

MEDICINE MAN'S PREDICTION:

Ants Failed to Store Food So Next Winter Not to Come

Aztec, N. M., Feb. 21 (AP)—An old medicine man's prediction that the world will blow up before next winter was received today without so much as a flicker of the eye by 60,000 Navajo Indians.

But their white brothers were thrown into jittery excitement. Three-hundred townspeople rushed down to buy extra copies of the weekly Aztec Review, which carried the prediction.

The tribal leader's prediction was half-believed by some and completely debunked by others. But in almost every Aztec household the prediction was the main topic of conversation.

George Bowra, editor of the Review, said the prophecy was made by an elderly medicine man who had noted that the ants and squirrels didn't bother to store food this winter. Therefore, the medicine man concluded that next winter would never arrive. Specifically, the prediction concerned Shiprock, a huge volcanic slab that juts out of the earth and stands as a great landmark in the desert. The medicine man said:

"Blow big ship blow, go high in the air, fall down on white man and John Collier."

Collier was commissioner of Indian affairs under the late President Roosevelt.

The whole thing will happen, said the tribal leader, because the white man is to be punished for his treatment of the Navajos (the charge was once investigated by congress), and because "the white man lives crazy-like."

Although the death-dealing blast is intended for the destruction of white men, the medicine man said it was likely that most of the Navajos, too, would not survive.

But the prediction made little impression in the Navajo camps. "Some of them have heard of and some haven't," Bowra said. "But it isn't worrying them. They never worried about the future before, so why should they start now?"

The editor said he learned of

the prediction when a squaw told about the plight of the Navajos "because we won't be here next winter."

Bowra interviewed the medicine man and got the prediction, but was warned not to name the tribal leader because "white man will come in big herds to ask foolish questions and make me dizzy in head."

The editor said the Indian, who holds a high place in tribal councils, knows nothing about Russia, atomic energy or the H-bomb. But, added Bowra, "I'm still looking forward to next winter with interest."

Winnie's Son-in-Law Misses Car Injury

Beverly Hills, Cal., Feb. 21 (AP)—Anthony R. Beauchamp, 32, son-in-law of British statesman Winston Churchill, escaped injury Sunday night when his car hit a parked auto.

Beauchamp, a photographer, told police he swerved to avoid an oncoming car and was unable to avoid a collision when he was blinded momentarily by the other car's lights.

Police made a report of the accident but did not hold him. Beauchamp said his wife, Actress Sarah Churchill, will arrive here in a few days to play the stage production of "Philadelphia Story."

Sheridan — The Cub Scouts held a Valentine party at their monthly meeting of the pack in the grade school gym at 7 o'clock. There was a meeting of the pack committee and parents while the boys had their game period. The Den Mothers met afterward.

Four Corners Girl Scout Troops Present Ceremonial

Four Corners, Feb. 21—Girl Scouts troop 42 and Brownie troop 107 held their joint investiture ceremony with their mothers as guests. The program opened with the group giving the pledge of allegiance to the flag and singing "America" accompanied by Sherrill White at the piano. Leader of the Brownies, Mrs. J. E. Webster was in charge of the presentations and the candle-light service.

Girl Scouts receiving their flying-up-wings and pins were Joyce Brant, Twila Rickman, Betty Futrell, Denise Miller, Jo Gannon, Janice Shrake. Scouts receiving pins only were Nelda Simons, Ruby Ann Gordon, Janice Pfeiffer, Nancy Barker, Sharon Eggleston, Barbara Kleen, Betty Reichenberger.

First year Brownies receiving caps and pins were Linda Stone, Sherrill White, Sheryl Helgeson, Myra Wilson, Sharon Forest, Marilyn Corbett, Marsha Lee, Joanna Weekly, Patricia Backe. For the closing number the Girl Scouts gave the ten Scout laws.

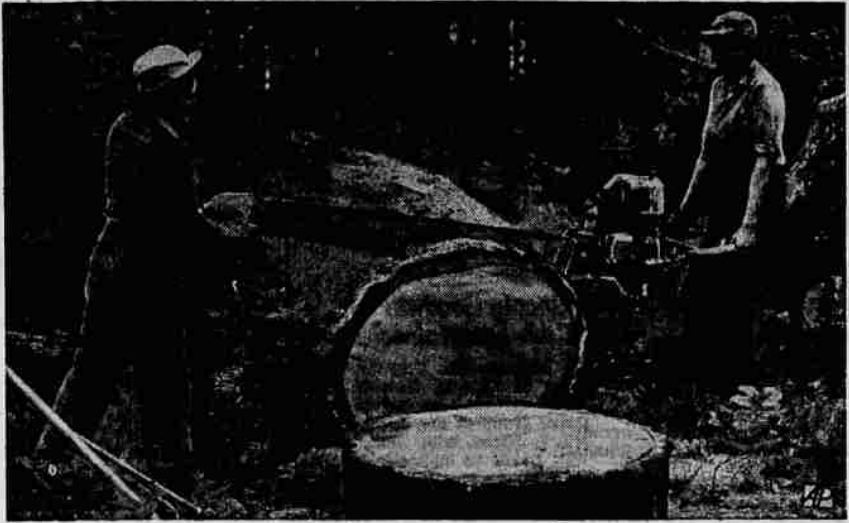
Following the ceremony an impromptu program was given by the Scouts and Brownies for the pleasure of the mothers and guests. This consisted of tap dancing and musical numbers.

Hostesses for the evening were Scout Leaders Mrs. Raymond Hough and Mrs. Earl Thulin. Brownie leaders, Mrs. J. E. Webster and Mrs. Francis Miller. Assisting were Mrs. Robert Burns and Mrs. Harold Snook.

House guest in the Fred Buckner home last week was Mrs. Buckner's son, M/Sgt. Leroy Willig, who is stationed at the Eielson air base in Fairbanks, Alaska. From here Sergeant Willig visited friends in Seattle and Tacoma, having been stationed at McChord field prior to his transfer to Fairbanks. He has been in the service fourteen years.

Carol Capps began construc-

tion on a new building in Four Corners this week, located on South Lancaster near the Four Corners intersection. Mr. Capps has as yet no definite date of opening and no street number has been assigned to the location. He hopes to put in ice cream and confectionery.



Now It's 'Lumberjills'—Margaret Lowery (left) and Eileen Lowe guide a chain saw through a fir log while working at their logging business in Victoria, British Columbia

Blood Donations in Year 1622 Pints, Value \$40,450

By MARIAN LOWRY FISCHER

Marion county residents have donated \$40,450 worth of blood to help others since last March, it is stated in the yearly report on activities and services sponsored by the Marion county chapter of the American Red Cross.

Since the first visit by the mobile unit of the Portland regional blood center in Salem March 8, 1949, 1622 pints of blood have been donated in this county—and figured on the basis of the commercial rate of \$25 a pint, the value is \$40,450.

"The blood program is an outstanding example of the type of service fostered by the American Red Cross," said Walter Musgrave, county chairman for the Red Cross fund campaign opening here February 27, in commenting what the organization means to the community.

"The Red Cross has not supplied that blood, but the people of this county. And that is what the Red Cross program is—an organization of the people helping one another," Musgrave added.

Work Is Volunteer

The blood is given free of charge to all in need of it. The only cost to those receiving the blood is the administrative fee charged by the hospitals, but that is something the Red Cross is not concerned with—its job is to interest the community to supply the free blood that will save lives or help those ill and in need of the blood. The figure of 1622 pints is the amount donated from here through mid-February and in the same period of time, 1441 pints have been used by hospitals in this county.

In commenting further on the Red Cross as basically an organization of volunteers, Musgrave said "Without the volunteer work the Red Cross dollar would reach only one quarter as far as it does in supplying community service."

The water safety program of the chapter issued 500 certificates

to beginners, intermediates and advanced swimmers this past year, also 10 junior and 25 senior life-saving certificates.

The first aid committee issued 427 certificates during the year to persons completing the standard and advanced first aid classes.

Under the nursing services program, 144 certificates were issued through 10 classes. These classes are conducted to provide the fundamentals on care of the sick in the home.

The Junior Red Cross program, designed to bring to school children the feeling of community participation, supplied educational boxes for children in Alaska, the Philippines and many countries affected by the war, as well as supplying favors and other articles for veterans hospital and state institutions.

Lane County Ponders Managerial System

Eugene, Feb. 21 (AP)—A county-wide meeting to discuss the submission of a county manager charter to the voters of Lane county at the primaries May 19 will be held Thursday night in the Willakenzie Grange hall.

Calling the meeting is an informal committee of individuals,

McKay Appeals For Red Cross

Public support of the Red Cross fund drive starting March 1 is requested of the people of Oregon by Governor McKay in an official statement issued Monday. The governor mentions the Red Cross as a source of universal public benefit.

He said:

"The family whose home and possessions are wiped out in disaster, the serviceman separated from home, friends and family, and the veteran striving to readjust himself to the civilian world—all these know at first hand how great a friend the American National Red Cross has proved to be down through the years.

"Many of us, however, lose sight of how closely the Red Cross touches our own lives and welfare with its influences towards a better, safer and healthier world.

"Each and every one of us has a stake in the Red Cross, in its national blood program, which seeks to provide blood and its derivatives and wherever they are needed, and we, as part of the Red Cross, have a vital interest in the lives saved every year through community education in home nursing, first aid, accident prevention and water safety.

"I hope every one of you, individually, will join me in supporting the 1950 Red Cross fund drive which starts March 1. To carry on its great and diversified work, the Red Cross this year needs \$87,000,000 from the nation.

"Let's not let the Red Cross down."

Wedding Held So Mother Could See It

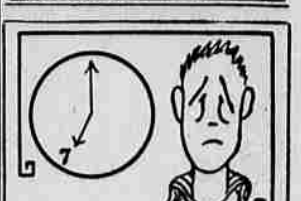
Los Angeles, Feb. 21 (AP)—Mrs. Floyd Osborne has missed three of her children's weddings since she entered the tuberculosis unit of General hospital in 1943.

So Erial Osborne, 30, had his wedding Sunday at his mother's bedside, complete with bridesmaid, best man, wedding cake and decorations. Forty nurses, patients and doctors looked on as Erial married Katherine Perdew, 22, Alta Loma.

"It was so thoughtful of them," smiled Mrs. Osborne, "to have it here."

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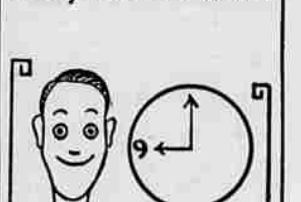
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'Are You Happy' Club Boasts 300 Members

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All membership applications get prompt attention, Neil said. Adding that nobody has to sign his name, "he can print, type, use code or braille."

There are no dues, no women, no meetings, no mail and all members are vice presidents. Nobody is working hard at it but the club now has members in Los Angeles, San Francisco,

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