

"In the Words of Our Great Leader, 'OK'"



EDITORIAL PAGE

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"Without or with friend or foe, we print your daily world as it goes"—Byron.

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## Parents Should Attend PTA

Reading, Writing and Arithmetic... played to the tune of a hickory stick. Those were the days. In case you have never attended a Parent-Teachers Association meeting, or at least not in several years, it might do an old parent some good to make the classroom again. If La Grande elementary and junior and senior high school teaching has "turned modern" as so many U.S. primary and secondary schools have, stressing character development and personality traits more than the Three R's, this was not shown at two recent PTA meetings. Enthusiastic response of teachers to

questioning by parents, and equal interest displayed by mothers and fathers in attendance made for enlightening sessions. PTA meetings may lag from both attendance and interest as the school season wears on in La Grande. They shouldn't. All parents could find a couple of hours one night each month to devote to classroom attendance. Their children are required by law to attend schools daily. No law says the parents must attend parent-teachers meetings and no mandate should, but as taxpayers and public spirited citizens of this community, we parents owe that much to Johnny or Susan.

## Also An Archive For Eisenhower

President Eisenhower went home to Abilene, Kansas and turned over the first spade full of ground for an impressive building that is to be built just across the street from the chief executive's boyhood home. This will be the Eisenhower Presidential Library, built with funds contributed by friends and admirers of the President. It will house the voluminous collection of papers and other materials that accumulate in the office of any president and which must be saved for use of the historian of the future. The Eisenhower Library will be very similar to the Harry S. Truman Library in Independence, Mo., and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Library in Hyde Park, New York. Former President Hoover's life-long collection of material is carefully catalogued and housed in the great tower that constitutes the Hoover Institute of War, Revolution and Peace on the campus of Stanford University. The only other presidential library contains the papers of Rutherford B. Hayes at Fre-

mont, Ohio. The papers of almost all presidents today are in the Library of Congress. It is fortunate that the precedent set by George Washington has not been followed to the present. Washington, like British prime ministers took the presidential papers with him upon leaving office. The papers of John Adams and John Quincy Adams the second and sixth President, have not yet been opened to the public and the Abraham Lincoln papers were made available only as recently as July 26, 1947. A President is the supreme public figure in the United States. Every communication to and from him is public business. A period of time may have to be allowed in some instances before some of the more private communications during a presidential term can be made public, but in the long run nothing should be concealed. The precedent of citizen admirers building libraries to house the papers and effects of the man who leaves the White House is one that should be followed in all the years to come.

## To Be Or Not To Be... Is The Question'

Dishonesty in broadcasting, as in the quiz show scandals, is not something the government is in any position to police. That is the opinion of the Federal Communications Commission chairman. For years broadcasters were not permitted by the FCC to express an opinion over the air, but apparently they could and can tell lies if they want to. Actually broadcasting should not have to be policed by the government to prevent it from deceiving the public. It is no longer an infant industry. TV and

radio is a mature industry fully as capable of having some traditions of reliability and honesty in its relations with the public as are the printed mediums of communication. The networks can't rightly disclaim any responsibility for the fakery of the quiz shows, nor can we agree with Vincent Price when he said here last week that it didn't make any difference whether a quiz show was honest or not. It makes a difference whether anything is or is not honest.

## Second Attempt To Kill Kassem

BAGHDAD, Iraq (UPI)—Iraqi authorities uncovered a second attempt to kill Premier Abdel Karim Kassem, target of assassins' bullets last week. Maj. Gen. Ahmad "Sahim" al Abdi reported

Thursday night. Al Abdi, military governor of Baghdad, also charged that President Gamal Abdel Nasser's United Arab Republic "concentrated troops" along Iraq's borders before the daring daylight attempt on Kassem's life Oct. 7. He also said a "Syrian infiltrator" was arrested with "75 dynamite sticks and other destructive and explosive material" by authorities at Mosul after the attack on Kassem. The general did not disclose when the alleged second assassination attempt was discovered, or who was behind it.

DREW PEARSON SAYS:

## Congress May Pass Measure On Lipstick Ban Controversy

WASHINGTON — There'll be such a howl from the cosmetics lobby over the banning of 17 colors of lipstick that you can bet Congress will pass a law coming to the lipstick industry's rescue. Actually, Food and Drug Administrator George Larrick issued the order banning 17 red, orange, and yellow shades of lipstick because he had to, not because he wanted to. There is little possibility of any serious toxic ingestion or cancer resulting from coal-tar dyes in lipsticks. Only a small amount of dye is added in most lipstick preparations. However, the presence of a toxic ingredient — no matter how small or harmless its degree of toxicity — is barred by law from lipsticks sold to the public. That, plus advanced technology in laboratory tests, left Larrick no recourse but to crack down. "Our testing methods are so sensitive," one food and drug official explained, "that there is hardly a lipstick color on the market that wouldn't show a little toxicity. But this doesn't necessarily mean it is harmful when used externally." So the cosmetic lobby will probably get a lipstick law passed when Congress convenes. Money Counts In Politics You can usually tell whether a man is running for president by the way he butters up big campaign contributors. Out in California, Gov. Pat Brown, Democratic dark horse, is leaning heavily on right-wing Democrat James Sheppard regarding the appointment of new judges in Los Angeles. The California legislature gave Brown the appointment of 12 new superior court judges and so far nine of them have been pretty well dictated by Sheppard. They include his law partner. Interesting fact is that Sheppard once referred to Brown privately as a Communist and opposed Helen Gahagan Douglas for the Senate when Richard Nixon first got into the national spotlight by waging one of the most McCarthy-esque campaigns in California history. Sheppard was with Nixon, not the Democrats. Now, however, he's recommending judges to Gov. Pat Brown. Inside reason: Sheppard is a big money raiser for Brown and is boosting him for president. Note — Brown also has just appointed Carmine Warschaw to his fair employment practices commission. Mrs. Warschaw is the sister of Lawrence Harvey, another big political campaign contributor to Pat Brown. Harvey Aluminum executives contributed even more to Eisenhower in 1952, but are now boosting Brown for president.

Khrushchev News Capsules Exit sourpuss? — Russia's dour Andrei Gromyko is reported on his way out as foreign minister. American diplomats hear that Khrushchev wants to get rid of Gromyko's frozen face and his reputation for saying "no" in advance of negotiations with the United States. His probable successor will be either smiling Mike Menshikov, present ambassador to the United States, or Gromyko's deputy, Vasily Kuznetsov. Adenauer smiles — Chancellor Adenauer has written President Eisenhower saying he is confident the United States will never make a deal with Russia which will sacrifice West Germany's interests. Adenauer said this in a special message he sent to the White House in answer to one Eisenhower rushed to him immediately after the talks with Khrushchev. Adenauer was exceedingly suspicious after the Camp David conference ended. But he apparently has been reassured, mainly as a result of his talk with John J. McCloy, the special emissary Eisenhower sent to talk with him last week. De Gaulle frowns — the man who is most suspicious of Ike's talks with Khrushchev is Gen. Charles De Gaulle. De Gaulle considers Eisenhower well-meaning but naive in the tricky game of diplomacy. And even though Ike has sent him a message of reassurance, General De Gaulle is just not convinced. Mayor Of New York One significant and little-noticed political development obscured by the Khrushchev visit and the British elections is that there won't be a Democratic mayor of New York after 1961. The Democratic party has ruled New York almost without interruption for half a century. Only man to break that record was Fiorello La Guardia, a progressive Republican supported by Franklin Roosevelt. However, Carmine De Sapio, head of Tammany Hall, took such a shelling in a local New York election recently that his nominee is not likely to be mayor of the nation's biggest metropolis in the near future. He can't possibly put across his candidates either for mayor or governor without the support of those who opposed him. And those who opposed him include such potent political personalities as Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, former Sen. Herbert Lehman, and former Secretary of the Air Force Tom Finletter. They united with Republicans to defeat some of De Sapio's henchmen and to scare the life out of De Sapio himself. As a result, a fusion candidate is almost certain to be mayor of New York in 1961 — probably Congressman Seymour Halpern of Forest Hills, N.Y., a Republican who trained under La Guardia. Halpern, though a Republican, has chalked up a notable record for bucking old guard Republicans and at times even the White House. He is one of the few GOP congressmen who have dared stand up to GOP leader Charlie Halleck in his alliance with southern Democrats. If present trends continue, Halpern may end up as next mayor of America's biggest city.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UPI) — Dr. Elsie Richards Graf, 84, a physician who turned social worker and medical missionary, died Wednesday. NORTHAMPTON, England (UPI) — Justice Wintringham N. Stable called a short recess in a trial Thursday because "I carry a box of snuff in my pocket and unfortunately the lid has come off and it is all over my pocket. I want to collect it up."

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## QUOTES FROM THE NEWS

United Press International NEW YORK — Mae West, who made a career out of spouting sex, had this comment for the harried tax payer: "There are no withholding taxes on the wages of sin." LANCASTER, Pa. — Rep. Joseph W. Martin Jr., (R-Mass.) commenting on Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev's recent visit to the United States: "The only concession I saw was his admission of the superiority of the American hot dog." NATCHEZ, Miss. — Miss America, Lynda Lee Mead, to one of her greeters on her returning home after a cross country tour: "Don't cry, because if you do, I will." LOS ANGELES — Patrice Wymore, estranged third wife of film star Errol Flynn: "Ours was a great love. I still love him."

Princess Megs Dances Until The Wee Hours LONDON (UPI) — Princess Margaret danced happily till well past midnight this morning in her first public appearance since the engagement of her former boyfriend, Peter Townsend. There was no sign of any emotional upset, confirming the view of royal circles that she couldn't care less what the group captain does these days. The princess attended a dinner dance of a regiment of which she is honorary colonel. She danced nearly every dance and was obviously enjoying herself, other guests said.

## REMEMBER WHEN

... 25 years ago, several 4-H Union County winners emerged at the judging at Portland during Pacific International Livestock show. E. D. Jasper, Alicel, copped the rye sweepstakes; the Zaugg brothers of La Grande scored a first and second place in the sweepstakes in grains; Roy Bell, Cove, a 1st and 2nd in cattle; Eleanor Richards, Union, reserve champion fat steer; Troy Becker, Clayton Fox, Vernon Stoddard and Henry Stoddard, livestock winners. Eastern Oregon Normal here reported a total enrollment of 256 students to set a record.

The accidental death of German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, famed as the "Desert Fox," was reported by the German High Command. (Later it was learned that the brilliant general was ordered assassinated by Hitler for the general's opposition to the lunatic dictator.) Methodist women met at Imbler for a convention, with seven towns represented. They included La Grande, Union, Cove, Elgin, Alicel, Island City and host town Imbler. Mrs. Tom Ruckman served as convention chairman, with honors given to Mrs. William Adler, La Grande, and Mrs. Ray Fuller, Alicel, as new members. La Grande's Tigers trounced 37-7, to remain unbeaten in football played at Pendleton. Courtney Terry, Carey and Kilgore spared Tiger backs, with Marts turning in fine catches at end. Tribute was paid to Pvt. Leslie L. Keffer, 35, member of U.S. Army, stationed at Camp Lee, Va. Son of Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Keffer, he was the husband of Edna Mae Wilson Keffer, Irrigon.

OBITS United Press International NEW YORK (UPI) — David H. Israel, 65, co-founder and chairman of the Regal Knitwear Co., died of a heart attack at a restaurant Thursday. SANTIAGO (UPI) — Rodrigo Aburto, 59, assistant editor of the newspaper El Diario Ilustrado, died Thursday night. ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (UPI) — Dr. Elsie Richards Graf, 84, a physician who turned social worker and medical missionary, died Wednesday.

## Boy Scouts Receive All Aid From United Fund Campaign

(Editor's note—The Observer, in the public interest, is preparing a series of articles on the various agencies which benefit locally from the United Fund. Today's agency is the Boy Scouts. Nearly 700 boys from this area will benefit from the 1959 United Fund drive, but they need financial assistance, with UP offering this source. Scouting is a non-profit endeavor operating solely for the purpose

of building character, citizenship training and teaching patriotism, courage and self-reliance. Money derived to operate the Boy Scouts is used to train volunteer leaders, administer the program and provide the tools of Scouting for the job. Taught Many Things Scouts are taught boating, lifesaving, aquatic skills and swimming, all of which goes for earning of merit badges, activity awards, leadership, etc. Many Scouting activities for the boys are held each month under the supervision of a trained professional man and with assistance coming from commissioners in charge of the Roundtable program, Explorer session leaders and others. Age brackets for the different areas of Scouting range from Cubs (8-11), Boy Scouts (11-15) and Explorers (15-18). 15 Units Here There are 15 units in La Grande, including Cub Scout packs, Boy Scout troops and Explorer posts, with sponsorship coming from churches, civic clubs and PTA's. In addition, there are two new Scouting units being planned locally and others for Cove, Imbler, Elgin and Union. Scouts have an opportunity to travel, camp overnight and participate in other outdoor activities. One of the highlights of the program is stiff competition to qualify for the National Jamboree.

## NEWS CHUCKLES

United Press International DEMOCRACY AT WORK TOKYO (UPI) — The 7,034 voters in the northern Japanese village of Tamura will have to do more than flip a coin if they are undecided on whom to vote for in the election for mayor this Sunday. There are 938 candidates for the job. There would have been 952, but the local election commission disqualified 14 because their papers were not in order. Some of the candidates can not even count on their relatives to vote for them. In one family, a son is running against his father, mother, grandfather and grandmother. CORNERED GREENSBORO, N.C. (UPI) — Two painters worked themselves into a corner Thursday and called their office for help. They got locked into an unfinished building while painting a marquee sign outside of it. Their office called the police. The police found the name of the contractor putting up the building and called him. The contractor then called someone else — who had the keys — and he came around to let the painters out. ISSUE WALKING LICENSES MOBILE, Ala. (UPI) — The city clerk's office Thursday issued the first walking licenses to women who want to wear spike heels. An ordinance passed Tuesday requires the ladies to get permits to wear shoes with heels less than an inch in diameter and more than one and a half inches high. The city commission passed it to escape liability in case of falls. SNUFF SAID NORTHAMPTON, England (UPI) — Justice Wintringham N. Stable called a short recess in a trial Thursday because "I carry

DISCUSS POLITICAL ISSUES TOKYO (UPI) — Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio conferred today with Foreign Minister Allehiro Fujiyama of Japan on political issues in a follow up to economic discussions Wednesday.

WELCOME SPEECH LONDON (UPI) — Edward Heath, just promoted from Conservative Party chief whip in the House of Commons to minister of labor, admitted Thursday that only one of his parliamentary speeches has ever been published. The gist of it was a proposal "that this house do adjourn."

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