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## Report

By BILL JENKINS  
We'll be Johnny-on-the-spot this time and get the old weather report for last year off our chest right off the bat.

I note in the little black book that the entry for January 1, 1959, reads: Cleared off at midnight last night. Nice clear morning with a little frost on the ground. Took dogs to top of hill on old Lake of the Woods road and found two inches of snow there. Saw a nice buck. Lovely day here all day. No snow on ground, no ice in lake. The temperature rapped from a low of 25 to a high of 41.

The next day it snowed off and on all day but didn't stick. On Jan. 3 the lake froze over lightly. It was a clear cold day and I found three inches of snow at Aspen Lake when I went up there early in the morning. No snow on ground in town.

Jan. 4 for a while was clear then cloudy. Drove across state line road and found lots of ducks and geese, mostly pintails. Snow started about mid afternoon and by the morning of the fifth there was four inches on the ground. It snowed a little that day, wet and not sticking.

On the seventh I note that the snow was going fast. Went hunting down the river with the game warden and limited out on little ducks. The next two days were cloudy and windy and the snow was going fast. On Jan. 10 I stayed home, it must have been a Sunday, or a Saturday, and raked the lawn. No snow of course.

The following day it rained a little. I went hunting with my Dad and we got one lonely greenhead. On Jan. 12 it was cloudy and wet. No snow in sight from town and no ice in the lake. The grass, I noted in the book, was starting to show signs of green on the south slopes.

On the 15th I drove to Portland and found no snow or rain on the way except for a little roadside stuff on the Willamette. Bare pavement. Came back the next day on a warm and pleasant day with the thermometer reading 45 at the top and only 22 at the bottom.

The next two days were warm and pleasant. On the 18th, which was a Sunday, I liked for several miles through the woods and found no snow. Remark that "it was almost too warm for walking in comfort." The high for the day was 45. It was 25 that night.

Jan. 19 saw a north wind blowing in a few snow flurries and it was colder, about 37 and 18. On Jan. 21 I went to Portland again via Mount Hood and found only an inch of snow on the road. Rain in Portland. Home the following day via Willamette and found it dry and warm all the way with a high of 45 again and a low of 20.

Two warm clear days and then a warm rainy day on the 24th. Jan. 25 was described as a miserable day with rain and snow all day. It rained hard the following day and the temperature got up to 42. On the 27th we had a rainy and snow filled day with about three inches of snow in the evening. The next day I drove to Portland again, I was sure traveling the last year, and found snow all the way to the tunnel with ice underneath. Home the next day through snow to Williamson River but found it clearing in the Basin. The 30th was clear and icy.

January ended last year with a nice day that was sunny and cool. A high of 42 and a low of 22.

## Using Heroes

By FLORENCE JENKINS  
Among the service categories in business, long distance telephone operators rank right up there in the top bracket in our estimation.

As a matter of course, every day they perform almost unbelievable feats. And always with complete courtesy and unassuming efficiency.

In emergencies, the long distance operators perform with amazing speed and accuracy. Amazing understates the facts.

We recall the Memorial Day flood at Vanport when thousands of persons lost their homes and all their possessions when the Columbia River nearly wiped out what was then Oregon's second largest city.

A reporter working that Sunday in 1940 at the Journal in Portland was deeply concerned about his wife and two small children. He thought they were still at home in Vanport when the water broke loose. They had started in the early forenoon, however, to visit his wife's sister at McMinnville.

On the way, the Sunday music on the car radio was interrupted with the newscast bulletin of the flood.

Wishing to reassure her husband, the wife stopped at a store to telephone him their whereabouts and found she had no change in her purse.

She explained to the long distance operator and asked that the call be charged to their Vanport number.

"I can't do it," the operator said. "Vanport's gone."

Almost in tears, the wife pled with the operator.

Quickly deciding the issue, the operator replied: "I'll place your call and, if necessary, we'll charge it to Fate."

Nearly every person has his own instance for which he is grateful to one or more of the legion of long distance telephone operators. They are as the right hand to the wire services and the newspapers.

And so, appropriately, today we wish them all a Happy New Year.

**Sage Advice**  
By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK (AP)—Practically everyone needs consolation on New Year's Day.

Practically everyone feels a mixture of sadness and gladness—and maybe a brown taste in the mouth, too, if he did too much wassailing the night before.

At such a time you can best find comfort in the sages of the ages.

Are you worried because you don't see how you can ever pay all your leftover Christmas bills? Well, cheer up. In 1650 James Howells observed, "Debt is better than death." In 1533 Rabelais wrote, "The Lord forbid that I should be out of debt, as if, indeed, I could not be trusted." And there is an old Spanish proverb to the effect, "Debts are like children: the smaller they are the more noise they make."

Are you annoyed with yourself because you stayed too late at a New Year's Eve party, and was the last guest to go? Brace up, buddy. Remember this fine Norwegian proverb: "A hero is one who knows how to hang on one minute longer."

Do you have a king-size, non-filterable hangover that nothing seems to cure? Don't give up hope. An Italian proverb counsels, "There is a remedy for everything except a broken neck." In 1665 Charles Coffin wrote, "A night of good drinking is worth a year's thinking." And a fine old Scot proverb proclaims, "They that drink longest live longest."

Has your wife been bawling you out? Don't let her get you down, friend. Recall the truth of what John Davies pointed out in 1602, "There never was a wife that liked her lot." Or what Stanislaus Leszcynski, King of Poland, said in 1763, "Have the courage to listen to her when you should not."

If you have the strength, you might even fight back by reminding your hausfrau what William Shakespeare said about a wife's duty: "I will attend my husband, be his nurse, diet his sickness, for it is my office."

It is entirely normal to be a bit upset on this day. As Charles Lamb said, "No one ever regarded the first of January with indifference. It is the nativity of our common Adam."

Happy new year!

**Senator Humphrey**  
By FRANK ELEAZER  
WASHINGTON (UPI)—For an avowed plain man's candidate for President, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D-Minn.) these days looks mighty sharp.

He turned up for his formal announcement attired in a new dark blue continental suit with cuffs on the coat sleeves.

"A fellow I know in the suit and cloak game said he doesn't ordinarily offer these models to people like senators. He said they're more for the younger fellows, switching over from the tight pants Ivy League look."

Humphrey assured me though he bought his, and another one like

it, from a tailor back home who said it was what he should have. So I guess maybe that's what they're wearing now out in Minnesota.

On one of the narrow lapels which these suits feature Humphrey had broken out a big jeweled pin for the occasion in the shape of an H; however, his aides wore plain old campaign buttons, with HHH on them. It seems he has only one homburg, and he said it was already a little soiled.

Otherwise, I guess Humphrey qualified all right. He came out for jobs for everybody, an expanding economy (with stable prices), and a "full share" of prosperity for people like farmers, workers, and old folks, he was against disease, poverty, hunger and illiteracy.

And he possibly picked up support from some of the plain reporters present by showing up at 10 o'clock, the hour for which he had called it. But, to show you how hazardous politics is, this gesture carried no favor at all with one veteran political writer who acted on the assumption Humphrey would follow local custom and make an impressive entrance, with sideboys, at along about 10:30.

Nevertheless the hearing room of the Senate Appropriations Committee was packed, disproving the old journalism school maxim that news is an account of the unexpected. If there was anybody present who expected Humphrey to say he wasn't running, I didn't see him.

But there were certain aspects of his announcement that we hadn't looked for. One was that he didn't open up with a speech. He just had a helper hand around a mimeographed statement, in which he said why he had decided to run. Then he said he would try to answer our questions.

Now few senators are known for their brevity. Sen. Humphrey is known for once having talked eight hours to Khrushchev. And it is said he once protested to a radio reporter who proposed to tape a two-minute interview. "Why I can't say hello in less than a half hour."

**Sleep Problem**  
By HAROLD T. HYMAN, M.D.  
Written for NEA Service

In a previous column, I wrote that you should hesitate to take sleeping pills.

As in dealing with all other medical problems, prime goals in the relief of sleeplessness are discovery of the cause, and elimination or neutralization of that cause.

Here are some of the commoner causes for sleeplessness which any observant and intelligent person can get rid of:

- Overheating or excessive chilling of the bedroom.
- Poor ventilation of the bedroom with resultant stuffiness of the nose.
- Undue light or noise, if not preventable, lessened by use of eyeshade or ear plugs.
- Excessively hard or excessively soft mattress. In the latter case, corrected by bedboard between spring and mattress.
- Too many or too few pillows. Former cause backache and neck strain; latter, difficult breathing, especially if nose is stuffy.
- Too many or too few bedclothes. Former results in perspiration and later chilling when coverings are kicked off; latter, chilliness preventing relaxation.
- Too much or too little activity before retiring. Former may be due to stimulation of exciting movie, TV program, card game or conversation; latter to listless, boring evening during which you drowsed or even napped.
- Fullness or emptiness of stomach. Former due to retiring short-

ly after meal or snack; latter to hunger, especially in the person with ulcer symptoms.

—Drug stimulation from doses of thyroid, appetite killers, nose drops, caffeinated beverages or alcoholic drinks like brandy that often produces initial drowsiness and later excitation. In hospital practice, from late reaction to drugs of the morphine series.

—Exposure to industrial stimuli while on the job. Especially lead, mercury, tetraethyl lead (garage employees and men at filling stations).

—Restlessness or cramps of leg muscles. Sometimes relieved by wearing long woolen undergarments, stockings or bed socks.

—And finally, if you are a doctor, worrying about all of the foregoing.

**Vets Mail Bag**  
Disabled veterans, and widows and children of deceased veterans who receive monthly nonservice-connected pension payments from the Veterans Administration are urged by the VA to return promptly the properly filled-in tabulating card which has been sent them for use in reporting their annual income.

Cards have been sent to 878,000 veterans and 526,000 veterans' dependents who are receiving pensions from the VA.

Pension recipients are allowed 30 days, or until the close of January, 1960, to return the card with the information. Those without dependents whose income is greater than \$1400 a year or those with dependents whose income is greater than \$2700 a year may not receive a pension under present law.

Failure to return the reporting card within 30 days will result in the stopping of the monthly pension payment.

The VA also pointed out two important facts:

Veterans and dependents receiving service-connected compensation payments will not receive cards and do not have to report incomes.

This income questionnaire has nothing to do with the new pension law which goes into effect July 1, 1960. All pension recipients will receive further information on the new law in the mail during March. The questionnaire being distributed now must be returned to insure that monthly payments will not be interrupted.

**The Almanac**  
By United Press International  
Today is Jan. 1st, the first day of the year, with 365 more days in 1960. This is New Year's Day.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning star is Venus.

On this day in history:  
In 1735, Paul Revere was born.  
In 1752, Betsy Ross, the woman who sewed the first American flag, was born.  
In 1863, President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation.  
In 1863, the Homestead Act of the United States went into effect.

In 1902, the first Rose Bowl football game was played at Pasadena, California.  
In 1946, American humorist W. C. Fields died.  
In 1952, anti-British riots broke out in the Suez Canal Zone.  
In 1953, revolutionary leader Fidel Castro took over Cuba.

A thought for today: It was W. C. Fields who said, "It ain't a fit night out for man or beast."

**Quotes**  
United Press International  
PASADENA, Calif.—Vice President Richard M. Nixon, declining to take sides "in an election year" in the Rose Bowl game between Washington and Wisconsin, but indicating he hopes Washington will win.

"It is awfully discouraging to walk into the Senate after New Year's Day and listen to the gloating of senators from the Big Ten states."

AURORA, Ill. — Mayor Paul Egan, persisting in his battle to fire his police chief, calling for help against "open insurrection" after he broke into the police chief's office and was thrown out by policemen.

"This is open revolution in Aurora. It's worse than anything that ever happened in Russia."

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## They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



## GOP To Take Initiative In Meeting Demo Attacks

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Eisenhower administration will take the offensive in meeting attacks of Democrats this election year on its farm policies.

It will say, in effect, that the GOP administration's policies can not be blamed for most of the farm surplus and income problems now facing farmers and the nation. It will argue the blame must be put on the Democrats.

A preview of the Republican campaign strategy was given by Dr. Don Paarlberg, special assistant to President Eisenhower for economic affairs, in a talk earlier this week before the American Farm Economic Assn.

A former assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson, the presidential assistant told the convention "The farm price-support and production-control legislation now on the statute books does not represent the administration's farm policy."

"Practically all present farm legislation regarding price supports and production control were written by the party now in the majority (in Congress). Continued existence of this legislation is tolerated and condoned by the majority party, which has the power to change it."

Paarlberg went on to say that efforts to place responsibility upon the administration for what he called the shortcomings of existing legislation "is certainly a partisan effort, and an unwarranted one."

The presidential aide said many of the administration's recommendations "have been resisted by the Congress, particularly those having to do with price support levels and production control policies."

Benson spoke out for the program again Thursday, telling his news conference "if there's a better farm program than that of the Eisenhower administration, I'd like to see it trotted out."

**SOUND REASONING**  
DALLAS, Tex. (UPI)—Green-eyed Sandra Lee Jennings, the 1960 maid of cotton, opens her reign here today at the Cotton Bowl game between Texas and Syracuse. She said she would be cheering for Texas. "Texas is a cotton-growing state," she explained.

Americans read 122 pounds of newspapers and magazines last year, says the American Paper and Pulp Assn.

Mexico City, with a population of 4½ million, is the second largest city in the Western Hemisphere.

## Fire Rules Removed

YREKA—Forest Supervisor C. A. Yates of the Klamath National Forest announced today that restrictions imposed by Regulation T-1 on the use of fire on national forest lands were removed effective December 29.

Fire Control Officer Ralph James states the 1959 fire season has been one of the longest on record but that rain and snow during the past week have reduced fire danger to the point where burning permits are no longer necessary for burning debris.

On December 24 the state forester announced the state fire law requiring burning permits, extended on December 1 due to the extreme burning conditions in California, has been dropped.

Forestry officials point out that burning may now be done without permits but that normal precautions during windy or dry periods should be taken.

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By Frank O'Neal



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