

Aiken Backs Ike Farm Plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Aiken (R-Vt.) said Monday the congressional economic committee's adverse report on the Eisenhower farm program should "be given little weight because the panel on it was loaded."

Aiken, chairman of the Senate Agriculture Committee, said in an interview his criticism was not aimed at the 14 senators and representatives who made the report, but at the economists who helped them frame it.

He has backed proposals of President Eisenhower and Secretary of Agriculture Benson to shift from present rigid farm price supports to a flexible plan that would lower these price props in times of surplus, with the aim of discouraging over-production.

The Senate-House economic committee's report indicated it would be wiser to continue the present fixed level of supports, established during wartime. They are due to expire at the end of the 1954 crop year.

Noting that farm income had declined, the report said the Eisenhower-Benson proposals "may actually place the farm family in a worse position in the short run."

While Aiken was critical of these conclusions, several other members of congress who are not on the economic committee praised the report.

HIT AND RUN

DETROIT (AP) — Three-year-old Linda Parker, walking hand in hand with her grandfather across a street, was struck and torn from his grasp by a hit-run car and thrown 100 feet to her death last night. The grandfather, Charles Gaddis, 68, was knocked down.

Former POW Gets Quiet Welcome

KERMIT, Tex. (AP) — A soldier and the home town and family he once forsook for communism were quietly getting reacquainted today.

Cpl. Claude Batchelor, self-described former leader of 21 other American prisoners who chose to stay with the Reds in North Korea, got home yesterday.

He was welcomed by his family at El Paso, where he arrived by commercial airliner.

How the approximately 6,912 citizens of Kermit will ultimately receive him couldn't be determined right off.

The town was Sunday quiet when he droye the family car up to his parents' frame house that stands alone in its block.

This oil and cattle town on the west Texas plains is where Claude, now 23, grew up, where he played cornet in the high school band.

Kermit saw him leave as a youth of 16 to join the Army. Later it heard he'd turned "Pro." He set the town to talking again when, last New Year's Eve, he returned to the Allied side.

He seemed unworried after his homecoming. He said he was happy, hoped to get out of the Army soon, wanted his Japanese wife in the United States and planned to continue his education.

Lounging in white shirt and slacks, he told reporters: "Everyone is just as friendly as they can be." Then he added, "But I guess I should admit I haven't had much chance yet to talk to the folks here in Kermit. Some of my old friends have come around to say 'hello' already though."

Midwest Set For Cold Wave

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Except for locally heavy snowfall and some freezing rain in the Eastern Great Lakes and upper Ohio Valley regions, the coming of March had little of the "like a lion" aspect that is supposed to guarantee mild weather late in the month.

But that could change by night-fall. A cold wave was forecast for the Dakotas, Nebraska, Eastern Montana, Minnesota and Iowa, with temperatures ranging from 10 above in Southern Iowa to 15-20 below zero in North Dakota.

The much colder weather will move into Kansas, Missouri, Wisconsin and Illinois Monday night and Tuesday, the forecast said.

Temperatures around the country early Monday were mostly seasonable, although ranging down to Grantsburg, Wis.'s 10 degrees. It was near freezing in much of the Midwest, well above that along the Atlantic Seaboard, in the 'tens and 20s in the Northern Plains and Rocky Mountains.

Virginia and the Carolinas also had snow at the higher elevations but showers elsewhere. Snow on the eastern slopes of the Rockies and the Northern Plains ranged up to Moorcraft, Wyo's three inches.

Payment Of Fines Made Pleasant

MCKEESPORT, Pa. (AP) — You still have to pay a fine for traffic violations in McKeesport but police are doing their best to make it as pleasant as possible.

Instead of climbing the steps to police headquarters, you simply stop at a new street level office and pay the clerk—a pretty girl clerk at that.

BASIN BRIEFS

Mrs. Mary McIntyre — has resigned as Weed correspondent for the Herald and News to become editor of the El Sobrante Herald in Contra Costa County, California. Her new address is 845 Bates Avenue, El Cerrito, California.

Appointed — Deneice Kenyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kenyon, 235 N. 10th, has been appointed promotion manager of the sophomore cabinet in the University of Oregon campus chapter of YWCA. She is a freshman in liberal arts at the university and a graduate of KUHS.

Joint Services — of Tulelake, Merrill, Mt. Laki and Malin districts will be held at the Malin Community Presbyterian Church on Friday, March 5, at 2 p.m.

Ladies Aid — of Community Presbyterian Church, Malin, will hold regular business meeting Thursday, March 4, at 2 p.m., in the church parlors. Mrs. George Fabianek, president, will preside.

Speaker — at the First Methodist Church tonight will be the Rev. Harold Shellhart of Springfield. His subject will be "The Guide to Mystic Heights." The church's spiritual life mission program starts at 7:30 p.m. Public is invited.

Possum Picks Car For New Home

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Robert Saccetti decided to do something about that knock in his automobile engine yesterday.

When he lifted the hood, he found there was nothing wrong with his motor except maybe it was a little crowded for space. Sneaking inside was a furry possum.

Keno PTA — will meet Tuesday evening, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Keno School. A cake walk will be the feature of the evening and mothers are asked to bring cakes.

PTA — Klamath County Council PTA will meet Tuesday, March 2, at 1:30 p.m. at the YMCA. There will be election of officers. All PTA members are invited.

Weekend Visit — Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Coleman, Lively, California, spent this past weekend in Ashland visiting with their son and daughter-in-law, the Don Colemans. Don was general chairman for Dad's Day weekend festivities at Southern Oregon College, Ashland.

Visiting — Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Morelock, Malin, visited in Grants Pass Sunday.

Leathercraft — course at OTI beginning tonight in Farrell Hall. The making of wallets, purses, belts and moccasins will be featured in this 20 hour course. Classes will be held every Monday evening from 7:30 to 9:30 and the cost of the course is \$5.

Accident — Word was received here Sunday by Jim Boyle, instructor at OTI, of the death of his uncle, Galen Durkee, former Weyerhaeuser employe here, in a car wreck in Orofino, Idaho.

To Ashland — attending Dad's Day festivities in Ashland this weekend were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoagland, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Michels, Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Kautz, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Hedlund and Mr. and Mrs. Otto Ellis, Klamath Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Don Miller, Malin.

Visiting — Mrs. Anna Richards,

526 Main, has been spending the past several weeks visiting friends and relatives on the Oregon Coast.

Klamath County — historical society will meet in the chamber of commerce room, Wednesday evening, 7:30 p.m., March 3, 1954. An interesting program has been arranged and the public is invited.

Ladies Aid — Klamath Lutheran Ladies Aid will meet Tuesday, March 2, at 2 p.m. at the church. The program will include a discussion on home missions by Mrs. Kent Spaulding. Hostesses will be Mrs. J. D. Huck and Mrs. Keith Henry.

Andrew Loney Jr. — director of music education in the Klamath Falls public schools, judged the district Lions Club talent and scholarship contest in Meany Hall of the University of Washington campus, Seattle, last Saturday.

Altar Society — St. Augustine's Altar Society will meet Wednesday, March 3, at the parish hall. All members are urged to attend as final plans will be discussed for the supper to be served at the St. Patrick's hall, March 17.

Merrill — Library Club will meet Thursday, March 4, at the home of Mrs. George Milne. Co-hostesses are Mrs. John Moore and Mrs. George Rankin. An interesting program in planned for the afternoon.

Missionary Meet — Maranatha Missionary Society of Bible Baptist Church will meet at the home of Mrs. H. Goeller Jr, 31 Pine, Tuesday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.

Girl Scouts — will be calling at basin homes this week, for the annual Girl Scout cookie sale is under way. The Girl Scouts are helping in this way to provide funds for the advancement of leisure activities. Remember the wholesome, well-rounded program Girl Scouts offer for your daughter and all girls of scout age in your community, and fill your cookie jar with Girl Scout cookies.

World Day — of Prayer services will be conducted Friday afternoon, March 5, at 2 p.m. at First Christian Church and that evening.

at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church. Everyone is invited.

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