



DEANNE DORRIS, center, will reign as queen of the seventh annual Alturas Elementary School Basketball tournament to be held in Alturas on March 9 and 10. The awards are a part of the 54 trophies that will be presented to various teams and their members to some 14 schools. Roberta Rowman, left, and Patsy Haise, right, are members of the queen's court. All three were chosen by members of the Alturas Elementary School A basketball team.

— Photo by Chas. E. Goulden

## Farm Income Said Down During Year

WASHINGTON (AP)—Total farm income fell nearly one billion dollars last year, the Agriculture Department said today.

While this was happening, a department report said, the income of the nonfarm segment of the nation's economy was rising above 1954 levels.

The department said the income of the nation's farm population from all sources last year totaled a little more than 19 billion dollars. The individual average was \$360. This compared with just under 20 billions received in 1954 and an individual average of \$317.

The nonfarm population was said to have received total income of 275 billions last year for an individual average of \$1,922—more than double the farm average. The previous year the nonfarm total was 258 billions for an individual average of \$1,837.

Included in the farm income estimate were net returns of farm operators, farm wages, allowances for home consumption of farm products and rental value of farm dwellings, changes in inventory values of farm products held by farmers, and earnings from nonfarm sources, such as investments, off-farm employment and the like.

A major factor in the decline in farm earnings — a major political issue in this presidential election year — was a further drop of about 10 per cent in farm product costs. The drop in prices was offset to some extent by a 3 per cent increase in the volume of farm production last year.

Agriculture Department economists predicted last fall that farm income would decline further this year. But Secretary of Agriculture Benson has said it would increase if Congress acted promptly to enact a soil bank plan recommended by President Eisenhower.

Under the soil bank the government would make payments total-

ing up to \$1,100,000,000 a year to farmers for voluntarily taking land out of production of surplus crops.

The Senate is nearing the voting stage on a bill that would authorize the soil bank plan — but would also junk the administration's flexible price support system and restore high, rigid farm price preps opposed by Eisenhower and Benson.



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### German Rivers Slowly Recede

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)—Most of West Germany's thaw-swollen rivers were reported slowly receding Tuesday. Dry, cold weather halted at least temporarily the chances of a major flood disaster.

The Danube, Rhine, Main and other major German rivers went on a rampage over the weekend when moderating weather started thawing the ice and snow piled up by Europe's worst winters in decades.

### HOME EXTENSION

By HOPE HOLBROOK

(Editor's Note: This is the first of a series of four articles on the history of the development of home extension activities and the importance of the work of home extension agents in the lives of thousands of women in the United States.)

Opportunity! A keyword of our American heritage!

One of the most important opportunities is education. America's education started out slowly indeed. As part of our home life in the beginning, parents taught children. Time went on and we developed private schools, the public schools for children of all ages.

Advanced education came with private colleges. They gave opportunity to the few who could afford it. A little later in our history we find that colleges became important in the states and state supported schools came into being. In Oregon we have Oregon State College, the University of Oregon, Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland, Eastern Oregon College of Education, La Grande, and Oregon College of Education, Monmouth.

Among the many service programs from Oregon State College is one that truly belongs to you, the people. This is the county extension service, developed to carry college education to residents of cities, towns and rural areas away from college sites.

Right here in Klamath County, women sought this service. It became a realistic program here in 1938. On August 1 of that year Mrs. Winitred Gillen arrived in Klamath Falls to serve as the first home demonstration agent. She found a wide open field for the services offered by extension work.

### Air Search Unit To Name Officers

New officers of the Klamath Air Search Rescue Unit will be elected during the March 7 meeting of the unit to be held in the Pilots Club Lounge at the airport. Nominations were made during the February 1 meeting. Other nominations will be in order from the floor at the next meeting, to be called at 8 p.m.

Nominated for president, are Harro Brown and Bob Horton, for vice president, Douglas Howler and Fritz Markwardt, and Bill Davis and Clea Scholer for secretary. Nominees for the board of directors include Joe Steele, H. H. Ogle, Ed Scholer, Orval London, Elwin Brown and Murray (Red) Britton.

And what did that mean? And what does it mean today?

First, groups of people, usually a close-knit group in a community have met to form units, have developed programs in the field of home economics for study.

This is the opportunity to keep up with new research in foods and nutrition, clothing, housing, home management, child care, family life, recreation, in fact all the phases of living that build happier homes.

During those four months in 1938, a home and rural life conference was held to study needs of Klamath homemakers. This committee of 26 leaders from communities in the county were chosen by Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Mrs. Bert Schultz, Mrs. R. H. Anderson and the county extension office. Services that the home extension agent offers

include home visits, office visits, telephone calls in answer to requests from homemakers. Help is given in planning menus, finding quantity recipes, procedures of sewing. Mondays have been set aside for office day for home agents since the beginning of 1938. (To be continued)

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