



LATE FOR SUPPER — "Tiny," pecking wistfully over mama's shoulder, didn't get there fustest for the mostest. The runt of the piglet litter at Cowpen, England, Tiny is bottle-fed by the farmer.

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Italy Finds Painless Way To Obtain Television Sets

MILAN (UPI) — Television was a luxury item in Italy not long ago. Only 16 persons out of thousand owned a set. But recently an inventor perfected a gadget called "taxivision" which can make a TV set available to almost everyone. "Taxivision" beats the lowest terms of payment by installment plan. To realize the benefit of this invention it is necessary to know how much it usually costs an Italian citizen to install a set. The over-all costs are between 100,000 to 200,000 lire (\$160 to \$320), according to the size and quality of the set. The average set which most Italians buy costs about 110,000 lire (\$176), and an other 20,000 lire (\$32) is added for a license and installation. Installment plan terms usually call for not less than a 20,000 lire (\$32) initial payment and 5,000 lire (\$8) monthly payments. Interest is about five per cent of the price. With "taxivision" a buyer initially pays only the installation fee of 5,000 lire. The gadget is attached to the set, and the viewer puts into its slot a 100 lire (16-cent) coin for 45 minutes of viewing time. By this system, the user can adjust his viewing to his budget, and at the same time pay for this luxury item and eventually own it. It would belong to the user in about four years if one coin were put into the machine every day. Progress of payment for the TV set with a "taxivision" attachment is recorded by a calculator at the side which registers every 100 lire coin. Once a month the coins are collected, and when the final payment is registered the "taxivision" is removed from the set for use elsewhere. "Taxivision" can be fitted to any TV or radio set. Buyers can change their sets for later models even if payments have not been completed. If "taxivision" users dislike a program, or if they have to go out, they only have to close the set to stop the 100 lire worth of TV viewing from being wasted. A special time indicator shows the number another coin must be inserted.

Forest Crews Earn Awards

Awards and honors recently won by Rogue River National Forest employes have just been announced by Forest Supervisor Carroll E. Brown. Various individual and unit awards for safe work performance were passed out last evening at the annual fire guard training camp orientation program. About 100 Rogue River employes, two-thirds of the entire summer force, were present as the fire guard training program got under way at the old CCC camp northeast of Butte Falls. Unit awards were as follows: The Klamath Ranger District organization received a citation for 10 years continuous work without a lost time accident. Robert L. Cooper, district ranger during this 10 year period of accident free work, was recently promoted to a position on the staff of the regional forester, Juneau, Alaska. The citation was received for the Klamath district organization by the new district ranger, Darroll K. Frewing. The forest road maintenance crew, David T. Thompson, foreman, received a citation for the fourth consecutive year of accident free work. The Union Creek ranger district organization, Rex A. Resler, district ranger in charge, received a citation for four consecutive years of accident free work on that district. This is considered an unusual record since the work force of the Union Creek District for the past several years has averaged 50 to 80 men during the summer period. Three ranger districts received citations for the second consecutive year of accident free work. These were the Applegate District, Vern E. Taylor district ranger; the Ashland District, Harold A. Thomas district ranger; and the Butte Falls District, Ralph A. Wiese district ranger.

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Dairymen May Receive More In California

The series of four hearings called by the California Bureau of Milk Control may result in millions of dollars in increased earnings to California dairymen. At least that's the trend so far. The hearings will be held in Fresno June 24, Berkeley June 27, Sacramento June 27, and Los Angeles July 1. The hearings affect only milk shipped through the so-called country plants. These are actually rural depots for collecting local surplus milk which is to be shipped to metropolitan areas. About 15 per cent of the state's fluid milk passes through these country plants. At present, the state permits a deduction of 27 cents per hundredweight from the dairymen's earnings for all his milk that passes through the country plants. The deduction is to pay the cost of storage, cooling the milk and shipping it to big city dairies which get it for the same price they get local milk. Dairymen have complained that 27 cents per hundredweight is far too much to pay for the marketing of their milk. To investigate these complaints, The State Bureau of Milk Control checked four country plants over a period of several months. The bureau studies determined that the four plants were able to operate on between eight and a half cents and 18 and a half cents per hundredweight. This meant that according to the cost studies the plants could operate on eight and 18 cents less than they are now receiving from the dairymen.

Reds Oblige Bugs Bunny

Russia is now claiming to have grown carrots as big as baseball bats and cabbages the size of barrage balloons. This was achieved, according to Moscow Radio, by adding a fungus fertilizer called gibberellin to the soil. The fungus, claims Moscow, should revolutionize agriculture because it cuts the growth time of vegetables and could make planting possible in regions where the growing season is extremely short. Our own agriculture department says gibberellin is nothing new. Japanese scientists have been experimenting with it for several years and so have English and American researchers. Gibberellin actually is an acid, not a fertilizer, it's a chemical that regulates plant growth. American research has been limited to early plant growth. gibberellin has never been used on edible vegetables. Dr. John W. Mitchell, a USDA expert at Beltsville, Maryland, says he knows the chemical will do things to a plant but he's never heard of it doing things to the extent Moscow claims. And Mitchell wonders why the Russians haven't said anything about how their giant carrots and cabbages taste, there's some question of the powerful chemical's effects on edibility. And there's one more question: How do you store a cabbage the size of a barrage balloon? "INTERNATIONAL" ISLAND Mauritius, island lying about 1,000 miles east of Africa, was discovered by the Portuguese, named and occupied by the Dutch, ruled for many years by the French and now is a British possession.

Land Seeding Made Easier

The seeding of depleted western sagebrush and bunchgrass ranges is being revolutionized with a machine developed by Oregon State College Experiment Station. The machine has been tested in scattered locations of eastern Oregon range country during the past year. Its use appears to cause faster emergency of grass, two to three times more grass survival and higher yields after grass stands are established. The experimental model is an eight-row machine weighing about one and a half tons. Eight heavy wheels press V-shaped furrows spaced 12 inches apart. Seed dropped behind the wheels into the pressed furrows is covered with loose soil by drag links. The machine is built to stand hard treatment on rough rangeland. Each furrow wheel is individually suspended to permit operation on rough terrain. The seed tubes actually are tightly wound springs which snap back into normal position when deflected by rocks or brush. Housewives Decide What Farmers Grow The housewife decides what the nation's farmers produce, says an economics expert at North Dakota State College. Consumer demand, shaped by housewife-buyers, has changed considerably during the past 10 years because of lower prices, rising income, and technological progress, the expert said. As a result, consumption of potatoes, wheat flour, pork, eggs, milk, butter and lard have decreased in the past decade. But women have bought more frozen foods, turkeys and chickens, he added.

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