

AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

PARIS POLICEMEN USE DIVINING ROD TO FERRET CRIME

Forked Stick Is Added to Equipment Under Name Radioesthetics—Science Lukewarm to Innovation

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PARIS.—(UP)—To the celebrated scientific equipment of the French police has been added a new technique—radioesthetics.

But the new item really is an old one, for radioesthetics is the scientific name given to the manipulation of the forked stick by means of which certain experts boast they can find underground water or buried treasure.

Radioesthetics became a household word in France almost overnight when gendarmes of Chaumont called in the water-finders to search for the body of 5-year-old Nicole Marecot, supposed to have been murdered by a sadist. One radioesthetist said the body had been thrown into a river, while another demonstrated that it had been buried in a grotto. Divers and diggers failed to find it in either place.

Other scientists Lukewarm
Despite these not very convincing results, even scientists seem to be taking radioesthetics with a certain amount of seriousness. A doctor on the staff of the College of France cites experiments which would seem to indicate that diviners have had some success in finding water and buried metals, but is more skeptical about the possibility of locating persons, or of working by absent treatment, as many diviners say they can. Nor does he take much stock in the ability of radioestheticians to diagnose disease, which is their latest boast.

Paris even has its Institute of Radioesthetics, near the Trocadero. Experts there will tell you if your kidneys, liver or lungs aren't functioning, or will give domestic advice to unhappily mated couples.

Family Problems Solved
One of the practitioners of the institute told of one puzzling case in which the wand showed both complaining husband and wife to be perfectly normal and congenial. Seizing his forked stick, he demanded to be shown their home, whereupon the wand immediately diagnosed the trouble.

"Change your wall paper and you will be happy," the radioesthetist told them. They did and were.

Even more amazing, the radioestheticians promise, if given a military map, to tell it from the emplacement of batteries, the number of cannon and their calibers.

Fact-Finding Body Formed
It is not recorded that this experiment has ever been made and scientifically controlled, which would doubtless be difficult, as the army objects to having such information made available. Analogous experiments, carried out by a committee formed by the Academy of Sciences in 1913, and reorganized in 1920, for the sole purpose of testing the diviners' claims, did not register a high proportion of successes.

However, some of the members of that committee were sufficiently impressed to join the Association of the Friends of Radioesthetics, and one of them, Prof. Edouard Branly, famous as the French father of the wireless, became its honorary president. The active president is Armand Vire, formerly director of the laboratory of the School for Higher Research.

Based on Radiation
The radioestheticians assert that all bodies have their own peculiar emanations of radiations of measurable length and direction. For living beings, these radiations vary with the state of health.

Bees, say radioestheticians, have a wavelength of 69 centimeters.

Some radiations are horizontal, some vertical. A buried body can have only vertical radiations.

"The radiations are real," says Commandant de l'Escluse, one of the mature practitioners of the art, who guarantees, before a wood, to tell

To Aid Vandals



Assisting the new head coach, Ted Bank, will be Al Padlock (above) who was named by Bank to the football coaching staff at University of Idaho. (Associated Press Photo)

from the vibrations of his divining rod how many deer, bears, elephants, or other types of animals it contains.

TAX BILL KEY TO ADJOURNMENT OF PRESENT SESSION

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Congressional leaders tonight gauged the remaining administration program and found it so exhaustive that guesses on adjournment expanded to embrace another full week of activity.

Wary senate and house conferees drove in an overtime session tonight, and arranged a Sunday meeting, in an effort to reach an agreement on the \$250,000,000 tax bill. Some held hope for early success.

In this light, it was the Guffey cost stabilization bill which moved up to first place as the measure holding the key to a sine die adjournment.

Leaders contended the tax bill, once out of conference, would go through like greased lightning, as would banking and several others.

Considerable opposition existed in senate circles to the projected "Little NRA" for the bituminous industry, particularly because of its price-fixing feature. One leader said today, however, that if it passed the house it would most likely get through the other branch.

DELAY PLANS FOR SALEM BUILDING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—The procurement division of the treasury department said today no plans would be drawn for the new Salem, Ore., post office and federal building until the old structure is removed from the grounds.

An investigation will be made to determine whether any portion of the old foundation can be used in the new structure, it was said, before architects start drawing plans. It was said, however, that little material from the present structure will be used in the new.

Procurement officials said no details of the building had been prepared, but it was hoped plans could be ready for advertising for bids by the time the old building is removed from the site.

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CAPITOL RECALLS MERRY JESTS OF LOVED COMEDIAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—(AP)—A capital saddened by the death of Will Rogers and Wiley Post still could not help smiling as it recalled the jokes and cheery gibes with which the cowboy philosopher was wont to entertain high officialdom.

Wherever a knot of legislators gathered expressions of bereavement were heard, and such exclamations as "Two gallant gentlemen are gone" and "Rogers was the world's greatest humorist."

Speaker Byrns, who had said on hearing of the tragedy that he had had a premonition of it, later smiled sadly as he recalled Rogers' "Bastards" at the Democratic Rogers told Byrns that on arriving in Alaska, he intended to organize a polo team for the government's colony at Matanuska, for that was the only thing the Democrats had not done for the colonists.

The capital heard today that Post's old world-gridding plane, Winnie Mae, which congress is going to buy for the Smithsonian Institution, will serve as a memorial to Rogers as well as to Post.

Dr. C. G. Abbott, secretary of the Smithsonian, said the beloved humorist's name "undoubtedly" would be linked with that of Post when the exhibit is arranged.

Sitting in lobbies and about luncheon tables, many congressmen talked of Rogers and Post. Rogers' Barbour (R., N. J.), a tall, heavily-built man, recalled that when he first came to the senate, Rogers greeted him with "Well, Barbour, I never realized it before, but certainly you are too big for a man, and too small for a horse."

Others recalled how Rogers once made a political speech for Ogden Mills in which the humorist said Mills, then a candidate for congress, was the only one in the race "who owned his own silk hat."

Once Rogers gave Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Tree association, a tip on how to handle his educational campaign for tree planting.

"Rogers told me," said Pack, "that I was on the wrong track in trying to educate people to the value of putting idle land to work growing trees." Pack, he said, "you go down to Washington and get congress to pass a law prohibiting tree planting and you'll have everybody doing it in a week."

LAST TRIBUTE TO POST TO BE PAID AT PARENTS HOME

MAYSVILLE, Okla., Aug. 17.—(AP)—Home folk will gather at a small grove before the farm home of Wiley Post's parents near here to pay final tribute to the noted flier who crashed with Will Rogers in Alaska.

"I think the best place is right here at home," said gray-haired W. F. Post. "We can have the services out in the yard, where it's shady."

The decision was made after the flier's widow arrived to learn his parents' wishes on the funeral.

She hastened to the humble frame bungalow in the Washita valley from Ponca City, where she had been visiting, to assure the parents their wishes about funeral plans would go unquestioned.

The "round-the-world flier" will be buried in Oklahoma City, however.

The elder Post, after conferring with his sobbing wife, murmured: "We may not be here always, and we'd like to know his grave never would go unattended."

KEEP COOL and ENJOY meals and fountain service at the What Not New air conditioner.

PROWLERS VISIT R. F. KYLE HOME

Burglars are still busy in the residential district. Friday night, while the R. F. Kyle family, 1405 West Main, was at the Shriner picnic at Jackson Hot Springs, thieves broke into the house and completely ransacked it from one end to the other. The peculiar part about the robbery is that as far as the Kyle family can determine, nothing was taken.

Japanese Class To Start Christian Ch.

For some time there has been discussion on plans for the establishment of a class for Japanese students at the First Christian church on South Oakdale, and during the week these plans bore fruit when it was announced that beginning this Sunday there will be special classes for

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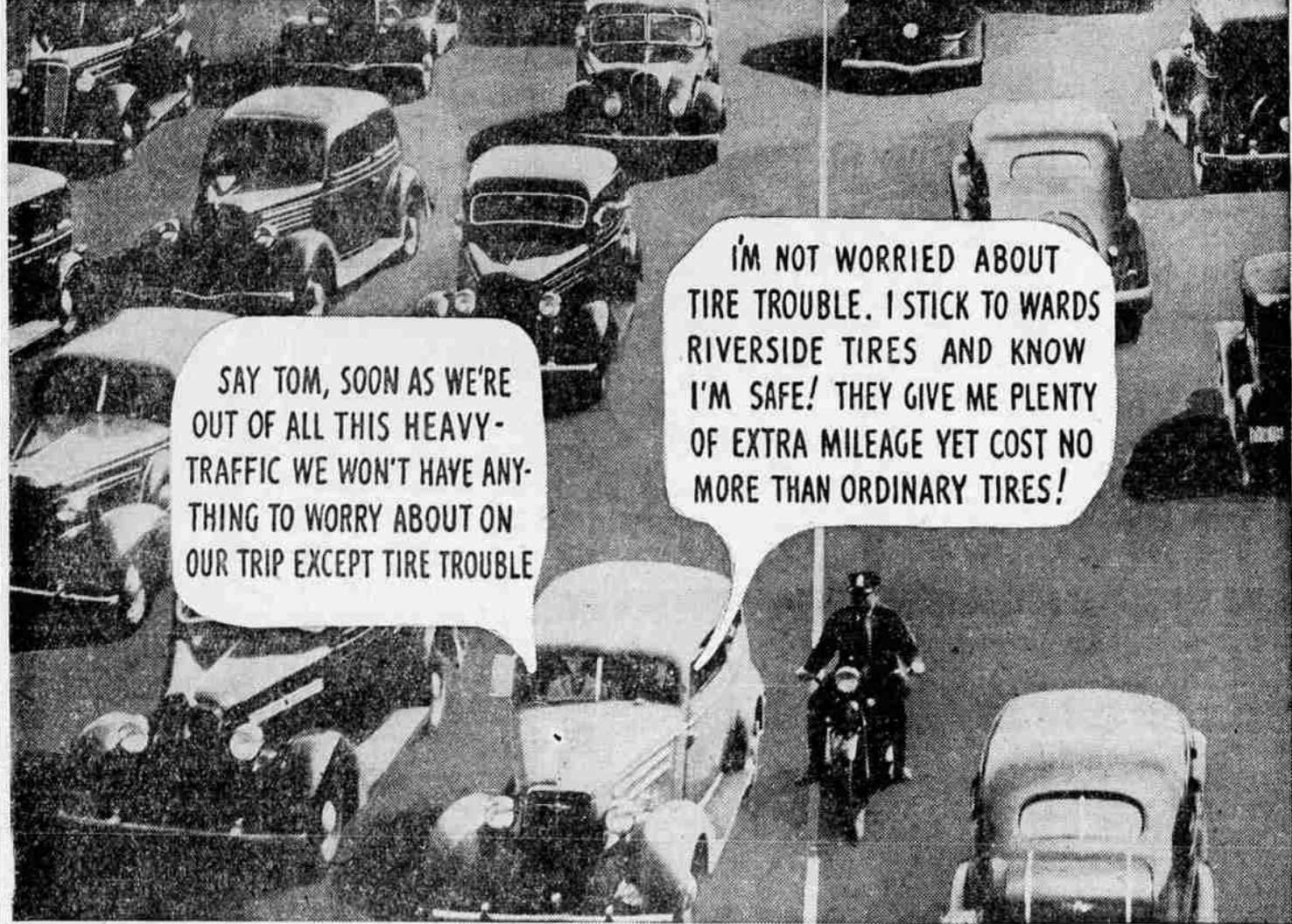
Japanese. At 7 o'clock this evening a class headed by Miss Tashiko, assisted by Walter Crank, will open for all young and old people, with a Sunday school and song service and an hour of class work at the church.

No Lika Da Yar.

ROME, Aug. 17.—(AP)—American consulates in northern Italy have sent to Washington in the last few months hundreds of applications from Italians born in America for American passports permitting them to return to the United States.

Freckle Counting Wearies.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17.—(AP)—Judges, tired of counting freckles, gave up and awarded a silver cup to John McCann, 11, on the basis of the most freckles for any given square inch.



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