

Newest Notes On.. Science

Leaks that admit moisture to lead covered telegraph and telephone cables are located with a new device that forces nitrogen gas into the cables, escaping gas forming bubbles in soap solution with which the cables are covered.

A buoy small enough to be carried in a pocket, equipped with a ring shaped anchor and line, has been invented that a fisherman can drop from a boat to mark good fishing holes or lost equipment.

Rusian scientists have increased the yield of potato plants and the size of the tubers produced by subjecting the pieces of seed to clarity produced sound waves beyond the range of audibility.

For rapidly drying aerial photographic films a Philadelphia inventor has devised a device resembling a bass drum, films passing over the inside of wooden rollers being subjected to blasts of air from a suction fan.

A new adjustable wrench has neither screw nor screw threads to become loose when worn, the position of its jaws being adjusted by pressing a cam with a thumb.

Brazil has prohibited planting of new coffee trees unless to replace old ones but has permitted states having fewer than 50,000,000 trees to plant up to that limit.

Three quarts of whipped cream instead of the usual two quarts are produced with a new electric motor operated device that forces minute bubbles of compressed air through it.

A mechanical globe showing the world's features on a scale of one to one million is being constructed for the Paris exposition of 1937 on which model ships will ply the seas.

PROVERBS AND PARABLES

By A. B. Mann (For the Literary Service Bureau)

Make the Best of a Bad Bargain
The purpose of this axiom is not to encourage dishonesty. It does not mean to cheat somebody else because you have been cheated and thus pass your "bad bargain" on to some other person. Far from that! The meaning is that, having made a bad bargain, one should make the best possible adjustments, by careful dealings reduce the loss to the minimum, and be satisfied with such profit as may be honestly made. And one of the chief ways to "make the best of a bad bargain" is to profit by the experience and avoid such mistakes thereafter.

Deserting "Chiefs Unknown To Emperor Selassie

Addis Ababa, Nov. 30, (ANP)—Names of the Ethiopian chiefs, with the exception of Ras Gugsu, who, according to the Italians, have deserted and joined the invading army in the North, are drawn purely from the realms of phantasy, it is officially stated in Addis Ababa.
"None of these men is known to the central government," a communique stated. It is pointed out in the national capital here that all rival leaders throughout the country have their names registered with Emperor Haile Selassie I.

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Cross Burned At Home of Wealthy Texas Man

San Antonio, Tex., Nov. 30, (By U. J. Andrews for ANP)—San Antonio was thrown into a hubbub of speculation during the last week when it became known that a wooden cross had been fired and burned on the grounds of the palatial home of Charles Bellinger, the city's most wealthy, influential, and powerful figure in all political and civic affairs. Bellinger, whose wealth is conservatively estimated at \$500,000, has been a power in San Antonio for 30 years. By whom the cross burning was perpetrated, and just what motivated the act, are questions that neither Bellinger nor the authorities are able to answer.

A white employee of a nearby establishment first noticed a blazing object on the spacious lawn of the Bellinger home and immediately in the early event notified Mrs. Bellinger by telephone who summoned firemen, and also contacted her husband who was still at his office. Examination of the object showed it to be a roughly-made wooden cross about five feet high, wrapped in cloth and rags, and soaked in some highly inflammable liquid.

Front Paged On Dailies

The daily papers carrying a banner headlined first page story, related an interview in which Bellinger was quoted as saying, "Well, I wonder if the Ku Klux is after me?" Bellinger vigorously denied any such utterance, saying that he had made no statement wondering if the Ku Klux or any other organization was after him. He further stated with finality and unmistakable unequivocalness, that he had been in business in San Antonio for 30 years, and that he intended to remain.

Whites Rally to Bellinger

Upon disclosure of this, at this time, inexplicable incident, many of the citizens most prominent, wealthy, and influential white citizens called Bellinger by phone and in person expressing their regret for the occurrence and assuring him that whatever sinister intimidation might have been intended, it did not represent the feeling of the better citizenry of San Antonio. He has been offered all possible co-operation and aid necessary for the apprehension of those guilty of the fiery display, with special detectives having been assigned to the case. Officers already on the case are inclined to believe the incident to be the work of a crank, or someone harboring a personal grudge.

Incidentally, the pretentious Bellinger home is in a white neighborhood where he has been residing for a number of years.

Amateur Hours Encourage Talent

The amateur hours, etherized by the major chains and given outlet by scores of local radio stations throughout the country, are giving Sepia singers and musicians one of the best "breaks" in radio broadcasting. Take Major Bowes' program for instance. It airs over NBC on Sunday nights. Quite frequently the colored aspirants come to the top and by popular vote are nominated winners. The same goes for Fred Allen's hour of "Smiles and Beauty" each Wednesday over NBC in "Town Hall Tonight." Various harmony teams, Hotcha singers, and Blues moaners, without even a suggestion of prejudice, are among the winners of awards.

Now, where we radio fans can do our part in helping a brother climb the ladder to fame, is to respond to the requests of the program announcer. Write in and cast your vote for the performer you like. At various times when there are studio audiences at the amateur show, duplicate awards are given if the invisible audience disagrees with those that are eye witnesses.

Such support will not only encourage more of us to break into the field of radio broadcasting, but will convince station officials and sponsors of the value of Sepia talent for commercial programs. At the present time there is only one Negro group on big time, that is a regular network commercial program, and they are the Mills Brothers, the mainstays of the Elgin Watch company. They air out in the Campus Revue coming from Chicago over NBC each Friday night. The boys were signed for a quarter-year contract which has yet another month to go.

Missouri School Journal Praises Lincoln University

Jefferson City, Mo., Nov. 30, (ANP)—A special convention issue of the Missouri School Journal, published by A. S. Lohr, prominent educator, in connection with the Missouri State Teachers Association in annual meeting in St. Louis last week, featured Lincoln University and its development in one of its articles.

The early history and development of the college and the phenomenal recent growth and future expansion program—the most important item of which is the two new buildings provided for by state and national government funds—were emphasized.

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Declares Lynching "The Will Of The People"

Columbus, Texas, Nov. 30, (ANP)—Grotesque humor was added to a horrible crime against law here Wednesday when County Attorney O. P. Moore, in discussing the lynching of Ernest Collins, 15, and Benjamin Mitchell, 16, declared: "I do not call the citizens who executed the Negroes a mob. I consider their action an expression of the people." The statement likewise served notice that nothing would be done to prosecute the lynchers.

Collins and Mitchell were charged with having criminally assaulted and murdered a young white girl, Geraldine Kollman. They were in the custody of a group of officers when a mob of some 500 whites, including several women, met the officers and took the prisoners, without the firing of a single shot and carried them near the home of the alleged victim and there lynched them.

Victims Smile as Noose is Fixed. According to reports, the two youths, who are alleged to have confessed to the crime, were chained together and members of the mob sought to break the chains to no avail. When all efforts to break the chains asunder proved futile, ropes were placed about the necks of the two youths and they were strung up simultaneously.

The bravo of the doomed youths non-plussed the members of the mob when Mitchell looked at Collins and smiled as the noose was being placed about his neck. As the white man fastened the noose noticed this he tightened the rope and exclaimed: "Now, 'nigger,' see if that makes you smile." The tightening of the noose did not erase the smile from Mitchell's face. He was resigned to his fate and Collins, also realizing that to cry for mercy would have stamped him as great a coward as those who were

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about to execute him, returned the smile and as the youths were being drawn up to the limb of the tree and the guns of the lynchers were being trained upon them smiled a fond farewell to the mob.
Will Prosecute.

An added statement by the prosecutor that he would "prosecute any of the lynchers vigorously" brought forth much laughter on the part of citizens here, who are apparently in accord with the "Will of the People" that prompted the lynching following an order from the state capitol "to do everything possible to apprehend the lynchers."

According to reports, the youths implicated a third youth in the crime and if he is apprehended it is certain in the minds of people here that a like fate awaits him.

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