

Idle Pumping Plants to Be Used This Year

Heavy Rainfall of the Season Brings Back Usefulness of Abandoned Plants

Utilization of many California water pumping plants which have been idle for several seasons because of lowered water levels will be an important factor this year in equalizing the agricultural power load of the state's electric utility companies, according to R. H. Ballard, president of the Southern California Edison Company Ltd. The protracted dry cycle which apparently has been broken by the present very wet season had forced the abandonment of many pumping plants in certain agricultural areas, he said.

With the replenishing of the underground water supplies by this season's rainfall, many of these plants again will be placed in operation, thus compensating for the normal reduction in electric pumping load that comes with a normal season of rainfall.

This ideal situation as to water supply, ideal from the viewpoints of both ranchers and the electric utilities, prevails throughout the state, Mr. Ballard pointed out.

"We all share in the general good which a wet season brings to all of California," he said. "The measure of business which the electric companies are able to do is determined by the degree of prosperity of the territories which they serve, and we anticipate that the agricultural communities, which in reality are the backbone of our state's substantial communities, among other things, will reflect an improvement in their economic condition and that this improvement will make itself felt throughout all phases of our industrial life."

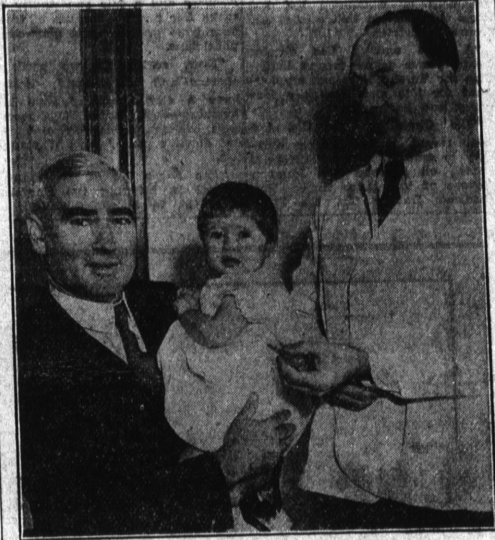
The plentiful rainfall and deep snow pack of the present season likewise assures the electric companies of an adequate water supply for the hydro-electric plants, Mr. Ballard said. Companies such as the Edison company, which maintains a generating system evenly balanced in hydro-electric and steam-electric generating capacity, enter the year 1932 with the prospect of increased hydro operation with its normal resultant lessening of necessity for steam plant generation. In years of prolonged sub-normal rainfall and light snows in the mountain areas where the storage reservoirs are situated, the electric utility companies necessarily are compelled to purchase large quantities of steam boiler fuel. Since about seventy-five per cent of the operating cost of steam electric plants is fuel cost, it may be seen readily, Mr. Ballard said, that a wet year throws a favorable balance to the hydro-electric side of the operating company.

The year 1931 saw the lowest point for hydro-electric production in California since 1924. On the Edison system, fifty-three per cent of the total output was produced in the company's steam-electric plants. In 1930 the steam-electric production was thirty-eight per cent of the total and in 1929 the steam plants accounted for forty-one per cent of the total output.

Power companies in California this year will be in a position to produce twice the amount of hydro-electric energy produced during the previous year, according to Mr. Ballard. Estimates just made indicate that the steam-electric energy which will be produced during 1932 will be about one-eighth of the 1931 steam-electric production total.

In Edison territory, the rainfall for the season to date is the highest of any season to the same date since the 1915-1916 season. Approximately seventy-seven per cent of the company's hydro-electric

Health Officer Warns Public Diphtheria Is On the Increase



Left to right: Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer; Baby Joan Pomeroy, daughter; Dr. E. Van Ornum, of Los Angeles Medical group and clinic.

Health officer practices what he preaches!

Here is little Joan, 11-month-old daughter of Dr. J. L. Pomeroy, county health officer, receiving her first serum treatment to become immunized against diphtheria from Dr. E. Van Ornum, of the Los Angeles medical group and clinic.

A drive for the prevention of diphtheria is being opened today by county health authorities as a measure to prepare the county for the coming Xth Olympiad and to curb the first increase in number of cases of this disease since 1923, it is announced by Dr. Pomeroy.

Diphtheria cases increased 55 per cent for the entire county during 1931 over the number for 1930, according to a completed report made by the county health office.

While the case rate of this disease has been showing a consistent decline during the past nine years, dropping from 320 per 100,000 population in 1923 to 70 per 100,000 in 1930, the sudden increase indicates that many parents are now neglecting to have their children immunized, Dr. Pomeroy states.

Urging all parents to cooperate with the health department to maintain its outstanding health record, Dr. Pomeroy advises that all children under the age of ten years be immunized against diphtheria. Especial emphasis should be placed upon the protection of the younger child before entrance into school, it is pointed out.

The immunization process consists of a series of three treatments with diphtheria toxin-antitoxin serum and can be readily secured from the family physician, Dr. Pomeroy says.

Dr. A. J. Scott, chairman of the public health committee of the county medical society, sent letters today to 4,000 physicians in the county urging them to influence their patients to become immunized.

Free serum for physicians in attendance on persons who are unable to pay full price for the immunization treatment has been offered by the county health department.

output is produced at plants operated from stored water in the Big Creek-San Joaquin Valley area and the balance, or 23 per cent, is produced at stream flow plants in other areas of central and southern California.

Bank's Position Is Best In Years, Says Rainey

SACRAMENTO.—(U.P.)—California banks are in the strongest position they have been in the last two decades, Governor Ralph has been informed by Edward Rainey, state bank superintendent.

"Never have our banks, taken as a whole, had more ability to live up to their obligations, and never, in recent years, have they been in a finer position to render assistance to commerce, industry and agriculture than at the present," he said.

There were 404 banks and 829 branch banks doing business in California today, Rainey said. Their combined assets are in the neighborhood of \$3,820,000,000 of which \$1,503,000,000, or 40 per cent, represents cash and quick assets.

Mrs. Wilcox' Sister Injured In Collision

Mrs. Bertha Wilcox, clerk of the justice court, and daughter, Eva Mae, spent the week-end in Los Angeles caring for Mrs. Wilcox's sister, Mrs. C. M. Jillson, and her husband, who were injured in an automobile accident Friday night. Mrs. Jillson was thrown through the windshield in a head-on collision, but escaped being cut by the shattered glass. Her most serious injury was a depression of the upper part of the chest.

Los Angeles Trio Brought Into Court

Pedro Russo, Davy Pasqualechio and Joe Sinisi, all of Los Angeles, were picked up by State Deputy Fish and Game Warden C. L. Tower and haled into the justice court here on a charge of possession of abalone out of season. The trio were given fines of \$25 or 12 days in the county jail, of which \$15 and eight days were suspended.

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Other Real Estate owned	5,015.00
Redemption Fund	2,500.00
Other Assets	2,568.13
Total Assets	\$849,882.06
Liabilities	
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