

2 Men Run Afoul Of Law In Livestock Dealings

ALTURAS, March 28—Edgar Joe Wise and Ross M. Small, operating under the name of Lakeview Livestock Commission company of Lakeview, Ore., last week ran afoul of California laws against giving bad checks to farmers and also against operating without the licenses required by the powerful California Produce Dealers Act, according to a joint report of Charles Lederer, district attorney of Modoc county, and the bureau of market enforcement of the California department of agriculture.

Upped Costs Hike Parity On Output

Continued advances in the United States index of prices paid by farmers for commodities, interest and taxes (the so-called parity index) brought this figure to 178 at mid-February, the highest in 25 years, according to a review of farm price trends prepared by the OSC extension service from USDA reports and other data. An index that represented all farm costs would be materially higher, as at mid-January farm wage rates stood at 361 per cent of the 1910-1914 level.

In Oregon in 1939 USDA data indicate that hired farm labor accounted for 23 per cent of the total production expenses of farm operators. Weighted on that basis, an overall farm costs index would stand at around 220, and the average exchange value of farm products would thus figure out at about 94 per cent of 1910-1914 instead of 116 as under the present "parity" formula.

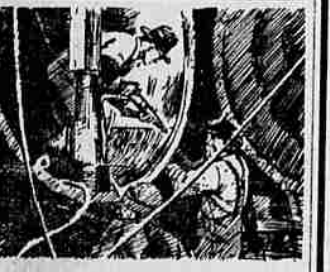
Farm Machinery Production Lags

Farm machinery production increased to \$61,199,366 in January from \$56,177,786 in January, 1945, according to the Civilian Production Administration, but February production figures will show a sharp decline because two of the largest producers are suffering complete work stoppages and another large producer is particularly closed down on account of lack of parts.

Secretary of Agriculture Anderson has appealed to other government agencies, manufacturers, labor, and dealers to cooperate in every possible way to make more farm machinery, equipment, and supplies available for the current crop year. Seriously lagging for some months, farm machinery production has been further crippled recently by steel shortages and work stoppages in machinery plants. Meanwhile, the nation's crop goals have been increased by 14 million acres more than last year. Unless more farm equipment and food processing machinery becomes available soon, full-scale food production for a hungry world will be sharply curtailed, the secretary warned.

Pawn Shop Detail Asks Drastic Step

PORTLAND, March 28 (AP)—The police pawn shop detail is planning to ask L. R. Miner, railroad mail clerk, to padlock his watch to himself. Police recovered Miner's watch a year ago after it had been missing 20 years. He was very happy. Last week he lost it again. The pawn shop squad found it within a week this time; but they don't want to have to repeat.



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during February and March of this year and issued drafts to E. O. Thomas in the amount of \$25.00, Alex McMillan in the amount of \$630.00, and to the J. D. Ranch, owned by P. C. Weber, in the amount of \$376.00. All drafts were given for the purchase of horses from the Alturas farmers named. The drafts were not honored by the Lakeview Livestock Commission company upon presentation to the bank.

Following this development, a joint investigation was conducted by District Attorney Charles Lederer and by W. G. Slawson and George Pickett, investigators of the bureau of market enforcement. As a result of the investigation, criminal complaints were issued on March 15 covering both the issuance of bad drafts and operation as dealers in farm products without license required by the California agricultural code. Both defendants were apprehended at Lakeview, on March 17.

Hearing
The preliminary hearing was set for March 19 at Alturas, and both Wise and Small appeared in the Justice Court of Justice Doolittle, where they waived preliminary examination and requested immediate trial. Thereupon they were taken to the superior court, where they entered a plea of guilty on both counts before Judge A. K. Wiley. The same day a hearing on their application for probation was held. Judge Wiley ordered that full restitution be made immediately, and before either defendant could be released from custody. Accordingly, the defendants promptly paid the amounts represented by the several drafts. Furthermore, it was called to the attention of the court that as far back as 1940 the defendant Wise had been arrested for giving a bad draft to Judge Cantrell, also of Alturas. At the direction of Judge Wiley, the defendant likewise paid the old draft previously given to Cantrell.

Fined
All transactions involved the sale of horses, except that of Cantrell where cattle were involved. The court fined each defendant \$50 plus \$25 court costs for violation of the produce dealers act. On the felony charge, that of giving bad drafts, Judge Wiley denied probation, and withheld imposing sentence for a period of two years, meantime directing both defendants to report to the probation officer of Modoc county or to the judge himself at regular monthly intervals. Both defendants were ordered, during the period of suspension of sentence, to refrain from gambling or the use of alcoholic beverages, and both were ordered not to attempt to buy, sell, or otherwise handle livestock or any other agricultural commodities within the state of California without securing a license from the state department of agriculture. Officials of the bureau of market enforcement declared that neither defendant would be eligible to receive such licenses, either before, during, or after the period of suspension.

District Attorney Charles Lederer declared at the close of the proceedings, "This case will serve notice on all persons who believe they can come into Modoc county and give bad checks or bad drafts to Modoc county farmers. It will also indicate to prospective law violators that all the agricultural laws as well as other statutes of the state will be vigorously enforced."



TICK, TACK, TOE—Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Sexmith of Ridgeway, Ont., hold triplet lambs born on their farm to the ewe shown with them. They're named Tick, Tack and Toe.

Famine Plan Gets Started

Oregon's part in the national effort to conserve food to save lives in famine-stricken countries got into high gear this week with a state meeting to organize a Food for Famine Relief committee.

Joseph K. Carson, former mayor of Portland who recently returned after several years overseas in military government work in occupied countries, will head the program in the state. Carson's appointment as chairman of the state food for famine relief committee was made by E. Harvey Miller, state emergency food program manager, and Carl Donagh, Oregon representative on the national famine emergency committee.

Reports from county emergency food program manager, Burrell Short and USDA councils indicate rapid action to get county food conservation programs underway as soon as possible. Organization in the counties is following the state pattern—an overall county committee to develop and coordinate the program, with sub-committees devising and putting into effect specific wheat and fat conservation measures for bakeries, public eating places, food processors, distributors and consumers. A district council of county USDA council members will be held Friday, March 29 at Redmond which will be attended by members of the Klamath USDA council. It is planned that the county food for famine relief committee with sub-committees will be formed and start action on the program during the first week of April.

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Four-H News

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Each member told what he was feeding his calf and how much it weighed. Gerald Dixon gave a report on the weight of different kinds of grain which was very interesting. Stuart Henzel reported on material received from the Poled Herefords association. Norman Jacobs gave a short report on how to feed and show cattle and answered any questions asked. Each of the three leaders made a short report on his club.

Our president, Illys Smalley, asked the fathers who were present at the meeting for remarks. The meeting was adjourned and we choose up sides for baseball and then Mrs. Wilson served a bountiful lunch in keeping with St. Patrick's day.

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Growers Advised To Purchase Seed

Growers wishing to purchase local certified potato seed for this year's planting should do so at once. At present there is quite a bit of seed that has met all certified requirements available in Klamath basin. This seed is

FSA Borrowers Plan Clean-Up

Spring farm clean-ups are being planned by many Klamath county FSA families to cut 1946 fire, accident and disease hazards to a minimum, reports Harry E. Clark, county farm security supervisor, courthouse, Klamath Falls. Clean-up programs are sponsored by the national USDA safety council to reduce an annual accident toll of 17,000 farm residents killed, a million and a half injured, and ninety million dollars in farm property destroyed by fire.

"Every year farms in this county pay a heavy toll in accidents, fires and disease, and FSA borrowers are taking the leadership in reducing the human suffering and monetary losses involved," Clark said. "Plans for this year are centered on cleaning up rubbish, broken machinery and trash in cluttered barnyards; fixing up broken steps, faulty fences and chucked farm driveways, and eliminating health hazards of rat-infested buildings, mosquito breeding pools and improperly covered wells."

of good to excellent quality and was approved by growing tests at the Oceanside, Calif., nursery. A list of all seed available is at the county agent's office. Quite a quantity of certified seed has already been sold as table stock and present favorable prices might cause little seed left for growers.

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