

Price Support Debate Held by Farm Bureau

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CHICAGO (AP)—Advocates of present high level farm price supports made themselves heard Monday at an American Farm Bureau Federation convention apparently headed for endorsement of a flexible system of price floors.

A meeting thrown open to speeches by bureau members drew a top heavy majority for continuation of the present program, at least for cotton, tobacco and peanuts.

Most of those heard were from Southern states where these crops are grown. Meanwhile, Allan B. Kline, federation president who is completing his third four-year term, told a news conference he will stay on the job if delegates desire.

Health Improves
Kline, 58-year-old corn-hog farmer, said his doctor had urged him earlier this year to take things easier but that his health has improved since then. Farm leaders expect no opposition to Kline.

More than two dozen Southern farmers who came to the convention, not as delegates but as observers, took the floor to plead for extension of the present program.

A much smaller number, largely from Northern and Midwestern states, spoke up for the flexible plan backed in recent years by the American federation.

Clashes With Truman
Kline's expiring term was marked by clashes with the Truman administration over federal farm policies.

Meanwhile, the bureau's resolutions committee worked on a policy statement re-affirming the organization's endorsement of a system of flexible price supports as opposed to the present program of rigid, 90 per cent of parity price floors.

The flexible plan—embodied in the Farm Act of 1949 and designed to go into effect in 1955 unless

Ike Misses Huge Gridiron Club Reception

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower stayed home in the White House with Mrs. Eisenhower, who is still suffering from a cold, and missed the Gridiron Club's huge reception Sunday.

The president attended Saturday night's dinner put on by the 68-year-old Gridiron Club during which its noted news correspondents members joshed his administration and the great and near-great of politics.

Because the club's traditional dinners are limited to men only, club members reenacted some of the skits at a reception for the benefit of victims, other guests and their women folk.

The reception, at which there was hardly elbow space, was a curtain raiser for two newcomers to the capital—the new chief justice, Earl Warren, and his wife.

The Warrens, in the absence of the Eisenhowers, were ranking guests at the reception. It was Mrs. Warren's first appearance with her husband at a major social event here since her recent arrival from California.

Also present were Atty. Gen. Brownell and Mrs. Brownell, Secretary of Interior McKay and Mrs. McKay.

WRONG STEER IS TRAGIC

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP)—A steer scratched its back against a utility pole in the yards of the Producers Livestock Cooperative Assn. with these results: The pole swayed, a circuit was shorted, and an area of 15 square miles was blacked out for about 35 minutes, during which a darkened traffic light led to an automobile accident injuring five persons.

Congress directs otherwise—would provide high supports in times of shortages to encourage production and low in times of surpluses to discourage production.

Kline, like Secretary of Agriculture Benson, has said that present supports create surpluses and price drops out of markets.

Census Set For Annexed Salem Areas

The secretary of state's office will take a census of four small areas which have been annexed to Salem since the 1950 U. S. census.

The state census was requested by the Salem City Council so that the increased population could be credited officially to Salem in connection with state apportionment of highway and liquor revenues earmarked for cities.

These apportionments last year averaged about \$7.15 per capita to the cities.

City Recorder Alfred Mundt said Monday that the four annexed areas had a total of 173 registered voters at the time of the annexation elections. The current census would reflect total population, whether or not eligible to vote, including those who have located in the areas since.

The new districts are the Edina Lane area near Center Street and east city limits; Eastmoreland addition; Watkins Addition near Orchard Heights Road in West Salem; Northgate Addition on the Pacific Highway in North Salem.

Norman Frees will supervise the state census, assisted by Mrs. Frank Morse and Mrs. Robert E. Pattison, Secretary of State Earl T. Newby has asked the cooperation of people in the areas so the census can be completed this week.

Last 'Missing Stockholder' Found Here

The last of four "missing stockholders" was located in Salem by The Statesman Monday.

Four Salem names were on a list of 100,000 lost stockholders for whom an Eastern tracing company is conducting a search. The names were reported to be of those whose mail couldn't be delivered because last known address was insufficient.

One of the four was Mrs. Della V. Martin, listed under an old address, 1205 Columbia St. After the Statesman article appeared Monday morning, friends of the woman called to say she now lives in a rest home at 3845 D St. Her business mail is handled by a son, Carl P. Martin, Brooks Route 1, Box 78F, who is conservator of her estate.

The others who were informed by The Statesman of the "search" which might mean unexpected dividend checks or other stock interests, are Mrs. Mary Cole Vinyard, Emmett Welling and Mrs. Annie C. Paul.

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Man Mourns Loss Of Two Ancient Cars

REDDING, Calif. (AP)—A big fire destroyed many new automobiles, which was bad enough. But what really brought grief to Darrold Huffaker was the destruction of three ancient cars.

Huffaker, a collector of old vehicles, mourned the loss of two Fords—vintage 1914 and 1926—and a Dorriss of 1913.

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