

Spurious Check Losses for Year Estimated To Be \$600,000,000

Rochester, N.Y.—(U.P.)—Americans will lose more money cashing bad checks this year than the nation's annual loss through fire.

An estimated \$600,000,000 will go into the hands of forgers, kites and counterfeiters. The Todd Co. of Rochester, which manufactures protective check machines, has surveyed police departments in 98 cities and found that arrests for check fraud in 1953 jumped 11 per cent over 1952 and this year's rate is running still higher.

No Credit to Skill
George W. Adlam, head of Todd's insurance department, said the increase in bad check losses is no credit to the skill of the criminals but a result simply of the more widespread use of checks.

"Check fraud is probably the easiest crime to commit," a Los Angeles police official said recently. "If a man tenders a bad check to a merchant and the merchant refuses to cash it, the man just walks out and tries

somewhere else.

The Rochester firm says it has found that no more than a third of the merchants in most cities demand proper identification before cashing a check. And only a third of those cheated ever do anything about it.

"Such carelessness invites newcomers to the game," Ad-



lam said. "I've seen piles of unreported bad checks stuffed in drawers at supermarkets. They seem to be willing to write off the loss as part of the overhead."

Department stores are the most frequent victims of check artists. Supermarkets come next followed by liquor stores, taverns and independent groceries. Eighty-five per cent of last year's bad checks bounced into these four types of stores.

Suggestions Offered

Adlam offered these suggestions to the man who is handed a check: Cash checks only for persons known to you or to a friend; require identification more positive than a driver's license or social security card, which can be forged; call the bank if there is any doubt whatsoever; never cash out of town checks or checks for unduly large amounts; don't cash a check simply because it looks "official," as the check artist can steal or rent machines to give them an "official" look.

New 4-H Leaders Are Nominated

Nominations for new officers of the Jackson County 4-H Leaders association were made at a meeting this week, according to the extension office in the courthouse.

A vote on the candidates will take place at the annual meeting and banquet set for Dec. 7, officials added.

Nominees are, for president, Don Nichols, Bellview; E. A. Malloy, Antelope club; Mrs. John Bohnert, Antelope, and Norman Gail, Gold Hill, for vice-president, John Bohnert, Central Point, and Bill Bigham, Antelope, for treasurer, Leonard Freeman, Antelope; and for secretary, Don Nichols, Mrs. Cathryn Gibson, Howard club, and Mrs. Claudina Smith, Southwest Medford club.

The annual meeting will be held at the Gold Hill Grange hall at 7:30 p. m. All leaders and junior leaders are to be presented pins by representatives of the U. S. National bank.

Three new leaders introduced at the meeting this week were Mrs. Jack Van Dyke, Mrs. Henry Valentine and Mrs. Coni Apple-gate.

Three Persons Fined On Liquor Violations

Three persons were fined for liquor violations Tuesday, after a district court hearing, according to court records.

Bobby Wayne Edwards, 21, Grants Pass, pleaded guilty to a charge of furnishing alcoholic liquor to a minor, and was fined \$35 and \$5 costs.

Two minors, aged 15 and 17, pleaded guilty to charges of illegal possession of intoxicating liquor, and were each fined \$10 and \$5 costs. An order was also entered transferring the minors' cases to the county juvenile department.

All three were arrested at the Rogue Valley ballroom area last Saturday night.

Salem — (U.P.) — The citizen's committee appointed by the State Board of Education to study operation of the basic school support fund in Oregon will meet here today and Friday.

Washington — (U.P.) — President Eisenhower has submitted to the Senate the Manila pact to set up a Southeast Asia treaty organization to counter Communist aggression in that area.

Rogue River High Holds Veterans Day

Rogue River — A Veterans day program was held at Rogue River high school yesterday afternoon, portions of which were transcribed for the school's weekly radio program on Saturday, according to teachers.

The program combined reading and choir music with a story based on popular songs from five wars.

Gilbert Klonhaus acted as narrator and the chorus was directed by Richard Michaelis.

Six student council members and Principal James Hayden attended the Region V meeting this week of area student councils at Central Point. Included were Bob Hoover, Jaren McCoy, Jack Herberger, Shirley Christie, Bill Headrick and Scott Thorell.

Cordon Expenditures In Election Reported

Salem — (U.P.) — Henry Gray spent \$540 in support of Guy Cordon, Republican nominee for reelection as U.S. senator, he reported to the State Elections Bureau today. Other sums spent in behalf of Cordon were \$180 by Jerry Nor-

ville; \$100 by Carl E. Wemberly; \$137.50 by Robert S. Miller, and \$100 by Andrew Koerner. Walter H. Dodd spent \$478.84 in behalf of Richard L. Neuberger, Democratic nominee for U.S. senator.

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Medford Girls Admit Shoplifting in City

Two 13-year-old Medford girls admitted to city police Tuesday that they had taken clothing and jewelry items from several city stores during the past year. One girl admitted taking either clothing or jewelry from Newberry's, Mann's, J. C. Pen-

ney's and Woolworth's, while the other admitted thefts from Mann's, Newberry's and Woolworth's.

Two other girls, age 12 and 14, were questioned by police and released to their parents.

Corn Crop Estimate 2,938,713,000 Bushels

Washington — (U.P.) — The Agriculture Department today estimated the size of this year's corn crop at 2,938,719,000 bushels, down 10,930,000 bushels from last month's estimate.

SAFEGWAY STORES INCORPORATED

1139 S. E. THIRD AVENUE... PORTLAND 14, OREGON

Mr. Arthur P. Ireland, President Oregon Milk Producers Committee Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Ireland:

As a milk retailer, Safeway Stores has a responsibility to those who produce milk as well as to those who consume milk. Neither the new, lower store milk prices nor the fact that Oregon's milk control law has been repealed provides any reason for distributors now to reduce prices being paid producers for their milk.

Portland newspapers now are reporting that certain unnamed major distributors are cutting producer prices one cent per quart. Undoubtedly, this will be claimed as a "necessary" cut. Don't be fooled. For the last three years in Vancouver, Washington, where no price control has existed, some of Portland's major distributors as well as Safeway have been selling milk at lower prices than were charged in Portland. This has been true even though producers received the same price for milk supplied to either market!

This cut to the producers by those distributors who refuse to identify themselves was accompanied by an announcement that these same unnamed distributors were reducing the price at the doorstep ... an obvious move to make the producers subsidize home delivery. When some of those distributors who have formerly professed such solicitous friendship for dairymen hide behind the skirts of anonymity to make producers take a cut, it may well start an undercover movement to encourage milk price wars and to cause planned chaos as groundwork for seeking new, special legislation for milk middlemen.

Safeway knows that producers must have fair prices to stay in business and that fair prices must be constant to encourage and assure an adequate supply of milk. Therefore, Safeway Stores pledge:

1. DURING THIS PERIOD OF ADJUSTMENT FROM CONTROLLED PRICES TO SOUND COMPETITIVE MARKETING, SAFEGWAY WILL NOT SELL AT REDUCED PRICES ANY BRAND OF MILK WHOSE DISTRIBUTOR PURPOSELY DISRUPTS PRICES BY SQUEEZING REDUCTIONS OUT OF PRODUCERS' POCKETBOOKS. NOR WILL SAFEGWAY JOIN THE UNTHINKING RETAILERS WHO INITIATE "LOSS LEADER" PRICE WARS.

2. LUCERNE MILK COMPANY, UNDER ITS PRESENT LOWERED WHOLESALE PRICES NOW IS PAYING AND WILL CONTINUE TO PAY ITS PRODUCERS THE SAME AMOUNT FOR THEIR RAW MILK AS THEY RECEIVED BEFORE REPEAL AND, IN ADDITION, WILL CONTINUE TO PAY THEM A BONUS FOR EXTRA QUALITY MILK.
3. SAFEGWAY ALWAYS HAS FAVORED AND WILL COOPERATE WITH PRODUCERS TO SECURE MARKET REGULATIONS WHICH ESTABLISH MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS EITHER BY PROPER STATE MILK ADMINISTRATION OR BY FEDERAL MARKETING ORDERS.

As soon as repeal made it possible, Safeway quickly made its long-time lower Vancouver milk prices, presently two cents per quart lower, available also in its Portland stores and is continuing to pay producers the same price for their milk.

Elsewhere throughout the state where Safeway sells Lucerne Milk, other store prices also have been lowered. These adjustments allow for all increased transportation and handling costs and include payment of existing producer prices in each locality served. Lower retail prices must and should come from distributor efficiency and must be consistent with reasonable profit, at the same time paying the full market price to producers.

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