

Packer faces charges of dissipating trust fund

FLEETVILLE — A Fleetville meat packing firm and its president have been charged by the U.S. Department of Agriculture with violating trust requirements of the Packers and Stockyards Act by dissipating some \$247,000 held in trust for the unpaid cash sellers of livestock.

Named in the complaint are R&D Investments, Inc., doing business as Edwards Bros. Packing Co., and John W. Edwards, the firm's president.

Under Edwards' direction, the firm bought livestock for the purposes of slaughter

principally from Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, and Virginia. The firm no longer is operating.

In the administrative complaint, USDA charges Edwards and his firm with ignoring statutory trust interests which totalled some \$247,000 and dissipating those funds which were required to be held in trust for the unpaid cash sellers of livestock.

Edwards and his firm also are charged with a breach of their fiduciary responsibilities as statutory trustee in that they denied all

knowledge of the use or final expenditure of the dissipated funds and otherwise impeded efforts to obtain payment for livestock sales subject to the statutory trust.

James L. Smith, P&S official, said the alleged trust violations occurred in 1977 and 1978, but the complaint was delayed both to allow for pending litigation and to prevent any interference with attempts to negotiate settlements for the injured parties.

Edwards and his firm, Smith said, have the right to

a hearing.

If the charges in the complaint are proved, Smith added, Edwards and his firm would be placed under a cease and desist order and

could be assessed civil penalties of up to \$10,000 for each of the 27 separate violations of the P&S Act. The P&S Act is a fair trade practices law administered

by USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service. It promotes fair and open competition in the marketing of livestock, meat and poultry.

Dauphin welcomes new director



Dauphin County Conservation District Chairman Morris Lebo, left, of Millersburg welcomes Dauphin County Commissioner Norman P. Hetrick to the Conservation District Board of Directors for 1981. Hetrick replaces County Commissioner Stephen R. Reed who held this office during 1980.

Firm names corn champions

MUNCY — Harold Kramer, Fenelon, was honored along with other farmers last week at the Pennsylvania Farm Show for his high yielding corn.

Kramer won the Muncy Chief 25 Acre corn growing contest with a yield of 254.7 bushel Muncy Chief SX662 dry shelled corn to the acre.

Kramer's planting practices this past year were as follows:

The corn was planted on fields that were rented for two years. Having taken off hay the first year his one field was 15 acres and the other 10 acres and both planted in Muncy Chief SX662.

He plowed under a good three year alfalfa and grass sod and used 200 pounds urea for plow down and no manure. Also, he used in the corn planter 400 pounds of 15-15-15 fertilizer.

It should be noted that 200 pounds of 10-20-20 would be close to Penn State recommendations, as high nitrogen and potash could injure the germination of the seed.

Kramer used 2½ to 3 pounds of Atrazine, along with 1½ quarts of Lasso; and, sprayed one of two days after planting. He had very good weed control.

The crop is being used as high moisture ear corn for his dairy herd. Kramer

plants approximately 200 acres to corn in his operation.

Also, on the same farm Tom Kramer, his son, won the five acre contest with Muncy Chief SX660 and had a bushel yield of 243.6.

Another son, Charles Kramer had a yield of 258.6 with Muncy Chief SX662 and was planted no-till. He won the National co-championship one acre contest with West Virginia. This was a three acre field, also rented away from the farm.

It had been seeded to hay and grass sod. He used no manure but applied 200 pounds of urea and then planted no-till with a John Deere Maxi planter. Charles had good germination and a good stand.

He used 500 pounds 15-15-15 fertilizer and it should be noted that this is higher than recommended for nitrogen and potash in the row.

The spray program on this no-till field was one quart of paraquat, 1½ pounds Atrazine, and 2½ pounds Bladex with 77 Sticker. This was applied ten days before planting and he had excellent weed control.

In New York State, Charles LaFluer, Memphis, New York and Roden Brothers, Weedsport, New York shared the five acre Championship. Charles

LaFluer harvested Muncy Chief SX777 at 183.3 bushel per acre and Roden Brothers used Muncy Chief SX777 to make 182.4 bushel per acre.

The one acre contest was won by James Freeman, Albion, New York with Muncy Chief SX552 at 226.5 bushel per acre.

In New Jersey, the one acre contest was won by Bob Bullock, who used Muncy Chief SX777 to harvest 214.7 bushel per acre. His dad, Clarence, used Muncy Chief SX878 to get 218.5 bushel per acre in the five acre contest.

It was also noted that in West Virginia, the Co-champion with Charles Kramer was Marshall Nestor, St. Georges, West Virginia. He planted Muncy Chief SX777 and had a top yield of 258.9 bushel of shelled corn to the acre.

Raylynn Carr, who has many good yields in the past, grew 184.2 bushel per acre to win the West Virginia five acre corn contest with Muncy Chief SX777.

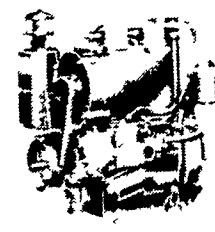
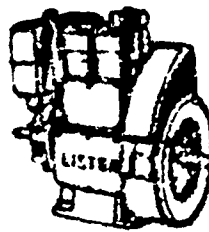
Losers to plant disease were the people of Ireland in the 1840s and of California in the 1960s, among many others. In Ireland, a million people died of starvation and malnutrition because of potato blight. In California in 1965, brown rot disease caused peach growers to lose some \$55 million.

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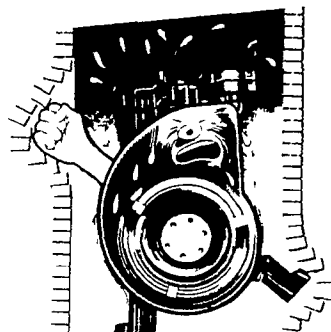
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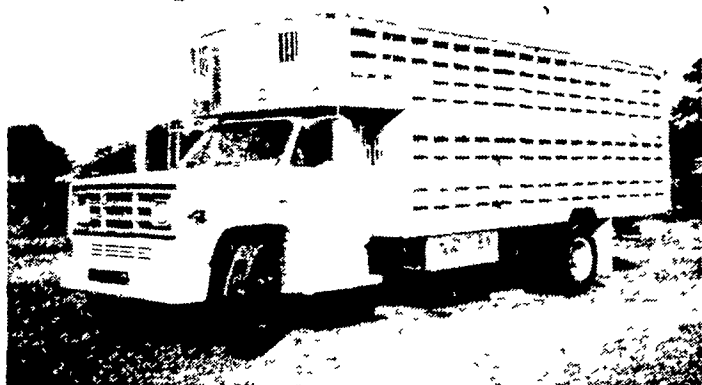


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