

# MODERATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



**MORGANTON**—In a few weeks, the President will present the Budget to Congress outlining the Federal expenditures he proposes for the next fiscal year beginning July 1. For weeks now the Budget has been reviewing Departmental Agency requests fitting them into the Administration's spending plans.

Like all budgets, the January proposal will reflect the philosophy of its chief architect, the President. In the final analysis, he must decide how much he will ask to spend, what programs he wants to finance, and this will represent to a considerable extent his calculated assessment of the Congressional mood. Once it is presented, Congress will begin to choose and weigh programs in authorization bills. Later on will come the task of setting the amounts to be spent in appropriation measures. As this process begins, it is to be noted that for fiscal year 1964-65 now in progress, the Administration sought funds amounting to \$98.2 billion. Congress trimmed this amount by

\$4.1 billion to appropriations totaling \$94.1 billion.

Due to the nature of Administration commitments, the new budget will represent at best an uneasy truce between conflicting goals. The Administration is on record as advocating a "sound dollar". Yet it is all too clear that the dollar of today is overburdened. The Administration is pledged to a thrifty budget. In the understanding commonly given that term, this would place a practical budget ceiling at or near the \$100 billion level.

These objectives are complicated by the advocacy of new domestic programs and built-in increases which may be urged for existing programs. New health, education, and poverty programs thus take on a cost context. Current revenues are expected to fall short of current spending by about \$6 billion.

Programming for the needs of the country is at best a difficult assignment involving many choices and priorities. Tax considerations are deeply involved. Two new tax

proposals could have a significant bearing on spending programs. These concern the Administration plans for the reduction of Federal excise taxes and allocation of a fixed portion of Federal revenues for return to the State.

It is important to note that in some of the principal areas where new programs are proposed, Federal expenditures currently run at high levels. Federal aid to education will amount to \$1.5 billion for the present fiscal year. Public health services are programmed at \$2 billion in Federal funds, and Federal welfare assistance programs are scheduled to get almost \$3 billion during the current fiscal period.

Again this year it is almost certain that Congress will be requested to enact appropriations requiring Treasury borrowing. It would be viewed as unusual if Congress is not so urged. "Deficit financing" has become standard procedure in annual Federal budgets. Even so, there prevails that uneasy feeling that brings new language each year about the so-called values of financial expenditures in easy fashion.

Whatever the Administration proposes in the new Budget, Congress will have the ultimate task of deciding which, if any, of the new and old programs requiring authorization are to be accepted, and how much each Department and Agency shall receive. This legislative task will occupy much of the session with the final decisions not likely before summer comes.

## Dear SANTA

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I would like to have a pair of saddle bags and a candy cane and puppet.

**April is my baby sister.** She would like a teddy bear, baby doll and rattles.

Love,  
**BARRY AND APRIL LOCKAMY**  
Erwin

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Will you please bring me a vacuum truck, a Mr. Ogg, a bear and a gun target set, and some other nice toys for Christmas?

I love you very much, Santa, and thank you very kindly.

I shall leave you a candy bar and a glass of milk on the table.

Love,  
**JODY WEST HINSON**  
208 E. Harnett St.  
Dunn

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I have been a good little girl this year. I would like for you to bring me a Tiny Tear doll, table and chairs, Cow Girl suit, and a surprise. Bring my sister, Diane, a Musical doll and Snap Beads. Be good to the other boys and girls. I will leave you a glass of milk and cake on the table.

Love,

**RHONDA KEEN**  
100 N. McKay  
Dunn

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I am nine years old. I have a sister five years old. She would like a tea set, a cash register, a doll, luggage and refrigerator, stove and sink. I would like an Eldon figure 8 set, army equipment, world globe, and a football. I will leave you some cake, fruit, and something to drink.

Love,  
**JAMES & ANN HAIR**  
510 S. Magnolia Ave.  
Dunn

## Top Students Seeking Scholarship

Top ranking high school seniors in this area will compete for scholarships being given by A and T. College at Greensboro.

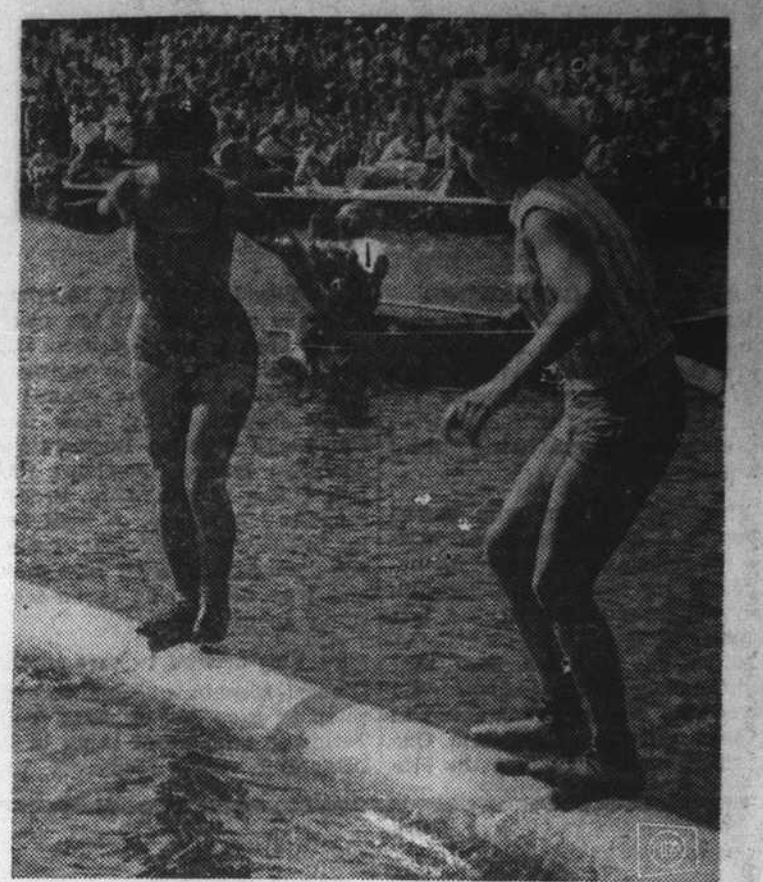
The scholarship winners are to be selected on the basis of high scores earned on competitive college entrance examinations to be given at 36 testing centers.

The test is being conducted for the convenience of students in this area at the Harnett High School at Dunn on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 1965, beginning promptly at 12:30 o'clock.

G. D. McNeil, Jr., Counselor of Harnett High School, said costs for the examinations are being borne entirely by the A. and T. College General Alumni Association and there are no fees charged to participating students.

Leading the list of individual awards are several scholarships of \$1,600 each being given by the A. and T. Alumni group.

More than \$65,000, in tuition scholarships, will also be awarded by the college. David McNeil, a 1964 graduate of Harnett High is currently enrolled at A & T College, having earned one of these scholarships in competitive examination for \$1,600.



**SPORTS SCRAMBLE:** The wild search for sports oddities has led networks far for material. Here, the two girls struggle for balance on a log, as recorded by ABC.

### CAPT. EASY

A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE MUSEUM, BART ABANDONS THE TRUCK TO JOIN THE OTHERS.

TAKE THAT MUG OFF, PEEBEE... PUT YOUR TOPCOAT ON OVER TH' DRESS! WE'LL DROP YOU AT YOUR ROOM!

I'LL GRAB TH' TRAIN TO BALTIMORE... IN CASE I NEED AN ALIBI!

WOULD OUR LANDLADY YOU TOOK 'MILLY' THERE AT NOON, AND TO ALLAY HER SUSPICION, WHEN THE COPS FIND THE CASE WE LEFT IN THE MUSEUM, I TOOK MY SPARE CASE TO OUR ROOM EARLY TONIGHT!

YOU COULDN'T LEAVE YOUR POST TO CHECK ON MY ABSENCE... BUT YOU COULD STAY AWAY WITH THAT KID! WHERE'S GROGAN? HE'S CALLING THE POLICE.

LISTEN, SIRENS! THAT MUSEUM IS SWARMING WITH COPS BY NOW!

THEY'LL SOON HAVE DESCRIBED TONS OF BART AND ME! WE MUST LAY LOW, AND STRENGTHEN OUR ALIBI!

AS LEW AY AND BUNCO SNEAK UP TO THEIR ROOMS, UNSEEN

NOBODY HERE SAW US SLIP OUT TONIGHT... BUT WE MUST CONVINC 'EM WE DIDN'T!

YES, OUR PLAN WILL DO THAT... AND GIVE A REASON FOR MY STAYING INDOORS... TILL KOONTZ'S PICTURE IS RETURNED, AND WE GET THE PAINTINGS HIDDEN IN IT!

SORRY TO DISTURB YOU A-MAN... BUT LEW'S BEEN AILING ALL NIGHT... DO YOU HAVE ANY ASPRIN?

OF COURSE! HE LOOKED FEAK-ED WHEN I SAW HIM LUG IN HIS CELLO AFTER SUPPER! I'LL BORROW MR. KOONTZ'S THERMOMETER!

### ALLY OOP

BETTER PUT SOME ASHES ON OUR ICY WALK, HENRY!

OKAY!

LATER

MY, THAT DIDN'T TAKE LONG!

OH, I'M NOT THROUGH YET...

I HAVE TO RELOAD MY PIPE!

OKAY, LARD, HIT THE SLOPE... BUT BE CAREFUL!

OKAY!

BE SURE TO GO AROUND THAT TREE!

NEVER QUESTION A PRO...

I HOPE I WAS ENOUGH!

### NANCY

OH, THANK YOU!! IT'LL BE THE HAPPIEST CHRISTMAS FOR MY GRAND-DAUGHTER!!

BIG DEAL!! IT'LL BE THE SAME OLD HUMILIATIN' CHRISTMAS FOR ME!!

NO SENSE HANGIN' AROUND HERE NO MORE!!

CLAUS!! YOU FAT PHONY!! THERE WASN'T NO CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR ME ON THAT CORNER!!

SO-I AM GONNA LIQUEFY YOU WIT' MY QUADRUPLE WHAMMY!!

OH, OH... THERE'S THE TRUANT OFFICER

I'LL RUN THROUGH HERE AND MAKE A GETAWAY

IS IT BECAUSE Y-YOU FEEL SO GOOD?

RIGHT!!--YOU SHOULD'VE SEEN TH' WAY THAT KID AN' THAT OLD LADY LOOKED WHEN I GIVE 'EM THEIR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!!

NUTTIN' EVER MADE ME FEEL SO GOOD IN ALL MY ROTTEN LIFE!!

CHUCKLE--THAT FEELING IS YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT, EVIL-EYE!!

### DICK TRACY

MOON MAID IS AN EXPERT AT HANDLING THE SHIP. WE MADE THE TRIP IN ONE HOUR AND 32 MINUTES.

WHAT'S IN THE ESCARGOT SHELL?

ROCK SAMPLES.

YOU KNOW, WHEN THEY TELL YOU THE MOON'S SURFACE IS LIKE CRUNCHY ICE CREAM, OR A BIG LAYER OF DUST, THEY'RE PULLING YOUR LEG.

OUR SURFACE IS DIRT AND STONE, JUST LIKE EARTHS.

THESE ROCK SAMPLES ARE EXACTLY LIKE ROCKS FOUND IN COLORADO AND WESTERN U.S.

MOON MAID WANTS TO WALK DOWNTOWN AND SEE THE CROWDS--AND DO A LITTLE SHOPPING.

LIKE THAT?--IT'S SNOWING!

REMEMBER, MOON PEOPLE CAN ACCOMMODATE TO ANY TEMPERATURE-- BUT SHE KNEW SHE'D HAVE TO CONFORM.

SHE HAD HER MOTHER MAKE HER A COAT JUST FOR EARTH.

### NANCY

WHAT YOU LUNKS DOWN! BACK HERE?

WE HADDA GO SOMEWHERE!

WE CAN'T SPEND TH' NIGHT WITH OUT SOME KIND OF SHELTER!

NOT WITH ALL THOSE HUNGRY-LOOKIN' CRITTERS WALKIN' AROUND!

WELL, SHE'S GOTTA HAVE A CAVE OF SOME KIND 'SPEND TH' NIGHT IN MY GOODNESS!

AT'S RIGHT...

AN' YOURS IS TH' ONLY ONE AROUND THAT'S PRACTICALLY EMPTY!

YEH! WHY CAN'T SHE STAY IN YOUR CAVE?

BECAUSE I'M GONNA STAY IN IT, THAT'S WHY?

### NANCY

GET OFF THAT FENCE

YOU'RE MAKING ME NERVOUS

OH, OH... THERE'S THE TRUANT OFFICER

I'LL RUN THROUGH HERE AND MAKE A GETAWAY

PUFF PUFF

PUBLIC SCHOOL