

Conspiracy Laid To Fruit Firms

Indictment Names Florida And California Exchanges And Auction Operators

LOS ANGELES (UP) — A federal indictment Friday charged California and Florida fruit exchanges and fruit firms throughout the nation with fixing prices of citrus and deciduous fruits and controlling the methods of their distribution.

A spokesman for the department of justice said the action would assure the American consumer of more reasonable prices for fruits grown in California and Florida and yield growers a better price for their produce.

It was pointed out that alleged excessive costs of fruit were the result of the methods of sales and distribution, and that once that evil is corrected, the consumer will enjoy lower prices. It also will prevent any unusual rise in prices out of proportion with the level of other commodities, it was said.

The indictment was returned as the climax to a long investigation by Thurman Arnold, chief of the Anti-Trust Division of the U. S. department of Justice.

Arnold charged consumers were paying "excessive prices" for California and Florida citrus and deciduous fruits, that the grower dealing through the exchanges must accept an inordinate share of the income from sales and that "middlemen" are reaping the combined losses of grower and buyer.

Thomas Clark, chief of the Pacific coast office of the Anti-trust Division, said:

"It is going to be the purpose of this division to see that prices shall remain at reasonable levels."

Great quantities of fresh fruits are being purchased by the government for the nation's ever-increasing armed forces.

The indictment cited the California Fruit Growers Exchange, the California Fruit Exchange, the Florida Citrus Exchange and 10 auction firms in Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Detroit, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and St. Louis in addition to 23 individuals.

The specific charges were conspiracy to control the method of sales and prices on fruits marketed in interstate commerce.

Five corporations controlled by Joseph De Giorgio of Kern County were included in the charges as were 23 individuals:

Charles C. Teague Irving J. Woodin, Charles W. Smith, Joseph A. Sewall, T. H. Powell, Hal Jitt, Harry Pixley, Michael H. McDonald, Lionel Lowry, Nicholas W. Keltenbach, Norman C. Ives, Frank N. Ibsy, Charles Irving, Leonard Gentile, Philip and Joseph Di Giorgio, James S. Crutchenfield, C. C. Commander, Harry J. Bigelow, Paul S. Armstrong, Howard F. Miles, J. Oliver Daly and Cutler B. Downer, the latter three doing business as H. Harris and Company, during blackouts.

SKIERS GUIDE BOOSTS SPORT

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50 miles E of Placerville on Highway 50 and 1 mile N of Echo Summit by skis. National forest land. Tows and lifts: 500-foot rope tow. Ski runs: 1-mile run, Ski trails: 15 miles, unmarked. Ski jumps: None. Shelter, equipment, instruction, meals, lodging and first aid: At Echo Chalet, Forest Officer; At Meyers Ranger Station E on highway.

Globins-Lake Tahoe: 6225 feet. Location: On south shore of Lake Tahoe, 57 miles E of Placerville, via Highway 50. Private land. Developments: Good snow sports terrain with 1/2-mile run and amateur jump on nearby Keller tract. Shelter, equipment, instruction, meals, lodging and first aid: At Globins Resort. Forest officer: At Meyers Ranger Station.

Air Raid Law For County

Board Of Supervisors On Saturday Adopts Rule To Enforce Blackouts

The Board of Supervisors on Saturday approved an air raid blackout ordinance providing for a fine of \$300 for violation of prescribed blackout instructions.

The ordinance is said to be generally similar to other ordinances which have been adopted and are being adopted in cities and counties throughout the state, providing penalties for the violation of blackout regulations.

While the public generally has demonstrated wholehearted co-operation in test blackouts conducted in the city and county, the urgency of the situation has required passage of ordinances to make compliance compulsory.

NEWS PERSONALS

Walter Clark was in town Tuesday from Garden Valley.

Mrs. Josephine Swift was a Friday visitor from Latrobe.

George Ruoff, of Summit district, was a caller in the county seat on Monday.

Albert Lewis and Janis Ball are home for the holidays from their studies at the University.

State Senator H. E. Dillinger was Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pillskin were in town from Negro Hill section on Monday, attending to Christmas shopping and other business.

Miss Marie Phelan, of the forest headquarters staff, has accepted a transfer to the regional forest headquarters at San Francisco.

Mrs. Ella Ayers left last Thursday to visit relatives at Sacramento before continuing to San Francisco for the holidays.

Euell Gray, Jr., who is with the Coast and Geodetic Survey, arrived last Wednesday for a vacation visit with the home folks.

Bill Dillinger arrived home the fore part of last week from Stanford University, to spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Buck and children left during the weekend for a holiday visit with relatives at Portland.

Joseph Bilodeau, Sr., arrived during the weekend from Washington to join Mrs. Bilodeau and their son and wife for the holiday season.

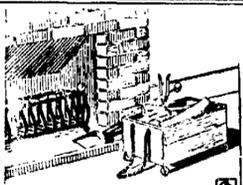
Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Schneider and children have gone to Oroville to spend Christmas with Grandpa and Grandma Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond H. Gallagher are the parents of a son, William Bruce, born December 2 at the Sanatorium.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Williamson are the parents of a daughter, Hazel Irene, born on December 2, at the Sanatorium.

Around The House

With ANN COMFORT



A wooden box on casters makes a nice wood box for the fire place. It saves steps and prevents litter in bringing in the wood.



THE BEE HOUSE, on Bee Street, one of Placerville's homes of the pioneer days and the theme for this week's article in the "Early California Homes" series, by Ann Comfort.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. Marcus P. Bennett we reproduce a photograph of Colonel Fred Bee's house as it looked before it was remodelled into the Bennett home. Within there are still visible traces of the Bee house. Two rooms in the upper story were salvaged and the brick cellar is entirely unchanged.

Col. Bee sold his house in December 1881 to E. Conklin who, in turn, sold it to a man named Duncan. It was from Duncan that Judge Bennett purchased the home.

Placerville was not only one of California's most illustrious citizens, but one of California's. A photograph in the possession of Mrs. Bennett shows him to have been a handsome man with earnest deep set eyes and a kind but determined mouth. It is said that he weighed about 210 pounds and that he was over six feet in height.

The queenly Catherine Maxwell Bee was a most devoted wife. In the 38 years of their marriage the Bees were never separated for over might fill this issue so we must content ourselves by naming only a few. It was he who organized the Placerville-St. Joseph Overland Telegraph Company with a capital of a half million dollars. His big achievement in this job was that he aroused so much enthusiasm over the project that the laborers were willing to take out their pay

By profession Colonel Bee was an attorney. His brother Albert, sometimes known as Major Bee, was a merchant of Placerville and the first president of the Placerville Temperance Society. The wife of the latter, Sophina Clapp Bee, who came to Placerville in 1849 from Massachusetts, died in San Francisco at the age of 95 as recently as sixteen years ago. Both Bee brothers had sons who outlived them. Perhaps some of you may have seen in the City Cemetery the grave of little Willie Bee reached by

Those who knew Fred Bee as a boy in Clinton, New York, said of him that he was a young man "with sand in his craw" which was their equivalent for saying that he had high moral courage. In 1849 young Fred Bee sailed on the Elizabeth Ellen which made the voyage to California by way of Cape Horn in 228 days. On the same vessel were James L. Flood, one of the Bonanza kings, and Charles N. Felton, later U. S. Senator, who owned one of the handsome mansions at Menlo Park.

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Christmas Carols in the Camps Feature American Soldier's Yule

LUCKY indeed is the soldier who obtains a Christmas furlough and spends a portion of his holiday season at home, but what about those hundreds of thousands of American boys in our Army who will remain on duty in the cantonments and island bases and in garrisoning distant outposts? The answer is voiced in a song—a glorious hymn that will be heard from virile young throats singing in praise of Him in whom reposes mankind's steadfast hope in this dark hour of the world's history.

The hymn, a favorite of the American soldier and of his forebears in arms since colonial campfires, "O Come, All Ye Faithful," will be sung in 200 new Army chapels where this year Christmas services will be held for the first time.

In his spiritual life, Army chaplains declare, the citizen soldier finds the closest tie linking military duties with the cherished customs of his home. Especially among young men from the farming communities and the towns and smaller cities the observance of Christmas in the camps will not be unlike the programs in churches throughout the land where friends and neighbors assemble for the Christmas festival. In Army chapels the same midnight services will be held, the youthful worshipper will join in the same inspiring music, he will hear again the same messages of hope, the same fervent prayers for peace and good will.

During Yuletide the singing of familiar carols will enliven the camps, not only in the training areas at home but the same music of cheer and comfort will echo from the cliffs of Iceland and the wastes of Greenland as well as among the tropic shores of Trinidad, Guiana, and the Orient. For the Chief of Chaplains has announced the distribution of the new Army and Navy Hymnal, a book containing the best in sacred themes, subdivided for Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish forms of worship. Special visitations will be made to the hospitals. Neither will the inmates of the guardhouse be overlooked.

All will share the spirit of Christmas.

At this season the 1,626 chaplains in our Army take stock of their efforts through the year, and the Chief of Chaplains advises the Chief of Staff as well as the home folks that most encouraging progress has been made for the spiritual well-being of the troops.

Where 11,640,000 soldiers attended religious services during the last fiscal year with an average of 97.8 persons at each service, it is



pointed out that there is now a much larger participation and a corresponding increase in the ministrations of holy sacraments.

Said a veteran chaplain: "The tradition established by those pioneer soldiers who bowed in prayer on the eve of Bunker Hill and in the storm-swept camps at Valley Forge is still alive in the hearts of America's defenders in arms."

HORSE, MULE CENSUS

Owners Asked To Report To Farm Advisor On Stock By January 10

A registration of all horses and mules between the ages of three and ten years, inclusive, has been called for by the Headquarters Western Remount Area, at San Mateo. An announcement from Lieut. Col. F. W. Koester, officer in charge, states that despite mechanization of military equipment there is still wide use for horses and mules in the military service.

Owners of livestock are asked to report to their Farm Advisor not later than January 10.

Their report should state the age, sex and color of the horses or mules they have; whether the animal is a riding or draft type, broken or unbroken, and whether or not it is necessary for the owner's own use.

It is desired to emphasize that this is not a draft of animal resources and that it seems most unlikely that this will ever be necessary. Lieut. Col. Koester reports, "When horses or mules are needed, they will be purchased. Prompt registration of animals of a useful military age is simply a most desirable step in our defense preparations. Registration of animals at this time is voluntary, but obviously a patriotic obligation."

After combatting government opposition, in 1861 Bee succeeded in having the Western Union complete the job. A dispatch to the Sacramento Union on Dec. 3rd says "Placerville was illuminated, cannons boomed, speeches were made and there was general rejoicing to celebrate the erection of the first telegraph pole of the telegraph line. Judge Gavin D. Hall and Colonel Bee were chief orators on the occasion."

When Russell and Waddell were government military contractors to the Utah military expedition, it was Colonel Bee who laid before them the proposal to establish a Pony Express between St. Joseph and San Francisco. During the Civil War, Bee was appointed Provost Marshal of the Central and Northern district of California. Later in San Francisco he took an active part in the construction of the S. F. and North Pacific Railway.

One of Bee's most significant roles was the part he played in the rebellion against the Chinese. In 1876 Anti-Chinese Leagues were organized in every town on the Pacific from Seattle to Los Angeles. Bee claimed that cheap politicians were the driving force back of the agitation. It took sand in the craw to stand up against these people. In old files of the San Francisco papers are cartoons of Bee in which he is shown dressed as a Chinaman with a queue and flat soled slippers. For his defense of the Chinese, Bee was tendered the honor by the Emperor of China of being appointed Chinese consul, which meant that he was the only American in the consular service of the Chinese government. In addition, he was decorated by that same government three separate times.

It has been said that the spirit of service surviving time and change will continue to dwell in a place. Surely it has dwelt on the Bee place, for the Bennett house which has its own separate story and associations has been a symbol of the true American home, contributing richly to the cultural life of the community and to its welfare.

The most recent pasture during a blackout is to sing. Beginning in public places, it has extended to homes. Who knows how many lost voices may be recaptured.

A conservation job looms ahead of American women. It will be to save everything from bread to bones.

But let's make it a Merry Christmas for the old and the young and the lonely. Remember that while we all have a thirst for consideration, we must forget ourselves in the big issues that face us this Christmas of 1941.

ALL-YEAR HIGHWAY, WINTER SPORTS GIVEN BOOST BY SENATOR DILLINGER

State Senator H. E. Dillinger shared in a broadcast Friday evening by radio station KPBC, Sacramento, in which he had opportunity to call attention to U. S. 50 as an all-year highway, and to the winter sports development along the road.

Senator Dillinger, in response to a question by his interviewer, said that it is the belief of winter sports leaders that the opening of the El Dorado snowfields will help relieve the congestion which has been present in previous years along U. S. 40.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Rossi, of Los Angeles, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernell Cole, of Hawthorne, this state, are here to spend the holidays with the parents of the ladies, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wood.

SHINGLE SPRINGS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shinn, of El Dorado, spent the evening with Mr. and Mrs. John Miller on Tuesday. The school play, held at the school house on Friday evening, was enjoyed by all parents and friends and each and everyone did his part well.

Mrs. Lora Wing left on Tuesday morning for the bay district to spend Xmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Flag.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Scheibel and son, Ernie before he left and to bring his car home.

It is reported by friends that Mrs. Mary Barrett is improving rapidly and she is looking much better. She was made happy by a visit from her son Elster Barrett, one day last week. He is now working in Oakland.

Those who were eaters at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller on Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Barton of Sacramento; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dugan of Latrobe; Joe Skinner, of Placerville; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bice and Mrs. Wanda Truder, of Vallejo.

The weather has turned real cold and most everyone has a bad cold and is staying at home.

GRANGE NOTES

Hangtown Grange had a very nice meeting on Friday, December 19. Among the regular business conducted, the application for membership of Lillian J. Pomi was balloted upon and was found favorable, whereupon she received the first and second degree obligations. A donation of \$5.00 was voted to be given to the Red Cross for the emergency Roll Call.

Marshall Grange The card party planned for Jan-

uary by Marshall Grange has been postponed until the first Friday in February.

Pilot Hill

A large crowd was on hand Saturday night for the annual Christmas party. A short program was enjoyed after which gifts were distributed. Refreshments of candy, nuts, apples, popcorn, sandwiches and coffee were served. Next regular meeting Saturday, Dec. 27, 1941. Visitors always welcome. Frances L. Orr, correspondent.



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CAPE COD—BEST POUND 23c

Oranges
NEW NAVAL—150 SIZE DOZEN 19c

Avocados
BEST GRADE—MED. EACH 6c

Sweet Potatoes
SMOOTH—UNIFORM 5 POUNDS 15c

Old Cellar
4-year old—90 proof KENTUCKY BOURBON Pint \$1.15 Qt. \$2.20

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A YEAR OLD—BOURBON Pint 97c Qt. \$1.90

Old Mansion
STRAIGHT BOURBON Pint \$1.15 Qt. \$2.28

RUM
PILGRIM—NEW ENGLAND HALF Pint 83c

Mr. Boston
"SPOT BOTTLE" Pint \$1.33 Qt. \$2.57

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