

Alsike Clover Story Important For Basin

By MALCOLM EPLEY JR.

Herald and News Editor: The story of the Alsike clover crop in the Klamath basin is a story of the importance of this crop to the basin's economy. It is a story of the struggle to produce a crop that is both profitable and reliable.

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SUSAN GEARY, Klamath Union High School Junior, is one of 14 candidates nominated for queen of the KU Sweetheart Ball Saturday evening. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith, Rocky Point Road.

'53 Fateful for Free China

By SPENCER MOON

TAIPEI, Formosa (AP)—There is a distinct feeling in all quarters here that next year will be a fateful one for free China.

That feeling was strong even before President Chiang Kai-shek recently told the Nationalist assembly to complete their preparations for a return to the mainland in 1954.

On that same day, Maj. Gen. William C. Chase, head of the U. S. Military Assistance Advisory Group, handed in a speech that the Nationalist forces might see action in 1954.

There is speculation as to where they will meet the test.

Some quarters think it will be in Korea.

Others believe it is more likely that, in the absence of U. S. support to launch a full-scale invasion of the mainland, Chiang's forces at least will be put in a position to make powerful commands raids along the Chinese coast.

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Mystery Shrouds Planning Of Republican Farm Policy

By GUYD A. MARTIN

WASHINGTON (AP)—An air of mystery shrouded a scheduled meeting today of a 14-member commission named by President-elect Eisenhower to help draw up a

Republican farm program.

At the time the commission was appointed late in December, a member said it would hold its first meeting Jan. 4 and 5 on the campus of the University of Maryland.

University officials confirmed that arrangements had been made by Dean W. I. Myers of Cornell University, commission chairman, for meeting quarters on the campus.

But school officials said they had been requested to give no other information about the meeting, its time or place.

Republican national headquarters said they too were unable to supply details. Several GOP farm leaders in Congress said they had been able to confirm that a meeting would be held but had not been able to learn its place.

The commission was named to make suggestions to the new administration on such matters as farm price supports, extension of price supports to perishable products not now protected, soil conservation, subsidies, foreign trade as it relates to agriculture, the suggested formation of a permanent bipartisan commission to advise the secretary of agriculture, and reorganization of the department.

Members of the group which Eisenhower called an "interim commission" include representatives of farm organizations, farm industry groups and land grant colleges.

Meanwhile, two representatives of Benson arranged to confer today with a member of the commission.

Judy Garland Mother Dies

SANTA MONICA, Calif. (AP)—

Actress Judy Garland and her husband, Sid Luft, were told today to make funeral arrangements for her mother, Mrs. Ethel Gumm, who died yesterday.

Mrs. Gumm, who died yesterday, was the actress' mother when she was 10, apparently of a heart attack.

The body of Mrs. Gumm, 54, was found between two cars on the parking lot of the Hollywood Boulevard.

She had been a 10-year-old child at the time of her death, a year ago, reportedly of a heart attack.

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Marilyn May Sell Books

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—

The celebrated actress of the screen and the stage, Marilyn May, is about to enter the book world.

She has just published a book, "The Book of the Day," which is a collection of her favorite books.

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Death Ends Strange Fight

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—

The story of what appeared to be a fight to the death between an Alaskan trapper and a marauding black bear at a remote mountain cabin was slowly being unraveled today.

A coroner's jury still has not ruled officially on what caused the death of Randolph H. Gier, 36, the trapper, but new clues turned up at his wilderness cabin strengthened the theory of a man vs. bear battle that ended in a fatal draw.

Gier, whose mother and brother live at Copperville Falls, Wis., was found dead in his blood-soaked bed late last month.

A bush pilot, Max Shellbarger of Ekwonuk, discovered Gier's body on a flight with supplies for the trapper. He brought the body here.

Later, returning to board up the cabin 100 miles northwest of Anchorage, Shellbarger probed in the deep snow outside the door and uncovered the body of a bullet-riddled black bear.

U. S. Deputy Marshal T. A. Langford, who made an on-the-spot investigation yesterday, said he believed Gier was asleep in his cabin when the bear broke in.

The trapper then apparently threw a lantern at the bear and jumped out of a window, fired a number of shots through the door and finally peeked in to see if the animal was dead.

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