

R. E. HOOKER (left) AND EARL JONES make final inspection of Simplex Sawmill carriage, originated and designed at the Klamath Machinery Company, 445 Spring. The carriage will be shipped by truck to the Collins Pondosa Lumber Com-

pany, Pondosa, Oregon. This is the second such carriage purchased from the local firm by the Collins interests. The Klamath Machinery Company officials are currently designing their 22nd sawmill and lumber manufacturing plant.



PFC DOUGLAS GOLDEN, USMC, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Golden, 2305 Patterson, left recently for reassignment at Barstow, California, following leave spent here with his parents. Friends may reach Golden at the following address: Pfc. Douglas Golden, 1398857, Repair Branch, Machine Shop, USMC, Supply Annex, Barstow, California.

World Buyers Don't React To Dairy Surplus Offer

WASHINGTON (AP)—The below-cost price tags Uncle Sam has posted on some of his surplus dairy products have failed so far to draw a rush of customers. Two and a half weeks ago, the Agriculture Department offered for export 325 million pounds of cheese at price levels prevailing in world markets. These levels were about 25 cents a pound, or 15 cents less than the department paid for the cheese under a dairy price support program. Officials reported today that no buyers have appeared for this cheese, perhaps because some other important dairy-producing countries also have surpluses which they are attempting to sell. Last week, the department offered surplus dried milk, processed for human consumption, to domestic processors for inclusion in livestock and poultry feeds. This milk, which cost the government nearly 17 cents a pound, was offered at 12 1/2 cents a pound except in Far Western states, where the price was set at 4 cents. The department said there is a shortage of high protein supplement for mixed livestock feeds. But as of yesterday, no sales of this milk had been made. Officials said, however, it was too early to say how feed mixers would take to this offer.

In an effort to dispose of some of its 350-million-pound surplus of butter, the department 10 days ago offered to sell some of its stocks for use abroad in combination with ionized dried milk and water to make liquid milk for human use. The butter, which cost the government about 69 cents a pound, was offered on a bid basis. This practice of recombining unsalted butter and dried milk to make liquid milk is used in several foreign countries, particularly Japan, where milk production is inadequate and shipment of fluid milk would not be feasible. So far, no buyers have appeared to take advantage of this offer. Early this month the department also cut its export prices on nonfat dried milk. Its stocks total about 658 million pounds and cost nearly 17 cents a pound. The new foreign sales prices range from 10 to 11 cents. As of yesterday no export sales had been reported for this product. Four Yankees who played in the 1953 World Series are no longer with the champions. They are John Mize, Vic Raschi, Don Bollweg and Billy Martin. The latter is in the Army. Raschi is with the Cardinals and Bollweg with the Athletics.



JIM DRAKE, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Drake, 2514 So. 6th St., is home on a 14-day leave following boot camp for three months at San Diego. Jim, who attended KUMHS before enlisting will be stationed at the U.S. Naval Base at Treasure Island. He leaves Klamath Falls for San Francisco, May 4.

Nation's Dairymen Face Lower Prices, Bad Weather

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The milk and butter boys—long beset by housewives irate over prices and taxpayers disgusted over surpluses—say today they face two fresh troubles: 1. Prices are slipping at wholesale, even below the new and lower support levels set this month by the government—while the dairy farmers' costs stay high and pinch the profit margin. And now Uncle Sam is talking about selling his surplus butter at a loss, to bring the retail price down to about 45 cents a pound. 2. Sparse rain over much of the dairy area has tended to hold back the grass. The cows, perhaps tired of winter fare, aren't giving as they should on the eve of the industry's traditionally lushest season for milk, butter and cheese production.

The dairymen may be getting less per cow and also getting less per quart. Creamery men add that the possible drop in output per cow (supposing the rains don't keep pastures up to taste in the next two months) won't bolster prices much because in many cases herds are larger this year, making up for any holding back by Bossy. And anyway the huge stores of milk products bought up by the government to sustain prices will hang over the market.

If the result is lower dairy incomes, it will be sad for the farmer, who contends he can't get along on less than he now makes, but also sad for the manufacturers who supply him and the merchants in the nearby towns.

Since the dairy industry has been producing more milk, cheese and butter than consumers will buy at the prices the government set, why don't the farmers cut their herds, especially now that the support price is down? Foes of the price support policy contend it's because the dairy farmer is still "just producing milk and butter to sell Uncle Sam."

But the production manager of the Land o' Lakes Creameries, Inc., which does a 141-million-dollar-a-year business in this area, has talked to farmers hereabouts. He says the following is a typical example of why some farmers are milking more cows this year. When the price of livestock dropped last year, dairy farmers who had thought of selling cows to the meat packers held on to them instead. Their reasoning: they'd rather do the extra work of caring for two or three more cows and get the additional milk to sell—even at the lower price—because that might help prop their total income. And they need the money.

They did this even though butter production increased 20 per cent last year and a reluctant government took over mountains of it because consumers turned to other spreads because of the support price. There was growing hostility among city folk, who saw no reason for paying high prices for butter and at the same time paying high taxes to support those high prices.

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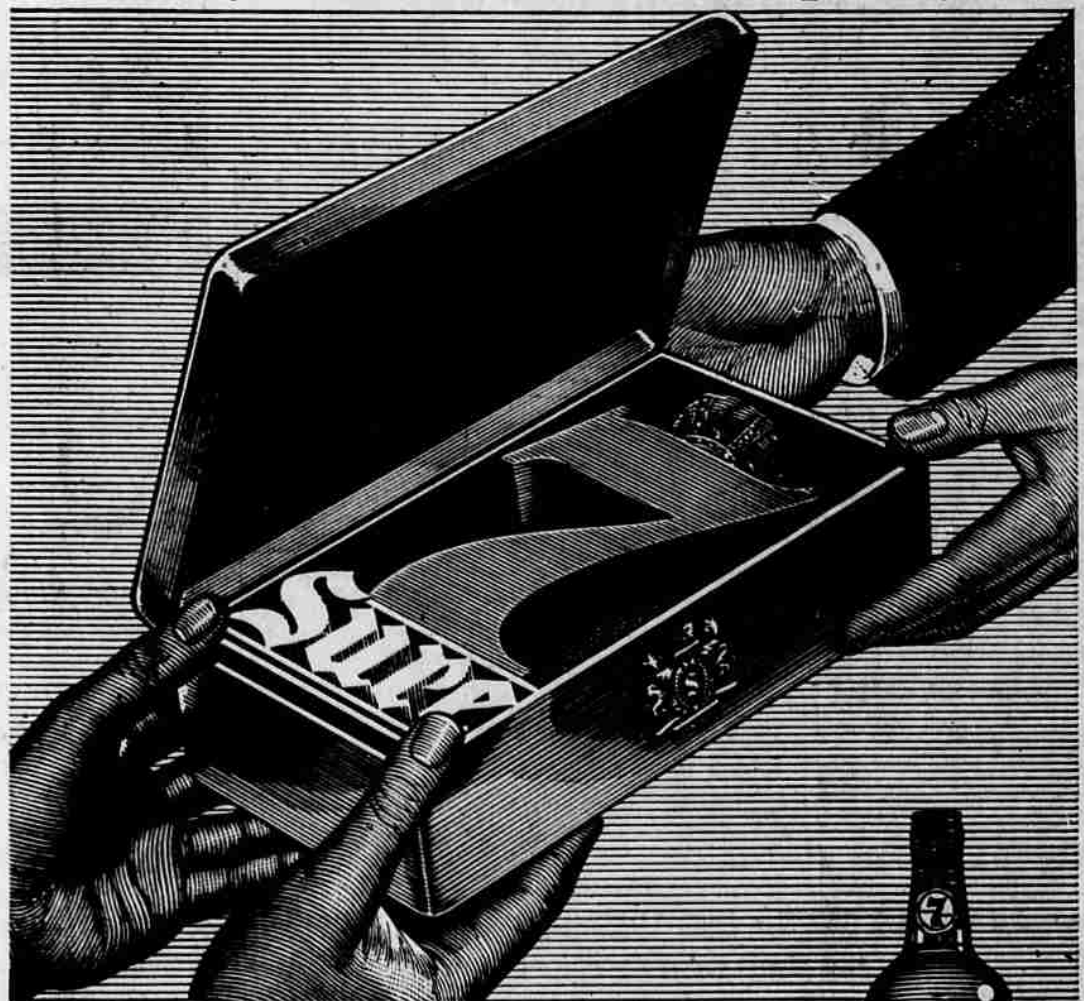
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