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**A Second Garden?**

Listening to the President's State of the Union message Monday night, one can easily picture another Garden of Eden. Through his "Great Society" program, poverty will be eliminated, there will be no unemployment, everyone will be afforded an education (through private or public schools), war tensions will be eased through a series of visitations with those behind the Iron Curtain.

Taxes will be cut, the elderly will have Medicare, a program will be provided to fight crippling and killing diseases, pollution of the air and streams will be ended, transportation between major cities will be speeded up, a national foundation of arts will be set up, a new program to help the farmers will be instituted, and waste will be eliminated—with a (continued?) effort toward a balanced budget.

Has anybody been left out? If so, it was an oversight, and will probably be encompassed in some of the bills he anticipates to provide all the foregoing programs.

Included would be new efforts to control and prevent crime and delinquency, as well as a change in the Taft-Hartley law (which will probably mean the loss of state laws for right-to-work without joining a union).

If he can provide all the things he proposes, we might have a Utopia—and he has the majority in both houses of congress that it just might be tried! The proposals prove that he is more liberal than F.D.R. But they must have come as quite a shock to the industrial and business leaders who have been lulled into believing he is "at heart" a conservative.

It will be interesting to watch the results of his program and see how it affects the average citizen. If all this can be accomplished without cutting wages of employees or raising the prices of products or services—we will have discovered a new economic plan never before used successfully. Otherwise, you can look for a much more rapid rate of inflation.

**'Code of Ethics' Discussion Held By MYF, Parents**

Methodist Youth Fellowship group and guests met Dec. 20 at the church for a caroling party. The group was chaperoned by Raymond Sager, the Rev. Ralph A. Lawrence and Woodrow Seuell. They visited Malheur Memorial hospital and homes in Nyssa, singing songs of the season.

The 45 young people and their chaperones then returned to the church and played games. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Merilean Robbins and Mrs. Sager.

Parents were guests at the Jan. 3 meeting of the MYF group. A discussion on a "Teenage Code of Ethics" was held by those in attendance. It is reported that much interest was shown and the youth group plans to continue work on and adoptable "Code of Ethics for Teenagers."

**Adrian Community Church News**

A good crowd attended the potluck dinner and New Year's eve party held at the church.

The Bible study group met Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30, at the home of Mrs. R. D. McKinley. Each of the eight ladies in attendance presented a portion of the lesson.

Members of the church session will meet this evening at the home of R. D. McKinley.

The annual congregational meeting will be held at 8 o'clock Monday evening, Jan. 11, at the church.

**METHODIST CHILDREN AID JAYCEES CHRISTMAS PROJECT**

Members of the Methodist fifth and sixth grade Sunday school classes held a party Dec. 21 after school hours at the church. The children took gifts of food, clothing and toys which were given to the Jaycees to aid their project of Christmas baskets for needy families.

**Family Dinner Served at Home Of Effie Nielsen**

**By Farmerette Club**  
 NU ACRES—A family dinner was served Dec. 27 at the home of Mrs. Effie Nielsen, with her daughter, Mrs. Arvin Kersey, assisting in preparing turkey dinner for 21 guests.

Those present were Messrs. and Mmes. Clifford Nielsen and family, Elver Nielsen and family, Gary Nielsen and baby, Bill Nielsen and baby, Chuck Nelson and sons, Arvin Kersey and boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Winters and family of Harper were Christmas dinner guests at the home of her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaw and family.

Ted Hucker, a former Harper resident now living in Fruitland, was a Tuesday afternoon visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike McKague.

**Return From Springfield**

Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Jones returned Dec. 30 from Springfield, Ore., where they spent the Christmas holidays with their son and family. They also visited in Eugene and at Roseburg where they saw some of the flooded areas and report that at Springfield they encountered slippery roads. On their return trip most of the highways were dry and they had no difficulty.

Mr. and Mrs. Arvin Kersey spent New Year's eve day in Boise visiting friends and relatives, returning home Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Baxter were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Takami and family at Nyssa.

Dennis Heap spent the early part of last week at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. Ralph Baxter. He left Friday by train for Rexburg to resume studies at Ricks college.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike McKague attended Saturday afternoon funeral services for Otto Heidemann in Homedale.

**SUFFERS BROKEN ANKLE**

Johnny Glascock, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Glascock of route 1, Nyssa, suffered injuries on Dec. 26 while moving cattle at the John Stringer ranch.

His ankle was broken in three places and he was taken to Malheur Memorial hospital where he has been a patient since date of his injury. He is hoping to be released the latter part of this week.

**Salem Scene**

by Robert L. Dervedde

During the past three legislative sessions—and at the recent general election—attempts to reform and up-date Oregon's Workmen's Compensation law have been high on the list of controversial subjects.

Since the election, however, where voters defeated a monopolistic plan initiated by the Oregon AFL-CIO, controversy has somewhat lessened, because election results have been interpreted as a directive from the people that a competitive workmen's compensation law is desired.

Accordingly, the Fair Workmen's Compensation committee, which coordinated the campaign against ballot measure No. 3, began drafting a bill consistent with campaign promises.

Farmers, contractors, physicians and business and industrial leaders joined to draft the bill in an effort to obtain broad general agreement on its provisions. Consulting with the State Industrial Accident commission as to what would be most administratively feasible, the committee has completed a bill with increased benefits and wider coverage under a competitive system for introduction during the first days of the session.

Specifically, the bill completely separates conflicting functions of the commission which presently acts as judge and jury, as well as payer.

Insurance company functions would be transferred to a new accident insurance department under a manager appointed by the governor. The judicial function would be a review board appointed by the governor and the remaining regulatory, enforcement and administrative functions would be left with the State Industrial Accident commission.

The bill provides for uniform guaranteed benefits to all injured workmen at the same statutory schedule of disability payments and the same full unlimited medical and hospital protection plan. At the same time, it protects employers from liability for damage or negligent actions under the Employer's Liability law.

Increased benefits of roughly 18½ percent in each category—death, permanent disability, permanent partial disability and temporary total disability—are also provided. Certain farmers, homeowners and employers having less than three employees would be exempt from the act, but could participate if they so desired.

Additionally, improved accident prevention programs, claims handling procedures, appeals and hearing procedures and the broadening and extension of special programs make the committee's proposal as comprehensive and modern as possible.

Meanwhile, the AFL-CIO announced it will not submit a comprehensive workmen's compensation bill but, instead, will ask for an increase in benefits of 25 percent—6½ percent higher than the provision in the initiative proposal; extension of five years of the time for filing aggravated injury claims; an increase in employee contributions to finance a retroactive relief fund, and group rates.

Although the legislature will work for a speedy and efficient session, the bill drafted by the Fair Workmen's Compensation committee will get careful and complete consideration by the legislature and will, no doubt, receive favorable judgment.

**RETURN FROM OKLAHOMA**

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie B. Metcalf returned home Dec. 30 from Tipton, Okla., where they attended funeral services for his stepfather, G. W. Gaines, who succumbed on Dec. 22 after suffering a stroke.

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**ADULT BOOKS**

"Report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President John F. Kennedy." This is the complete investigation of the so-called Warren commission.

"My Shadow Ran Fast" by Bill Sands. Who is Bill Sands? As a youngster, he was a violent, law-breaking, convention-defying young thug. He would probably have committed murder had he not been stopped. Today, Sands is a different man. Read what happened to convince this man to lead a worthwhile, purposeful life.

Lockhart Amerman's "Guns in the Heather" is a vivid, fast-moving tale of international espionage, played out on the moors and mountains of the Scottish West Highlands. From the moment Jonathan Flower, the son of an American with a secret government job, is lured by a false telegram from the school he attends in Edinburgh, the excitement mounts.

"Strangers on a Bridge" by James B. Donovan. This is the absorbing history of the great spy case of our generation. It gives the inside story of the master spy and for years chief of Soviet espionage in the United States, Rudolf Abel, and the exchange of Francis Gary Powers, the U-2 pilot.

"Be FIT as a Marine" by W. H. Rankin. In recognition of the vital need for physical fitness in a growing "nation of spectators," Lt. Col. Rankin, a veteran of 24 years in the United States Marine Corps, has written this excellent, dependable and eminently readable guide to sound exercises for everyone.

"From Russia With Love" by Ian Fleming. The Russians wanted to liquidate James Bond, ace British secret agent, in a way that would embarrass England. The master conspirators devise a trap designed to eliminate Bond on a perilous journey from Istanbul to Paris via the lush Orient Express.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S READING**  
 "The Perilous Road" by William O. Steele. Chris Barbsen hated the Union troops—and he had his reasons. Yankee raiders in the Tennessee mountains had stolen the newly harvested crops, all the meat supply laid by for the winter and the Barbsens' only horse.

**MISSIONARY CIRCLE PLANS FRIDAY ALL-DAY MEETING**  
 Members of the Missionary circle of Owyhee Community church are planning an all-day meeting and potluck dinner tomorrow, Jan. 8, at the home of Mrs. Millie Robb.

Miss Margery Benedict, missionary on furlough from Africa, will be a guest.

All interested ladies of the area are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fischer were Christmas breakfast guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Godfrey and family in Boise. The Fischers entertained Christmas night for her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lefler and children of Royal City, Wash.; her brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chet Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. John Maxwell and daughter, all of Wilder.

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