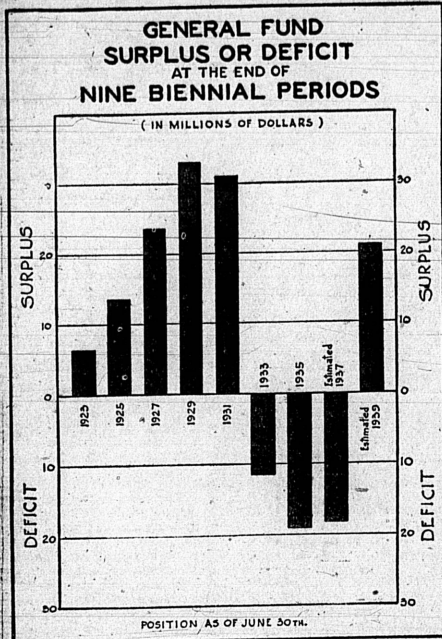


Governor Says State Budget Balances, No New Taxes Are Necessary and Surplus Possible In Two Years



By FRANK F. MERRIAM
Governor of California

It is with much gratification that I find it possible to announce that the budget of the state of California for the biennial period ending June 30, 1937, has been brought into balance.

In the budget for 1937-1939, which I have submitted to the legislature, I recommended that no new taxes of any kind be imposed at this session, and that the administration's economy policies be continued, in order that the state's general fund may accumulate a surplus by June 30, 1939.

The balanced budget for the current biennium includes an item of \$48,000,000 appropriated two years ago for unemployment relief. At the time this appropriation was made it was believed that the entire amount would have to be added to the then existing deficit of \$19,000,000 inherited from the preceding biennium.

Evidence of the healthy condition of state finances is further indicated by the fact that the carry-over deficit will itself be reduced by approximately \$1,000,000. Hence, instead of a deficit of more than \$77,000,000 as estimated two years ago, the actual amount will not exceed \$18,000,000.

Furthermore, if the budget recommendations which I shall submit to the legislature for the ensuing biennial period are enacted without additional appropriations by legislative action, not only will the entire amount of the old deficit be wiped out, but we shall be able to close the biennium ending June 30, 1939, with a surplus which we now estimate will be in excess of \$21,000,000.

Power Service Records Broken

Edison Company Announces \$6,500,000 Expenditure

Service records of the Southern California Edison Company reached all-time highs during 1936, according to C. C. Bartlett, manager for the company, who attended the recent annual meeting of Edison officers, department heads and managers in Los Angeles.

Plans for increased company activities in 1937, calling for the expenditure of a capital budget of \$6,500,000 were announced. A large portion of the budget, which is \$4,000,000 greater than that of the previous year, will be expended for the construction of a transmission line to bring the Edison company's share of Boulder dam power into Edison territory. Construction will be started within a month or two, and the line will be completed in July, 1938.

"The number of active meters on the Edison system marks a new high record," Bartlett said. "The total at the close of the year was 489,000, a gain of 16,500 for 1936. The number of idle meters on the system is now at the lowest point of record."

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F. E. Dayton of Salinas, Cal., is shown being inducted into office as the new president of the California Real Estate Association at its recent meeting at Del Monte, Cal.

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Son Succeeds Father in Navy

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Lomita Family Has Fine Service Record

If a tradition can be formed in two generations, then the Lomita branch of the Stahnke family can be said to have established that which embraces service to the nation when 18-year-old Parker Stahnke was assigned this week to duty at the San Diego navy training station, following his enlistment.

Young Parker is the son of C. J. Stahnke, former chief yeoman aboard the U.S.S. Parker when her European base was at Liverpool during the World War. The new recruit is also the grandson of a British army officer. He was born as the war came to a close and named after the destroyer upon which his father was serving.

It was in Liverpool that Chief Yeoman Stahnke met a Miss Goodwin, who was to become Mrs. Stahnke. At about the same time as she was married, Mrs. Stahnke's sister wed a dispatch rider in the British army, who was later killed in action. Mrs. Stahnke also has a brother in the British navy and one in His Majesty's army. A third brother was killed in action in France.

One of young Parker Stahnke's ambitions is to be aboard an American naval vessel when it visits England so he can meet his grandparents in Liverpool. He recently gradu-

State May Enter Wholesale Liquor Business This Year

If enough other legislators agree, California may go into the wholesale liquor business sometime this year. Assemblyman Godfrey A. Andrews, Upland, has asked the legislative counsel bureau to draw a bill for him which, if adopted, would place the state in the liquor business for the purpose of regulating the trade in distilled spirits, wine and beer, and providing a new source of revenue for the state.

Deer are reported plentiful in the scrub forests in central Florida.

City Fire Policies Renewed By Council

On motion by Councilman Tom McGuire, Tuesday night, the city council renewed the fire insurance on all city buildings carried with the Gulf Insurance company, whose local representative is W. H. Gilbert. The cost of the combined policies, including the "falling building clause" was \$382.90, according to McGuire, and the policies will run for three years. The council had received three estimates on the city insurance—from B. C. Buxton and Howard G. Locke, who substituted identical "board rates." The Gulf company is a non-board firm.

MWD Officers Are Re-Elected

Have Served Since District Was Formed in 1938

Chairman W. P. Whitsett and the other officers of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Water district of Southern California who have served with him since the establishment of the district, entered into another two-year term recently following their unanimous reelection at a meeting of the board last Friday. Judge C. T. Rippey, this city's representative on the board, participated in the meeting.

Other officers of the board who were reelected to serve with Chairman Whitsett are Vice-Chairman Franklin Thomas, director from Pasadena, and Secretary S. H. Finley, director from Santa Ana. Chairman Whitsett is one of the Los Angeles directors on the board.

These three officers of the board have served continuously since the formation of the district in 1928. Members of the district board of directors receive no salaries, and the board officers are also non-salaried. Because of the large volume of business being transacted by the Metropolitan Water district in its construction of the Colorado river aqueduct, the three board officers are required to devote considerable time exclusively to their official district duties, and this time, it is pointed out, is given without compensation.

At the same meeting of the board, Arthur P. Creel took his oath of office as the new director representing the city of Santa Monica. Creel succeeds Mayor Edmund C. Gillett, of Santa Monica, who resigned recently and appointed Creel to fill the vacancy.

PLAN SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR KIWANIS MEETING

Jess Shippe and Alden Smith are planning an exceptional program for the Jan. 25 meeting of the Kiwanis club, it is reported. Last Monday Smith was in charge of the program and presented Dr. Stewart, of the School of Government faculty at the University of California, who spoke on "Public Welfare."

LEGISLATIVE SIDELIGHTS

By United Press

Seth Millington, new assemblyman from Gridley, was almost late to the opening session. In his hotel room, he made a grab for a clean shirt and pulled out—a duck decoy. It seems he grabbed the wrong hand bag when he left for Sacramento.

One assemblyman, admiring the new soundproof walls of the remodeled committee rooms, remarked: "Well, it sure improves the statistics."

Use of the electric voting machine in the assembly, with its red and green lights indicating "nay" and "aye" votes, still is in the experimental stage, particularly with some of the new members. The habit of pressing one button and then the other, prompted one observer to remark: "Just a bunch of traffic cops that can't make up their minds."

The delegation sent by the senate to the assembly to inform the lower house that the senate was ready for business was made up of a group of former assemblymen, graduated by the last election. One of them, Roy Neilson, of Sacramento, told the assembly: "We'll promise not to call this the 'Hall of Winds' if you won't refer to the senate as the 'House of Lords.' No promises were made."



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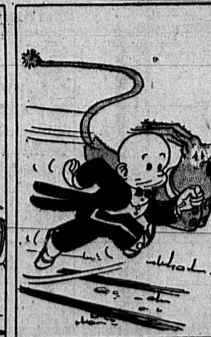
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