



SALE OF A LANDMARK was recorded recently when the W. P. McMillan residence at 217 was sold to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Misco. The fine old house was built in 1905 by Mr. McMillan, just three years after the family arrived in Klamath Falls from Salem. McMillan at that time was a building contractor and built many of the homes in that section of town as well as working on the old high school and other public buildings. Until the time of the sale the home had been occupied by the McMillan family, possibly the oldest house in Klamath Falls to be continuously lived in by the same family. All the family, Floyd and William, sons of a daughter, Greta, now Mrs. J. V. Brewbaker live in Klamath Falls. Mrs. McMillan makes her home now with the Brewbakers.

More Stability Seen For Cattle Prices During 1954

DENVER (AP) — The American National Cattlemen's Association expects more stability in cattle prices next year.

"We are moderately optimistic," F. E. Mollin, executive secretary of the association, declared in an interview Thursday.

"We don't expect the price picture to be too rosy, but it should be a little better than 1953. We can't anticipate any sharp increase in prices."

James G. Patton, president of the National Farmers Union, said his opinion is that "prospects of the whole agriculture industry, including cattle raising, revolves around whether we have a recession" next year.

"If we have a recession in our general economy the cattle industry will be adversely affected," he said.

While not forecasting a business slump, Patton asserted "there is concern the administration will not move rapidly enough in the overall economy and we may have a substantial recession."

The Farmers Union sponsored a cattlemen's "caravan" to Washington last October to ask Secretary of Agriculture Benson to put a floor under cattle prices. The request was rejected by Benson.

Cattle prices began skidding downhill in the fall of 1952 and reached their lowest level last June, Mollin said.

In 1950 there were 8 million head of cattle in the nation. This number jumped to 88 million by 1952 and stood at 93,696,000 on Jan. 1, 1953—an all-time high. The total last January was approximately 18,800,000 more than the postwar low census of 1949.

Mollin looks for the cattle inventory on Jan. 1, 1954, to be little changed from a year earlier, and

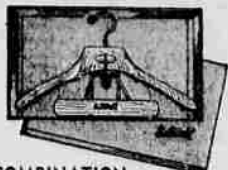
the supply of fed beef probably will be smaller than in 1953 with grass beef correspondingly high.

Cattle and calf slaughter during 1953 will total between 36 million and 38,700,000, Mollin estimated.

The cattlemen's group, which represents some 80,000 farmers and ranchers in 27 states, has been plugging this year for heavy marketing of cows and heifers to bring numbers in balance with demand. A continuation of this program will be advocated in 1954, Mollin said, and should liquidate the surplus.

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Letter Denies Charge

SEATTLE (AP) — A letter from President Eisenhower denying charges concerning Republican policies attributed to him by Rep. Magnuson (D-Wash.) has been issued by Rep. Westland (R-Wash.).

The Everett Republican said he had the President's permission to close the contents of the letter out Magnuson's recent charge that the Republican administration will step out of the power project construction field once such dams as Chief Joseph and McNary are completed.

"As you well know," the President's letter said, "such an assertion most emphatically does not represent my views. There is room in the power development field for both private agencies and the government."

He said the government's plan should "try to strike the proper balance between government and private resources. By government I do not mean only the federal government here in Washington; I mean, just as importantly, our state and local governments."

It is not correct, the President said, to say "that after completion of those projects now under way, this administration will abdicate its responsibility in the public power field."

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Receipts to Uncle Sam amounted to \$4,500 of which \$800 will be put back to work on the ground in the form of thinning work and tree planting. While only a small percentage of the firs in the woods are of good enough form to make Christmas trees, their removal does to some extent open the stand and favor the more valuable pine. Thickets of pure fir, the removal of some Christmas trees is not destructive, but instead makes room for remaining trees to grow.

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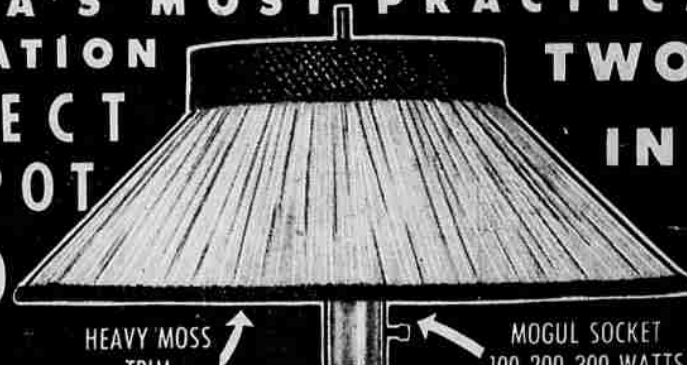
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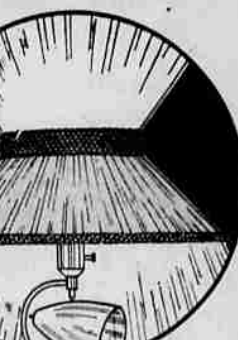
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