

Arctic Explorer Sees Connection In Language of Various Natives

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New York—UP—Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, venerable arctic explorer, scientist and scholar has called the attention of the scientific world to the fact that the natives of Alaska, Greenland and Brazil use and have used for a very long time the same word for chewing gum.

Furthermore, the natives of Alaska have always used a word for fire which is very similar to the word for fire of the ancient Romans. Stefansson used to think, on the advice of scientists in linguistics, that all this was coincidence. Now he thinks, still on the advice of qualified scholars, that there is a "connection."

"A connection," as he put it, "from the Sanskrit to the Latin to the Eskimo." That is something to stagger your imagination when you remember that Sanskrit was the language of an India that pre-dated the ancient Latin empire of Rome, and the Eskimos of Alaska are a long, long way by both time and space from either.

Nevertheless, Stefansson said, the Eskimo word for fire is "igirk" and the Romans said "ignis," a word derived from Sanskrit. But let that lay for a while and try to imagine how—if there is a "connection" instead of a coincidence—how the Eskimo of Alaska and Greenland and the Indians of Brazil got hold of the same word for chewing gum.

That word Stefansson defined as "the juice of a plant that is used for chewing, as a chewing gum." As far back as 1908 when he was exploring in Alaska he heard Eskimos call spruce gum, "Kutsuk." In dictionaries of the Eskimo language of Greenland published in 1871 and 1926 he found "kutsuk," meaning "resin, gum."

Early explorers of Brazil and elsewhere in South America found the Indians calling a chewing gum of various plants, "caoutchouc" or "caucho" or "guteux." Stefansson added: "I like the last best, for it is nearest to what I have heard among the Eskimos from Bering Strait to Coronation Gulf. They said 'gutsuk,' the 's' as always in their tongue with an 'sh' sound."

Offers No Solution
He thought nothing of all this back in 1906 when he first began hearing it. But not many years passed before it was rousing the curiosity which kept him tirelessly exploring through his long life. He kept speaking to linguists about it. They kept saying, "coincidence."

California Brush Fire Out of Control

San Bernardino, Calif. — UP—Firefighters battled a brush fire burning out of control today in dry foothill and citrus areas within 15 miles of here.

The fire had blackened more than 5,500 acres and destroyed at least three ranch homes and numerous buildings early today. No injuries were reported.

Fresh crews of firefighters rushed into the area Monday night to bolster more than 700 men who were on the lines.

"But the intellectual climate is changing, among other things in linguistics," he said in a letter from his post at Dartmouth College, Hanover, N.H., to the editor of the technical journal "Na-

ture." He himself offered no speculation of how there could be a "connection" or how a connection came about. That he left to scientists in the appropriate fields.

APPLEGATE-JACKSONVILLE Reception Honors Couple

By HELGA MITCHELL
Applegate - Jacksonville — Several Applegate families attended the wedding reception held in Grants Pass recently, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Billy Joe Hutton.

Mrs. Hutton is the former Miss Jane Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Cooper of Grants Pass.

Attending this event were Mr. and Mrs. Lance Offenbacher, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Wingham, Mr. and Mrs. Chester McDonough, granddaughter Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Helgeson, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Offenbacher, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Offenbacher, Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. Al Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bird, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Krouse and daughter Gwenn and Mr. and Mrs. Curly Surran, Mr. and Mrs. Hutton were married in Reno.

Mr. and Mrs. Armin Richter, of the Circle G. ranch, returned last Sunday from San Francisco, where they attended the Oregon State-Stanford football game.

The Little Applegate Knitting club will meet at the home of Mrs. Otis Buck, on Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Myers and son, Jerry, left recently for Arizona, where Myers will be employed on a construction crew.

New tenants at the McKee bridge trailer court are Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Wilmoth and children, Gloria and Benjamin, of Medford. The children are attending Ruch school.

Mrs. O. F. Erickson of Sioux City, Iowa, mother of Mrs. Lawrence Tweedy, is staying at the Tweedy residence and will remain for Thanksgiving.

The Applegate church teenage group had a hay ride last Saturday with the Rev. Thornton Gopen accompanying the group. Alberta Erwin of Grants Pass came to this area to join the group, and stayed overnight at Mary Herriott's home.

Mrs. Marcel LePiniec and Mrs. Curtis Gerhardt showed a film strip to the committee of the A.C.W.W. in Medford last Thursday. While Mrs. Gerhardt showed the film, Mrs. LePiniec gave a talk. Mrs. Thornton Gopen also attended.

Mrs. Clyde Smith returned last Sunday from a trip to Salem where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Catherine Kimball, who is in a hospital there. Mrs. Smith was accompanied on the trip by her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Killingsworth, of Medford.

Eight-year-old Burton Gettling, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Gettling, celebrated his birthday in Ashland last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Buster

Forney, Burton's cousin, Marcene Forney, celebrated her birthday with him that day.

A number of Applegaters sold their steers and weaner calves at the livestock auction held at Midway Auction in Central Point. Among them were Lance Offenbacher, Leon Offenbacher, Jack O'Brien, Morris Byrne, Fred West, James Corson, Clarence Buck, Robert Tolle, Francis Krouse, and Fritz Offenbacher.

Recent visitors at the Lance Offenbacher residence were Mr. and Mrs. Roland Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Don Sheffield and daughter, Karen, of Jacksonville.

Mrs. C. W. Childers has been busy the last few days caring for her two grandchildren, Randy and Cheryl Cox, while their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Cox, of Central Point, took a trip to Booneville, Ark. Instead of getting out another bed, Mrs. Childers bedded 11-month old Cheryl down in a steamer trunk.

Several local children marched in the parade held in Medford Veterans' day. Billy Straube was in the McLoughlin Junior high school band, and Joe Lewis, Mary Beth and John Ramsey were in the Medford Senior high band.

Earl Hvall left for Pendleton last Wednesday on an elk hunting trip.

The Rev. and Mrs. Leo P. Futrell and their son, Spencer, of Portland, will be Thanksgiving day guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Pearson, of Upper Applegate. The Futrells formerly served the Pilgrim Holiness congregation at Ruch. In order to give their many friends an opportunity to greet them, the Pearsons will hold open house in their honor on Thanksgiving evening from 6 until 9 p.m.

Members of the Home Economics club of Upper Applegate Grange met at the home of Mrs. Verna Culy at a noon luncheon and business session last Wednesday. Mrs. John Byrne, who is completing the unexpired term of Mrs. John Sutton, as chairman of the club, presided during the meeting.

Many lower, upper and little Applegate women attended the West side shopper radio party held at station KMED last Friday. Mrs. Marcel LePiniec, Mrs. Joe Farrand, Mrs. Harry Davis, and Mrs. Earl Hvall gave the commercials. Mrs. Curtis Gerhardt told how she obtained the name of "cat girl."

Mrs. Estel Cox was in charge of this party. Contributions of cake, pies and cookies were made by Mrs. Otis Buck, and Mrs. Frank Mitchell were the hostesses.



GRATIFIED—Is the word used by Maj. Gen. E. L. M. Burns of Canada, commander of the UN Emergency Force, as he described rapid development of the force to be used to police Middle East trouble area. Burns is shown here arriving in New York for consultations with UN leaders.

Legion of Decency Raps Film Advertising

Washington — UP—The Catholic Legion of Decency has accused the motion picture industry of increasing use of "lurid, salacious and dishonest" advertising.

The legion also reported that although the number of movies it classed as objectionable declined, the "intensity of objectionability" of a "large segment of American-made films offered serious concern."

Back Stairs: Oklahoma Line Changed

By MERRIMAN SMITH
United Press White House Writer
Washington — UP— Back stairs at the White House:

One of the White House stenographers was walking through the halls the other day singing snatches from "Oklahoma." But one line was changed a bit: "The mail is as high as an elephant's eye."

And so it is in the wake of the election. Staff members say they haven't seen quite as much mail since President Eisenhower was in the hospital at Denver last year.

The volume includes not only thousands of messages of congratulations, but more than a few reminders of how much sweat and effort the writers put into putting Mr. Eisenhower across again.

The recent election campaign conducted on both sides largely by airplane and television brought to light an ancient story about presidential travel.

It was during the time of President Harding that a public address amplifier was first tried from the rear car of a presidential train. Harding was making a transcontinental trip and using the new-fangled contraption at all stops. The speaker system operated off storage batteries in the President's car.

One morning, Harding's valet announced regretfully that he had been unable to press the chief executive's trousers during the night. His explanation was simple: "You spoke too much yesterday and used up all the electricity."

His eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York was one of a group of Catholic leaders

who called on Mr. Eisenhower last week.

As they left the President's office, a reporter asked Cardinal Spellman if the chief executive gave his church visitors any presents. The cardinal didn't quite understand and the newsman explained that Mr. Eisenhower keeps a desk drawer full of trinkets ranging from pocket knives to autographed cards which he occasionally gives to callers.

"Well, in that case," said the cardinal with a twinkle in his eye, "let's go back."

Mr. Eisenhower never ceases to be amazed by the large amounts of machinery that must be moved into the White House when he makes a broadcast from his library or office. Prior to a recent telecast from his office, the technicians were busy setting up their lights and cameras.

The President walked in the door and surveyed the scene silently. He was in sports clothes just after a practice golf session

on the south lawn. He finally spoke as he turned to leave.

"My, my, is all that necessary for me?"

The Eisenhowers can have their choice of any number of different turkeys for their Thanksgiving dinner at the White House next Thursday. This is the time of year when the gift turkeys arrive almost daily. Most of them are deposited in the White House freezer for later use.

Two Men Transferred

Kenneth Jones Mikesell and Lawrence W. Pennell were escorted to the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem Monday by Glenn E. Wright and Paul Bettiol, sheriff's deputies.

Both men were sentenced in circuit court last Thursday on charges of obtaining money by false pretenses. Mikesell, Crater hotel, Medford, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, and Pennell, transient, who was extradited from Pontiac, Mich., was sentenced to five years.



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The annual Christmas party will be planned at this meeting.

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