

## Uncivilized Behavior Still Found In Several Sectors

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We pride ourselves mightily on our twentieth century civilization, until along comes some development to remind us that, while humanity has indeed made fair progress, literally hundreds of millions still are living in the dark ages.

What set me off on this unhappy line of thought was a news dispatch from Johannesburg, South Africa, saying that ritual murders in Basutoland are presenting the British authorities with a difficult problem in African administration. And Basutoland isn't the only part of the dark continent where primitive practices are found.

Now if that were the whole story we might dismiss it as a hangover peculiar to Africa. But the fact is that in many other countries, of both hemispheres, one finds astonishing examples of barbarism and even savagery. I've encountered a lot myself.

Getting back to Basutoland, the bodies of 293 victims of ritual murder have been found by police in the past seven years. And there is reason to believe that twice as many cases have gone undiscovered. The Gold Coast is another area where this horror still persists.

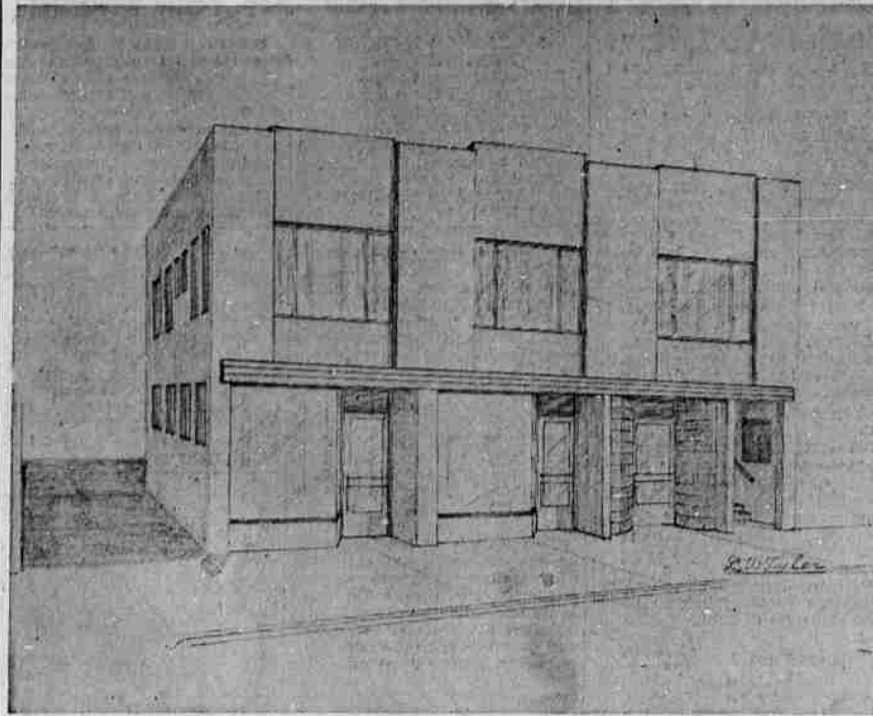
These present day ritual murders in Africa frequently consist

of cutting the victim to pieces while he still is alive. The sacrifice is made to ward off evils or bring good fortune, and in that sense are religious.

**Not Africa Alone**  
And of course such practices aren't confined to Africa. Voodooism, involving human sacrifice, is found in some isolated parts of the West Indies, and other rites involving the taking of human life are carried out in primitive parts of the Far East.

Much more common than the horrors of ritual murder are practices involving the supernatural, and I have encountered these in many parts of the world. For instance, a lot of weird beliefs center in the Hindu sadhus, or spirit doctors, who are found not only in the Orient but in the West Indies.

I ran into some amazing examples of these spirit doctors in Trinidad a few years ago. They operated in secret in the jungle



**CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY**—Work has begun on this two-story, nine-suite office building slated to rise next to the News-Review building on Main street. White stucco, glass brick and night illumination will adorn the front of the masonry building, owned by Dr. E. W. Carter and Arthur Rietmann. Construction is being handled by the Todd Building company. Architect L. W. Tyler drew plans for the building and furnished above drawing.

### ELKTON

#### Boy Scouts Honored At School Ceremony

By PHYLLIS A. SMITH  
At a candlelight ceremony, at the Elkton grade school gym, Dec. 5, the following boy scouts received their 2nd class scout badges from Scout Master Lloyd Smith and Ass't. Scout Master Loyal Bossen: Gordon Riley, John Beckley, Billy Binder, Ralph Rust and Kenneth Agee.

At the investiture ceremony, Ronald Moore, Donald Smith, Jack Whitfield, Clifford Allridge, Larry Bishop, Bernard Mode and Boyd Garrison received tenderfoot badges.

L. E. Price, Arley Marsh and William Binder presided at the court of honor. Price explained scouting and the need for backing by the parents and organizations in the community. Troop 106 is sponsored by the Elkton Masonic lodge at Elkton. The 2nd class scouts were presented with scout knives or match cases by Marsh.

Elmer Maples of Drain, a scout committee man; a number of parents and other persons interested in scouting were present. An interesting film was shown and refreshments of hot dogs, pop and coffee were served.

There will be another National Assemblies program at the Elkton grade school gym, Dec. 15. Dee Jay Nelson will show replicas of North America (in cages), the time is 8:50 a.m. and the public is cordially invited.

The Elkton grade school basketball and volleyball teams will play their first league games Thursday night with Oakland grade school at Elkton.

The Elkton High School teams played at Coos River Tuesday night and Friday night they will take part in the Jamboree at Drain.

The net profit from the senior class play after all expenses were taken out was \$66.04.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Beckley are being congratulated on the birth of a son, Thomas Weaver Beckley, born Nov. 29. The baby weighed 6 pounds 13 ounces. The Beckleys have another son.

Mrs. Clyde Beckley accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Max Lyons to Turlock, Calif., where Mr. Lyons will show some prize turkeys.

Mr. John Stewart of Vancouver, Wash. visited with his son Mr. Emery Stewart over the weekend.

Mr. William Knabe is taking a vacation at Jewel where he is visiting with a daughter, Mrs. Mike Fairchild.

Friends of Mr. Emil Anderson will be sorry to know that he has been reported ill.

Mrs. Ed. Gates visited her daughter in the State Tuberculosis hospital last Thursday. She reported that Norma seems a little better.

Mr. and Mrs. William Carlson visited with their son Billy in Salem last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Riley and sons of Waverlyville visited at the Lester Riley's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Connon have moved into their new home on the old Jack Smith place. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Nelson have moved into the house vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Connon.

Notice: There will not be a special meeting of the Rebekahs Dec. 16th as previously reported.

### West Germany President Frowns On Army Proposal

BONN, Germany, Dec. 9. —(AP)—President Theodor Heuss declares current speculation over a west German army is dangerous to Germany's future. He said he is against a west German army even if the allies should want one.

In this he was at variance with his own chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, who recently said that while he does not favor formation of an army by west Germany, he would be willing to form one if the Allies insist and if it were to be part of a larger west European army.

Heuss, leader of the conservative Free Democratic party, said in an interview he did not believe all the reports about rearmament in the east German state set up under Soviet auspices.

"After all, they are Germans, just like us," Heuss said. "Frankly, I cannot see the (east zone) people's police waging a crusade to conquer and subdue democratic west Germany, just as I cannot see the west fighting the men from the Soviet zone. This would not be the German way of handling internal political matters."

In any event, Heuss added, "Germans are not prone to waging civil wars."

"It is not reasonable for Germany to have an army today," he said.

The state president visited the Elkton lodge at the regular meeting night Dec. 6.

Fifty persons attended the Turkey Supper given by the Odd Fellows last Saturday night.

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districts, because the police were hunting them, but I managed to visit some of them through the assistance of an Indian college professor who believed in them. These sadhus treat disease with incantations. They drive out evil spirits which are plaguing folk, and they invoke disaster against your enemy—for a cash consideration, of course. I was told by educated folk that these things actually work, though you can't prove it by me.

**Reeking with Supernatural**  
The entire district where I found the sadhus was reeking with the supernatural. Not only the doctors but every native I talked with was wrapped up in it. Ghosts, evil spirits and good spirits were all over the place. Here is one typical story I was told:

The father of several sons had enemies whom he wished to punish. He believed—and it was common—that if you bury a body face downward, its spirit will return and start lashing people with a whip. He desired a spirit he could control and so he killed one of his sons and buried him face down.

The boy's spirit came back all right and started to lash out, but it got out of the father's control. The result was that the spirit was visiting the old home daily and flogging the father, mother and other sons unmercifully. This, mind you, was a "fact" and "common knowledge," so I was told.

So the stories went—dozens of them. And I encountered these things not only in the West Indies but in the Far East where the lives of untold millions are controlled by the spirit doctors. Actually many of these sadhus are men of much ability and considerable learning.

Do they believe what they teach? I think some of them undoubtedly do.

Armored cars were in use by the Marine Corps as far back as 1916 and those early types attained speeds as great as 60 miles per hour.

**New Ace X-Rays Pick Off Atoms**  
By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE  
Associated Press Science Editor  
URBANA, Ill. —(AP)—You can pick off atoms with some new sharpshooting X-rays at the University of Illinois.  
This is a new kind of marksmanship, with many promising uses. The X-ray sharpshooting was developed by Dr. George L. Clark, of the department of chemistry.  
Ordinary X-rays are like decks of playing cards, except that instead of 52 there are thousands. Each ray differs from the others in wave lengths.  
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