

Milk Sampling Shows Increase In Strontium 90

Washington - (Science Service) - The strontium-90 levels in milk samples went up during October in all but the Atlanta station of the 12-station network, the U.S. Public Health Service reported here.

The levels of radioactivity in the October samples continued the fluctuating pattern that has prevailed from the beginning of the study in 1957. At the St. Louis station, the strontium 90 count was 25.1 micro-microcuries per liter. It was 15.0 in September.

May Be Repetition
U.S. PHS suggested that these increases may be a repetition of the pattern observed during the fall of 1957 and 1958. They may also be related to the customary change in farm practices from pasture to barn feeding during the fall and winter months.

The National Committee on Radiation Protection and Measurements considers that undue risks to the population will not be incurred by continuing to use the value of 80 micro-microcuries per liter as a guide to whole population exposure. A curie is a measure of radioactivity equivalent to that produced by one gram of radium, and a micro-microcurie is one millionth of a millionth of a curie.

Below Permissible Level
Both the monthly levels and the long-term averages for all radioactive isotopes analyzed in the milk samples collected in October from all stations remained below the levels that the committee considers permissible for lifetime exposure by the general population.

The milk sampling network is part of the Service's program of measurement of radioactivity in air, water and food. Milk was chosen for the initial study of specific isotopes in foods because it is the most practical to sample and is produced throughout the year in all sections of the country.

Cornell Family Not Member of Board

Ithaca, N. Y. - (UPI) - For the first time since Cornell University was founded in 1865, its Board of Trustees does not include a member of the Cornell family—but that's not because there isn't one around.

The university's charter provides that the oldest lineal male descendant of Ezra Cornell must always be a member of the board. The Cornell currently qualifying is the founder's great-great-grandson and namesake, but he's only 12 years old.

Since New York State law prohibits a minor from serving as trustee, young Ezra and Cornell University must wait until his 21st birthday on Nov. 17, 1969, before he can assume the post.

Plant Has Trouble Seeing Product

Cleveland, Ohio - (UPI) - Industrial Electronic Rubber Co. here turns out its products on a mass-production basis—but it has a hard time seeing what it is doing.

The company makes tiny precision rubber parts—"micro-miniature," they're called. Its factory is a converted private house whose living room now serves as the central office.

The "rubber mill" is housed in what was a garage. The "fabricating" division is in the dining room and other rooms are used for inspection and research.

Although the firm is small and the seals and caps it turns out even smaller, production is about 1,000,000 pieces a month. The employees are mostly housewives.

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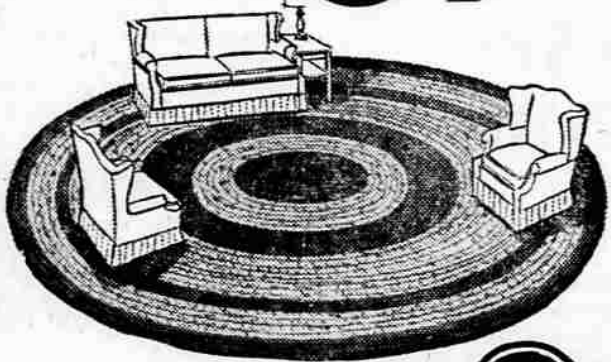
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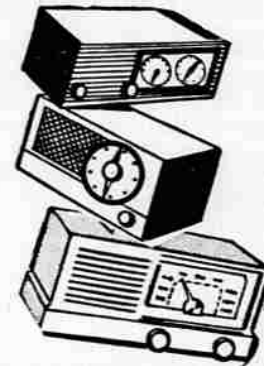
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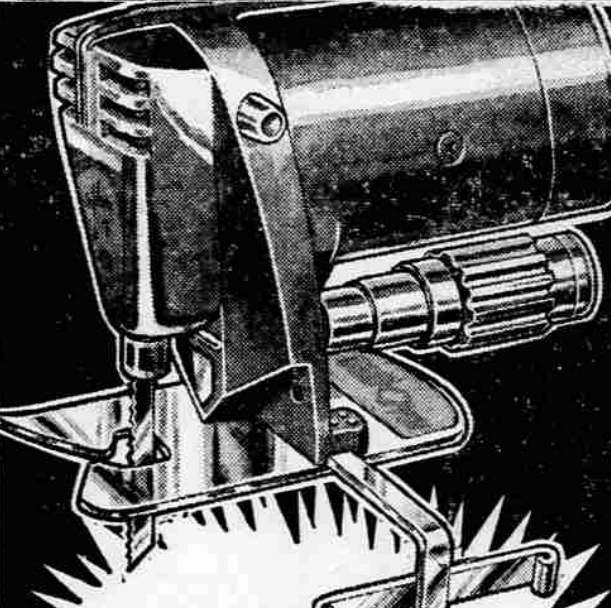
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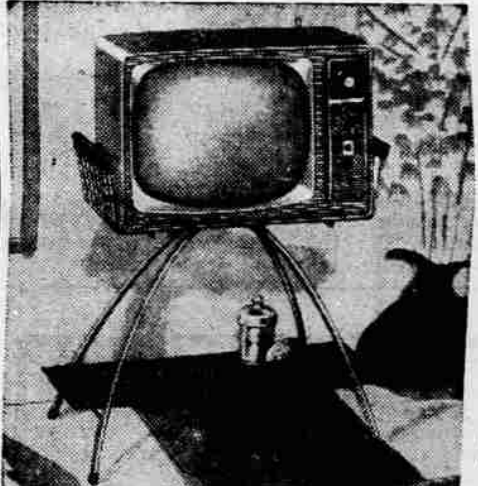
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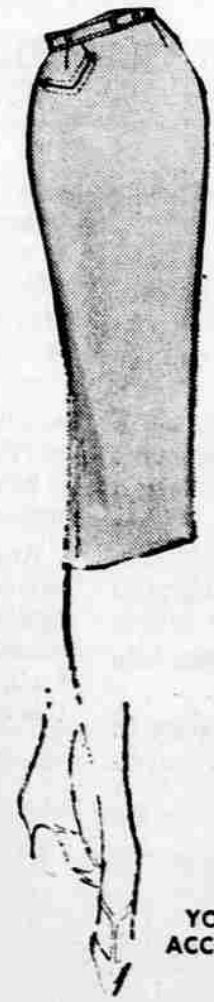
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