



MAKING THIRD ATTEMPT to win the California Yo Yo crown in San Diego Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15, will be Nancy Dixon, 14, Mount Shasta grammar school student. Nancy has won the Northern California title three times, but placing second in the state finals is the best she has been able to do so far. Nancy is shown with the trophy she won in Marysville, February 23.

— Photo by McKinney, Mount Shasta

Soil District Report Issued

The Shasta Valley Soil Conservation District recently issued its annual report, which discloses that it is now the fifth largest in the state with an increase from 240,000 to 1,765,000 acres during 1957.

Other notable facts disclosed in the report are that the district is comprised of more agricultural land than any in Northern California, and that during the year, 27 new co-operators signed up 17,602 acres with the district. Also, that 78 co-operators benefited considerably with aid from the district, with various conservation practices, which included the issuance of complete conservation plans for their farms.

Altar Society Plans Luncheon

MERRILL — Plans for a luncheon were made by members of St. Augustine's Altar Society during a meeting held at the parish hall on Wednesday afternoon, March 5. The noon luncheon is to be served during the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine conference to be held on Monday, April 14, at Merrill, Catholic high school students of Malin, Henley, Lakeview, Klamath Falls and Merrill will participate in the all day session.

Final plans were also made for the refreshment stand at the St. Patrick's dance to be held on Monday evening, March 17, at the Merrill Community Hall. Mrs. Don Raloff will head the refreshment stand; Mrs. Don Harris is in charge of the checkroom.

Mrs. August Andrieu received the special prize awarded during the meeting.

U.S. Business Recession Dotted By Bright Spots

By NORMAN WALKER

WASHINGTON — "Business is no good," says the operator of a big hotel on the Las Vegas gambling strip. "Last year we were turning down 500 reservations every weekend. Now we're only turning down 400."

Which helps prove that even with the troublesome recession the country is experiencing there are bright spots. And the encouragement isn't only on the Las Vegas dice tables.

It's reflected in optimism in the long-depressed farm areas. You also see it in the hopes of builders with spring weather coming and the freeze on building money credit thawing.

You find buoyancy too in the boom towns near missile bases like Cape Canaveral, Fla., and Redstone Arsenal at Huntsville, Ala., the government's vast atomic works in New Mexico, and the missile fuel factories in Texas.

It's apparent in many areas across the land which have barely felt the recession and report business as good or better than their top levels of prosperity, or only a little off.

The same search by Associated Press newsmen that turned up the gloomy economic facts of life in the jobless areas of Michigan, Pennsylvania and California also brought glowing accounts of conditions elsewhere.

Take Bob Conroy, 38, one of Detroit's jobless army. He and his wife both lost their jobs in early December. They and their two children are living on hopes, state jobless benefit payments

Carnival Set By Yreka PTA

YREKA — The sixth annual carnival, sponsored by the Yreka Elementary School PTA, will take place at the Jackson Street School on March 21 with Mrs. Stanford Cooley and Mrs. Alden James as co-chairmen for the event.

The carnival concessions, to be set up in the multi-purpose room of the school, will be in charge of the school mothers, and will feature a variety of games and concessions.

Mrs. George Bray, Mrs. Richard Day, Mrs. George Darling, Mrs. William Greive and Mrs. R. M. Jenott are named as co-chairmen, and Mrs. L. T. Choute and Mrs. J. D. Landrum of the Gold Street room mothers form the food committee.

Proceeds of the carnival are used for PTA expenses, promotion of school projects and welfare work. The carnival is the only means used by the unit during the year to raise funds.

and two basement freezers filled with food.

"We're living," said Conroy. "We'll get along. I think in a few months something ought to happen. I got a deer during the hunting season last fall and froze the carcass. That's helped."

In Florida, where migrant field hands idled by the crop freezes are being fed in "soup kitchens," business is booming on the state's west coast. There has been an influx of plant construction workers and "snowbirds," the winter vacationers from the North.

Miami Beach, with temperatures back to the normal 70s, has been bidding hard to recoup some of its lost winter tourist business.

A whole trainload of hay bales, 600 of them, was recently sold in eastern Kansas and western Missouri.

A survey of 444 firms by the Chamber of Commerce at Buffalo, N.Y., showed 84 per cent expect business to equal or exceed last year. About a fourth expect to expand employment this year.

There's an almost unanimous view the country isn't headed for a major depression.

In Chicago, Robert C. Tyson, finance chairman of U.S. Steel Corp., said two factors alone should prevent any repeat of 1929. Then, he said, we had a highly speculative stock market financed on thin margins with borrowed money. Now, he said, the bulk of stock market holdings are self-financed.

Tyson's second reason: "Home mortgage practice has shifted from lump sum, short maturity loans, to monthly amortized, 20- to 30-year obligations, more like rent. Much of the debt is also guaranteed or insured by the government."

Other businessmen now are paying tribute to the unemployment

ANIMALS FOR NEPAL

NEW YORK (UP) — Eighty-two calves, sheep and pigs left by plane Tuesday for Nepal in the latest gift of farm animals by an interfaith religious group to underdeveloped nations.

The animals were sent by Heifer Project, Inc., of New Windsor, Md. The Rev. Gerald R. Cobb, minister of the United Evangelical and Reformed Church at Ben Arnold, Tex., is accompanying the shipment.

compensation part of the Social Security system. An eight-billion-dollar insurance pool is being tapped by the nearly five million jobless to make sure they don't starve or go homeless. This keeps them in the market as buyers, to some extent at least.

Also, for those rightly worried about the present shortage of jobs, particularly in the nation's factories, there is the encouraging word from many economists that we are really headed for a labor shortage in a few years—that there will be plenty of work—and pay—for all.

Louisiana reports: "Almost everyone is living high on the hog here." Texas reports its bustling Gulf Coast industries are going full blast. South Dakota says its bank deposits topped 300 million for a record.

It's odd, but two of the sectors that worried the economists most last year—farming and construction—now are improving and carrying much of the hopes for pulling the country up again.

The big story in farming is the broken drought in the Midwest. Nebraska, coming out of a bumper crop year after a series of bad ones, counted a 43 per cent hike in crop dollar values which gave the state's farmers 200 million dollars more to spend.

Construction, a laggard in 1957, is looking up. Various government moves have eased money availability.

Home builders in many areas started clearing sites even before early February snows melted away.

George Yamini, Dallas developer, reported sale of 62 lots in one week for \$14,000-up homes. He

on the plus side of the economic ledger.

Living costs still are soaring at record levels. But there's some encouragement here too. Raw material prices have sagged, for such things as rubber, metal, hides, wool, gasoline, fuel oil, and lumber. Government economists predict sooner or later this will

drift into the retail level as lower consumer prices.

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