

# NEOLITHIC ERA DISCOVERED BY A COUNTRY LAD

LEWISTOWN, Ill. (AP)—A country boy's curiosity in a few "worthless clay piles" that had been eyesore to generations of his farm folk ancestors brought him distinction.

Dr. Don Dickson in boyhood tramped barefoot over these clay piles. His youthful imagination stirred each time a whitened skull, stone spear-head, or bit of shell bead was exposed by a heavy rain or fresh plowing.

"Indians," his father would tell him. "Just a few worthless redskins who went to their happy hunting ground hereabouts."

And then the elder Dickson would complain because the "pesky mounds" made the cultivation of his farm difficult.

Two years ago, Dr. Dickson began excavating one of the smaller mounds. What he found made him neglect his profession of medicine and later remove his shingle to become an archaeologist, with a scientific storehouse in his backyard.

Scientists came to view the huge burial ground of the Neolithic man. Five hundred skeletons were excavated. Primitive implements of warfare were found; crude cooking utensils, and cruder bits of ornamentation, have been revealed by this amateur archaeologist.

The bodies were buried, one on the other, with a few inches of clay between. In one mound they were so closely packed as to suggest a pestilence.

"Some pottery we found suggested an attempt at glazing," said Dickson. "Many effigy pees were found, such as birds and animals."

# PROSPEROUS YEAR IN 1930 SAYS CHEVROLET OFFICIAL

OALAND, Cal., Dec. 22.—"The automobile industry will not be ever produced until everybody that can afford to own an automobile has one," declared H. J. Klinger, vice president and general manager of Chevrolet Motor Company here today to a group of Pacific coast and mountain states officials of his organization. Mr. Klinger is on the left



H. J. KLINGER

lap of a tour which carried him to all parts of the United States. In voicing optimism for a prosperous 1930, Mr. Klinger continued: "When we consider what a basic factor the automobile has come to be in the lives of all of us, we can better appreciate the sound footing on which our industry rests. Our first need is something to eat, then something to wear, then a roof over our heads and then a means of transporting ourselves from one point to another. The desire to explore—to go places—has always been with us and not until the arrival of the automobile had this desire been gratified to the utmost."

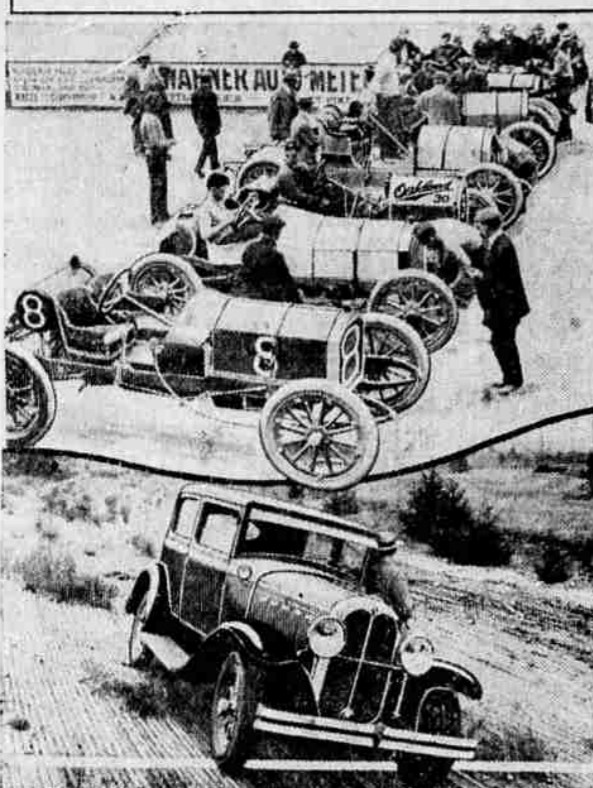
Mr. Klinger says: "The airplane is no more a competitor of the automobile than the radio is to the newspaper. For every plane that goes into the air there will be the need of one more automobile to take the people to the airport. In addition to motor trucks to haul supplies to the planes. The airplane industry will develop along with the automobile industry. The automobile business is still expanding. The replacement market is getting larger each year and we find a higher average of automobiles per family than existed in previous years."

Mr. Klinger believes that the country is exceptionally sound, that business conditions are in excellent shape and states that "Chevrolet in the first six months of the new year has an excellent opportunity to equal the remarkable record set during the first six months of this year."

PHILIPPO (AP)—Criminals condemned to death must hereafter be shot at dawn without the accompaniment of a large audience, says an order issued by General Li Yu Yin, military governor of the city. The order followed an incident in which a criminal told the crowd he did not regret death because he had so enjoyed his lawless life.

MORCOW (AP)—Russian lumber to the value of \$58,000,000 was exported in 1928-9 as compared with \$17,500,000 in the preceding year. Most of the lumber was sold in Europe, but the United States, Cuba, Mexico and Argentina were also among the customers.

# Now and Then



These photographs would show up well in the "then and now" section. In the group of racing cars is an Oakland (third from left) that was built in 1909 and one year later made racing history in the Northwest. The other photo shows an Oakland All-American Six, built in 1929. It is standing on the now decaying Speedway between Tacoma and Fort Lewis that once attracted some of the most famous race drivers of the West. Note the weeds and trees on the banked turns. This race course is now an airport.

# Earth's Interior Next Field for Exploration—Others Conquered

The success of the Byrd polar expedition has once more emphasized the fact that the few remaining blank spots on the map of the globe are rapidly disappearing, says the New York Sun. With both poles conquered, Africa no longer a Dark Continent and the seas and tropics well charted, the time is ripe for the suggestion made to the American Geographical Society by Prof. Harton Shapley that science should explore the earth's interior.

The establishment of Plutonic research laboratories deep in the earth, said Professor Shapley, would eventually lead to important acquisitions in many fields of scientific knowledge. In addition to producing data on the mineral wealth of the region bored, underground research may help to solve numerous problems in geo-physics and astronomy. According to this scientist, fully equipped experimental laboratories at great depths below the surface of the ground would enable research men to study earthquake waves, variations in gravity and the effects of lunar tides and to confirm the dates of the Ice Age and interglacial periods. Tapping the source of heat at the core of the earth may also be possible, thereby raising new issues in the perennial controversy over power reserves.

Scientists Can Only Guess Numerous conjectures have been made by science on the nature of the earth's core. Professor H. H. Inoué of Harvard recently said it was a glasslike molten mass. Another scientist not long ago advanced the belief that the center of our planet was a ball of solid magnetic iron. Stories of a world perpetually in flames at the center are so ancient as to be venerable.

The difficulty of boring into the

# SHINED TOE-NAIL IS LATEST SMART TRICK IN FRANCE

By Barbara Beaumont (Fashion Editor Associated Press Feature Service)

PARIS (AP)—The freakiest, freshest style of the advance guard of fashion is toe-nails, enameled in colors to match finger nails, which by turn are supposed to match jewelry. Cleopatra had nothing on the few daring devotees who display audaciously manicured feet on which colored nails are distinctly visible through cottonweb hose and low cut sandals.

Conservative Parisians are shocked by the style which the Princess de Faucigny-Lucinge, something of an ancestor of the dressing table, says is a direct importation from Spain.

"No French woman of taste would make herself so conspicuous," she said feigningly to a reporter who wanted her views on tinted nails.

"French women make a mistake to ape the dubious fashions set by foreigners," was the way Andre de Fouquieres, semi-official head of the French fashion world, voiced his opinion of dyed nails.

Nevertheless, the French wife of one of France's most famous courtesiers is a leader in the movement to fashionize dyed nails. She sponsors the style of emerald nails which match emerald rings. Her own nails are a brilliant green.

The commandment "Thou shalt not bear false witness" has been painted in letters two feet high in the Dawson county, Texas, court room.

# About Christmas

By Jessica Nelson North

I love red string and tinsel tape  
And holly leaves and berries too.  
And tissue paper white and fine,  
And packages and twisted twine  
And corners neatly tucked in shape  
Like babies into bed.

Branches of evergreen I love  
And silver stars and candles, slim,  
Apples and nuts in bulging sacks  
And greeting cards and sealing-wax  
And fragrant rooms and doorways dim  
With mistletoe above.

I love the smell of baking pies  
And kitchens all so warm and clean.  
And grown-up's hands that spice and taste,  
And aprons tied around the waist,  
And work with happy talk between,  
And Mother's pretty eyes.

# How Mary Got Her Button

Phyllis Nelson

Bob and Mary were soon to become Scouts. They were playing their game.

Bob had saved some children in a fire and Pop, their safety Scout

had given him a button. Mary had none.

It was Saturday and Bob was away. Mary was looking for something in which she could earn a button. As she was out in the yard she heard a scream from baby. She ran in the instant she saw her mother with the baby in her arms. Little flames were creeping against the wall. She ran to the telephone and called the fire department. The fire was just out. Mary's quick act had saved the day. Sure Pop said "You have done as much as Bob" and that was how Mary got her button.

# ARKANSAS WOMAN IS POSTMISTRESS FOR U. S. GYPSIES

FORT SMITH, Ark. (AP)—Gypsy trails from all over the world lead to the Cole drug store here, the unofficial international postoffice of the nomads.

Oddly enough, a woman, Mrs. W. H. Cole, who is not a gypsy, is their administratrix and each year handles thousands of dollars for her wandering friends, in addition to the 10,000 telegrams, call-grams and letters that come to her for delivery annually.

Under the gypsy laws a "gorgio," or outsider, handles their affairs from them.

From the unpretentious little drug store that hides deep in the shadow of a broad viaduct at the end of Fort Smith's main business street, the paths of the gypsies cross. It is from there that the

nomad kings hand down the laws for the tribes.

Letters and telegrams from all corners of the earth come to Mrs. Cole for delivery.

Mr. Cole, when 11 years old, was adopted into a tribe of Spanish gypsies and traveled with them for 20 years, visiting practically every section of the globe and learning the names and locations of the various tribes.

When he settled down here, the gypsies began communicating with their friends through him.

Mrs. Cole succeeded him in this work. The Coles know the location of practically every tribe in existence. Every dark-skinned wanderer finds a friend at this store, and the Coles say that the gypsies always have repaid them

for their kindnesses.

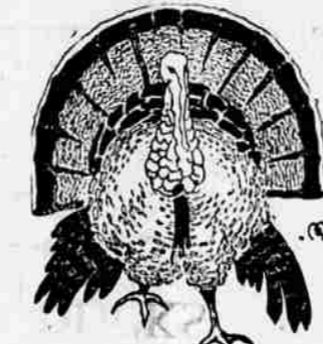
"They never forget a friend, and never forgive an enemy," says Mrs. Cole. "They are very generous, and very unconventional in money matters. Much like children, they are impetuous, and of happy temperament."

Mrs. Cole says there are about 100,000 gypsies in the world, and about 5,000 in the United States.

a practical, although expensive, Christmas joke.

BERNE (AP)—Switzerland is credited with the highest consumption and also the highest production of artificial silk per capita in the world. The United States stands fourth in this comparison. America is represented as producing four-fifths of a pound per person and as buying nine-tenths of a pound.

BANGKOK, Siam (AP)—This city is already planning for celebration of its 150 anniversary as capital of the kingdom, although the event does not take place until 1932. The king has agreed to donate a third of the cost from his private purse.



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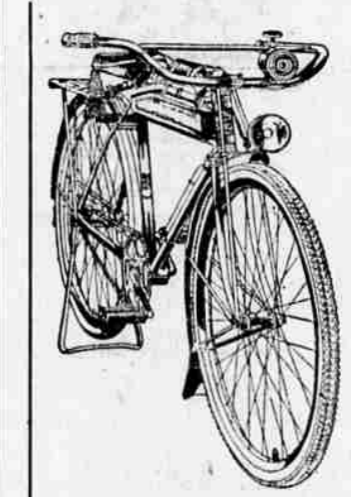
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