

Business District Destroyed by Flames

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Spring breezes have whipped flames which destroyed the entire business district of Bowling Green, Va., and raged through brushland and prairies in four states.

Brush and prairie fires flared up in New Jersey, California, North Dakota and Wisconsin. The worst was in New Jersey, where shifting winds fanned 50 fires which ate through 37,072 acres.

The flames struck most dramatically at Bowling Green as they destroyed an estimated 19 buildings in the small Virginia town.

The well-fanned fire wiped out a two-block area on both sides of U.S. Highway 301 before it was brought under control. There were no injuries but the blaze left Bowling Green's 600 residents without water or electricity today. All highway patrolmen in the vicinity were ordered into the town.

The town's well went dry at the height of the blaze and firemen had to pump water from a millpond a mile away.

Idaho Power Expected To Win Hells Canyon

Washington — (U.P.) — Some power experts predict here that the Federal Power commission would award the controversial Hells Canyon dam site to the Idaho Power company.

The experts felt the commission tipped its hand last Friday when it issued three-year preliminary permits to Pacific Northwest Power company of Portland for Mountain Sheep and Pleasant Valley dams in Idaho and Oregon.

To be consistent, the experts said, the commission should also rule in favor of the Idaho Power company as some of the same issues are involved at all the sites.

All the dams are at sites previously proposed by the Army Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation for federal dam development.

They'll Do It Every Time

By Jimmy Hatlo



Boiled Acorns Eaten by Indians, Researcher Says

Madison, Wis. — (U.P.) — Sit down to a dandy meal of boiled acorns, black lichen broth, tubers of groundnuts and yellow lilies.

That's what you would have had as the dinner guest of an Indian family back before the United States was settled by whites, a University of Wisconsin researcher says.

Mrs. Wilma Zicker, a botanist, has gone through translations of Jesuit records of explorations in the Great Lakes region of the nation and come up with what she believes is a good idea of the Indians' diet in those days.

"The acorn was probably second to wild rice as a vegetable staple," she said. She quoted a Father Ragueneau as recording in 1650 that the Indians, after a long famine, regarded "acorns and bitter roots" as "delicious." He said in the absence of acorns or such tubers as groundnuts, wild beans, water-chinquapins or pond nuts, the Indians would

"live partly on garlic baked under the ashes or cooked in water without sauce."

The acorns, when available, were first boiled in water with ashes to remove the bitter tannic acid taste, Mrs. Zicker said.

Washington Man's Body Located in Columbia

Kelso, Wash. — (U.P.) — Divers making a second descent into the Columbia river here Saturday located the body of George A. Funderbuck, 21, White Salmon, Wash., who disappeared en route to Ocean Park on Neuberger (D-Ore.) said yesterday.

Earlier, divers located his empty car. The body was found in about 40 feet of water some 20 feet from the river bank.

Istanbul was formerly known as Constantinople and Byzantine.

Lichens, a mossy delicacy preferred by the moose but few others, was used to ward off starvation by the Indians of the far north. Father Rasles called it "a very black and disagreeable porridge," and said "one must close the eyes on first tasting it, and take care lest his lips stick together." A fellow Jesuit, Father Lalemont, wrote that eating lichen broth was "feeding the imagination more than the body."

Other wintertime delicacies for hungry Indians were oak and basswood bark served as a stew along with water in which fish has been cooked.

In the summertime, things were better with the Indians, both for meat, fruit and vegetables. Mrs. Zicker said all kinds of berries were eaten, along with maize, or corn, which was usually the responsibility of the women to cultivate. Also available to some Indians was pump-

Monkeys Valuable To Science Contaminated By Link With People

New York — (U.P.) — Scientific research couldn't be the same without monkeys but the trouble with monkeys who live with people is that people contaminate them—people never do a monkey any good.

And so scientists of the Air Force decided to get their monkeys fresh out of the wilds. They sent three of their number to India twice, the first time to fetch back 440 monkeys, the second time, 500.

Once in the jungles of North India where there are many, many monkeys but very few people, they got an idea of what people do to monkeys.

For one thing, the monkeys were relatively free of excessive parasitism, which is the way a scientist says they didn't have too many fleas. The implication is uncomfortably clear—that monkeys either acquire fleas from people or people introduce the animals to the fleas.

Monkeys around people are very prone to tuberculosis. And

sure enough—there was practically no tuberculosis among the wild monkeys. The closer the monkeys lived to Indian villages, the more they had TB.

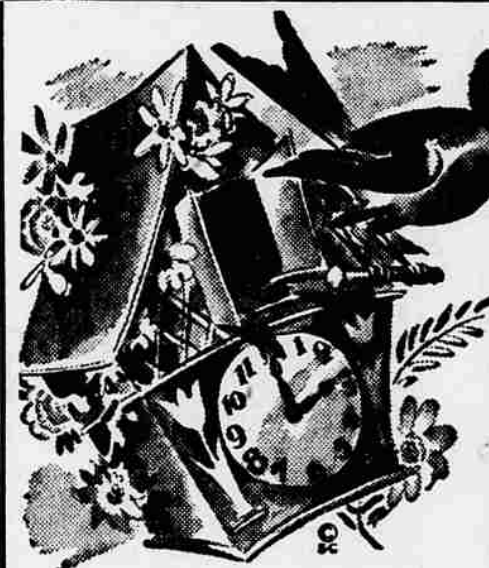
The scientists—Benjamin D. Fremming, Richard E. Benson, and Robert J. Young—hired a professional trapper. He guarded his know-how in monkey trapping as he guarded his life. Whether he was afraid the monkeys would get wise to his secrets or thought rival trappers might, he did not make clear.

However, the monkeys were to be reckoned with. When some were caught in ensnaring nets and then transferred to cages, their brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts swarmed down and made every effort to set them free. These would-be liberators were willing to attack men.

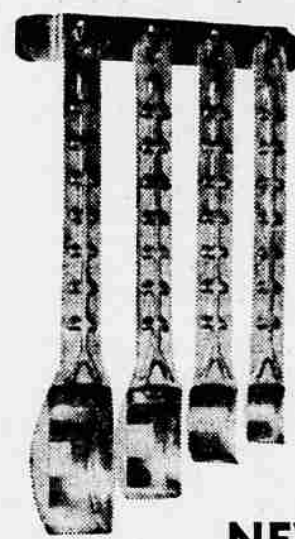
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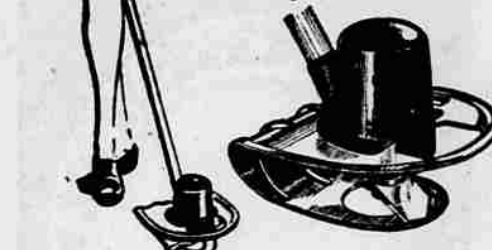
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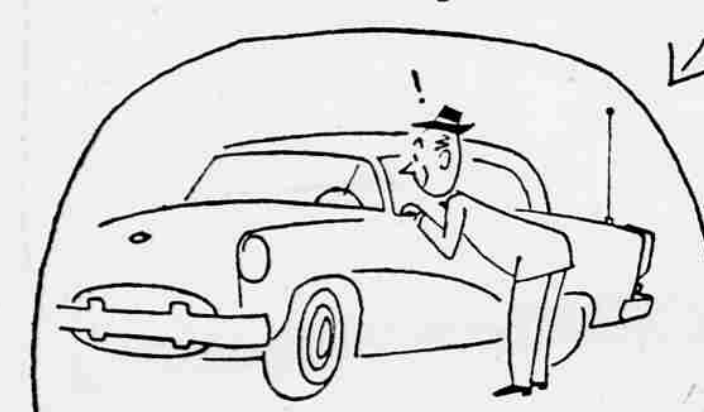
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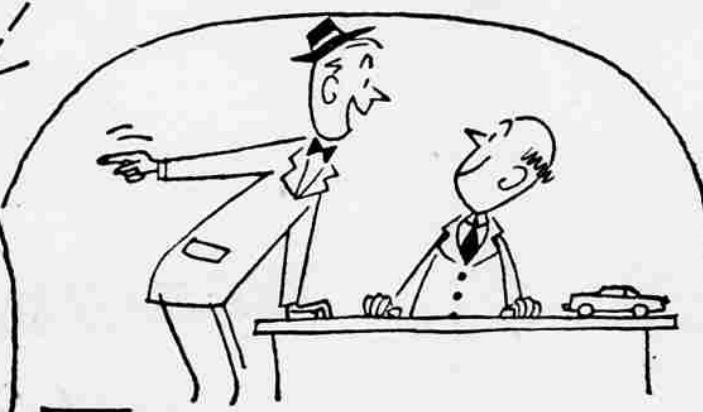
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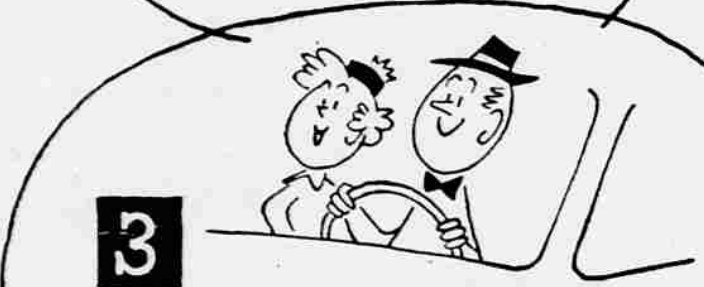
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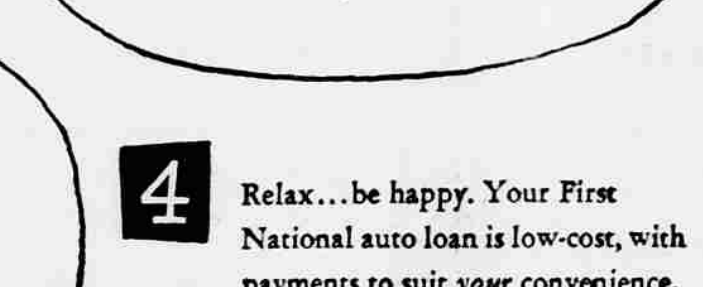
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