

In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

There are two interesting tales in the news this morning. They are curiously inter-related. Here is Tale No. 1:
The department of agriculture said American farmers are producing the largest crop in history this year. Overall crop production will be up seven per cent from last year. Cotton is up six per cent over 1957. Soybeans will hit all-time new highs. All wheat and barley crops are of record size. Corn and hay crops are expected to be at least the second largest in history. Oats, potatoes and sugar crops (beet, cane, etc.) are far above average.

And—
All this is being done on THE SMALLEST ACREAGE IN 40 YEARS.

ALL that should be good news. But IS IT?

ONE WONDER.

All over America the warehouses are bulging with carried-over surpluses from former years. These surpluses hang over the agricultural markets like a dark thundercloud. Inevitably, this question arises:

What will an all-time record crop do to PRICES? That remains to be seen. Nobody knows.

HERE is tale No. 2:

The senate has given final congressional approval to a compromise four-year extension to the nation's RECIPROCAL TRADE bill. The measure gives President Eisenhower most of the tariff-cutting power he has asked for.

It is assumed that he will sign the bill into law.

WHY is that related to our record-breaking crop of this year?

It's like this:
American farmers have demonstrated that they are the most efficient producers of food in the world. Over the world as a whole, there isn't food enough to go around. Millions of people are hungry.

Consider this fact:
If American farmers—who this year will produce the biggest crop in history on the smallest acreage in history—could dispose of their surplus to the people who are hungry, everything would be rosy.

THAT can come about only by means of TRADE.

Trade is a two-way street. Before people elsewhere can buy the food we are able to produce in such abundance, they must be able to sell to us the things they produce in abundance.

If we are to sell, we must also buy.
That is the first law of commerce.

Plans Being Made For B-E Day Here

Plans are being made for business education day in Medford Sept. 11, according to Don McNeil, Jackson County Chamber of Commerce manager.

On that day, Medford school teachers will be invited to visit firms assigned them. Firm executives will discuss with them every day business problems.

Subjects for discussion may include employment and training procedures, selling, business problems, and contribution to community, the chamber manager said.

The latter subject would cover payrolls, taxes, support of community enterprises and leadership.

Ashland Police Probe Vandalism

Ashland—City police here are investigating the vandalism in the Rest Haven mausoleum in Mt. View cemetery in Ashland recently.

Officers said about eight youngsters between 12 and 16 years old, both boys and girls from Ashland and Medford, are involved.

Plastic vases were broken, vents kicked off the roof, water turned on, brass attachments for vases bent and the hoist for elevating caskets used, police said.

Cost of the damage has not yet been estimated, officers said.

Grange News...

Central Point Grange
Grange will meet Friday night. The HEC will outline the committees to help with the dinner to be given for the Rebecca's convention Aug. 19. Growers are asked to bring produce to be judged on qualifications for the Fair booth.

The program will consist of group singing, skits and contests. Win Arnold and Mrs. Otto Niedermeyer will head the program.

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