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# Editorial Page

## School Meetings Tonight

Those persons interested in education in the Klamath Basin will have a chance to learn more about it—and an opportunity to express themselves in the first "Lights on for Education" meetings scheduled for area schools tonight.

We are hopeful that there will be a great deal of interest manifested in the meetings. Qualified speakers have been obtained to outline the discussion points, and develop topics of interest. The program is statewide in nature, and if our citizens and voters will attend the sessions, lawmakers should have a practical yardstick for measuring the merits of legislation considered in Salem this year.

At the same time, citizens should recognize this occasion as a responsibility as well as an opportunity. No single element of our tax structure is as vital and important as education. Here is a made-to-order opportunity to tell legislators about what we want and what we need in our school systems. There are more than 50 measures pertaining to schools scheduled for introduction in the legislative session starting next week. Of particular interest to Klamath County taxpayers and citizens should be the new proposals for state aid to education, and school reorganization efforts.

Let's go to the meetings and see what it's all about.

## Guessing Game

The open season on business predictions for the new year attracts more interest than usual because of speculation over what the Kennedy administration will do about them.

There is a pretty general tone of uncertainty over the first half of 1961 in economic forecasts so far made public.

Even the conservative National Industrial Conference Board's year-end economic forum discussions by 14 big business, academic and government experts can offer only this outlook:

"America's economy will begin 1961 in low gear, possibly even move lower during the first and second quarters, then shift into steadily higher gear in the second half of the year."

National Planning Commission's chief economist Gerhard Colm finds evidence that the present slack in business is not just "another temporary setback, but a turning point to a lower pace of economic development."

This view is said to be in contrast to NPC's own projections that the economic growth rate will increase from the three and one-half per cent of the past decade to four or four and one-half per cent in the 1960s.

More bullish predictions than that are hard to find.

Labor union economists, concerned largely by unemployment rates, are downright pessimistic. There were four million totally unemployed in November—plus 2 and seven-tenths million working part time.

Even the Conference Board's forum foresees the possibility of 4 and eight-tenths million totally unemployed by the middle of 1961. Employment is expected to rise in the second half of the year. But total unemployment is projected at 4 and one-tenth million by the end of 1961, which is no net improvement over present conditions.

This puts the incoming administration on something of a spot. In self-defense, the Democrats may claim that they inherited a recession from the Republicans.

But it will be the Democrats' problem to cure it if they can. Or else they can ride it out, hoping that it will be of short duration.

and start building from there.

The Democratic platform commits the Kennedy administration to the doctrine that the American economy "can and must grow at an average rate of five per cent annually. . . . We pledge ourselves to policies that will achieve this goal without inflation."

"As the first step to speeding economic growth," the platform continues, "a Democratic president will put an end to the present high interest, tight money policy."

Just how they will prevent inflation by ending the tight money policy is a neat economic trick they haven't explained. But that's apparently one rabbit they're going to pull out of Kennedy's high inaugural hat.

In the next section the platform declares that "the Democratic party reaffirms its support of full employment as a paramount objective of national policy."

The solution for low business levels and high unemployment rates which organized labor spokesmen propose to the Kennedy administration is to create more consumer purchasing power.

The AFL-CIO "Economic Review," put out under the direction of its research director, Stanley Ruttenberg, maintains that 70 per cent of the nation's total output is related to consumer purchasing power.

This can be stimulated, it is maintained, by increasing wages and salaries and by reduction of standard working hours, without reduction of take-home pay. This is what more conservative economists call "trying to spend yourself rich."

Kennedy has not yet committed himself to a short-range economic program. The "90-day" legislative program to which he has so far given top priority is for more government aid to housing, school construction and depressed areas.

But it would take six months to a year to get such a program rolling. The effect after that might help lift the national economy to the desired five per cent growth rate. It would help for 1962 and beyond.

But the more immediate problem is what to do about the first half of 1961.

## "Make Yourself Comfortable, Mr. Stevenson"



THE LIGHTER SIDE . . .

## 'Pocketbook Thrombosis' Hits Scribe

By DICK WEST

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Each year before the opening of a new session of Congress I make a tour of the legislative premises to see what our lawmakers are doing to make themselves comfortable.

This, of course, is hard on the feet, but that is not where I feel the greatest pain. As a taxpayer in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service, I suffer more than seizures of the wallet. Only the good lord and Capitol architect J. George Stewart know how much has been spent in the past few years to make the halls of Congress more habitable. Since I don't have an adding machine handy, I wouldn't even attempt an estimate.

But you can get some idea of the cost from the notes I took as I was meandering about the complex of buildings that stretch from the new Senate Office Building in the northeast corner of Capitol Hill to the new House Office Building in the southwest corner.

### Secrecy Surrounds Gym

The first stop on my tour was the Senate gymnasium. Like the war room at the Pentagon, the gym operates in an aura of secrecy, so I naturally couldn't get in.

However, word has leaked out that our senators are enlarging their indoor swimming pool. The pool itself, I trust, will be leak-proof.

Last year at this time, there was a gaping hole where the Senate steps used to be. The steps have now been rebuilt and under them, nearing completion, is a new \$4 million terminal for the Senate's branch line subway.

The terminal is not as big as Grand Central Station but it will be equally commodious. There will be an escalator for senators who are too tired to walk 10 feet to the elevator. The terminal also will have telephones, rest rooms and a maintenance shop.

### Garage Still A Gloom

Eventually, the terminal will connect with a huge underground parking garage beneath the Capitol plaza. But for the moment the garage is still only a gleam in Stewart's eye.

Above the plaza, carpenters are hammering to completion the platforms and stands which will be used on Jan. 20 for President-elect John F. Kennedy's inauguration. The bill for this construction will total about \$150,000. As soon as Kennedy is sworn in, it will all be torn down.

The ceremony will take place before the east front of the Capitol, which recently was rebuilt and extended at a cost of around \$25 million. Barring the unexpected, it will remain there after the inauguration.

### Pocketbook Thrombosis

The only other major congressional project now underway is the third House Office Building, which is still a couple of years from completion. I have had trouble keeping track of how much this building will cost. At last report, it had edged up to around \$100 million.

I ended my tour at this spot without going by the two additional blocks that Congress is buying for further expansion. I was afraid that if I went any farther I might have an attack of pocketbook thrombosis.

## Nation Finds Not Much Use For Ex-Presidents

By JAMES MARLOW  
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WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation will have three ex-presidents and three former vice-presidents—but will probably find little or nothing for them to do — when Dwight D. Eisenhower steps out of the White House Jan. 20.

The three former presidents—Eisenhower, 70, Truman, 76, and Hoover, 86—have had vast governmental experience.

It has been argued the country could well use that experience. That's debatable.

President Kennedy almost certainly won't call on the three former vice presidents: Richard M. Nixon, 47; Henry Wallace, 72; and John Nance Garner, 92. His reasons in each case would be different.

Kennedy, a practical politician who may be looking for reelection in 1964, is not likely to build up the prestige of Nixon, who ran against him in 1960 and may run again.

Wallace, who served one term under President Roosevelt, has been unattractive to Democrats since he broke with them in 1948 to run on the Progressive ticket for president against Truman.

Garner, too old for strenuous activity, has been out of the political picture since 1941 when he retired to his Texas farm after two terms under Roosevelt.

Both Truman and Eisenhower used Hoover to head commissions for reorganizing the government. Both men got on well with him. But neither assignment required any advice from Hoover on broad White House problems.

Eisenhower not only made no use of Truman, who blasted him in the 1952 presidential campaign, but carefully avoided any contact with him.

Kennedy may ask Eisenhower to undertake some goodwill missions abroad. But he can hardly ask advice from the man whose two administrations he called inept.

It is doubtful, because of Hoover's advanced age, that Kennedy will want to burden him anymore.

As for Truman—Kennedy has no particular reason to love the man from Missouri.

Truman rooted for him in the later stages of the 1960 campaign. But the former president tried to wreck Kennedy's White House

chances before the Democratic convention.

Still there's the question: Shouldn't some way be found to use the experience of ex-presidents? There has been a suggestion that they should automatically become Senators.

They would have no vote but could speak their minds since they would have insight into government which the experience of no senator could match.

Nothing ever came of this notion.

There are arguments on the other side: that when a man becomes an ex-president the nation should thank him for his services but say goodbye to his opinion.

By putting a two-term limit on the presidency, the nation has shown it wants a limit on the guidance of any one man.

Further, an ex-president may be, and probably is, miles apart from the new president's thinking.

It is questionable whether an ex-president, generally well along in years before he steps out, is still flexible enough to change a lifetime's thinking to meet situations different from those he encountered.



THE DOCTOR SAYS . . .

## 'Drafts' Are Not Cause Of Illness

By HAROLD T. HYMAN, M.D.  
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One of the many ways I've wasted time and energy during my medical career is trying to persuade people that there's not an illness in the books that's caused by drafts. A draft is defined in Webster's Dictionary as "a current of air passing through a channel or entering through an aperture."

If that definition is accepted by those who blame colds, sinus infections, muscle pains, neuralgia and what-not on drafts, perhaps someone will explain why it is we're not all ill, all of the time.

There can't be a day or a night or even an hour when we're not, at some time, in the path of "a current of air" as described in the dictionary.

My reason for being particularly upset about this matter today will become clearer after you've read the following letter from a distraught mother who lives in Kentucky:

"When I brought my baby daughter home from the hospital," she writes, "I noticed three or four blisters around her navel cord. I thought it was just a skin irritation, caused from drainage of the cord. But, a few days later, when the cord dropped off, I saw that the blisters had spread upward to the chest."

"I phoned my doctor, and his nurse said there had been quite a lot of this infection in newborn babies and there was nothing to worry about. She prescribed an ointment. But the blisters continued to spread from the navel to the neck and then up to the face and into her hair until the whole top of her head was covered."

"She was fussy and whined some but, other than that, didn't seem to be sick. On the morning of the day she was 20 days old,

### NOTHING SPECIAL

(W. B. S.)

The following, believe it or not, came from an advertisement in a favorite newspaper of mine. I don't know who prepared the copy, but the philosophy expressed is good enough, I think, to merit considerable repeating. Title of the ad was "Only One To A Customer." It read:

"This shiny, brand new year, just opened . . . 1961 . . . it's the only one of its kind! Let's not squander it . . . it's the only 1961 there ever will be. Let's not waste it; there are no refills, no second chances. Let's make it the finest year ever, in our country, in our community, and in our own little circle. Let's treat 1961 like a precision thing. How? By all of us acting like Americans should act!"

"Let's hang on to that best-known of all American commodities . . . our sense of humor. Must the whole world be dark as tar paper? Can no funny bone be found in the X-ray of these modern times? If something strikes us as funny, then let's laugh like people used to laugh. Let the rest of the world be Gloomy Gus—not us!"

"Let's not be afraid of being a flag-waver! Why shouldn't we wave that good old red, white and blue? Why not get goose-bumps when we hear the Star Spangled Banner? It's almost a fad, these days, to act blasé about that old-fashioned word 'patriotism.' Being madly in love with the U.S.A. may not be stylishly new, but don't let anyone kid you—it's anything but corny!"

"Let's loyally back whomever we elected to serve us—whether we voted Republican, Democratic or Vegetarian. Sure, criticism of public officials is an old and honored American tradition—one we want to keep—but let's concentrate on the genuine, constructive kind of criticism. (Did it ever occur to you that a disunited America is the gift the characters in the Kremlin want more than any other?)"

"Let's make 1961 the beginning of the end for juvenile delinquency. But let's not leave it entirely up to the schools. Kindness and tolerance, and fair play are first learned at home! Don't ever let your youngsters tell you these traits are for 'squares'—they're the very qualities by which America lives! Let's work for more and better schools, and greater opportunities in the teaching field—but let's do our homework, too, and teach our children the correct sense of values. They're not somebody else's juveniles, you

know; they're yours and ours.

"Let's be enthusiastic; let's get excited about our state. Let's give Oregon's future a shot in the arm. And while we are at it, let's fight for an ever safer, more attractive city, making use of all its cultural and recreational offerings. Let's make (it) one of America's most beautiful and inviting cities . . . it has all the qualifications."

"Let's remember a fine old Western trait — being friendly! Let's stop honking at the car ahead, the instant the lights turn green; let's not bite at the waiter when he keeps us waiting too long. Let's remember that courtesy is contagious. Isn't it nice to be on the receiving end of a big, wide smile? Let's keep that sort of look on Mr. New Year's face."

"Let's bring the word 'family' back into our home life. Everybody's buzzing off in different directions, when the best place in the whole world is right at home with our loved ones. Let's do things together—play bridge, or have a pillow fight. The strength of this beloved America is right in our living room! 1961 will be a year well spent, if we can turn it into the year of the happy family."

"1961's going to be a great year . . . make the most of it."

Pretty hard to disagree with the author of that ad, isn't it? I'll bet the advertiser gets plenty of requests for the additional copies of the ad he said would be available at his store.

So far, I've managed to keep my one New Year Resolution: to NOT read any of the think pieces in the national magazines purporting to tell us what will happen in 1961. (If Floyd Wynne can't even predict what will happen in Klamath Falls, how can some of those other birds hope to tell us what is going to happen on a nation-wide basis?)

I'm sure you won't mind one more Christmas story: Ma: "Pa, I think the neighbors don't like the drum we got Johnny for Christmas." Pa: "Why?" Ma: "They gave him a knife and asked him if he knew what was in the drum."

This had to happen, sooner or later. "Is this the office where I pay my income tax?" a woman asked on entering a Revenue Office. "Yes," replied an agent, "the cashier there will take your money."

"Oh, I never pay any bills in cash," said the woman. "I always use my credit card."

In the Chicago Museum of Natural History is a document that might make paying the monthly (and after-Christmas) bills more enjoyable. Compare your plight with that of the man in Thebes who signed the following loan contract in 198 B.C.

"I, the peasant slave Ensnak-honneau . . . have borrowed from the woman Nekhutes 22½ artabas of wheat. I promise to repay this loan with 100 percent interest, making the total due 45 artabas of wheat. Further, I promise to repay this loan with good, unadulterated, chaffless seed wheat . . . (and) to deliver said wheat to the house of the woman Nekhutes . . . without transportation charges, by the last day of the ninth month of this year with no extensions of time to be granted. Furthermore, everything I now possess or shall acquire is herewith pledged to Nekhutes until I shall have discharged my debt in full . . ."

## Thoughts

So you shall keep my commandments and do them: I am the Lord. — Leviticus 22:31.

To obey God in some things and not in others shows an unsound heart. Childlike obedience moves toward every command of God, as the needle points where the loadstone draws. — Thomas Watson.

Do not boast over the branches. If you do boast, remember it is not you that support the root, but the root that supports you. — Romans 11:18.

Earthly pride is like the passing flower, that springs to fall, and blossoms but to die. — H. K. White.

Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God.—Luke 8:11.

When you have read the Bible you will know it is the Word of God because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness and your own duty. — Woodrow Wilson.

## THEY SAY . . .

It is difficult to guess. I am not a gypsy. But we must have hope. There is an old Russian saying that a drop of water can move a stone. —Nikita Khrushchev, on possible easing of East-West tensions.

The Germans are intoxicated with their physical well-being. They develop great virtues in times of trial and scarcity, but as soon as the larder is full they lose all sense of proportion and kick over the traces. —German economic minister Ludwig Erhard.

## BARBS

Every man starts life as a baby and the smart ones outgrow it.

There are three sides to a family triangle but no point to it.

Any girl who is worth a million doesn't have to look like it.

After a girl marries she discovers that candy can be bought in ten-cent bags, too.

## Gods and Goddesses

- ACROSS
- Chief of the Olympian gods
  - God of flocks and pastures
  - Month
  - Girl's name
  - Mal beverage
  - Soviet river
  - Check
  - Route (ab.)
  - Promontory
  - Canadian province
  - Ray
  - Replica
  - Observe
  - Scutcheon surface
  - Perpetuator of springs
  - Poker stake
  - Water vessel
  - Gender
  - Scottish sheepfold
  - Finesse
  - Persian fairy
  - Messenger of the gods
  - Playing card
  - Upper limb
  - Window
  - French watchdog
  - Obstruct
  - German river
  - Through
  - Hilltop
  - Mountain pool
  - Bitter vetch
  - Cosmic order
  - Sea birds
  - Burmese wood spirit
  - Ottoman standard
- DOWN
- Nullity
  - Paradise

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

WEST	LONG	PET
ALICE	ODOR	STO
ALEXANDER	GRE	
PARAD	ELECTED	
CAPE	DOR	
NEW	POTO	PATH
PAINTS	AMECHE	
ASSIST	MAGTE	
RETE	SPOT	SEE
ACL	FARE	
LORELET	ORANG	
ALL	TRICONSIA	
ALA	DOES	CHLA
PAD	BOBE	TABL

28 Fiddling Roman 41 Measure

29 Egress 42 Hebrew month

31 Highway edge 43 Gull-like bird

34 Inlame 44 Olympian goddess

35 Wife of Epimetheus 45 Wicked

37 Monuments 46 Ratio

38 Light brown 47 Bang

40 Earliest 48 Writing tool