

European Spuds Studied

A. E. Mercker, acting chief of the P. and M. A.'s potato division, has just completed a two-month inspection trip in Europe in looking over the potato situation and foreign market possibilities. During this trip Mercker visited England, Germany, Austria, Spain, Portugal, France, Belgium and The Netherlands.

He found a 3-pound weekly potato ration limit in the United Kingdom, with 5 1/2 pounds allowed for children, expectant mothers, workers in heavy labor and other special workers. It is illegal there to feed potatoes to livestock unless they are unfit for human food.

Mercker states that in Germany good seed will be used up in April or May further reducing the supply available for planting. He states that this will cause a reduction in coal production in May as miners will quit their work to hunt for potatoes to feed their families.

Seed breeders and research workers in Germany oppose importation of seed potatoes from the United States partly because German breeders obtain patents on the varieties that they develop and collect a royalty on each acre planted. Biggest reason, however, is the fact that the 1947 program made use of U. S. table stock widely advertised as seed potatoes with a high percentage of disease resulting. He recommends that only certified seed should be sent to Europe for planting stock.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



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Supply Of New Model Pots And Pans Now In Stocks

Houseware departments in local stores now have plenty of kitchen utensils. They are of all shapes, kinds and materials, and it may be a bit puzzling to choose the right one. Which pan will do the job? Is the pan durable? Is it easy to keep clean? How does it look?

Aluminum pans may be of two kinds—cast aluminum and stamped aluminum. Cast aluminum is made by pouring the hot metal into molds. This gives a pan with a thick bottom that conducts heat evenly. The sides may be thinner than the bottom, since thick metal is no advantage on the sides. Stamped aluminum is usually all one thickness and is lighter in weight.

Either type aluminum pan will be darkened by certain foods and water. A solution of 2 tablespoons vinegar or cream of tartar in one quart of water will remove this discoloration. Otherwise, washing in mild soap and water and an occasional scrubbing with very fine steel wool will keep your aluminum in shape.

Stainless steel is a tough alloy that will withstand scratching, rusting and corrosion. It will not discolor and requires only a soap and water washing, with mild scouring now and then, to remove particles that cannot be loosened by soaking. Newer stainless steel utensils are made to transfer heat quickly and evenly and will hold it. This is an improvement over the earlier steel

Curtain Choice Big Problem

Stores now offer a variety of sheer cotton, nylon, and rayon fabrics for the curtains that hang next to the window pane. To make a wise choice among them is the problem.

A study has been made of various rayon and cotton fabrics for glass curtains. Nylon fabric was not included in this study. The result shows that cottons in general have greater durability and serviceability than rayons of similar construction. Fabrics were treated for strength when dry and also when wet, as in laundering. Cottons were stronger than rayons when dry, and also when wet cottons gained strength while rayons became weaker. Tests made after laundering showed that cottons had lost less strength in process than rayons.

The common household practice is to dry sheer tailored curtains on stretchers, instead of ironing them. All fabrics tested, except acetate rayon, lose more strength in stretching than in ironing. The fabrics that change most in color on exposure to light were all cellulose acetate rayons.

Nylon tends to break down somewhat under long exposure to the rays of the sun.

Briggs To Take New Air Post

SPOKANE, April 8 (AP)—Col. James E. Briggs, chief of staff of the 15th air force, will assume command of the Spokane air force base next week, Col. Albert E. Shower said today.

Shower has been commanding officer of the B-29 base here.

Colonel Briggs was graduated from the United States military academy at West Point in 1928. He has had the rank of colonel since 1942.

Queen



Lois Halverson will reign over the traditional Green and Gold ball this Friday night. The ball is sponsored by the Mutual Improvement association of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and will be held in the church, Home and Martin.

Green-Gold Queen Named

Blonde Lois Halverson will be this year's queen of the Green and Gold ball to be held Friday at 9 p. m. The Mutual Improvement association of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints annually sponsors the dance.

The affair will be held at the church, Home and Martin streets. Coronation of Queen Lois will be at 10:30 p. m.

The queen's attendants are Mary Lewis, Ruth Denny and Goldy Baker. All are welcome to attend.

New Chemicals Aid In Soil Fumigation Program

Soil fumigation by chemicals to control root-knot, nematodes and other soil pests is not new. A number of years ago carbon disulfide and later chloropicrin (tear gas) were used in greenhouse beds and in other places where there was intensive production of a high value crop. The per acre cost of these materials was too high for this area, however. Effective amounts cost around \$300 per acre.

Other and more promising chemicals came into use during the war. D. O. these dichloropropane and dichloropropene (Shell D-D and Dowfume N) and ethylene dibromide (Dowfume W40) have shown considerable promise in some areas. In areas where it is possible to obtain satisfactory control of nematodes with 20 gallon per acre of these materials their use can be justified on a crop such as potatoes as the cost of materials would be about \$20 to \$30 per acre.

On the Klamath experimental area's test plantings, however, so much material has been required for satisfactory control that it is questionable if their use can be justified except on exceptionally productive ground or when prices are especially good. In these trials it has been found that after using as much as 40 gallons per acre there still remained an average of 12 per cent infested tubers.

Other nematode control tests conducted over a period of years have shown about 95 per cent control of nematodes after a

TRANSFERRED
FARRBANKS, Alaska, April 7 (AP)—Brig. Gen. Frank P. Everest, commanding officer of the Yukon sector, U. S. air force, said today he has received orders transferring him to air force headquarters in Washington, D. C. The transfer is effective June 1.

Receipt of the orders coincided with word that he has been nominated for promotion to the temporary grade of major general, he said.

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Lab Site Not Chosen Yet

WASHINGTON, April 8 (AP)—Members of congress from Washington state say they have no indication yet as to where the proposed superatomic laboratory may be established.

The laboratory, which has been under study for more than a year, must be where there is ample power and water available. Because of this they believe the Columbia river region of Washington may be chosen for the site.

The committee in charge of selecting the spot has refused to disclose sites being examined. It is reported that the TVA region of the South and the Hoover dam region as well as Washington state have been canvassed.

A firm of St. Louis engineers made an exhaustive survey. Members of congress say that the committee's report first will go to President Truman and not be made public until he announces his action upon the recommendations. Some members of the committee say the report may reach the president during April.

LAZY DRINKERS
Ancient Romans drank liquids by holding horn-shaped containers above their heads while they reclined on their stomachs. They caught in their mouths the thin stream of liquid which spurted from the little end of the container.

HEADGEAR CHANGED

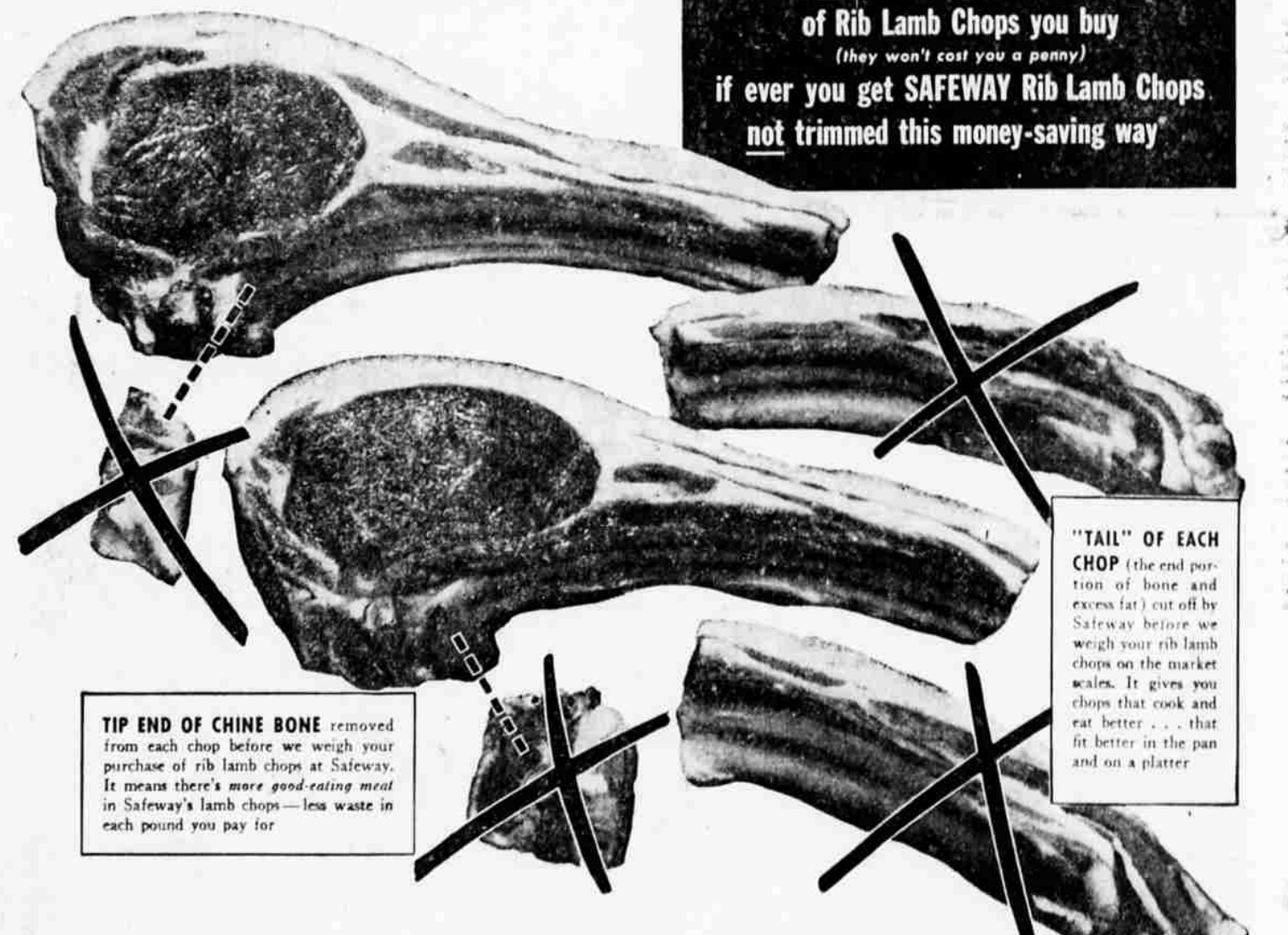
The London fire brigade has made a change in headgear. The brass helmets have given way to leather, which is a non-conductor of electricity and so lessens the risk of shock.

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