

Basin Acreage Up In 1953; Crops Good, Prices Down

A few of the highlights in the Klamath Basin agricultural picture for 1953 were a large potato crop and a poor market, moving considerable alfalfa hay to the drought area of the South Central states, decline in demand for alfalfa clover, and continued lowering of livestock prices, according to county extension agent, C. A. Henderson.

Business Trend Noted in Talk

Voting optimism for the future of America, John Henry Helsel, president of the J. Henry Helsel & Co., investment managers, Portland, speaking Thursday before the Kiwanis Club at the Willard Hotel defined the causes of the present slow down in business, not as a depression but as a mild recession, resulting from 20 years of a socialist trend in the past Democratic administration.

The part that the government played during those years in socializing business in direct competition to private enterprise, is one of the major factors of today's economic retrenchment, Helsel said. Business conditions today are a normal adjustment from a semi-war economy to a peace time economy. Every indication points to a period of old-fashioned prosperity in the private initiative period ahead.

A five-point program has been outlined by the administration to take up slack in the country's economy and to check any further downward trend with a flexible monetary policy, a proposed building program, revision of the tax structure, price supports on farm commodities and a nation-wide home building program.

A goal of the Eisenhower administration is securing lower interest rates to encourage expansion of large and small business operations, will provide for increased employment.

Helsel gave as an example of the impact of a business expansion or a new business on a community, the 14 to one economic value of the invested dollar-in-ratio to buying power.

He outlined the proposal of the administration to pay off from 30 per cent to 50 per cent of the 273 billion dollar national debt through the sale to private investors, the huge business stockpile of the federal government.

He minimized the war scare, basing his prediction of no major war in the foreseeable future, on the effect of the tremendous devastation that could be unleashed against an aggressor by the U.S.

The present leveling off period is being used by political adversaries of the Eisenhower administration, as a wedge to disrupt the Republican solidarity, the speaker said and should be accepted by the people as such.

In closing he quoted from a statement made by Dr. Jules Bogan, of New York University: "The U. S. financial structure is strong enough to cushion any recession that lies ahead in 1954. Never before, in the country's economic history, has the financial situation been so strong after a protracted period of prosperity."

Helsel was introduced by Don Kirkpatrick, long time friend and former employee of J. Henry Helsel Co.

SIAMESE TWINS
HAMBURG (AP) — Doctors of the Finkenau Maternity hospital reported Siamese twins were born in the clinic Saturday.
The two girls, joined at the chest, are being cared for in an incubator. Doctors said they have a good chance to live.
Identity of the parents was not disclosed.

Butte Valley To Hear Speakers

MADDOEL—Two speakers are scheduled for the regular meeting of the Butte Valley Farm center to be held at the Maddoel school house Tuesday, March 23, at 8 p.m.

L. D. (Babe) Taylor, county assessor from Yreka, will speak on tax assessments and will supplement his talk with pictures.

Jess Langdon, soil conservationist, will show slides and speak on soil analysis and how different fertilizers work on types of soil found in Butte Valley.

Crash Victims Said Improving

The condition of Donald Bridenbecker, 21, injured in a two car crash Thursday, is reported as slightly improved by hospital authorities. Robert Pitt driver of one car has been released from Klamath Valley Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reeter, occupants of other car are also reported as improved. Mrs. Reeter, has multiple facial lacerations and head bruises, according to her physician, Ralph Reeter suffered a painful knee injury, both are in Klamath Valley Hospital.



FILLING THE PULPIT at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday, March 21, will be the Rev. Richard C. Smith, director of student field work in San Francisco Theological Seminary. Dr. Smith, a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary, has won many honors in his religious work. For 11 years he was pastor in the coal mining area of West Virginia, which work brought him national recognition. He was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the West Virginia Junior Chamber of Commerce in 1950.

Rancher May Use New Hay System

ALTURAS — John Laxague, Cedarville rancher is considering the possibility of using a mechanical ventilating system for his chopped hay crop this season.

The Cedarville rancher believes he can use a ventilating system for drying hay which will cost only about half of what it would cost to bale the hay commercially.

Norman Nichols, Modoc County farm adviser and Ralph Parks, extension agricultural engineer from the University of California at Davis visited the Laxague ranch recently to inspect the new equipment.

Pistol Team Wins Honors

The local city police pistol team brought home their share of the laurels from the competitive match held in Salem the first part of this week.

The four man team composed of J. M. Brown, Frank Weaver, Oscar Gerjeve and Charles Shipman, took third place in team competition, Eugene taking first place and Corvallis second.

In the individual matches the

Klamath men fared even better, when Brown took top honors, followed by Wayne Wood, Eugene, second, and Frank Weaver of Klamath, third.

The Klamath team was accompanied on the trip by Detective Bud Adkins, state range master, who also took part in the individual matches.

The shoot was sponsored by the Oregon Association of City Police

Officers. Twenty eight contestants took part in the meet.



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Death Claims Alturas Woman

ALTURAS — Mrs. Ruth Millicent Lowes, 38, of Alturas, died March 11 at Modoc Medical Center.

Mrs. Lowes, who suffered a heart seizure a week before, had been hospitalized with complications since.

Surviving are her husband William, highway superintendent at Alturas, two sons and one daughter.

Services were held from the Ream and Sons funeral parlors in Ventura, California.



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