

New Chief to Come From Local Ranks, City Manager Says

City Manager Richard L. Larsen said today he expects to appoint a new police chief from within the department within the next two weeks.

If he has to go outside the department for a new chief, Mr. Larsen said it could be "late January to mid-February" before the appointment can be made.

Chief LeRoy A. Jacobsen announced Tuesday he will retire Jan. 3 after serving 29 years on the police force and chief since 1966.

Although the City Charter gives the manager sole authority in appointments, Mr. Larsen said he will "confer with the City Council" before appointing a new police chief.

Family Gets Bomb Threat Call; Traced

SOUTH OGDEN — Police defused a telephoned bomb threat here early today, tracing the call to an Ogden apartment.

South Ogden Police Officer Darrell Jones said a man was taken into custody. Federal charges of making a telephoned bomb threat may be filed, the officer said.

According to police, a call was received at about 5:37 a.m. at the home of Gerald Warren, 5393 S. 700 E., threatening to blow up the house and car.

Two South Ogden officers and fire department officials responded.

Police were able to trace the call to an apartment near 2600 Gramercy.

No incident was reported at the home, police said.

Time on School Meeting Altered

A meeting to consider the future of the Weber Community Education Center originally scheduled for 8 a.m. today was rescheduled to a later hour today.

Ogden School District officials asked for the later hour—1:30 p.m.—in their offices in order to give them additional time to prepare data.

The lack of funds could force the closure of the facility by Feb. 1, it was reported at a meeting late last week.

HOSPITAL 'BANK' RE-ACCREDITED

St. Benedict's Hospital's blood bank has been accredited again for a two-year period by the American Association of Blood Banks.

This certifies the level of technical and administrative performance within their blood bank or transfusion service meets or exceeds the standards established by the association.

Former Banker Given Three Years Probation

A former Ogden banker has been sentenced to three years probation and handed a \$2,000 fine for a conviction of misappropriating funds at Commercial Security Bank.

Gordon Belnap was found guilty last month by a federal court jury on one count of misappropriating \$5,000 in funds.

U.S. District Judge Aldon J. Anderson today in Salt Lake City ordered Mr. Belnap, a former vice president of the bank,

to "supervised probation."

The defendant's attorney, C. DeMont Judd, said he hasn't decided whether the conviction would be appealed.

The former banker was found guilty of misappropriating a cashier's check for \$5,000.

He had claimed "it was not true."

The same jury acquitted the former banker on a second charge of misapplication of funds.

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Mr. Larsen has followed this policy since his appointment as city manager.

The manager said he advertised the opening within the department immediately after Chief Jacobsen announced his retirement Tuesday.

He asked all current members of the department interested in being considered for the position to file their applications by Monday.

Mr. Larsen reported he has already received one application and expects to get "at least five" before Monday.

"I hope to make the appointment before Christmas to give the new man an opportunity to work closely with Chief Jacobsen on program development and budget matters for a few days," Mr. Larsen said.

He said the salary scale for the position ranges from \$1,398 to \$1,957 a month. Chief Jacobsen is receiving \$1,476.

Mr. Larsen said the starting salary for a new chief will "depend on his experience."

NO EXPERIENCE

He anticipates a man appointed who has had no experience as a police chief would start at the \$1,398 figure.

Mr. Larsen said he would expect there "is more than one" member of the current police force qualified for the position.

"It has been my policy to promote from within whenever possible," he said, noting that "with one exception all appointments of key department heads since I've been manager have been made from within the departments."

The exception was the appointment of a city engineer which wasn't made from within the department because of a charter provision requiring the position be filled by a registered engineer.

If the appointment can't be made from within the department, Mr. Larsen said, the position "will be advertised nationwide."

He said the advertising, interviewing and selection process then should take about 60 days, throwing the appointment into late January or early February.

In his letter of resignation, Chief Jacobsen said he is leaving the department for personal reasons.

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LISTENING TO REMARKS by the public on 1976 expenditures are, from left, Commissioners Bruce Jenkins, Boyd K. Storey and Keith Jensen. At extreme right is Auditor Dee Wilcox with County Attorney Robert L. Newey at left (back to camera).

Chilling Readings Grip Area

Although autumn still has another week to run, winter-like temperatures continued to grip much of Utah but particularly the Ogden area where the high Sunday was a subfreezing 29 degrees.

A slight warming trend is in the picture for late this week but scattered snow showers — and continued low temperatures are in the offing through Tuesday.

Temperatures tonight are expected to be in the teens with Tuesday's high near 30 again.

Predictions that the mercury would plummet to zero or 5 above at lower elevations Sunday night failed to materialize after more clouds came in, keeping the frigid air aloft.

The mercury dipped to 13 at Pine View Reservoir while Ogden's low was 20 — slightly higher than the 18 recorded Saturday night.

High at the reservoir Sunday was the same as in Ogden — 29.

Little of the weekend snow has melted since Saturday's severe storm, with Ogden having about 3 inches still on the ground, Pine View 7, including 3 inches of old snow from the Thanksgiving storm.

Highways in the area still have patches of ice and hard-packed snow in the driving lanes, making for hazardous motor vehicle travel.

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STATE REQUEST

Design of Road Projects Asked

Federal Highway Administration approval of location and design features for two highway projects has been requested by the State Transportation Commission, according to Commissioner Charles E. Ward of Ogden.

The commission asked for approval of changes to be made at 40th and Washington and on U49 near Uintah Junction.

Mr. Ward, who represents Northern Utah on the commission, said both of the projects are designed to improve the safety for motorists.

According to Lew Wangsgard, South Ogden City engineer, the 40th and Washington project will open up that and the nearby Kiesel intersection to improve traffic flow.

The project is scheduled for bidding in the spring of 1976, using urban funds.

The primary portion of the project will involve widening of 40th west of Washington to allow installation of a raised median between the east and westbound lanes.

Two lanes will be provided in each direction from the Kiesel intersection east to Washington.

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Commission Adopts \$19.7 Million Budget

Mill Levy Slightly Increased

The County Commission today set a \$19.7 million budget for 1976 but hiked the property tax levy only .89 of a mill.

Of the total amount, some \$13 million will come from federal matching monies and accounts that are designed to sustain themselves.

The general fund was set at \$5.6 million, requiring a levy of 12.11 mills, the same as in the current year. The general fund this year totals \$5.4 million.

The total county budget for 1976 is estimated at \$19.2 million compared to \$18.2 million in the current year.

700 WORKERS

The commission said the budget includes seven per cent cost of living increases for 700 workers plus a five per cent hike awarded through the merit system.

Gary Mitchell, chairman of the Taxpayers Watchdog Committee of citizens, urged the commission to delay setting the budget until the group could probe proposed expenditures.

He contended the commission should have presented the budget for public perusal three working days ago.

However, County Attorney Robert L. Newey said state law requires the budget be set on Dec. 15, today, and that the legislation is not clear on when figures must be presented in advance.

TRIM MILLS

Mr. Mitchell's group recommended the county trim 1.98 mills off the property levy.

The commission will increase the consolidated health fund from 1.47 to 1.87 mills and the library account from 1.66 to 2.14 mills.

At least 100 taxpayers attended the session this morning in the cramped commission chambers, voicing alarm over increasing taxes, urging economy in government and productive workers.

Increased valuation of property due to a reappraisal of taxes by the state has caused considerable concern for taxpayers, and a hardship on low income people especially the elderly.

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CALL 399-8318

Head Start Youngsters Need Assistance for Yule Parties

Head Start—The magic of Christmas is children and there are 210 very special children in the Head Start program who need help. The Head Start program is trying to provide a Christmas party for each of its 10 classes.

If interested only in this project or if someone would be willing to volunteer talents a few hours each week during the school year, please call.

Weber Basin Mental Health Association would like to express thanks for the tremendous response to last week's appeal for help in the Forgotten Patient Program. There is still an opportunity to contribute a



COULDN'T GET IN—Standing room only was in order today when members of the public jammed the County Commission chambers for the 1976 budget hearing. Crowds overflowed like these taxpayers out into the halls.

derly and those on pensions or fixed incomes, the commission was told.

Some spectators urged the commission not to hike the salaries of elected officials and departmental heads by 12 per cent.

Mr. Storey said commissioners make \$16,922 annually and other elected officeholders \$16,345.

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Christmas Story: Arrival in New York City

CHAPTER SIX

By Robert J. Boyle

The blizzard had stopped as Kennedy airport in New York. "We'll be landing in three minutes," the elf pilot, Jumpin' Jack announced. "Fasten your seat belts."

The huge peppermint striped airplane got ground clearance and Jumpin' Jack made a perfect landing.

As Juniperperper and Jinkersnipes departed, he said to them, "lots of luck, fellows. We're all counting on you."

Julia June said, "Juniperperper, if you get busy tomorrow, I'll understand."

"Don't worry," Juniperperper said. "I won't be that busy. We'll go to the El Tora come heaven or high water."

The two elves left the plane and were welcomed by Ambassador D. Lightful Wynter, of Magic Forest, and Ambassador U.B. Fruitful, of Crystal

Paradise. "Welcome," they said. "You can count on us for any support of Santa."

Juniperperper thanked them and said, "Do you have any idea how the vote will go?"

"It is too early to tell," D. Lightful Wynter replied. "But I feel most of the ambassadors are on Santa's side. They all like Christmas."

"That's good," Jinkersnipes said. "What time does the case begin?"

"Promptly at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow," U. B. Fruitful replied.

The ambassadors escorted Juniperperper and Jinkersnipes to their hotel. "The Lily Palms" right off Central Park.

The bellhop who took their bags said, "Lots of luck. I don't know what we would do without Christmas. Tips, you know, are bigger during the Christmas season."

Juniperperper laughed and

replied, "Well, that really isn't the reason for Christmas but I guess I can't blame you for wanting bigger tips."

The room clerk greeted the two elves with "Welcome, gentlemen, we have the ambassador's suite ready for you. My name is Hugh Bedder and I'm at your service. Anything you need, just ask me and I'll see that you get it."

"The Lily Palms is at your service. And, confidentially, I certainly hope you win your case. Santa is one of my favorite persons."

"Thank you," Juniperperper said as he signed the register.

The elves were taken to their room and were flabbergasted.

"Boy, this sure beats living in a dormitory at the North Pole," Jinkersnipes said as he viewed the suite of rooms.

Two huge double beds, with down mattresses and pillows were equipped with ladders so

the elves could climb into them. The living room had color TV, a pantry filled with all types of food, sodas, and milk to drink.

NEVER HAD

"This really is something," Juniperperper said. "I never had a place like this before."

Jinkersnipes suggested, "Let's take a rest until dinner."

"Good idea," Juniperperper replied.

The elves unpacked their suitcases and then climbed into their beds.

Quiet descended over the suite.

For 15 or 20 minutes the elves remained quiet.

"You know it is too quiet in here," Juniperperper said.

"Yes, you're right," Jinkersnipes replied.

"I think I like it better in the dormitory where we have friends and laughter," Juniperperper said. "This may look great and the beds are

comfortable, but I miss my friends."

"So do I," Jinkersnipes replied.

"I'll be happy to get back to the North Pole," Juniperperper said.

"It won't be too long," Jinkersnipes said. "But even five minutes away from the North Pole seems like a year."

"Hey, we're sounding homesick," Juniperperper replied.

"Let's get busy and we'll keep our minds off the North Pole. We should study our legal briefs so we're all set for tomorrow."

"I thought you had a secret plan to win the case without any problems," Jinkersnipes said.

"Oh, oh," Juniperperper said. "I only said that to make people feel good. I don't really have any secret plan."

"My, oh my and my," Jinkersnipes replied. "Then we better get busy."

For the rest of the afternoon,

the two elves kept their noses in law books.

At 5 p.m., Juniperperper said, "Well, Jinkersnipes, we better get ready to go out to eat."

The two elves bathed, combed their hair and put on their best elf suits.

They took a taxi to the Pink Plaza where Julia June was staying.

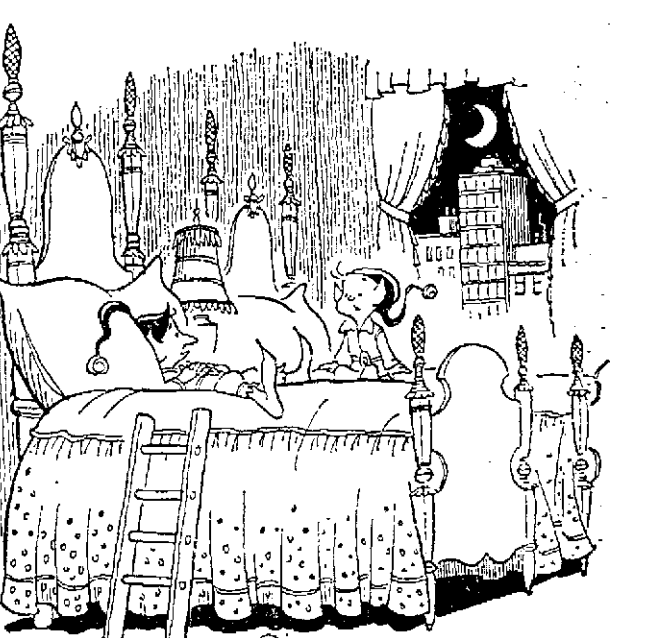
BOTH ELVES

When she saw both elves coming into the lobby, she smiled and said, "Well, two handsome elves." She winked at Juniperperper.

"We had no date and would have been in that lonesome hotel room by ourselves," Juniperperper said. "Would you like to have dinner with us?"

"Love to," she replied. "We'll all have fun."

Juniperperper's heart skipped a beat when he realized how understanding Julia June was. The three elves went to the



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Circus on the Round Square for boys," she said as she kissed dinner and then attended the Broadway show, "Fiddler on the Hot Tin Roof."

After the show they took Julia June back to her hotel. "I had a wonderful evening,

(More Tomorrow)