

Negro's Skin Color Possible Survival Clue

Los Angeles—(Science Service)—The fact that the color of a Negro's skin can act as a camouflage may have been a key to his survival through evolutionary ages.

This is the belief of Dr. Raymond B. Cowles, professor of biology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

In the deep shade of the tropical forest black skin is a protective coloration that may have contributed to man's survival when he was little more than just another beast of prey.

As he acquired crude weapons (but not yet clothes), he became the hunter instead of the hunted. His color, and hence concealment, enabled him to successfully stalk and kill bigger, healthier game and to compete on better terms with other large predators.

Heat Absorbed

As for the old argument that dark skin offers heat protection, Dr. Cowles points to black's heat absorbing quality. Of the 50 per cent of the sun's heat that reaches the earth in the visible spectrum, 83 per cent is absorbed by the nearly black skin of the Negro as compared to 55 per cent in the white man.

As for yellow and red pigment, Dr. Cowles offers no explanation.

He does believe that clothing, weapons and defensive tactics may have antedated the origin of the white-skinned peoples. Thus the survival value of appropriate skin color may have been subordinated.

Comet to Wag Tail at North Star in April

Washington—(Science Service)—Comet Burnham, discovered Dec. 30, 1959, at a time when it could not be seen directly, will be visible for observation during most of April.

Predicted to be of third magnitude which is easily visible with the naked eye if one knows where to look. It would be easier to see with binoculars or telescopic aids.

Approaching Sun

At the present time the comet is approaching the sun and will reach its closest approach of about 47,000,000 miles on March 20. About April 1, it will have traveled far enough away from the sun to be visible in the morning sky.

The comet is moving from south to north and by the end of the month it will be near Polaris, the North Star. As it travels north from the constellation Aquarius, it will cross part of Pegasus, and before it skirts Polaris toward the close of the month, it will pass by Cygnus, the northern cross, and Cepheus as well as Draco, the dragon.

Cross Ursa Minor

Around April 30, the comet will go across Ursa Minor, the small bear, which contains Polaris, the North Star. At this time it will be closest to earth, about 20,000,000 miles, and will move very fast across the sky. It will be seen in the evening sky by this time, Dr. Roemer said.

The Comet Burnham has a tail which seems to be growing. Dr. Roemer said it was about one-third of a degree long last time she saw it, about the middle of February.

Thrust Indicator Built for Jets

Glendale, Calif.—(Science Service)—A new kind of thrust indicator for jet engines has been announced. It provides a pilot with immediate data on the performance of each jet engine.

With present instruments, a pilot must calculate by chart and slide rule to arrive at complete thrust information.

A representative of Astronics, a new division of the Mitchell Camera Corporation here, said the new instrument provides "a sharply increased safety factor."

The instrument coordinates engine pressure ratio, temperature and altitude to provide a thrust indication.

COMPRESSED LIQUOR

Knoxville, Tenn.—UPI—A deputy sheriff, curious about a "funny noise" he heard coming from the air compressor in the home of Henry Jones, investigated and found 64 bottles of illegal liquor inside.

GRAVEYARD CRISIS

Market Deeping, England—UPI—The Market Deeping parish council, noting that the local graveyard was full, voted 27-1 Wednesday to tell the nearly 1,200 villagers: "Stay alive at all cost. We've nowhere to put you if you die."

GOOD GRIEF!

London—UPI—The Daily Mirror reported today that an Irishman was cleared of drunk and disorderly charges after he told the judge "I got wild because a man said St. Patrick was a Scotsman!"

World cigarette production is estimated at 1,750,000,000 a year.

Wall Street Chatter

New York—UPI—Electronics is the very heart of space and automation developments and has become a dynamic industry packed with unparalleled potentials for the investor, Thomson & McKinnon reports.

It's no wonder, therefore, that sales in this industry have rocketed from \$2,600,000,000 in 1950 to \$9,200,000,000 in 1959—an increase of 15.1 or nearly three times the growth rate of our gross national product, the study notes.

Reynolds & Co. believes the stock of National Vulcanized

Tire is reasonably priced considering the company's good prospects in the period ahead. Earnings rebounded sharply last year and the dividend rate was recently boosted to 25 cents a share from 20 cents.

Gersen of Wall Street cautions the investor against becoming "overly pessimistic." "... we must remember that while the year 1960 will not be as glittering as the predictions, it will still be a good year for business—and a good year for stocks which are selling... at prices which we believe to be low, rather than high."

Moore Named to AOI Executive Branch

Joseph A. Moore, manager of the Medford branch of the First National Bank of Oregon, has been named a member of the executive committee of Associated Oregon Industries, L. L. Stewart, AOI president, has announced.

Moore's elevation to the 14-member operating and policy-making executive committee follows his appointment to the association's board of directors last July. His new assignment fills a vacancy created by a recent change in by-laws.

Stewart said Moore's membership on the executive com-

mittee will give southern Oregon representation it has not previously had on the AOI working committee.

Promoted Recently

Moore, a veteran of 22 years with First National, was promoted to a vice presidency of the statewide banking system last January. A

PALESTINIANS TO VOTE

Amman, Jordan—UPI—Jordan's King Hussein Wednesday offered to let Palestinians in disputed territory vote on whether they want to be governed by Jordan or Israel.

native of Astoria, he began his career in his home city as a First National branch clerk. He took graduate work at the Rutgers Graduate School of Banking and successively became manager of the Newberg branch of First National, an assistant vice president in the home office, assistant manager and then manager at Medford and a vice president.

He has been active in Medford and Jackson county civic affairs. He is treasurer of the Medford Chamber of Commerce and local chapters of

the Red Cross and the Oregon Society for Crippled Children and Adults, director of the YMCA and active in the Parent-Teacher association, United Medford Crusade, Jackson County Cancer association, Elks lodge, Rotary club, and Knights of Columbus.

ARMISTICE MEETING

Seoul, Korea—UPI—The United Nations Command has called a meeting of the Military Armistice Commission's joint observer team for March 21 to investigate an alleged Communist violation of the armistice agreement.

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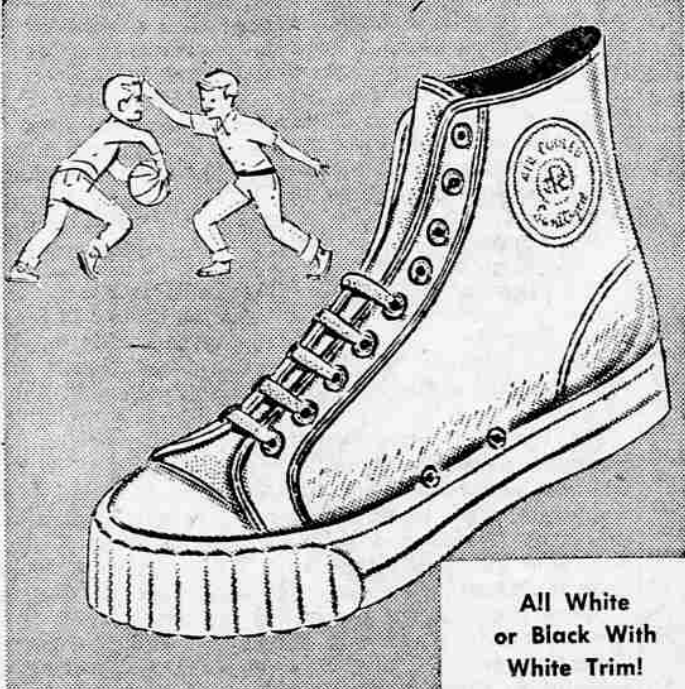
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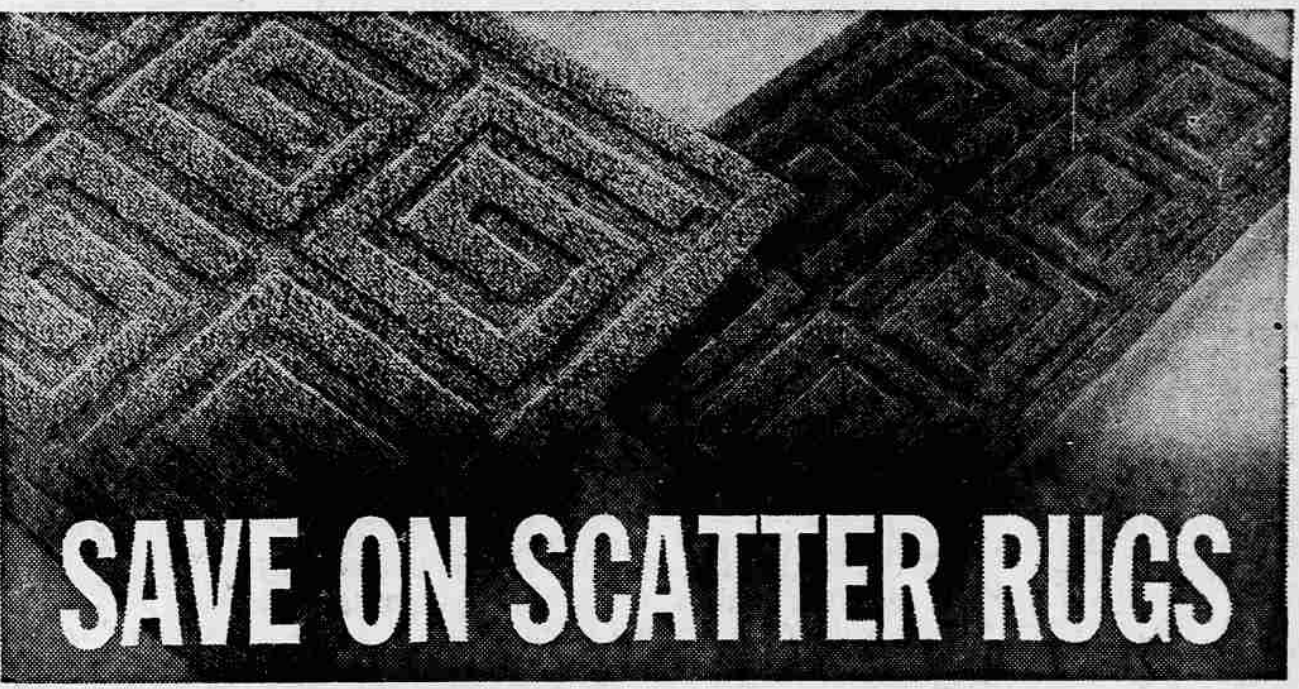
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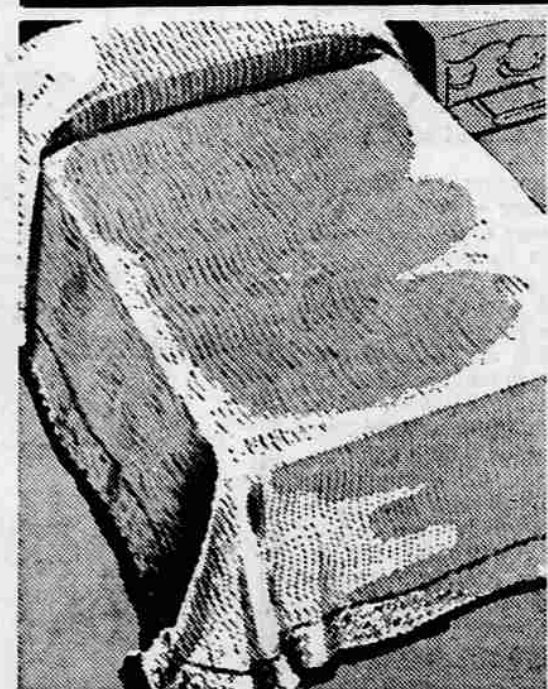


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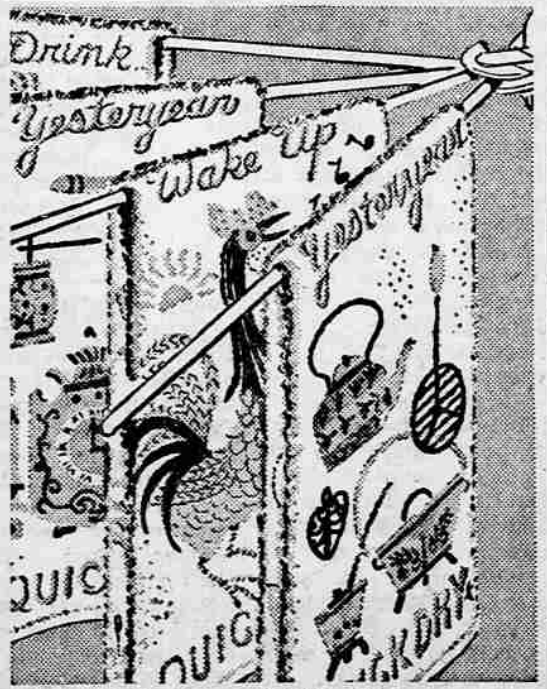
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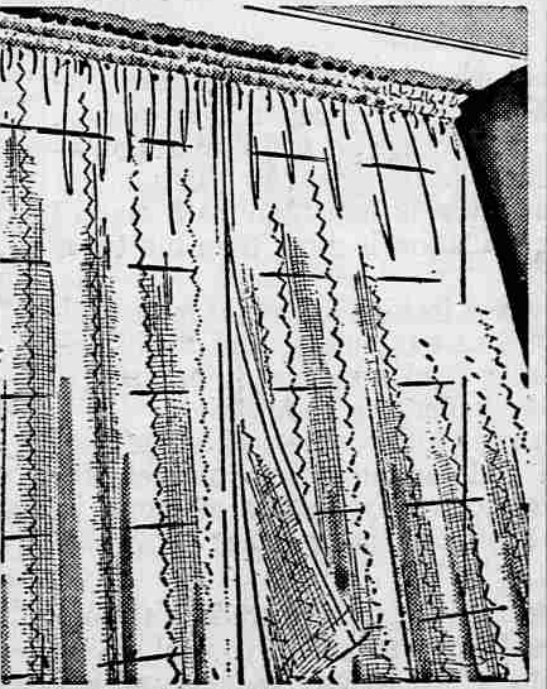
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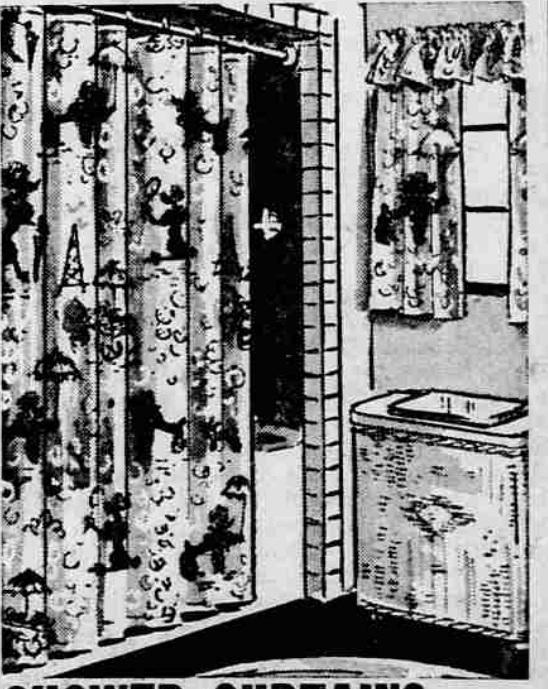
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