



SLIPPING EARTH MENACES more than 300 homes in the Palos Verdes section of Los Angeles. The crack is two-and-a-half miles long. No immediate reason was discovered in an emergency meeting of engineers. An unidentified man examines crack. (International Soundphoto)

Is That So?

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Two weeks ago I was willing to say that there's no new way of cooking an egg, and then I tried out a new campside wrinkle—and what an improvement it made. Like most men, I like my eggs fried in butter—not bacon grease. But have you ever browned the butter before you cracked in the egg? Then turn down the heat just before the egg is ready to serve, cover it with a lid so the moisture doesn't escape. Well, try it.

For the luxury of whole eggs in camp, there are three methods I've used: No. 1, leave them in

this one, you don't need any. Which does away with dish-washing, too.

Get a stick of sweet-tasting wood about the thickness of your little finger at the small end and of your thumb at the larger. String on 50-cent sized pieces of venison—or any meat will do, slices of onion, bacon, and tomato, alternating them for 18 inches, or 24 inches if you have that kind of an appetite. Roast this Kabob over a bed of coals—holding it off the fire on forked sticks stuck in the ground. The sputtering of the drippings adds to the zest.

Biscuit Flour Prepared

When done, hold on. You've already prepared some biscuit flour mixed either with diluted condensed milk or water until it has a rather heavy consistency. Make a finger-thick roll of it and twist it over the Kabob. Turn it slightly as it cooks over the fire. Brushed with milk, it takes on a golden crust. Butter, or bacon grease helps too. It's done, when a toothpick comes away smooth.

Then, pull the stick out carefully from the thick end. Hold your little finger over the bottom end and pour the hole full of chili sauce, or if you want to go fancy, a mixture of soy sauce, Worcestershire sauce and catsup.

Anyway you take it, it makes a tremendous camp meal. And it stays by you.

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Nine Indictments Returned in Portland

Portland—(AP)—Nine secret indictments were returned by the vice-probing Multnomah county grand jury late yesterday, in what was expected to be the final official action of the jury investigation that began nearly four months ago.

Attorney General Robert Y. Thornton said that the new indictments would replace some returned earlier by the grand jury. He explained that some matters were re-submitted to the grand jury for correction of certain defects in the original indictments.

Thornton said that in all nine cases, the persons named had been indicted earlier.

Use Tribune Want Ads

Lobeline Sulfate Found Effective In Curing Use of Tobacco Habit

By DELOS SMITH
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New York—(AP)—Cigarette smokers may not believe this on first sight—23 out of 25 addicts were eased entirely off the habit within seven days, and with hardly a sign of the well-known (to cigarette addicts) "withdrawal symptoms."

Dr. G. W. Rapp, professor of biochemistry and physiology, Loyola University, Chicago, eased them off with three pills a day—pills made of the chemical, lobeline sulfate and certain anti-acids to make lobeline acceptable to and retainable in the stomach.

In three years, Rapp has now experimented with 490 cigarette addicts, including two and three-pack a day smokers. Of that number, 392 gave up smoking entirely without undue effort after taking the pills for from seven days to a few weeks.

Absorbed in Blood

Naturally, medical men have been interested in the experiments, since they find it extremely difficult if not impossible to persuade patients to give up smoking. So Rapp's new report

was published in the American Journal of Medical Sciences.

He reported a new blood test which demonstrated that lobeline when combined with anti-acids is taken up into the blood stream from the gastrointestinal tract in measurable and accumulating amounts.

This would explain lobeline's ability to eliminate the intense craving for tobacco which comes over a habituated user when he stops using it. Lobeline is derived from a plant similar to the tobacco plant. It is an alkaloid related to the nicotine alkaloid.

Rapp's work suggested the lobeline alkaloid replaces the nicotine alkaloid in the body's working chemistry. As more and more accumulates, it diminishes and finally eliminates the craving for tobacco without creating a craving of its own.

Lobeline is by no means a new chemical. In fairly large doses, it is dangerous because its strong stimulating effect on the respiratory system. It's use in amounts not large enough to be dangerous but large enough to evoke

its anti-tobacco craving was severely limited by the ordinary stomach's revulsion to it.

Compound on Sale

Rapp and his associates reduced the dose to a mere two milligrams, combined with fast-acting and slow-acting antiacids. This made it both tolerable and safe—so safe that the compound is sold without prescription under the trade name, "Bantrol."

His experiments since have been directed at showing that these tiny amounts of lobeline sulfate are enough to eliminate craving when based in antiacids. His newest test involved 25 cigarette addicts who were given the pills three times a day for seven days. His scientific "controls" involved 50 other addicts who took identical pills made of inert starches and lobeline sulfate in inert starches.

The smoking habit of the "con-

Six in One Family Stricken by Polio

Verona, N.D.—(AP)—Six of 11 children in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cox, Verona, were in a Fargo, N.D., hospital today undergoing treatment for polio. Five of the six victims had received Salk anti-polio vaccine. None of the cases was believed to be paralytic.

Mrs. Cox attributed the absence of paralytic polio to the vaccine.

"Some of the doctors say the reason the children aren't paralyzed is because of the shots," Mrs. Cox said.

She and her husband admitted that it will be "kind of hard" to operate their farm with the children in the hospital.

Those hospitalized were Ellsworth, 18; Douglas and Francis, 14; Malon, 10; Nada, 8 and Thomas, 4.

"controls" were unchanged. But at the end of seven days, 23 of the 25 in the primary group no longer smoked.

Pickin' Pears

News and Notes
From Camp White

Navy Mothers of America club 46 conducted a card party Wednesday night at the domiciliary theater. Daisy Rinehart, Doris Davies, Reva Merritt, Elsie Alexander, Elsa Walker, Noveta Butt and Emily Conrad were hostesses, serving pies, candy and cigarettes.

Visitations were made during the week at the domiciliary. H. Jaffrey, acting manager of the departments, said favorable reports were received. B. R. Sims, chief engineer, was also host all week to Karl M. Eggen, field representative from the San Francisco area office. L. L. Dover, registrar, reports Leonard Jay, prosthetic representative of the Portland regional office, visited the domiciliary and is already encouraging attendance at the general prosthetic training course. It will be held in Portland in March.

Blue Star Mothers entertained ward no. 1 with a party Wednesday afternoon. Florence Carns,

Francis Wilson, Edna McKenzie and Martha Eritz were in charge.

VFW auxiliary, department of Oregon, sponsored an afternoon of games at the recreation center on Friday afternoon. Heading the group were Leila Birch and Helen Lusk, hospital chairmen. Gladys Fagan, Mary Halen, Kate McValen and Martha Bishop, all of Grants Pass, assisted. Candy was distributed to the members.

Earl Edwards, chief carpenter, was hospitalized early Friday as the result of a ladder fall from the roof of building 226. No broken bones or serious injuries were reported.

Pennsylvania is generally believed to have more church buildings than are to be found in any other state.

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