

USDA Getting Kicks on Farm Credit Paucity

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WASHINGTON — The government is receiving complaints from widespread farming areas that there is a shortage of credit for farmers' spring operating needs.

The complaints are being accompanied by requests that the Agriculture Department fill the credit gap with its emergency loan programs. Many farmers depend on short-term loans to purchase seed, fertilizers and other production needs.

The department already has set up emergency loan programs for all of Mississippi and North Dakota and parts of Maine, North Carolina, South Carolina, and South Dakota, because of a shortage of loan money there.

These loan operations are separate from emergency loans made in areas where farmers have suffered substantial losses from drought, floods, freezes or other natural causes. In such areas there may not necessarily be a shortage of credit, but an inability of farmers to get loans because they have no resources to back up loans by banks or other private lending agencies.

Officials said the shortage of farm credit in many areas is a result of the current tight money market and the ability of most lenders to invest in better-paying and safer enterprises.

Farm law authorizes the department to make emergency loans where there is a need for farm credit that cannot be met for a temporary period by banks and other lending agencies. These loans bear 3 per cent interest—which is only about half the commercial rate for short-term farm loans.

No loan may exceed \$15,000 and no loan may be made which would cause the total short-term indebtedness of the farmer to exceed \$20,000. Borrowers are given up to five years to repay.

N.M. Boy Only Polio Victim After 3 Shots

NEW YORK — The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis says a New Mexico boy is the first child positively known to have died of polio after three Salk vaccine shots.

The youngster, Tommy Mohr, Albuquerque, died last January. A foundation spokesman said the boy apparently was a rare individual upon whom the vaccine had no effect.

The spokesman said that doctors in Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore confirmed that Tommy's death was due to polio. He said the youngster received his third shot four months before he contracted the disease and this ruled out any chance that he had become infected by the vaccine.

In three other cases reported of children dying of polio after vaccination, the foundation said, investigation showed the following:

One victim had not been vaccinated; a second died of another disease; and in the third case there had been no autopsy and thus no way to firmly determine that the victim had polio.

Fire at Union Fatal to Baby

UNION, Ore. — An infant girl died in a fire here just before Tuesday midnight after her mother had left the room with a younger child to fix a bottle of formula. The victim was Gail Lynne Sadowsky, 14 months.

Fire Chief Marvin Titus attributed the blaze to a makeshift vaporizer the mother, Mrs. Lela Sadowsky, had devised from a hot plate, a teakettle and a bed sheet. Both children had colds.

The family was staying with the children's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Baxter. After leaving the room, Mrs. Sadowsky smelled smoke. She said she ran back and opened the door but the room was in flames.

The grandfather suffered burns in a vain rescue attempt.

The children's father was notified at McClellan Air Force Base in California, where he was on duty, and arrived home Wednesday.

More Quakes Scare Natives

KODIAK, Alaska — A new series of earth tremors and activity from a long dormant volcano alarmed residents of the Aleutian Island of Unnak Wednesday.

The latest earthquakes, occurring Tuesday night, were less severe than the heavy shocks of last weekend that caused Pacific tidal waves.

But the U.S. Coast Guard reported 75 natives from the Unnak village of Nikolski left their homes and took shelter in a barn for fear of the smoking volcano of Mt. Vesuviof.

The Coast Guard cutter Bittersweet arrived off Nikolski today, but officers reported there was no immediate need to evacuate the villagers. A Navy patrol plane left Kodiak for an inspection flight around the 6,920-foot peak that has been dormant 200 years.

Princess Helen Of Greese Dies

ATHENS — Princess Helen of Greece, mother of Britain's Duchess of Kent, died today of a heart ailment. She was 75.

The duchess and her sister Princess Olga of Yugoslavia arrived in Athens earlier today after their mother suffered a heart at-

tack. They were with her when she died.

Princess Helen was the daughter of Grand Duke Vladimir of Russia. In 1902 she married Prince Nicholas, third son of King George I of Greece. The prince died in 1938.

United States entrants, with a total of 56 winners, have won the largest number of Nobel Prizes.

GIs Testing Cold Vaccine

LOS ANGELES — A vaccine against virus-produced colds is being tested on 10,000 soldiers, says Maj. Gen. James P. Cooney, deputy surgeon general of the Army. "On the first 300 recruits, the vaccine showed a 90 per cent ef-

iciency," Cooney told an alumni convention of the College of Medical Evangelists.

The vaccine is being developed, he said, in an effort to knock out a specific virus that affects 8 out of 10 recruits each winter. If the tests prove successful, he added, the vaccine will be made available to civilians.

St. Paul, Minn., was originally named Pig's Eye.

Transformer Yields Bird

SOUTH PASADENA, Calif. — Irked by a persistent ringing noise near his bedroom window, Louis S. Kurze complained to the telephone company. A lineman came out, couldn't find the source of the trouble, but said he was cer-

tain it wasn't in the telephone equipment.

The ringing continued. Kurze called the Southern California Edison Co., which supplies his light and power, and for three days a trouble-shooter tried to find the source of the noise. Finally he located it. Inside a metal transformer box a woodpecker was hammering away.

Chattering and screeching, the

woodpecker flew away as the lineman tapped the box.

LIZ, MIKE TO N.Y. HOLLYWOOD — Film beauty Elizabeth Taylor and her husband, producer Mike Todd, left by plane last night for New York, where the actress will have a one-day checkup on her back, which was operated on before her recent marriage.

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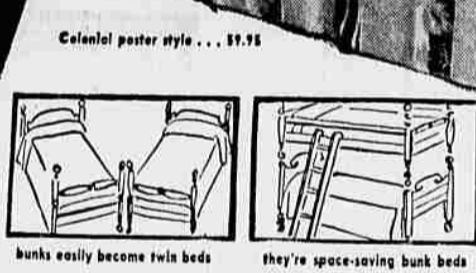
LOS ANGELES UP! — Sadao Sakaguchi, 23, recently arrived from Japan, and his friend Hobide Kyoko, 27, were recovering today from effects of the American "cocktail." Miss Kyoko told doctors she was under the impression that laundry bleach they had drunk was "an acceptable American cocktail."

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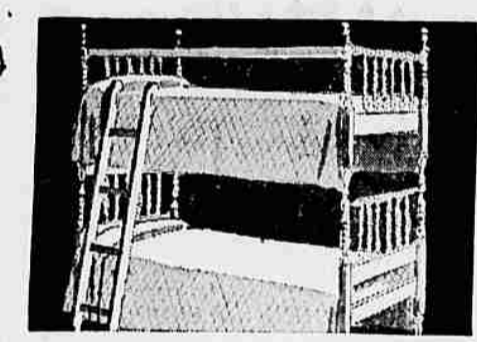
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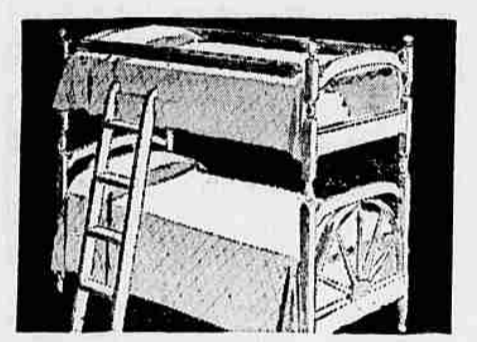
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