

CARL STUBBS, stationary fireman at the Southern Pacific roundhouse, is in charge of the power plant and pumping system there. He is pictured above in the building housing the 15 h.p. boiler and other equipment. Back of the power house is the huge oil storage tank of one and one quarter million gallons capacity, fitted with an ingenious roof which not only drains rain to a release vent in the center, but rises and lowers automatically as the depth of the oil in the tank changes.

Cattle, Hogs Increasing In United States; Mutton And Lambs Lowest In Many Years

Cattle numbers in the United States are increasing, reports the Department of Agriculture. Last January, there were 78,495,000 cattle and calves on farms; by next January the number may be moderately larger. Present numbers have been exceeded in only 5 years.

This indicates a larger output of beef and veal for the years ahead—possibly in 1950, but probably later, depending on whether cattlemen retain or sell more than the usual proportion of their herds next year.

If the weather is favorable, feed supplies will be adequate for continuing the 1949 level of beef production and for further expansion in cattle numbers. Feed grains will be abundant, and competition for range and pasture has lessened by past reductions in sheep and workstock. Sheep numbers have declined for seven years and numbers of horses and mules for about 30 years.

Beginning with 1942, numbers of sheep and lambs were reduced so fast that annual production of lamb and mutton is now the lowest in many years. Supplies of these meats will probably continue short in 1950 since more lambs may be kept on farms and ranches to begin rebuilding the flocks. The number of sheep and lambs on farms and ranches last January was 31,963,000, compared with 56,213,000 in 1942. With fewer of these animals slaughtered this year, it is possible that nearly as many sheep will be on farms at the end of December as last January.

Hogs at Peacetime High

With the number of hogs raised already at a peacetime high, on many farms present numbers may tax the facilities for hog raising or press on the farmer's available time. The total pig crop for 1949 is indicated at 96,040,000 head. In 1943, the crop rose to 121,807,000 head, but the previous peacetime high was 85,261,000 in 1948. While producers may be more cautious in expanding an already increasing hog production, the limited supplies of other kinds of livestock would stimulate a further increase in hog raising, since many farmers holding corn will be unable to obtain sufficient feeder cattle at prices they feel they can pay.

Based on all the factors involved, some increase in the spring pig crop of 1950 over that of 1949 seems likely. Abundant corn supplies at prices that are currently low in relation to hog prices seems to outweigh other influences and are likely to be especially important if no extreme decline in hog prices results from the large number of hogs marketed this fall. The increase in the 1950 pig crop is expected to be 5 per cent or more, and might be as large as 10 per cent.

Margaret Truman Gets London Offer To Sing

LONDON—(AP)—A London producer has cabled Margaret Truman an offer of 500 pounds (\$1,400) weekly to sing in his musical review "Sauce Tartare."

The producer, Cecil Landau, said he cabled the offer to the president's daughter at the White House. His cable read:

"Delighted to hear of your success with the National Symphony orchestra. Would you consider flying to London for short visit, as London would, I know, like to see and hear you. Salary could be arranged but suggested figure 500 pounds per week."

Miss Truman sang with the National Symphony orchestra in Washington on Sunday.

Exam Is Slated For Rural Carrier

The United States Civil Service commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural mail carrier at Roseburg. The examination will be held in this city at a date to be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the closing date for receipt of applications Jan. 5.

On a standard daily route of 30 miles, the salary of a rural carrier is \$2,758, with \$20 per year additional for each mile or major fraction in excess. Salaries on shorter routes or routes with less frequent service are proportionately less. Rural carriers whose services are satisfactory receive regular promotions, the announcement states.

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Formosa, Tibet Are Being Eyed By Chinese Reds

LONDON—(AP)—Chinese communists plan to thrust their control over the island fortress of Formosa and over the mountain fastness of Tibet by next summer, an eastern European diplomat said.

Their time-table also includes

grabbing complete control of all China by that time, but does not include the British colony of Hong Kong, at least for the time being, the communist diplomat said. He declined use of his name but information he has given in the past has proved reliable.

Red mastery of Tibet, land of the world's highest mountains ruled by Buddhist Lamas, would bring the communists to India's borders. It would give them control over the Indian commonwealth's northern trade routes through the states of Bhutan and Nepal.

Both expansion plans undoubtedly will mean fierce fighting in huge military operations.

The island of Formosa, stronghold of Chinese nationalist leader Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, is believed strongly defended against possible landing operations from the Chinese mainland.

Although Tibet has only 10,000 poorly equipped troops, its formidable, unmapped terrain will make movement difficult for the legions of communist leader Mao Tse-Tung.

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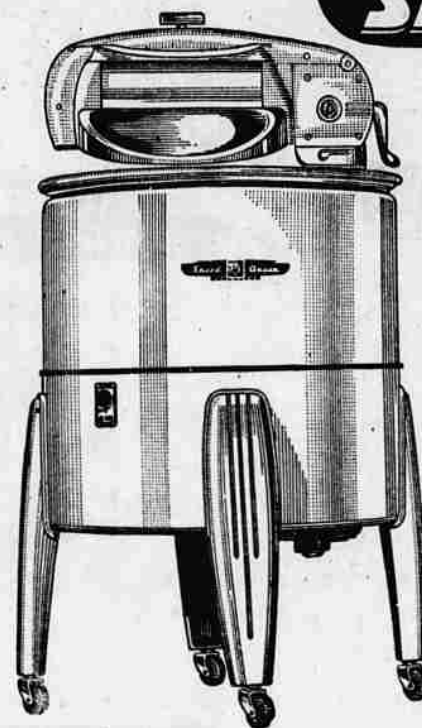
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