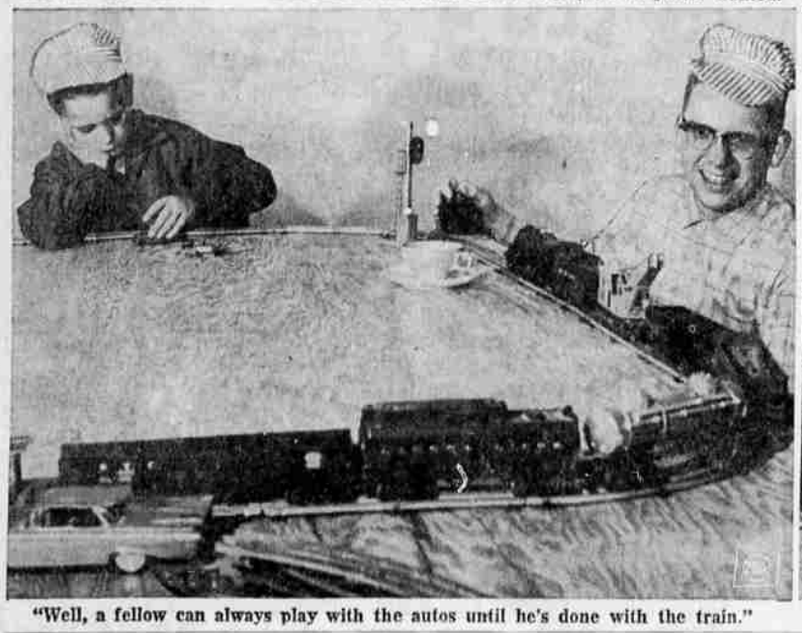
T'was The Night After Christmas And . . .

Railroad drama in four acts pictured here will be played in many homes during the nights — and weekends — after Christmas. The plot is basic; you can substitute model racing cars, airplane kits or what-have-you for the locomotive and cars. It's junior's first lesson in the fact of life that men are but outsize boys. Protagonists for this enactment are Roger Stewart of Weyerhaeuser Company's Tacoma, Wash., office, and his son Dean, 9.

Dad knows just what dad . . . (oops) . . . junior wanted.

"Just hold on for a MINUTE, son. Here's how . . ."



"Well, a fellow can always play with the autos until he's done with the train."

Wait till dad learns junior hijacked one engine.

Barbecued Pig Is Puerto Rican Party Fare

NEW YORK (UPI) — "Roast pig and ritual" are typical outdoor party fare in Puerto Rico, but the island's cuisine also reflects sophisticated continental influences, says Senora Carmen Aboy Valldejuli.

Barbecued pig with garlic sauce is popular for cookouts, added the senora, a leading food authority in the U. S. commonwealth. But there's little outdoor cooking as on the mainland. In an interview, she described Caribbean food, and Puerto Rican in particular, as a cosmopolitan mulange adapted to local ingredients and tastes.

Unofficial Food Consultant

The charming, gray-haired grandmother, wife of engineer Louis Valldejuli, is unofficial food consultant for government visitors and the author of two cookbooks. "Cocina Criolla," in Spanish, and used as a textbook in Puerto Rican public schools, and "The Art of Caribbean Cookery," in English.

Senora Valldejuli said typical Puerto Rican foods include adaptations of American apple pie, Christmas eggnog and Thanksgiving turkey. Fresh apples stewed with sugar and butter replace raw, sugared apples in the pie.

Eggnog is made with coconut milk and rum instead of plain milk and bourbon. The turkey is washed with lime juice and water, seasoned highly, and filled with meat-fruit stuffing instead of bread dressing.

Lots Of Cheese

Elsewhere in the Caribbean, Dutch islands cook with lots of cheese, French islands with wine, and all the Antilles with corn, a reflection of their Indian heritage.

Beans and rice also are staple in all island homes and her own household uses three pounds of rice a day for seven persons, she added.

Plantains are another favorite non-sweet bananas that never are eaten raw. But they are fried, roasted, baked, boiled and made into fried chips.

Typical Caribbean food may be sweet by mainland standards — poultry often is cooked in sweet wine instead of dry table wine, and sugar is added to some soups and vegetables. But West Indians like it that way, suggested her husband, "because sugar is our main product."

Less important economically, but equally delicious, are jams, jellies, preserves, sauces and canned juices made from tropical fruit such as guava, mangoe, papaya, and pineapple. At a Puerto Rican Thanksgiving dinner, guava jelly substitutes for cranberries, said the cooking expert, and fresh fruit is a typical lunch dessert.

Corn Treat

Torta de maiz tierno, or fresh corn tart, is a typical Puerto Rican dish from "The Art of Caribbean Cookery." Mix ¼ pound of butter, melted, with 1½ cups of fresh corn grated from cobs, 1 teaspoon of salt and ¾ spoon of vanilla. Pour into an cup of sugar. Break 3 eggs with 8 by 8 by 3-inch greased ovena fork without beating. Gradually proof glass dish. Bake 1 hour in add 1¼ cups of milk and 1 tea- a preheated 375-degree oven.

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Horse Was Not Sardar

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The dark, riderless horse in the cortege that bore President Kennedy to his grave Monday was "Black Jack," a 16-year-old Army mount used on ceremonial occasions.

It was not "Sardar," Mrs. Kennedy's horse as erroneously reported in some dispatches (not UPI).

Army Warrant Officer John McKinney, who has charge of the horses kept by the Army at Ft. Myer, Va., labeled as incorrect reports from other quarters that the skittish animal was Sardar, which was a gift to Mrs. Kennedy from President Ayub Khan of Pakistan. The White House also denied the report.

Black Jack was named for General of the Armies John J. (Black Jack) Pershing, commander of the American Expeditionary Forces (AEF) in France during World War I. Pershing was an old cavalryman.

Black Jack represented a tradition dating back more than 1,000 years. In the days of Genghis Khan, the Mongols and Tartars sacrificed a horse at the burial of a warrior in the belief that the animal's spirit accompanied its master's to heaven.

The sacrifice was discarded later, giving way to the custom of having a riderless horse accompany the funeral of a fallen soldier.

Population Advance Slowly Squeezes Out Orange Orchards

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Southern California's sunny Orange County used to live up to its name: the orange and lemon trees stretched in orderly rows as far as the eye could see.

Today, bulldozers are rooting out the trees at the rate of 3,000 acres a year, and Orange County is virtually out of the running as a citrus producer.

Santa Clara County, a lush food basket at the southern edge of San Francisco Bay, was America's biggest strawberry-producing county 10 years ago; it also grew half of the world's prunes and a giant share of the nation's pears. But today, fruit and vegetable tradders in Santa Clara County are talking about importing crops instead of exporting them.

California is losing — foot by foot, acre by acre — one of its most precious possessions: its rich, incredibly productive farm lands.

The land is not disappearing. It's still there, and it's just as fertile as ever. But it's being buried under an avalanche of freeways, factories, shopping centers and, most of all, houses.

As California continues its dizzying population climb and its headlong rush toward urbanization, the cities are splashing outward into the countryside. They don't grow up the hillsides and mountains because it's too expensive to level building sites there; they pour instead down the fertile valleys that have helped make California the nation's biggest food producer.

California Problems

For years, people have fretted over California's growth — over the loss of natural scenery over the problems of providing housing and fire departments and social welfare and transportation for the burgeoning millions.

But now there's a new worry: Where, with more and more farmland covered, will the state's food come from?

The California state Department of Agriculture says that, of the 100.2 million acres in California, 16.4 million acres are suitable for farming — and only half are good to prime farm land.

Already, urban development covers about 2.5 million acres in the state, most of it land that formerly was used for agriculture. By 1975, the department estimates, cities with cover 4 million acres.

Big Population

"It is estimated," said the department "that by 1975 the population of our state will be about 25 million persons. That would be approximately 8 million more than live in California now. We shall need all of our remaining good soil to grow the food for our people."

For those who say that technology is the answer — that science will improve land productivity indefinitely — there is this reply from Dr. Elmer W. Braun, economic adviser for the agriculture department:

"At the moment we're borrowing from technology. We're going to wake up and the land is going to be gone."

Braun said technology simply is not going to be as much help in the future as it has in the past. The surpluses of today, he said, have obscured tomorrow's need for farm lands.

"Without technology," according to Braun, "we would already be deploring our losses."

Agriculture on a large scale is already virtually a thing of the past in Los Angeles and Orange counties, which once were the citrus centers of the West. As the subdivisions move in, the citrus growers move out — to Arizona, to the great Central Valley of California, to the relatively low-populated southeast corner of the state.

Santa Clara County, home of the rapidly growing metropolis of San Jose, is finding that the demand for food goes up as the supply goes down.

L. H. Scaletta has been a food broker there since 1939. Ten years ago, he said, his business was nearly all export of local products through the world. Today, about half involves importing food for his own county — and he believes the day is close at hand when he will be bidding for food against areas that used to be his own best customers.

Daniel G. Aldrich Jr., dean of agriculture at the University of California at Berkeley, spoke not only of California but of the nation when he discussed the situation in a speech earlier this year.

Wasteful Era

"While we have been conquering half a continent," he said, "we have not always been mindful that our land, our waters, and our space are the resources, the basic ingredient of this opulence we enjoy . . . It may well be, in this era of the ranch house, the suburban supermart, the freeway, and the 40-mile commute, that we have never been more wasteful. . .

"Cities are where they are largely because a living could be made where rivers joined or land was fertile. But farm centers became cities. Now the same cities are spreading out, in some cases over nearly all of the level and rich soils that created them. We're seeing a million acres of agricultural land concreted over each year (in the nation) for housing tracts, school grounds, shopping centers, airports, and what we call freeways in California. Once the concrete is laid down, a natural resource is gone."

Postscript Is Added

SALEM (UPI) — Gov. Mark Hatfield, who attended President John F. Kennedy's funeral in Washington, D. C., Monday, today issued this postscript to his earlier Thanksgiving proclamation:

"May we be thankful for the provisions of our founding fathers wherein the reins of government pass from leader to leader in death without revolution or disruption.

"May we be grateful the late President chose well his vice president and made of him a confidant so that he might assume duties in tranquil but effective transition."

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