

Totem Poles Again Emerging As 'Art' In Far Northwest

Washington. —Indian braves of the far northwest have taken to carrying totem poles again only this time it's on the college, not the tribal, level.

For the first time in educational history a formal course in totem carving has been included in a college curriculum.

Squamish life college, British Columbia's all-Indian school in North Vancouver, lists the course. It furnishes the teaching of a professorial chief-carver to any student brave interested in learning the almost forgotten ancestral art of embellishing a large log with symbolic fish heads and eagle beaks.

Many Still Stand

Squamish offers the course more or less as a form of "cultural reforestation" of America's "totem-pole region." Weather-beaten pole clusters still stand in southeast Alaska and along the British Columbia coast.

But no new crop of poles has arisen since the turn of the century, when totem carving became almost a lost art.

Less than a century ago, there was no problem of "reforestation." Totem poles were going up all over the northwest landscape as fast as the tribal chiefs could afford them.

The great spurge in totem poles a century ago was nothing but a race for social pre-eminence among the chiefs of the northwestern tribes—the Haida, Tsimshian and Tlingit. Contrary to popular belief, there was no religious or sacred symbolism attached to the garished logs.

In fact, totem poles were nothing but the social registers of the day, and simply represented a chief's claim to wealth and fame. The larger the pole, the more grotesque representations of whales, bears, ravens, fish, and eagles were carved on it.

International Alarm

For Aga Khan Robbery

Paris, Jan. 21.—(U.P.)—French police sent out an international alarm today for three men wanted in the \$710,000 jewel robbery of the Aga Khan, for which six already were in custody.

Italian, Belgian and Swiss police joined those of France in the hunt for Albert Guillaume, 37, Paul Lecca, 44, and Charles Vincioeni, 49.

Redwood Empire Ass'n Commemorative Stamps

San Rosa, Cal., Jan. 21.—(U.P.) The executive board of the Redwood Empire association, has enlisted the aid of Rep. Hubert Scudder, (R., Cal.) in seeking to persuade the U. S. government to issue a special commemorative stamp in recognition of California's giant Sequoia trees, it was announced today.

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Your Health and Its Care

By DR. WILLIAM BRADY, M.D.

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NOTHING TO DREAD IN THE CHANGE OF LIFE

The change of life (menopause) marks the decline of the child-bearing period of life, nothing more. There is no reason why one should dread its approach or existence, in the thought that it brings such diseases as cancer or insanity, or more prone to develop at this period than at any other.

Normally, the menopause is ushered in by a period of menstrual irregularity, followed soon by complete disappearance of the menstrual periods. During this period, normally, no other disorder or change of any sort is apparent and no function is disturbed, other than the ability to bear a child.

Even the latter function is often surprisingly persistent, and more than an occasional woman, laboring under the belief that with the advent of the menopause she is sterile, is either chagrined or delighted to discover that she is pregnant. There is no reason to believe that a "menopause baby" has less chance of survival or healthful existence than one born early in life.

Abnormal menopause may give rise to a variable array of symptoms. Abnormal menopause does not indicate the development of other disease. A woman may have a highly abnormal menopause and live to be a hundred years old, following it.

The menopause may be expected to commence at about the age of forty-five — sometimes earlier, sometimes later. In abnormal menopause, one of the disturbing symptoms that may persist for a long time, is the "hot flash." This symptom, in some instances, may persist for years after the termination of the final menstrual period. It is due, as are other menopausal symptoms, to a delay or maladjustment of the functions of the endocrine glands, of which the ovaries are a part.

The ovaries commence to atrophy or shrink with the onset of the menopause, but no similar process develops in any of the other associated endocrine glands. Along with the shrinkage, there occurs a decrease in the ovarian hormones, and many of the symptoms of abnormal menopause appear to be linked directly with this deficit.

The belief that a woman is destined to get fat as a result of the menopause is nonsense. The only reason any woman gets fat is because she eats more than she needs. There are millions of women who did not get fat during or after the menopause.

Emotional instability sometimes occurs during the menopause. In some instances it is difficult to determine whether this symptom is due to psychological convictions or to endocrine imbalance. It is probable that a good portion of it is psychological under any circumstances.

Some women ignorantly entertain the notion that the menopause marks the end of their feminine attractiveness, and find the thought so intolerable that they resort to emotional "sprees" in an effort to escape their foolish convictions.

Modern hormone therapy invariably controls the symptoms of abnormal menopause. A great many women deprive themselves of this help because of the fear that hormone therapy stimulates the development of cancer. This stems from some unfortunate publicity attending the discovery that actual cancer may be stimulated by certain hormones—in doses far exceeding those ordinarily employed in treating abnormal menopause. Hormone therapy of abnormal menopause is an accepted and valuable method of treatment. If the supposed dangers which

some people fancy actually existed, the treatment would never be used.

Many women who have experienced much discomfort from not flashes have reported satisfactory results from the practice of supplementing their ordinary diet with a daily ration of C and D—essentials of good nutrition which the refined diet of most persons fails to provide in sufficient quantity. For instructions consult the pamphlet on "The Menopause," available on written request (do not use a clipping, please) if you provide stamped self-addressed envelope.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Cure for High Blood Pressure? Anxious to get a copy of article stating there is no known cure for high blood pressure (C. A. B.)

Answer—There is no such article or copy. Of course there is no cure for high blood pressure—which is not a disease but just one manifestation of numerous ailments. You may get a better understanding of it by reading the booklet "C-V-D, About Heart and Artery Diseases." For copy send twenty-five cents and stamped self-addressed envelope.

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State Industry Safety Group Okays Proposals

Portland, Ore., Jan. 21.—(U.P.) The state industrial safety committee today announced it had adopted a seven-point program outlined by Gov. Douglas McKay.

The program included special attention to "high hazard industries as well as small plants and plans for scheduling conferences with various industry representatives.

Figures presented at the meeting indicated that during 1948 sawmill and logging operations accounted for more accidents than any other industry.

Odds and Ends Discussed

By J. Hugh Pruitt, Astronomer, Extension Division Oregon Higher Education System

1. On Dec. 21, 1949, we heard over radio that a news agency in Czechoslovakia was disseminating the line that Stalin is akin to the sun, and on the day he was born 70 years earlier, the sun actually stood still in the heavens." This would surely be quite misleading to multitudes who were uninformed on matters astronomical—and perhaps it was meant to be.

But it was true in a certain sense. Stalin was born on the shortest day of the year, or within a day of it if records are correct, the time that is known as the winter solstice. This word means "sun stands still." Old Sol has two apparent motions in the sky. One is from east to west, which is a daily affair. Then there is the motion from north to south and back to north, requiring a year.

About June 22, the sun daily moves across the sky in a seeming path that is as far northward as it gets in our latitudes. Then each succeeding day it crosses the heavens on a curve a little farther south. This continues until the winter solstice when it is very low in the south and "stands still" just before starting back for another six-months trip northward.

Stalin was thus born at the time the "sun stands still." But it took some latter-day mind to figure that this orderly annual feat of Old Sol was an omen of a heavenly body to a baby because he was to become a mighty man of the earth. It might have made better publicity material had he been born at the summer solstice when the sun was at its greatest ascendancy in the starry skies.

2. A radio announcer said recently that he was not sure whether the winter solstice in 1949 came on December 21 or 22. "Some dispatches give one day; some, the other."

It came on both days, but not in any one locality. In the Pacific Standard time zone the clocks read 8:24 p.m., December 21, at the time the sun was "standing still." In the Eastern Standard time zone, this was 11:24 p.m. of that same day. In London, however, the time was 4:24 a.m. December 22. And it was December 22 in all of Europe, Asia, Africa and on eastward to the International date line a little east of New Zealand.

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Fred Stroble Faces Sentence of Death

Los Angeles, Jan. 21.—(U.P.)—A superior judge will pronounce a sentence of death Friday on Fred Stroble, 67-year-old murderer of Linda Joyce Glucott, 8.

The unemployed baker faces an automatic death sentence because the jury which convicted him of first-degree murder failed to recommend leniency.

Stroble, who pleaded innocent and innocent by reason of insanity, lost a chance for commitment to an asylum yesterday when Superior Judge Charles W. Frickie instead of the jury decided Stroble's sanity.

"The court finds nothing in the record that tends to show that the defendant was insane at the time of his crime," the jurist ruled seven minutes after the hearing started.

A Nichols' Worth of—

Comment On This and That

By HARMAN W. NICHOLS United Press Feature Writer

Washington, Jan. 21.—(U.P.)—Joe Darst, mayor of St. Louis, is a big little man in a big town.

Down there along the Mississippi river they don't pay much attention to protocol. Not like they do in Washington where you white-tie or sport-slack it by invitation.

Well, Joe was in our town the other day. He was big enough (St. Louis is in Missouri) to get into the White House to see H.S.T.

His assignment was simple. All he wanted was a few million for relief of a couple of the slum areas in St. Louis known as "The Hill" and "The Bottom."

If you've ever prowled around St. Louis as I have, you know these sections could stand a little fixing up.

Anyhow, Joe Darst did his duty at the White House and then wandered over to the St. Louis hotel where he was to pitch a fine of St. Louis hoodlums for a lot of people. They included the three congressmen from St.

Mother, 2 Children Die In Maine Blaze

York, Me., Jan. 21.—(U.P.)—A mother and two children burned to death early today when a portable oil stove exploded in their bedroom, splattering them with the blazing fluid.

Those killed in the blaze which burned out their five-room frame home were Mrs. Thomas McDonald, 41, and her sons Arthur, 8, and Richard, 7.

The woman's husband was burned seriously when he opened the door to the bedroom as the oil stove blew up. Doctors said he also suffered a heart attack and shock.

Two other children, Thomas Jr., 18, and Sheila, 11, fled unharmed.

The oldest building standing in San Francisco is the Officer's club in the Presidio.

Sunday, January 22, 1950

MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE



(Acme Telephoto) \$1,500,000 HOLDUP—Detective inspects the vault of Brink's, Inc., and some of the sacks of coins not touched in the \$1,500,000 holdup of the armored trucking firm's Boston branch. The nine masked robbers preferred "folding money" because it was lighter. Brink's has offered a \$100,000 reward for the capture of the bandits—dead or alive.

AROUND HOLLYWOOD

By VIRGINIA MACPHERSON United Press Correspondent

Hollywood, Jan. 21.—(U.P.)—Movietown now has the nation's first college for picking the horses.

Every movie set is swarming with horse players, and a veteran handicapper has started the two-dollar-a-techn to teach them why they lose their money.

The general idea is that it takes an education to out-smart a horse—and even then you have to be lucky.

"There are definite and predictable factors a person ought to know before he picks a race," Dean of Students Ned North said. "Horse picking is a science."

"Plenty of guys have been showing their money over the mutual windows for 40 years, and they don't know that when a horse wins by a nose the rest of him wins too."

Pictures Of Horses

Broke and beaten track fans crowd into North's classroom, complete with college chairs and blackboard, to hear four professors lecture on blood lines, breeding, speed and pace. There are pictures of famous horses on the walls and a miniature race track for re-running the last race at Santa Anita.

After the 10-hour course, you'll be able to lose money like a professional.

Some of the scholars are connected with the movie business, including a studio doctor and a former cameraman. North won't say how many are, but Paramount studio around the corner complained that its employees keep sneaking out to catch a class.

Some Prominent

"Some of our students are prominent businessmen who won't give us their real names," North added. Possibly by coincidence, there's a rear entrance.

North said his professors don't teach a system; they lecture about workouts, clocking, claiming prices, allowance conditions, weight scales, blood lines and past performance charts.

North insisted he is not encouraging gambling. If you can't pass an entrance exam that proves you're already an addict, he won't let you in. And what you do with your education is up to you.

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