

Photo Taken 5,000 Times Some Days

KEYSTONE, S.D. (UPI)—Ben Black Elk, full-blooded Oglala Sioux Indian, probably is as familiar to American tourists as the Indian-head nickel, and beyond a doubt the most photographed Indian in the nation.

With special permission from the National Park Service, Black Elk poses for pictures at the base of Mount Rushmore in Western South Dakota. During peak summer months, he is photographed as often as 5,000 times a day.

His photograph has been taken with everything from a box camera to expensive imports, from amateur movie cameras to the giant television cameras used in the first U.S. Telstar broadcast.

Black Elk's regular dress at Mount Rushmore is that of a brave—he wears the chief's dress only when posing for special pictures, or at the request of a tourist.

Born in 1889 at Manderson, a small community on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, he is the sixth in line to carry the name Black Elk. His father and the famous chief, Crazy Horse were first cousins. Both participated in the Battle of the Little Big Horn against General Custer.

Prior to his work in tourist business Black Elk was a successful rancher in western South Dakota and won several awards for his crops and livestock.

During the initial Telstar broadcast—sent from the United States to 19 European countries—Black Elk's picture was beamed across the continent, then throughout the United States in a later broadcast. He was the first human to appear on Telstar.



VOLUNTEERS—The massive job of rounding up 25 horses begins after fire destroyed a riding stable, killing 12 horses. Here, volunteers try to free one of three animals stuck in a nearby oil sump. —UPI Telephoto

Beer - Two Wobats Or Dingos?

SYDNEY, Australia (UPI)—Federal treasurer Harold Holt says he favors the name "Austral" so the currency will have an Australian flavor.

This has been ridiculed by the opposition and front-page editorial in the Sydney Daily Mirror said: "Stop this damn nonsense." It added that to call any piece of currency an "Austral" was "ridiculously parochial."

"Any effort to find a name typically Australian would make the nation look foolish in the eyes of the world," it said.

The Mirror said there was nothing wrong with either the dollar or the pound since both were accepted at the world's financial centers.

But there is strong criticism against any Australian dollar being introduced on grounds that too many countries use the name and that it would mean Australia was taking another step towards "Americanization."

So the tussle goes on with Australian animals such as wombat and kangaroos — which have two abbreviations, Kanga and roo — the emu, opals and even the nation's famous opera star, Nellie Melba, being mentioned as possible contenders for monetary fame.

Meanwhile, the Australian makes do with his customary quids or sheets (pounds), deeners or bobs (shillings) and coppers or blowneys (pennies).

Shortest River Claimed By County

DELAKE, Ore. (UPI)—Where flows the world's shortest river? Few areas would even claim such a stream, but Oregon does it twice, and not without some dispute.

The two groups who occasionally rise to wage holy the old conflict are residents of the 20-Mile River, a beautifully rugged coastal strip, and natives of Klamath County in southeast Oregon.

A sign on the coast highway here says: "D River, World's Shortest."

A Wading Brook
In Klamath County, they regard the D River as a toddlers' wading brook, and claim the Link River as the shortest river in the world.

George T. Callison, president of the Klamath County Chamber of Commerce, says not only is the Link River the world's shortest, but it probably is the only river in the world that flows completely within the confines of an incorporated city—Klamath Falls. He adds that in any event, the debate over the claim is "probably the world's longest."

In 1940 the Geodetic-Geographic Board in Washington, D.C., authenticated the D River as the world's shortest, based on its official determined length of 440 feet at low tide. The river runs from Devil's Lake to the Pacific.

Installs Sign
The Oregon Highway Commission once refused to place a sign on the bridge stating the river's length.

FAMOUS LOCOMOTIVE
Most famous locomotive of the Civil War was the "General." Captured by Yankee raiders in 1862, it was pursued and recaptured by the Confederates after a thrilling chase of nearly 100 miles on the line between Atlanta and Chattanooga.

er had a change of heart and installed the sign. But it carries no figures to back up the claim.

Callison says the Link River, which connects Klamath Lake with Lake Ewauna, is 3,000 feet long. And there's no doubt that it is a river. It even has a hydroelectric project to take advantage of its fall of 56.1 feet.

Dictionaries, encyclopedias and even the Guinness World Book of Records offer no help.

The D or not the D, seems to be the question. Or the Link.

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