

Jim Anderson Does Bit For Jail TV Idea

Latest installment in the saga of Sheriff J. M. (Red) Britton's efforts to give county jail prisoners TV entertainment came in the rather surprising form of a letter from convicted killer James Anderson.

"I have read of your humane efforts regarding your TV in the county jail," Anderson wrote from the Oregon State Penitentiary where he is serving a life sentence.

"Since you are holding the short end of the stick, please accept the enclosed \$5 towards payment of same," he continued. Anderson sent a check drawn on a penitentiary trust account.

"I was your guest in the cross-bar hotel for 23 months," Jimmie went on, "and right here and now I say you are the fairest and most impartial as well as the finest man who wears a star as badge of office that I have ever known, and believe me, I have know quite a few. . . ."

Anderson was convicted of the shotgun murder November 4, 1954 of Richard D. Miller in Beatty after a fist fight.

Britton reports donations have already paid for the first three sets bought for the jail and plans soon to acquire three more sets, with confidence these, too, will be paid off by the kind-hearted.

The Klamath County Court refused to allow county money for the sets.

Vocalist To Head Program

MOUNT SHASTA—The VFW radio quarter hour for Thursday evening, June 19, will headline Mrs. Mary Ramshaw, local vocalist. Her program will include a series of popular songs.

Herb Rosine, pianist, will accompany the singer, which now rounds out two types of entertainment over the VFW program. One week a musical number will be presented, and the following week will bring a speaker on some subject of local interest.

Mrs. Alice Deetz and Randolph Crowder, president of the VFW Auxiliary and post commander, respectively, have announced that the organization wished to bring popular entertainment each week, and would appreciate expressions from listeners on what they desire.

Newspapers Urged To Show Imagination

KANSAS CITY (AP)—Newspapers must show imagination and daring to keep pace with other media in informing the people, Roy A. Roberts, president of the Kansas City Star, said yesterday.

Roberts told more than 300 members of the International Circulation Managers Assn. that the era ahead will be the fastest moving, most exciting ever experienced.

"It will be a more fiercely competitive era, not so much competition within the industry as competition between media for the public's time, the very essential advertiser's dollar and, I sincerely trust, competition in service to the public," he said.



JANET ELMORE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Elmore, Malin, was graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland magna cum laude in the class of 1958. She received a bachelor of science degree in human development.

Teacher To Head Class

MOUNT SHASTA—Fred Nixon, Mount Shasta High School, will have charge of the recreational department for six weeks this summer while director Jack Murtha attends summer school. The high school man will be in attendance June 23 through August 16.

Murtha expects to attend courses at both San Jose and Chico State colleges.

Nixon will be assisted in the summer program by Mrs. Thelma Murtha and Mrs. Dorothy Floyd. Al Rossi, park maintenance foreman, will have charge of all park equipment.

Hay Processing Group Formed

TULELAKE — Marketing of much of the Tulelake Basin's future hay crops in pelleted form is being planned by a newly organized group of Tulelake farmers, incorporated as the Hi-Valley Mills.

Construction of a processing plant near the present location of the Newell Cooperative at the Tuber siding on the Great Northern Railroad, is expected to get under way within two or three weeks. Anticipated cost of the plant is \$50,000. Aluminum buildings are planned.

Spokesmen for the new company which will utilize both hay and grain in the processing of pellets for livestock consumption, say the handling of the hay by this method will eliminate much of the loss suffered by producers in past years due to wet weather and lack of protection of the crop. Annual output of the plant will be around 5,000 tons. Processing will begin in the fall.

Frank King has been named president of the corporation; Ed Osborne, vice president and Woodrow Chambers, secretary-treasurer.

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Midwest Farmers Optimistic This Year; Grumbling Over Benson Politics Falling Off

Farm income on the whole is up, but the improvement in various areas is far from uniform. Which of the big Middle West farming areas are doing the best? And how do the farmers feel now about Agriculture Secretary Benson, who has been cordially disliked by many of them?

United Press International sent one of its Washington farm writers, Bernard Brenner, on a grass roots tour into four key areas to appraise such questions. He visited farmers, small-town businessmen and country-district politicians in the wheat area of Western Kansas; in the livestock and grain counties of Eastern Iowa; the dairy district of Southern Minnesota; and the cotton country of the Rio Grande Valley in Texas.

His findings are summarized in a dispatch for Friday afternoon newspapers.

By **BERNARD BRENNER**
United Press International
"Recession? I don't believe this locality even noticed it."
This was J. M. Concannon, a wheat farmer, talking as he leaned against the machine he was using to work the soil of a fallow field near the wheat belt town of Garden City, Kan.

"We don't know what recession is this year," agreed Arend Balster across a cluttered desk in his farm supply store at Scotch Grove, Iowa.

This reporter talked to dozens of men like Concannon and Balster in a nine-day, four-state tour to sample the economic and political climate of the farm belt.

The findings may be summarized as follows:

—Business and farm income prospects were generally up in the Kansas wheat and cattle sections and in the Iowa hog and cattle feeding areas, typical of many other high-producing corn belt areas.

—Grumbling about Agriculture Secretary Ezra Taft Benson was fading in some of these areas under the impact of a bumper wheat crop and good livestock prices.

—But not all farmers were sharing in the improvement.

Cash grain growers in Iowa were "crying the blues as hard as ever," one merchant reported. Farmers in the Southeastern Minnesota dairyland were complaining about a recent cut in their price supports.

In the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, despite prospects for an excellent cotton yield, farmers were worried about a Labor De-

partment regulation which they said will raise the cost of harvesting the crop.

The Agriculture Department in Washington reported recently that farmers' receipts from marketing nationwide in the first four months of 1958 were 8 per cent above the same period in 1957. The improvement, department economists said, was due largely to reduced supplies of some major farm products including livestock and vegetables.

"People vote their pocketbooks," said Dale E. Saffels, a Garden City, Kan., attorney and Democratic member of the State Legislature. Saffels said there is "still a lot of anti-Benson sentiment" in Kansas' wheat-heavy 5th congressional district which elected a Democratic congressman in 1956 after more than 30 Republican years. But the grumbling has been shrinking as a record-breaking wheat crop matures, he agreed, and the size of the anti-administration farm "protest" vote will probably be down this fall.

"When prices are down, farmers and people in our small towns vote for the outs," said James Bradley, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, attorney and Democratic chairman for Lima County.

"It's not so much the farmers—we're getting about half of them—it's the small town voters."

Bradley added, "If farmers aren't spending and their pocketbooks are pinched, the small towns will vote Democratic. As of now, we Democrats will get clobbered in the small towns."

At nearby Clarence, Iowa, hog farmer Elmer Meyer climbed off his tractor to observe that the vote in Iowa's recent primary was light in Cedar County.

"That's a good indication that times are good, and it will likely be a good Republican year," Meyer predicted.

"Benson is almost forgotten now because prices are in pretty good shape," Meyer said. "I've been getting from \$44 a head up to \$52 for my hogs this spring, and whenever I can get over \$45 I

figure I'm making good money."

At Rochester, Minn., center of a big dairying area, a Democratic leader said Benson's order cutting dairy price supports April 1 will "help us some." But it won't be enough to elect a Democratic congressman in the first Minnesota district—where Democrat Eugene Foley lost a hairline decision to Rep. Albert Quie in a special election several months ago—"unless we get a stronger candidate," the Rochester party leader said.

Rex H. Gregor, a Southeast Minnesota Republican leader, said at Rochester that recent months have produced a steady drift toward support of Benson's policies among farmers—in spite of Ben-

son's order cutting dairy supports.

Some smaller dairy farmers are getting out of the business, Gregor said, and the effect of farm issues will be smaller in future elections.

"I don't think that even farmers put as much stock in farm issues as the politicians do," Gregor said.

R. V. Eppard, a farm machinery dealer at Fort Dodge, Iowa, said however, that anti-Benson feeling was still high among the farmers he talks to.

Farm income in the area will be up perhaps 30 per cent this year, estimated Oscar Lundgren, vice president of the Union Trust & Savings Co. at Fort Dodge. The increase will go mainly to live

stock producers, leaving cash grain producers "pretty pinched."

Eppard told UPI at Fort Dodge his machinery sales are up 50 per cent over last year in spite of a 7 to 10 per cent increase in prices and stiffer bargaining by farmers.

In the wheat country, Hoy B. Etting said farm machinery sales around Garden City, Kan., are the best in many years.

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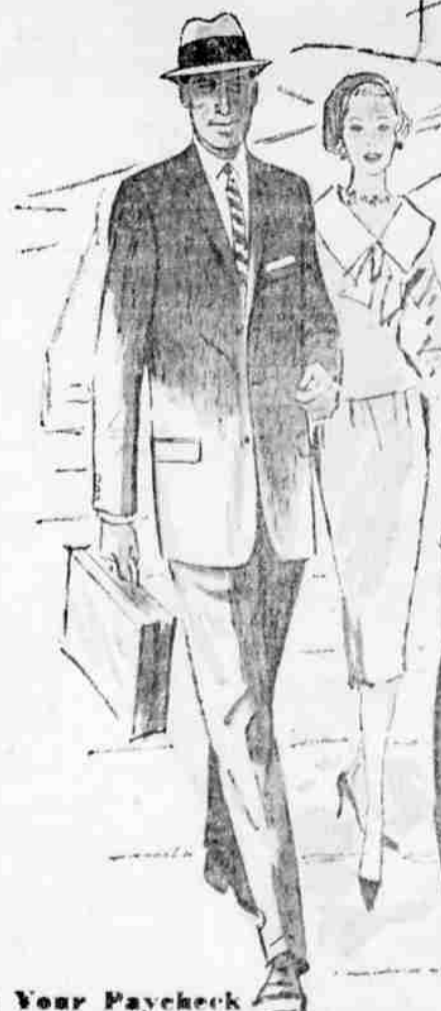
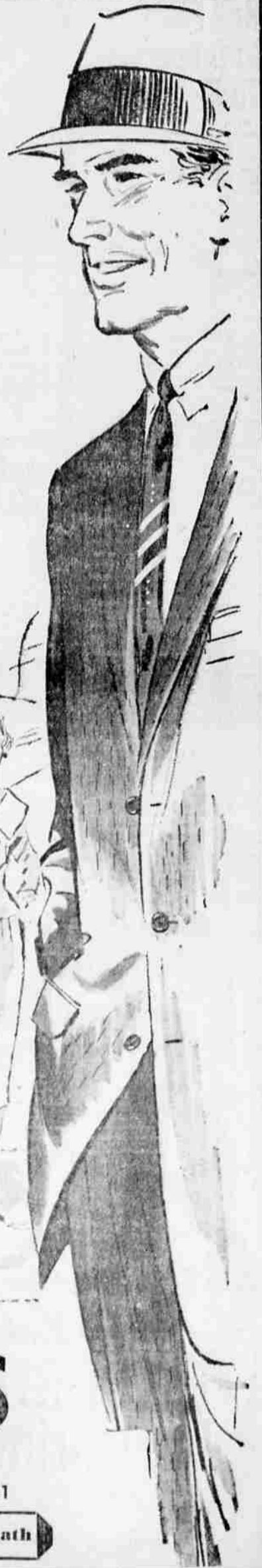
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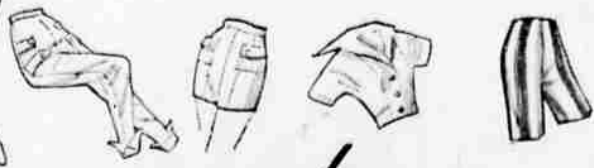
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