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## The Roaring Twenties

By Dr. Jim Haas

No, not the current twenties, the 1920s, the Jazz Age that brought a revolution in manners and morals, global relations, voting, communications, industry, dress, the arts, and more that touched every American. After a hundred years, many of the changes are with us still.

The Great War that ended in 1918 had horrified the world with killing on an industrial scale and was expensive as well. Americans adopted a policy of isolationism, feeling safe behind their moat of oceans and divorcing themselves where possible from the larger world. Going it alone would have disastrous consequences twenty years later.

The war and a flu pandemic that killed more than 700,000 Americans (of a population a third of today's) caused supply chain issues and the inflation that usually follows major disruptions. Without government intervention, the shaky economy got the 1920s off to a slow start, but slowly improved.

About seven million automobiles were

registered in the U.S. in 1920, most open-top like Ford's popular Model T; by 1930, there were 24 million, most enclosed sedans. Many short travels were by horse and buggy, or just horse, or by streetcars in cities or electric interurban railways like the Strang Line from KC through Overland Park to Olathe that prompted suburban growth. Long trips were by steam trains.

One trip you wouldn't be taking was to a bar, at least not openly. Prohibition was enacted in 1920 and supporters looked forward to an America safe from Demon Rum, but where there's a will, there's a way. To slake America's thirst, bootlegging and speakeasies soon spread across the land, followed by organized crime. Prohibition was a failed experiment that ended 13 years later.

While women had voted for years in some Western states (in Kansas since 1912), the Constitution was amended in 1920 to extend women's suffrage nationwide. Though women voted in a smaller proportion than men, that they *could* vote gave a sense of empowerment and self-respect that helped alter their social behavior. Hemlines went up from shoe tops to knees, corsets disappeared, and short hair appeared, first on college girls then more widely as the flapper look (pictured) became fashionable.

Women could now be seen smoking in public, and mascara, rouge, and lipstick became part of what my wife calls the "beautification process." Electric washing machines, vacuums, and other appliances gave women free time, and, building on their success in war work, millions of women took jobs, enjoying their own income and independence.

Speakeasies, unlike the old saloons, welcomed women as well as men. For those



with money, drinking, flirting, and dancing to hot jazz gave the decade its name, and the music could be heard at home on the newfangled radios. New York's Harlem Renaissance saw a flowering of Black culture of high quality in music and literature. A consumer economy was being created with many families (but not most) better off than before the war, though like today, most wealth went to the upper few percent. It was "Coolidge prosperity."

By the late twenties, the stock market had long been rising and many ordinary people decided they could get rich by buying stocks on "margin"—not paying for them but writing an IOU to be paid to



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# Sue's Sudsy Soapbox



By Sue Reich

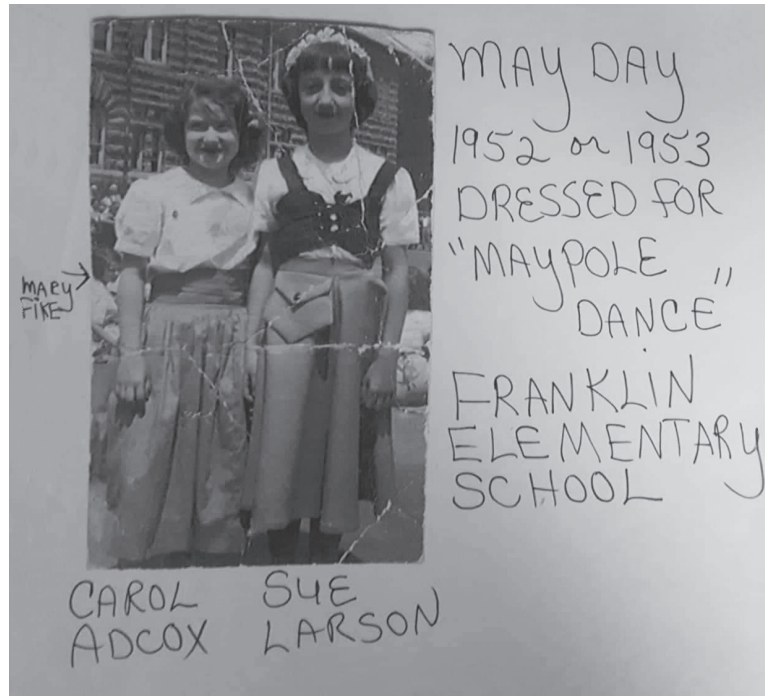
I figured out why we didn't have snow days when I was at Franklin. No TV's. We didn't know we had snow days. I was watching the news tonight and all across the bottom; all the schools weren't going to be open on Thursday. Now, when we had three feet of snow, we went, and even went home for lunch and trudged back through the snow for the other half of our day. One big kid in my grade always found the chance to knock me down and roll me in the snow. Times have really changed.

One thing about now is this darn pandemic. Can't see anyone like we used to, can't go to church, but

they sure can have sports. Ran into a friend of mine that went to the same church as me. She made the remark that it felt good to sit on her couch in her "jammies" and watch the service.

For one thing, it gets lonesome. Can't do nuttin' anymore. A friend of mine that is in the Sweet Adelines, she and her daughter sing different parts and she said it sounds odd to hear each other on TV and in their home. My three sisters and I had a quartet. We enjoyed singing together. Our folks were the Tuckertown Rascals and they used to put on a lot of shows everywhere. Gayle won a contest, made records on the West coast, sang at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, she and the folks even played for the Grand Opening of channel 4, WDAF TV.

Hopefully it doesn't snow like they are predicting. I am sure everyone is tired of all this Covid stuff.



Franklin Mayday, many years ago.

Boy, I sure am. Those masks sure get tiresome to wear all the time. I carry a box of them in my van so to be sure to always have one.

Well sweet people, guess I will sign off and remember to be kind. Mind your p's and q's. K? Ivya all, Sue



## Governor Kelly Distributes Food at Mercy and Truth Medical Missions Clinic Discusses Kansans Grocery Bill Relief Through "Axe the Food Tax" Legislation

TOPEKA –Governor Laura Kelly helped bag and distribute food alongside volunteers of the Church of the Resurrection's FoodMobile pantry at the Mercy and Truth Medical Mission in Kansas City, Kan. The Governor also toured the clinic and delivered remarks about the importance of eliminating the state's food tax. This proposal will lower the grocery bill and put money back in the pockets of Kansas families. With this event, the FoodMobile hit a record of helping 57 families. On average, 40 families receive aid through the mobile pantry at every stop.?

"Between the high food sales tax and the pandemic-induced inflation that has raised prices on all kinds of goods, it's no surprise Kansans are struggling," Governor Laura Kelly said. "For far too long, Kansans have been paying more for groceries than anyone else in other states. The sales tax on food is bad for families, local grocers and farmers, and our economy. It's time we Axe the Food Tax."



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By Sharon Hoover

I guess I spoke the truth as I gaze upon 9 inches of snow in my yard. Calvin spent yesterday shoveling and snow blowing the better part of the day. Next Monday's temperature is supposed to be in the high 50's but I don't think the snow will be gone by then. If you haven't guessed it by now, I am a hermit when it comes

# Comin' & Goin' Turner Style

to bad weather and lucky to have someone to take care of me.

A couple of Gardening Zoom meetings are coming up the beginning of March. The K-State Garden Hour is presenting "Landscape Design 101" on March 2, 2022, from 12pm-1pm. Travis Carmichael, Lyon County Kansas Horticulture Agent will be the speaker. If have already registered for the series, you don't have to re-register. I think if you just key in K-State Garden Hour, you should be able to find the site.

Wyandotte County Master Gardeners are holding a virtual zoom class about the "Hummingbirds of Kansas" on March 3, 2022, from 11:30-12:30pm. Chuck Otte, Geary County Kansas Agricultural & National Resources Extension Agent will be the speaker. Email Lynn

Loughary at [lloughar@ksu.edu](mailto:lloughar@ksu.edu) or call 913 299 9300 for the link.

The Kansas City Kansas Fire Department is now accepting applications for the following positions: Firefighter/Paramedic-eligible for \$5000 bonus; Firefighter/Pending Paramedic-must obtain paramedic's license within one year of date of hire to be eligible for \$5000 bonus; and Firefighter/EMT. Apply [www.wycokck.org/careers](http://www.wycokck.org/careers).

Another one of my favorite authors is Lisa Gardner who in her latest novel "One Step Too Far" brings back Frankie Elkins. Frankie is a self-taught searcher of missing people. This case is about an experienced hiker who disappeared in the wilderness of Wyoming five years earlier. She joins his father, his three best friends who were

with him the night he vanished, a local guide, Bigfoot hunter, a dog handler, and cadaver dog. During their journey, she discovers many secrets. As they hike through the mountains it becomes clear that something dangerous is at work in the woods - someone or thing is willing to do anything to stop them from going any farther. Most of this novel was my snow day read and I picked up a piece of trivia about basic survival while hiking in the mountains- the rule of three. "You can go three minutes without air, three hours without shelter, three days without water, and three weeks without food." If the subject arises at my next social event, I will be sure to share it.

Until next time, stay safe, and be kind to those around you.



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# SENATE NEWS



By Sen. Pat Pettey

I am honored to serve you in Topeka. My office number is 125E. I welcome your input on any of these issues. Please feel free to contact me at 785-296-7375 or pat.pettey@senate.ks.gov.

## GENERAL ORDERS

On Thursday, February 3, 2022, Governor Laura Kelly vetoed the Ad Astra 2 congressional redistricting map, which passed the Senate by a vote of 26 to 9 before passing in the House by a vote of 79 to 37. In

her veto message, Governor Kelly cited the map's dilution of minority communities' voting strength as one of the reasons she did not sign the bill. This is particularly true for WyCo.

Senate President Ty Masterson moved swiftly on Monday to override the governor's veto. I voted NO, because I agree that the map unnecessarily divides communities of interest, dilutes the voting power of minority communities, and makes significant shifts to the cores of our existing districts. Republican senators Dennis Pyle (Hiawatha), John Doll (Garden City), Mark Steffen (Hutchinson), and Alicia Straub (Ellinwood) joined the 10 Democrats present in voting no,

which prompted a call of the Senate. I voted NO.

Any senator may make a call of the Senate providing four other senators raise their hands in support. Under a call of the Senate, the sergeant at arms must secure the doors to the chamber and ascertain the location of any missing members. One of our colleagues was at a doctor's appointment; the other, Senator Mike Thompson (Shawnee), served as leadership's "rabbit" – a senator hidden away for such a call so they can use the lockdown to twist arms and flip votes. During this time, senators must remain in their seats and can only leave with permission from the chair.

After 4 hours and no movement on the votes, President Masterson lifted the call and switched his vote to NO, which allowed him to make a motion to reconsider on Tuesday. The majority leader, Senator Larry Alley (Winfield), moved quickly to adjourn, which received bipartisan pushback, since leadership had obviously coordinated the sequence of events and as such refused to recognize Senators Dinah Sykes and Dennis Pyle, who both stood at the end of the override vote.

Twenty-four hours later, we returned to the chamber, where President Masterson moved to reconsider the previous action on the governor's veto. His motion passed by a vote of 28 to 11, and his motion to override the veto prevailed by a vote of 27 to 11, with Senators Doll and Pyle voting "pass" and Senators Steffen and Straub flipping their votes to "yes."

Legislators and members of the press corps quickly connected the dots between Senator Steffen and Straub's flip-flop and their legislative priorities getting pushed out of committee. S Sub for HB 2280 includes Senator Steffen's language requiring pharmacists to fill prescriptions of off-label medications to "treat" COVID-19; prohibiting the Board of Healing Arts from investigating physicians who prescribe off-label drugs; and requiring child care facilities and schools to grant "philosophical" exemptions from vaccination requirements for all childhood vaccines.

Senator Steffen confirmed as much during an interview with KCMO Talk Radio's Pete Mundo on Wednesday, though President Masterson denied the quid pro quo. Leadership took that denial even further on Thursday when they quietly re-referred HB 2280 back to committee, and not an hour later stripped Senators Steffen and Straub of their vice-chair positions and removed them from some of their committees. Leadership said this was done to "maintain unity" in the Republican caucus.

The house overrode Gov. Kelly's veto on Wednesday meaning the maps will be challenged in court at taxpayer expense.

Apex Economic Development Bill:

On Wednesday, the Senate voted to concur with House amendments to SB 347 by a vote of 31 to 9. This bipartisan bill – called the Attracting Powerful Economic Expansion Act (APEX) – could help Kansas land the biggest private sector investment in the state's history. The current project would bring 4,000 new jobs to Kansas and inject \$4 billion in business investment into the Kansas economy. I voted yes.

## COMMITTEE UPDATE

• JJOC Joint Juvenile Oversight Committee

• Confirmation Oversight

• Education - This committee spent all of this past week grilling the board of Regents governor appointments and then on Thursday passed out Carl Ice favorably and Cindy Lane and former Sen. Wint Winter were passed out without recommendation. These are all quality candidates for the Board of Regents and they have been treated with a great deal of disrespect by some members of Sen. Education. We need Kansans to be willing to serve on these important boards but when their personal integrity is brought into question along political lines fewer will be available. They will next be voted on by the full Senate.

• UNDERMINING EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS: The Senate Committee on Education will have hearings on two bills

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## Petty... ...from page 4

SB363 and SB393, requiring school districts to publish online lists of training materials and activities used for both student instruction and teacher professional development. One bill, SB393, includes penalties for violations of this legislation. They'll also have an informational hearing on a "Parental Bill of Rights." Texas and Wisconsin are considering similar measures this year.

Both of these bills bring into question the professional training of all public school educators in the state of Kansas. Each teacher would be expected to post on the district website ALL materials to be used during the school year and if they varied in any way the district could get reduced state funding the following year. I taught for 36 years and what I was teaching was always available to my parents however if a student needs more work in an area or enrichment then I worked to accommodate those needs. That is what teachers do so change is happening and should be all the time for the learning needs of our students. We will lose teachers with this kind of ridiculous and unprofessional legislation. I would love to hear from you about SB 393 and SB 363.

• **Public Health and Welfare - ANTI-VAX LEGISLATION:** The Senate's top anti-vaccine advocate, Senator Mark Steffen, introduced a bill that grants civil immunity for exposing another to infectious disease due to a lack of immunization, prohibits employers from firing employees' based on their immunization status, and prohibits the Secretary of Health and Environment from requiring additional immunizations to attend a child care facility or school. It passed out of the Public Health and Welfare committee this week and awaits action by the Senate. Two days after now HB 2208 passed out of committee the President of the Senate referred back to committee. I believe it will come out again but this terrible legislation that protects doctors to

prescribe anything under the label of COVID but force pharmacist to fill even when they do not find it in the best interest of the patient. It further undermines childhood vaccinations requirements in our daycares and schools. This week we will have hearings on : SB 453, to create a new work category in adult care homes; SB 440 concerning scope of practice for Occupational therapist and possible 4 other bills. SB 407 is a bill I introduced and I will be testifying. It removes trying our eligibility threshold to 2008 federal poverty level. We are the only state that has a year in our CHIP guidelines so I am hopeful we can correct this costly eligibility error.

### • Ways and Means

You can click on the hyperlinked committee names to access the upcoming agendas.

Some committee work to keep an eye on:

• **CHILDREN'S HEALTH:** My bill updating income eligibility requirements for the state children's health insurance program and eliminating the waiting period for certain persons to participate in the program has a hearing in the Senate Committee on Public Health & Welfare on Thursday.

• **VOTING RIGHTS:** There are multiple election bills being heard in the Senate Committee on Federal and State Affairs next week. SB 351, SB 390, SB 418, SB 394, SB 391, and SB 445 all address various aspects of our elections, including: requiring all advance voting ballots be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day; requiring ballots show the number of years an incumbent has served in office; and prohibiting the use of additional ballot boxes for the return of advance voting ballots. You can find the full agenda for the week here.

• **STATE BUDGET:** The Senate Committee on Ways and Means is starting to work on major components of the budget, contained in SB 422 and SB 444. For a refresher on the governor's budget recommendations, here is her press release laying out the details.

Committee hearings and legislative proceedings are live-streamed

from the Kansas Legislature's website and YouTube channel.

You can also track bills on the Legislature's website by clicking on the Bills & Laws link. You are welcome to testify before a committee – in person or remotely via WebEx – on any issue important to you. A written copy of your testimony is required at least 24 hours prior to the committee hearing.

### OUT OF COMMITTEE, ON TO THE CALENDAR

Here are some bills of interest that have made their way through the committee process and await action by the Senate:

• **CHILD WELFARE:** Senator Oletha Faust-Goudeau's bill requiring the Kansas Department for Children and Families to implement performance-based contracts was recommended favorably for passage by the Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare. It has been placed on the Senate calendar and awaits action by the Senate as a whole.

• **RIGHTS FOR BLIND PARENTS:** Senator Mary Ware's bill strengthening civil and custodial rights for blind parents passed out of committee on Friday. Senator Mark Steffen made a technical amendment to the bill, which is something to watch as it could create a path for him to make further changes if the Senate debates the legislation.

• **SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE KITS:** The bill requiring law enforcement agencies to adopt a policy regarding submission of sexual assault kits within 30 days of their collection and extending the required retention period for sexual assault kits from unreported assaults from 5 years to 20 years remains on the Senate Calendar. It was passed over last week when legislative leadership caught wind of Senator Tom Holland's amendment adding language from Sheldon's Law, which would make clergy mandatory reporters.

### MEDICAID EXPANSION: ANOTHER YEAR, ANOTHER BILL

Governor Laura Kelly announced legislation to expand Medicaid (KanCare), a law that

would provide more than 150,000 hard-working Kansans access to affordable healthcare and create more than 23,000 new jobs, bolstering the Kansas economy.

"Expanding Medicaid so that thousands of hard-working Kansans have access to affordable health care would boost the Kansas economy," Governor Laura Kelly said. "Expansion would inject billions of dollars into our state, create thousands of jobs, help retain our healthcare workers in Kansas—and help rural hospitals' bottom lines. It's time to work together to deliver for Kansans and get this done once and for all."

Under the proposed legislation introduced on February 9, Medicaid will be expanded to cover Kansans earning up to the full 138 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, 90 percent of which would be paid by the federal government, starting on January 1, 2023. Furthermore, if Medicaid is expanded, the state is poised to receive an additional \$370 million over the next eight fiscal quarters for the current Medicaid population. That's a total of \$68.5 million in State General Fund savings in Fiscal Year 2023 alone, which will be reallocated for one-time strategic investments on housing, childcare, and workforce development.

A 2022 statewide survey finds that almost 8 in 10 Kansans – 78 percent – support expanding Medicaid to allow more Kansans to qualify for health care coverage. This is not only the right thing to do for our state, but it's incredibly popular among Democrats, Independents, and Republicans alike.

Expanding Medicaid in Kansas would boost the economy by:

- Providing affordable health insurance to hundreds of thousands of Kansans

- Stimulate the economy for rural, suburban, and urban communities alike

- Create tens of thousands of new jobs

- Inject billions of dollars in increased economic output

- Retain health care jobs in Kansas



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# AAA: Potholes Can Be a Big Hit (on Your Wallet)

WICHITA, Kan. — The constant back-and-forth this winter — with weather fluctuating between snow and ice and 60-degree temperatures, and back again a few days later, has been hard on roads. These conditions will likely pave the way for potholes, another expense for drivers during a winter that has already been costly for many of them.

“First, AAA Roadside Assistance crews responded to thousands of calls from members with dead batteries during the cold, and now we’re seeing plenty of tire related calls,” said Shawn Steward, spokesman for AAA Kansas. “Damage from potholes is not just an inconvenience. It can be a significant expense.”

In some cases, the impact of poor road conditions on vehicles can leave a car owner with repair bills ranging from under \$250 to more than \$1,000 depending on the extent of the damage, the make of the vehicle and the type of tires.

“Hitting a pothole can damage much more than just your tires,” explained AAA Kansas’ Steward. “In addition to the cost of extensive repairs, many vehicles these days don’t have a spare tire, so those without AAA have the added expense of a tow as well.”

Typically, potholes form when moisture collects in small holes

and cracks in the road surface. As temperatures rise and fall, the moisture expands and contracts due to freezing and thawing. This breaks up the pavement and, combined with the weight of passing cars, eventually results in the formation of potholes.

Blown tires, dented rims, damaged wheels, dislodged wheel weights, displaced struts, dislocated shock absorbers, and damaged exhaust systems are all are costly common automotive issues caused by pothole run-ins. Other telltale signs include misaligned steering systems, and ruptured ball joints.

According to a AAA study on pothole damage:

- Americans spend \$3 billion per year to repair pothole-related damages to their vehicles.

- American drivers paid an average of \$300 each to repair pothole-related damages to their vehicles in 2017, AAA estimated.

“It is critical for motorists to be proactive and have their vehicle inspected whenever they suspect damage,” AAA’s Steward noted. “Ignoring the problem could be a costly mistake.”

AAA urges motorists to avoid driving through puddles, which could be ‘potholes in disguise.’

To aid motorists in protecting their vehicles from pothole damage, AAA recommends the following:

- **Inspect Tires** — The tire is the most important cushion between a car and a pothole. Make sure tires have enough tread and are properly inflated. To check the tread depth, insert a quarter into the tread groove with Washington’s head upside down. The tread should cover part of Washington’s head. If it doesn’t, then it’s time to start shopping for new tires. When checking tire pressures, ensure they are inflated to the manufacturer’s recommended levels, which can be found in the owner’s manual or on a sticker on the driver’s door jamb. Do not use the pressure levels stamped on the sidewall of the tire.



- **Look Ahead** — Make a point of checking the road ahead for potholes. An alert driver may have time to avoid potholes, so it’s important to stay focused on the road and not any distractions inside or outside the vehicle. Before swerving to avoid a pothole, check surrounding traffic to ensure this will not cause a collision or endanger nearby pedestrians or cyclists.

- **Slow Down** — If a pothole cannot be avoided, reduce speed safely being sure to check the rearview mirror before any abrupt braking. Hitting a pothole at higher speeds greatly increases the chance of damage to tires, wheels and suspension components.

- **Beware of Puddles** — A puddle of water can disguise a deep pothole. Use care when driving through puddles and treat them as though they may be hiding potholes.

- **Check Alignment** — Hitting a pothole can knock a car’s wheels out of alignment and affect the steering. If a vehicle pulls to the left or right, have the wheel alignment checked by a qualified technician.

- **Recognize Noises/Vibrations** — A hard pothole impact can dislodge wheel weights, damage a tire or wheel, and bend or even break suspension components. Any new or unusual noises or vibrations that appear after hitting a pothole should be inspected immediately by a certified technician.

For more on how to prevent serious vehicle damage from potholes, motorists can visit [AAA.com](http://AAA.com).

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## Passings...

By Sue Reich

David John Berve, age 78, passed away on February 9, 2022. Graduate of Wyandotte High School, class of 1962.

Darwin Morris, age 84, passed away on February 7, 2022. Born in Argentine, member of the First Baptist Church of Turner.

Juanita (Salas) Hernandez, age 84, passed away on January 23, 2022. She attended Argentine High School. Lost her home in the ‘51 flood in Armourdale.

## Haas...

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a broker out of future profits. You can see the danger in that. The market should have been regulated, but three Republican administrations refused to do it.

As margin sales soared, so did stock prices—for a while. Finally, in the fall of 1929, the market was so overvalued that it crashed. Many investors were ruined, and prosperity went down the drain. The Roaring Twenties skidded to a halt. The Great Depression began.



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