

Farm Income Decline Cited By Federation's Head

CHICAGO — (AP) — Allan B. Kline, president of the American Farm Bureau federation, says that farm income has declined while that of the population as a whole has increased.

Kline, in his annual address to the federation's 33rd convention, asserted that net farm income dropped 25.6 percent between 1947 and 1950, while personal income for the population went up 17.7 percent.

"There are those who would like to keep agriculture in its present price relationships and force us to take federal subsidies in lieu of prices," he declared, "but this

is hardly the way for the American people to be fed."

Kline criticized price controls and said production, not controls, is the best weapon for defense.

Price controls, he said, interfere with production, waste manpower, and lead to black markets and disrespect for law.

"That kind of preparation for defense is not very good," he said. "What we need is production. The way to get it is our way. It is dramatically superior to this other thing — on the record."

Children's Hoax On Court Saves Daddy From Jail

DETROIT — (AP) — Because his three children have innocent faces and glib tongues, 40-year-old Merrill Bolstar is home with his family instead of serving a 10-day jail term.

But because they also have vivid imaginations, recorder's court officials know it was a nicely executed hoax that got him out.

Bolstar's children—Merrill Jr., 15; Harold, 13; and Barbara, 11—showed up at court Wednesday when he was due to pay a \$5 fine or go to jail on a charge of drunkenness. They took along a couple of neighbor children, aged 15 and 13, to make their case look more convincing, and the neighbors also identified themselves as little Bolstars.

The children explained they had been saving \$5 for their mother's Christmas present, "but it was more important to get Daddy out of jail."

Judge George Murphy dismissed the charges against Bolstar and told the children to keep their money.

But later reporters noted the ages of the children and decided they couldn't all be members of one family. Pressed for an explanation Barbara said:

"We lied to get Daddy out of jail. Mama told us to borrow the \$5 from the grocer and tell him we would pay him Saturday."

Grocer Sam Cini confirmed her story.

"I just wanted to help the kids out," he explained.



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Gasoline Truck Explodes In Heart Of Idaho Town

MERIDIAN, Idaho — (AP) — A stalled gasoline truck exploded in the heart of the Meridian business district early Saturday, damaging several business houses.

Police Chief Floyd Rosecrans and Fire Chief Roger Welker said the explosion occurred when Charles O. Lutz of Baker, Ore., driver of the fuel truck, wrapped a rag around a frozen valve on the tanker and lit a match to warm the valve.

Lutz was unloading gasoline at the Cooperative Oil company service station in Meridian at the time. He had just finished unloading a trailer of fuel oil and started to unload a 320,000 gallon tank of gasoline when the valve froze.

After the fire started around the valve, Lutz jumped into his truck and headed out of town in event of an explosion. He spotted the fire station and stopped there, but no one was manning the volunteer fire department.

Lutz told officers he then headed north when fire reached the air hose on his brakes and stopped the truck in the center of the business district.

He jumped to the top of the trailer to loosen the cap on the gasoline tank so it would not explode.

A moment later the fuel oil tank exploded and the gasoline caught fire in a spectacular blaze. Windows of Wright's Ford agency were blown in, the walls scorched and part of the roof caved in as a result of the explosion. Windows in several other businesses were broken and telephone and power cables burned down.

Army Exceeding Needs In Buying, Inquiry Told

DETROIT — (AP) — Congressional investigators were told here that before the Korean conflict the army was buying certain automotive parts although it already had a 104-year supply on hand.

John L. Shaffer, investigator for

a probing committee headed by Rep. Porter Hardy (D-Va.), said he had learned that on looking into purchases of the army's tank-automotive center here.

He said his investigation covered a total of 206 parts common to military vehicles. Years of supply on these parts, he testified, ranged from one to 104 years.

"Based on what usage?" he was asked.

"The highest ratio of usage between 1946 and 1949," Shaffer replied.

Shaffer also told the investigators of more instances in which the army doubled some costs by buying through middlemen rather than direct from manufacturers.

Hermiston Elks Lodge Starts With 259 On Roll

HERMISTON — (AP) — The new Hermiston Elks lodge started out with a membership of 259 when it was installed Saturday.

The grand lodge was in charge of installation with Frank J. Longman of Portland, past grand exalted ruler, heading the ceremony. Exalted ruler of the new lodge is Frank Wells of Hermiston.

CANDY SALE PLANNED

The Dorcas Society of the Seventh-Day Adventist church will hold a handwork and candy sale Friday from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. in front of Penny's store.

Fourth Of U.S. On Edge Of Want, CIO Declares

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The CIO says nearly one-fourth of the nation is "on the fringe of want," with 5,500,000 people on public relief rolls and other millions living in sub-standard health conditions.

The CIO used the figures in attacking an amendment sponsored by Senator Jenner (R-Ind) which permits the states to open their relief rolls to public scrutiny without suffering the loss of federal aid contributions.

The amendment was passed by Congress last fall as part of the new tax law.

The CIO's official publication, the "Economic Outlook," said the amendment resulted from pressure by "reactionaries" who, it said, raised a cry that public relief rolls must be loaded with "chiselers."

IN COLLEGE CHORUS

Kenneth Bergson, Roseburg, and Ardith Myers, Canyonville, are members of the chorus at Southern Oregon College of Education, Ashland. The 56-voice vocal ensemble is to present its annual Christmas concert on the Ashland campus Sunday under the direction of Oscar C. Bjorlie, assistant professor of music.

Methodist Gains Shown In Report

CHICAGO — (AP) — Membership in the Methodist church in the U. S. and its possessions passed the nine million mark in 1951.

The Rev. Albert C. Hoover, director of the church's statistical office, said the membership jumped from 8,935,647 in 1950 to 9,065,727 this year.

He released these other statistics: Contributions for all purposes were \$268,623,814 in 1951 compared with \$244,676,674 in 1950. Nearly \$82,000,000 was paid for new buildings and improvements while \$11,462,575 was paid on the church debt.

The church's world service benevolence program received \$12,779,342 on apportionment giving and \$372,924 in special gifts. Giving to the church's advance for Christ and His church totaled \$4,039,957.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service reported a membership of 1,630,666, a gain of 54,619.

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You see him here at the wheel of a Buick. He hasn't bought it—yet. It's a demonstrator, and he's trying it out.

But the more he tries it, the more he knows he's been wasting a lot of time. From the moment he looked inside, he said: Here's the room—and the comfort—and the style I've been looking for.

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into action. It's a high-compression valve-in-head, as you probably know.

He eased out into traffic. Stopped and started for a couple of traffic lights, and said something to the effect that this Dynaflo Drive* is a honey. Why don't they all build 'em this way?

He saw a bump ahead. Place where the pavement had been torn up. Other cars were braking down to a creep to cross it. He held back—rolled right across at regular speed with barely a bobble.

It's hard to believe, he said, but what they say about Buick's ride is right.

Ten minutes later he was out on an open stretch of road. Tried an experimental push on the gas

treadle. Boy—what a take-off! You couldn't want more power than that.

Ten minutes more—and he knew something else. You don't really steer a Buick. It just about steers itself. Stays right on the beam on the straightaway. Even straightens itself out after a curve.

To make a long story short—he's found out that nothing else he's tried out can hold a candle—not even a little Christmas candle—to this bonnie beauty.

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