

Congressman Neal Smith - 5th

" Stanley Drueg - 6th

" John Hanson - 7th

" John Culver - 2nd

" Bert Banstra - 4th

" John Schmidhauser 1st

REMARKS

VICE PRESIDENT HUBERT HUMPHREY

DEMOCRATIC DINNER

DES MOINES, IOWA

+ Mrs Harold

Gov Hughes

Chr Lex Hawkins

Don Mitchell

Albert Kelly

Congress

Lt Governor

Atty General

State Auditor

State Treasurer

Sec Agric

Sec State

Majority in
Legisl

Foundation of NOVEMBER 13, 1965

Courthouses rattled

~~Stevens~~

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It's good to be with you tonight in the great

Democratic state of Iowa.

Last fall, our Johnson-Humphrey Democratic

ticket carried Iowa by a comfortable margin. The

last time our party could make that statement was

in 1948, when President Truman and Alben Barkley

carried Iowa.

1965 has demonstrated beyond any doubt that

with a Democratic Administration in Washington and

a Democratic ~~Governor~~ ^{Administration} in Iowa, things go better for

Iowa and for all America.

AVOCA

Young People! - 4.05

Hardin County!

U.S.

President Johnson and the 89th Congress have produced the most amazing record of constructive legislation in the history of the Republic.

Iowa

Governor Hughes and your ^{54th Legial} General Assembly have concluded the most productive session of modern times in Iowa.

Progress . . . opportunity . . . ^{Economic} expansion and growth -- these are the words to describe what has been happening in America.

It is a wonderful time to be alive. To be sure, our problems are complex but our challenges and opportunities are exciting and rewarding.

~~do not~~ - these ^{Democrats} ~~do~~ ^{Garden} are chain talkers - but we have something to talk about

in this 89th

More than fifty measures have been passed to bring Iowa the greatest advancements in history in education, health, conservation and social welfare.

And in Washington your fine Democratic Congressmen -- Stanley Greigg, John Hansen, John Culver, Bert Bandstra, Neal Smith and John Schmidhauser -- have provided the kind of leadership and support that helped the 89th Congress produce the best legislative record in our national history.

Now to Digest & Consolidate

The air is crisp and clear this time of year. And the weather reflects the mood of our people, America is on the move. And so is Iowa.

These are good times for Iowans. Unemployment in Iowa stood at 2.1 per cent in July, 1964. But July of this year, it was 1.6 per cent.

in 1961 - about 5%

Record

one of lowest in Nation!

Econ. Prosperity + how it helps local Govt.

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State Govt

↳ Your state and local governments will collect an estimated 47 million dollars more in revenue this year than last year because of better business conditions.

↳ This will provide greater resources for local self-help programs -- programs for building new schools and hospitals and other community improvements.

↳ Better business means increased consumer purchasing power. And because of the Johnson Administration's income tax and excise tax reduction programs Iowans will have 182 million dollars more to spend this year than last. This means an average 60 dollars of additional purchasing power in the hands of each Iowa family.

Better Business

From Tax Reduction Plan.

^{UP}
Income up ^K 11.7 to 14 Billion
1961 1965

Agric

- 4 - of the total income in 5 years 6 billion

The heart of Iowa's economic growth depends on the soil. Gross income per Iowa farm was almost 18 thousand dollars last year -- 900 a year more than in 1963; 3,400 dollars a year more than in 1960. Last year, the gross income per farm nationally was a little over 12 thousand dollars.

Land Values up 25%

Parity of opportunity

From the beginning of this Administration, it has been the firm conviction of ^{JFK +} President Johnson that parity of opportunity and income should be restored to the farmers and the people of rural America.

I share that conviction.

And so do your ~~able~~ Democratic Congressmen.

and Your government is working cooperatively with your state and local officials to restore depressed communities

. . . to construct new water systems and sewage
treatment facilities . . . to build new low cost housing
. . . and to control pollution of lakes, streams and dams.

↳ Iowa's precious water resources are being safeguarded
under a program of watershed protection and flood control.

↳ Forty-three million dollars have been made available this
year for flood control projects in this state.

↳ The Small Business Administration has signed
nearly 200 contracts with those in your business community
who are looking for new opportunity.

↳ A 53-million-dollar highway improvement program
is helping to make your roadways more modern and
safe.

↳ Three million dollars has been allocated for hospital construction in this state. And Social Security health insurance benefits -- under our new program -- will pay out an estimated 22 million dollars to many of Iowa's 350,000 eligible participants in 1966.

yo ↳ We are working together to bring progress to this state. Our goal is to create a climate of opportunity and encourage initiative and self-reliance for all our people.

↳ High on our priority list is the problem of the American farmer, and how he can live successfully with the abundance he produces.

↳ It is a problem that has plagued agriculture for more than thirty years. But the 89th Congress has taken a giant step toward solving this problem by passing the Food and Agricultural Act of 1965.

↳ Few people yet realize the enormous significance of this legislation.

↳ This new program represents parity of opportunity for rural America. ↳ It is a major breakthrough toward better farm income, better use of our land resources, maximum use of our marketing systems both at home and abroad, and assures continued abundance for all our people.

↳ In my judgement this is the soundest and most effective farm program that has ever been enacted.

↳ It reflects the best judgement of Congress out of thirty years of experience with farm programs. And it incorporates the best of proven programs with new features for progress and better living in rural areas.

For example: Experience with the feed grain
~~program~~ and the wheat programs since 1961 has taught
us that direct payments to the farmer who voluntarily
reduces his production can strengthen farm income . . .
help eliminate surpluses . . . and maintain a working
balance between production and use to enable the
marketplace at home and abroad to function efficiently.

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Most important, this legislation establishes ~~this~~
~~kind of~~ program over a four-year period for most basic
commodities -- eliminating the uncertainty and confusion
of one + 2 year programs,
which former programs imposed on farmers and prevented
them from making long range operating plans.

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~~of over 2 Billion above
the 1961 level~~

The feed grain program will assure annual income for more than two million feed grain farmers that will be some two billion dollars per year above the 1961 level.

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It will permit further orderly reductions in surplus feed grain stocks ~~which~~ ^{which} already are more than 30 million tons below the record high of 83 million tons ~~at the~~ ^{in 1960,} end of the ~~1960 marketing year,~~ ^{it} and will reduce the Commodity Credit Corporation investment which was 3.4 billion dollars in 1960, and is now only two billion dollars.

The feed grain program has proved to be the best stabilizer ever devised for the livestock ~~and~~ and poultry industry.

Livestock men need no longer gamble from year to year as to the prices of feed. They can now make long-range plans.

One of the most important sections of this bill is the Cropland Adjustment Program. We have learned the wisdom in recent years of diverting land not needed at the present to new uses or for conservation purposes.

The Cropland Adjustment Program will provide land
adjustment contracts for as long as ten years. By
the end of four years, it is hoped that around 40 million
acres will be under contract, with proper safeguards so
that no single county or area will be decimated of its
farms, thus endangering the economy of that area through
loss of farm purchasing power.

These contracts will be less costly and will enable
the farmer to make his plans for the future. In addition,
the program will make land more readily available for new
uses, particularly for outdoor recreation and beautification.

This new agriculture program recognizes that the marketplace is the best mechanism to determine the flow and pace of commercial farming. *Most farm products* will no longer move in domestic and world markets at artificially high prices. *Instead, they will be guided* by conditions of supply and demand. *At the same time,* farmers will be protected from depressed incomes by the payments received for cooperation in diverting acreage to uses other than usual crop production.

Change *↳* Our new program will provide the flexibility necessary to keep pace with a dynamic and changing agriculture.

↳ For the majority of farm families in America, it brings closer than ever the goal of an income that will enable them to remain on the land.

I know the program will receive the support it deserves here in Iowa. For what you are achieving in this state . . . the Johnson Administration is achieving for all America.

↳ We see the Great Society not as a welfare state, but as a state of opportunity, While the majority of Americans are making the most of their abilities -- enjoying the highest standard of living in man's history -- there are still far too many Americans living without that opportunity.

opportunity

↳ That is why we are engaged in the only noble war mankind has ever waged -- against the forces of ignorance, hunger and disease.

↳ The record of the 89th Congress demonstrates that we are winning this war and succeeding in our efforts to create a Great Society.

↳ -- A society in which Americans can pass on to their children the joys and satisfactions of a better life.

↳ -- A society where each young person knows he can accomplish whatever his talent and hard work will enable him to do.

↳ -- A society where justice and compassion are not slogans, but living realities.

↳ Yes, we Americans are united. But, we can be nothing less in the world in which we live. For every single day in this nuclear age carries equally with it the possibility of destruction, or of progress.

↳ America has not sought its burdens of free world leadership -- they have sought us.

↳ Our choice is clear.

We must resist aggression.

Leadership
+
Responsibility

▷ || We can attain peace by remembering that we are our brothers' keepers. (Register + Tribune lead)

yet L We must pursue peace to the end of the earth or face the end of the earth.

L Humanity pleads for peace. President Johnson has said that the word "peace" is the most important word in man's vocabulary.

But, We cannot attain peace in a world where two-thirds of mankind lives in poverty, sickness and ignorance.

✓ L We cannot attain peace by ~~forgetting~~ ^{remembering} in difficult times, that we are our brothers' keepers.

L We know that the struggle for freedom will be with us far into the future.

And we are determined to do what we must do in our time to preserve life and to make it full and free and happy and useful.

↳ This, then, is what the Great Society is all about. It is the recognition that a second car and power mower and country club are not enough.

↳ It is the recognition that we can create in America our state of opportunity. We can right old wrongs. We can offer each person -- and each place -- in our country the chance to be better tomorrow than today.

↳ We have the genius to reach for the stars -- to soar free of this planet into the limitless reaches of space. But we also have the chance to reach for the human heart -- to help those in the world who need our help, ~~by sharing our wealth and our bounty.~~

↳ The people of Iowa share this vision of a better tomorrow. And they support the men and programs

that are making this dream a reality. These men

are your Senators - your Congressmen
you ~~Edwards~~ He End!

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~~I have no doubts about your future or about the future of our party in this state. Let us move forward.~~

~~President Johnson has made his commitment to our American tomorrow. I join him in that commitment. We ask you help.~~

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