and Republicans will start a fight to make it easier to smash a filibuster. This means a quarrel with Southern Democrats, probably a bitter one.

In the House, Southern Democrats will be in another fight: over a committee recommendation to bar an Arkansas segregationist, Dr. Dale Alford of Little Rock, from taking the seat now held by Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark). Alford was elected over Hays by a write-in vote.

Senate Republicans will be having a family battle. A batch of Republicans, who consider themselves more progressive than their present Senate leaders, will try to take over.

The political sharpshooting will get off to a running start in early January when President Eisenhower dumps his State of the Union message in the lap of Congress. This message sets forth his program for 1959.

Democrats will be tearing into this all year. Since Eisenhower insists he wants to keep down spending, his program is bound to be fairly conservative. You can hear the Democrats' beet now; the program doesn't go far enough.

Not long after his State of the Union message, Eisenhower will send Congress his budget for the fiscal year starting next July 1. This is his estimate of how much he thinks the government should

Dorris

By FLORENCE JENKINS

Birthday anniversary greetings to Dorris, California.

Fifty years ago today a few hardy souls decided that, if the Otey ranch and the railroad workers were included, there would be enough people to incorporate the town of Dorris.

The single record book from those early days shows the payment of \$125 to Marcus Purcell, attorney, for drawing up the articles of incorporation.

John H. Hughes was hired as night watchman and the record book shows he signed for \$38 pay and \$18.10 which represented five per cent of the license fees he collected.

Possibly one reason for the town was the building of the Southern Pacific railroad lines at that location. SP crews put up a shanty and then built the tunnel. The railroad missed the little community of Picard, so three of four buildings from Picard were picked up and moved to Dorris. One, at least, the Nazarene Church, is still in use.

S. H. (Sub) Reeves of Dorris was born at Bestwick and came to Dorris as a lad of about 12 in the town's early years. He remembers the little one-room frame jail as a point of interest to the school boys. When he started ranching near Dorris, he put down one of the first irrigation wells in the area. He recalls there were 13 saloons in early day Dorris, too.

F. C. Stitzer, cashier at the Butte Valley State Bank, was elected as the town's first mayor.

A newspaper was established as one of the first businesses and the old record book shows E. L. Burris as publisher of the Dorris Booster. Civic pride was evidenced by vouchers for boring a well in the city park at a cost of \$3 and an item for \$2.50 for placing a pump in the park. Garden seeds were paid for by the city to beautify the town.

SHORT RIBS



By Frank O'Neal



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COME BACK YOU COWARD!

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



MR. AND MRS. SANTA CLAUS posed for Herald and News correspondent Betty Dow when they stopped in Yreka recently to bring treats to the children of the area. Sometimes Mr. and Mrs. Claus are known as Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larson of Yreka, but in December everyone knows they are really Santa and his wife from the North Pole.

Siskiyou Couple Busy In Santa Claus Role

By BETTY DOW

MONTAGUE — Santa Claus is a name that always brings forth the image of a short, rotund figure with twinkling blue eyes, rosy cheeks and a long white beard. He is a jolly fellow. When the name of Mrs. Santa Claus is coupled with his name, a fitting mate must be visualized.

In Siskiyou County, it isn't too difficult to do, because there is a perfectly matched Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, who for 11 months out of the year are just Mr. and Mrs. Charles Larson of Yreka.

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus of Siskiyou County are busy people from the time of their first appearance in Yreka at the annual opening of the Yule shopping season, sponsored by the chamber of commerce.

From that time on, the couple are in steady demand to make appearances at various Christmas functions throughout the county. On their own, they always manage to visit the Siskiyou County General Hospital to see all patients, including the elderly.

Larson, as Santa Claus, made his solo appearances at schools and churches for many years until 1950. In 1951 he introduced his wife as Mrs. Santa Claus for the first time. At that time, he was quite certain there were no other teams as unique in the country.

Mrs. Santa is perfect for the part with white hair, rosy cheeks and a bright smile. Her costume consists of a red skirt, coat and bonnet, trimmed with white fur, and she always wears white boots.

The Larsons have had special stationery designed with the letterhead of Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus, Yreka Headquarters, which they use in answering letters from children. The letters are addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus.

SOMETHING WRONG

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — It didn't take Gov. Milward L. Simpson long to spot something wrong with the Wyoming Highway Department's new \$1,200,000 office building.

On the metal dedicatory plaque in the building, the governor's name was incorrectly spelled "Millard."

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