

Christmas, 1961

Christmas, 1961, is a time for all of us to pause a moment to give thanks, and to look ahead with hope and confidence.

No one knows what lies in the future for our nation. But we do know that the dire predictions of summertime... "We may well be at war by Christmas"... have not proved true. There does, in fact, seem to be a definite lessening of tension.

For that, if nothing else, we should be humbly grateful.

But there is more. Business generally is good; America faces 1962 strong, happy,

Take a Minute

We caught just a glimpse of the dog on the right shoulder of the road as it was caught in our headlights. Looked an awful lot like our own dog, miles away and safely at home. We sensed the dog was going to lunge into the highway traffic, and we slowed down just enough so that the animal made it in front of our car safely.

But the driver coming the other way—driving no faster than we often do at the same somewhat congested area just east of Gresham—didn't have a chance to do more than slam on his brakes before he hit the dog dead center, and in an instant the whole scene was swept behind

When the Lights Go Out

Just how close we still live to nature is dramatically recalled when a storm such as last weekend's leaves most homes without lights, heat, and communication.

Despite the long delays in restoring service to some homes, we still maintain that the men working long hours through the

Business People Must Cooperate on Parking Problem

Parking space in certain areas of Sandy, namely along Main street, is at a premium at any time of the year. The problem is accentuated at the Christmas season, when potential shoppers may be discouraged from shopping at the stores.

We Won't Say His Name... But

A letter to the editor on this page today commends a man for public office. Based on the stream of letters this newspaper and others have received, we must relegate the proposed candidate to the category of the political opportunist as

Teaching About Communism in the Schools

The weird and wonderful city of Los Angeles recently watched two different approaches to the problem of understanding world Communism.

One was an anticommunism school called Project Alert which ran for five days. The other was publication of a textbook for high school students called "The World of Communism." We prefer the latter.

Frankly, we see nothing wrong with teaching students about Communism if the course is objectively handled. Some of our readers may disagree, vigorously.

The subject of teaching Communism in the schools is one seldom approached without considerable heat. But we repeat: if the class is properly handled, there is nothing to fear in teaching about young people about Communism.

Our system never will suffer in a full and fair comparison with the Communist creed. But we never have agreed with those who throw up their hands at any mention of teaching about Communism. Only by understanding the nature of the

Can This Be Censorship?

Those of us in the newspaper business view with mixed emotions the storm brewing between the television industry and the Federal Communications Commission.

The storm began last spring when Newton H. Minow, newly-appointed FCC chairman, urged the television industry to clean up the "vast wasteland" of poor program quality.

Nothing happened until last week when the presidents of NBC and CBS, in simultaneous speeches, warned against governmental interference.

We in the newspaper field certainly share Minow's low estimate of most TV programming. But on the other hand, the implied threat of government censorship is infinitely more dangerous.

Dr. Frank Stanton, CBS president, asked

Fidel Finally Tells the Truth

Now that Fidel Castro finally has owned up to being a "dedicated Communist since his college days," we wonder if the bleeding hearts in this country who say he is only "an agrarian reformer" are convinced. Many newspapers (the New York Times), many government officials, even a Congressman from our own state were badly fooled by Fidel. They should be mightily embarrassed.

Most people in this country "broke" with Fidel immediately after he gained power and dappled the soil of Cuba with victims

prosperous and contented... but not so contented that we ever need stop pressing forward.

Speaking personally, we here at the Outlook certainly have had our blessings in 1961. We have moved ahead with plans for a new press, we are adding to our building and in most every category, this year has been one of progress.

Editorially, may we wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a most happy 1962.

us as our cars passed.

We didn't stop but we wished we had. Was the dog killed? We didn't see a body the next morning at the roadside, so we hoped the dog had somehow been thrown clear and later recovered. Or maybe the other driver stopped and cared for the animal or its body.

It's hard to bring oneself to stop when you're driving at fifty, and maybe have a car or two tailing you in traffic. And it's hard to stop to move a dead animal, or even to look at one that you might have hit.

...But we ask that you do. We're going to next time.

night on the lines, and the men directing their efforts, deserve our thanks.

It's impossible for a company to provide facilities to restore service immediately when a storm causes widespread damage, but it's a comfort just to know that men are working as hard and fast as possible.

We suggest store owners and employees get together and agree to park their own cars in uncongested areas at least two blocks away, and that they develop and use the off-street parking areas that are now blocked or wasted.

described in the same letter. Especially so, since we have taken exception to his political philosophy. But we must admit the gentlemen in question has managed to see his name in print a great deal lately.

Game Turns Scare For Teen-Agers

A kind of "game" turned into a real big scare for some youngsters on the stormy mountain last Saturday night.

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just who would set (these) government standards which Minow wants? Would they be Mr. Minow's standards? Or the FCC? Or a congressional committee?

And taking things a step further, once the government clearly establishes censorship rights over television, the other news media wouldn't be far behind.

Newspapers, of course, are not subject to licensing restrictions as are television and radio stations. But once the electronic media come under the thumb of appointive officials in Washington, D.C., the threat to the press would be real, indeed.

We hope Minow and the television people can work out some solution without recourse to governmental pressure. Even improved programming wouldn't be worth bureaucratic control of the media.

of his firing squads. But the government was slow to follow suit and the Russians now have a subsinkable base close to our shores. The abortive "invasion" this spring only cemented the Communist hold on the unhappy island.

Recently, there have been rumors of another invasion... not from Fidel but dropped here and there in small newspaper items around the country. We only hope that if there is, it's handled with more aplomb than the bumbling attempt early last spring.



Army PFC Raymond J. Novotny II, whose wife, Andrea, lives in Santa Barbara, Calif., recently was graduated from the 82nd Airborne Division Jump school at Fort Bragg, N.C. His parents live in Brightwood. The 21-year-old soldier entered the Army last August and completed basic training at Fort Ord, Calif.

Letters to Editor

Dear Santa Claus,
In Cars of the Sandy Post.

Would you please bring me back my tricycle that someone stole from our yard last week? It is green with white handle bars and trim—a Western flyer model.

That was the first day my mother let me play outside after getting my tonsils out, and I do miss it so much.

It had my own little Rice Honey's license plate on the back with my name on it.

Dale Waibel—3½ yrs.

To the Sandy Post:

In times of crisis the people of the United States have traditionally turned to young and vigorous leadership to preserve our heritage of freedom and opportunity. At such times we can trust the self-centered political opportunists who push themselves to the forefront in times of comparative peace.

Our nation is now facing a crisis that is mounting daily, with no solution nor end in sight. The world, in this atomic age, is moving at a pace we would not have believed possible just 20 years ago.

For that reason we need men in political office who have been educated in the atomic age, who have the fire of youth and the intelligence to profit by the mistakes of their elders.

He must also be dedicated to the well-being of this country and to all of mankind. In my estimation we have such a man in the person of Blaine Whipple of Washington county, and I hope all good Democrats will join me in urging him to make the race for U.S. Representative from the First Congressional District of Oregon.

J. M. Kerr
Lake Oswego, Oregon

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TRY A CLASSIFIED AD

Food, Toys Tickets To Kiwanian Movie

Cans of food or toys are the admission to a movie Saturday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. at the Sunset theater. The Sandy Kiwanis are the ticket-takers for their project—Christmas for needy families in the area.

If possible, persons planning to attend the show are asked to gift wrap the toys they bring and mark the packages for a boy or girl, according to Harold Edes, chairman of the event.

Edes said that there is a great need in the community for food and toys this year. The Kiwanis club hopes to provide a Christmas dinner and presents for about 40 families. All the families on the list have at least six members with some having as many as 12.

They have been referred to Kiwanis by welfare agencies, persons who see a family's need and teachers at the grade and high schools.

The Kiwanians plan to purchase turkeys, chickens, hams, butter, sugar, celery and carrots for the baskets. New toys, brought each week as "door prizes" throughout the year, will be added to the contributions.

The Sandy high school Key Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis, will assist in the basket packing Sunday, Dec. 24. The baskets will be delivered that afternoon.

Night Class Slate Given

Six new college classes will be offered during the winter term at the Gresham Extension Center.

These include five in the field of education and one in art. Other classes are scheduled in accounting, geology, geography, history, English, psychology, science, literature and music.

Registration materials are given out during the first class session. Students can start in most of the courses winter term regardless of whether or not they attended fall term.

Classes meet one evening per week.

Of particular interest winter term is an education course entitled "Child Health, Education and Welfare Services Under Different Ideologies."

Instructor will be Mrs. Jennelle Moorhead, professor of health education at the University of Oregon. She has had opportunity to study first hand services for children in the Scandinavian countries, England, Poland, USSR and Asia.

Further information on the night classes can be obtained by calling the high school office, MO 5-4151.

Register Now! For Ski School

Two more weeks to register for the Outlook Ski School is the reminder going out to prospective students in the Eastmont community. Classes begin Jan. 6 at Government Camp. Registrations are now being accepted at the Gresham Outlook, Gresham Sport Shop and Sandy Post.

Fee for the eight-week course—including transportation from Gresham and Sandy—is \$38. A four-week course, costing \$20 is also available.

Students enrolling in the school must be in the seventh grade or older and must live in the Gresham, Centennial, David Douglas, Reynolds, Corbett or Sandy high school districts.

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