

Low Farm Prices Bring Overalls



Out in Iowa where the farmers have been striking because of low prices for farm produce the high school pupils in some towns are showing their sympathy by donning overalls and gingham for school wear. Three of them in Griswold are seen above admiring their low price garb.

ACOMA INDIANS HAVE MANY STRANGE GODS

Smithsonian Experts Make Exhaustive Study.

Washington.—Diverse gods keep company in the strange pantheon of the Acoma Indians of New Mexico.

An exhaustive study of the culture, religion, and history of this tribe has just been issued by the bureau of American ethnology of the Smithsonian Institution. The Acoma Indians accepted superficially the religion of the Spanish missionaries, but retained their ancient deities and supernatural beings. The result is that somewhere near the foot of the list of divinities, in the order named, are St. Stephen, Dios, and Christo.

At the head, as described by Leslie A. White in the Smithsonian report, stands Ocate, the sun, greatest of all the supernatural. Just below him stand his two sons, Masewi and Oyo-yewi, the twin war gods, who symbolize courage, strength, and virtue. They are represented in the native mythology as great rain makers. They were the leaders and champions of the Acoma people in the early days when they lived in the North.

Rain Makers Next.

Next come the Katsina, anthropomorphic spirit rain makers who "live somewhere in the West" and who are of the greatest importance in Acoma ceremonies. There are also the K'ob'itai, powerful and beneficent but mysterious spirits who dwell in the sunrise. They are supposed to strengthen the weak and sick.

Perhaps most important of all, not even excepting the sun, is Itatik, the great mother. It is impossible, however, to arrange the gods in any definite hierarchy. Mr. White points out. The sun is a symbol of cosmic power, but is not anthropomorphic now in any sense conceived as partaking of the nature of a human being. Itatik seems to be the symbol of human life itself, but is quite remote from the daily activities of her children. After death the individual goes back to her. She is never pictured as human in form. She is regarded with respect and tenderness.

The moon and stars are said by some of the Acomas to be spirits. The clouds, especially the rain clouds, are quite important, and prayers are said to them. Lightning is sacred, associated both with rain and with hunting.

The Acoma pantheon contains four rain makers who live at the four cardinal points.

In the North lives Ca'kak, who brings the snow. In the South dwells Malyatounu, who brings the drizzling rain, and in the West, Guichia bringer of ordinary rain. Cultural dwells in the East and brings the fog and mist.

Hunting and Medicine Gods.

There are also hunting and medicine gods. After them, although not necessarily inferior to them in importance, is San Estevan, or Saint Stephen, the patron saint of Acoma, whose day, September 2, is observed with a corn dance and with services in the old Spanish church. He is regarded as having some power and as being disposed to help the Acoma people. Then comes Yoshthi, Dios, or God, regarded as supernatural and hence as possessed of some power. He is not held in much esteem by the Acomas, however, and is considered as not well disposed toward the people because of the practice attributed to him of punishing after death. None of the native gods do this. Sometimes prayer sticks are offered to him, but they always are accompanied with prayer sticks for the great mother, Itatik. Christo is regarded as a supernatural, but not primarily for the Indians, and has very little following.

Magic and witchcraft remain very potent influences with the Acomas, and youths returning from white schools have difficulty in remaining free from superstitions against the testimony of their own eyes, for the medicine men are quite skillful and perform some feats difficult to explain. Throughout their history, it is recounted, the Acomas have had a reputation for vigorous hostility toward the whites, and their unfriendliness has been preserved up to the present time. There has been no violence for years, but a visitor from outside finds little welcome among them.

POTPOURRI

Slow Coal Formation

Scientists have estimated that a dense vegetation growth will yield annually one ton of dried vegetable matter to the acre, or 640 to the square mile. Such growth continued for 1,000 years, and all compressed to the density of coal, would form a coal seam six inches thick. Some coal is 250 feet thick.

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BUILDING REVIVAL IS FOUND ACTUALLY HERE

Almost Two Billions to Be Spent in 12 Months.

New York.—Important good news for all branches of the American building industry is found in a survey and forecast, published by American Architect. The survey indicates that the beginning of the building recovery period is actually here.

Based on direct individual reports from 1,636 representative architects and from other authoritative sources, the survey shows that building and modernizing projects now in planning and already financed amount to \$572,738,000. Contemplated construction, based on architects' records checked by business conditions in each state, reaches an additional figure of \$1,181,068,000. Of the total of more than \$1,750,000,000, \$299,623,000 is in new building projects already financed and under planning for immediate construction.

In these actual new building projects there are 1,145 dwellings below \$20,000, costing \$10,171,500, and 203 dwellings from \$20,000 up costing \$8,104,000. Of apartment buildings and hotels there are 128 representing a cost of \$18,155,500, and 24 hotels costing \$4,490,000. In contemplated construction there are 3,429 dwellings below \$20,000 which will cost \$26,822,700 and 582 dwellings of more than \$20,000 which will cost \$21,677,500. There are 573 contemplated apartment hotels that will cost \$136,150,000; and 130 hotels that will cost \$43,923,000.

Factors aside from these actual estimates that support this confidence are:

1. Normal requirements which have

not been satisfied for several years will call for a considerable volume of products to bring the buildings of this country back to proper condition.

2. Available federal funds promise to turn vast sums of money for the purchase of building materials.

3. The people know that from an economical point of view now when costs of labor, prices of building products are unprecedentedly low, is a good time to build or modernize.

"The most important deduction from this analysis," says the American Architect, "is that the beginning of the recovery period is here. Building activity begins its steady, though slow, upward swing during the fall of 1932."

BUYING THINGS

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
Late Dean of Men,
University of Illinois.



King Eadger in "The King's Henchman" has lost his wife and wants a second. He is lonesome as widowers often are, and is eager for a young and beautiful companion. He is a busy man, or thinks he is, which really amounts to the same thing, and so 's delegating Aethelwold to go in search of a new queen and to plead his cause for him, and says to him as he is leaving on his mission:

"Lord, I am lonesome for a lovely woman
To buy things for!
Bright silk that clashes like a sword!
And gems from the East, not seen before in England!
And weight her down with them, that she might not walk
But leaning on my arm.
Ah, Aethelwold
What dost thou think on, in the Lenten-tide
When the white thorn blossoms on the haw?"

Part of the joy of life for the king was in buying things. I sympathize with him; I have exactly the same sort of feeling. Half the pleasure of living would be gone if I could not buy things, and if there were no one for whom to buy, London to me

Conservative Chic



For the woman who wants to be up-to-the-minute but at the same time conservative in style matters, this frock is the latest Paris suggestion. The high neckline has a becoming penant-shaped collar of white pique with small cuffs to match. The sleeves are set in dropped shoulders, giving the coveted effect of width at the top above a plain straight skirt. The oblong metal clips through their belt buckle to match add a pleasing note.

—Woman's Home Companion.

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More Wheat Land in Ireland
Half a million acres more of wheat land in Ireland have been put under the plow than last year as a result of the new wheat quota. This was declared by Sir Boyd Merriman, solicitor general, at a Unionist fete at Fort Castle, near Berwick. He said that the remarkable recovery of the country in the last year and the great war loan conversion scheme showed that the country was not down and out. He believed that the wheat quota would end in farmers selling wheat at less than the cost of production.

Girl at the Top in Health Tests



Millions of boys and girls all over the world, thousands of them right here in the West, are being restored to health and strength by the purely vegetable tonic and laxative known as California Fig Syrup and endorsed by physicians for over 50 years.

Children need no urging to take it. They love its rich, fruity flavor. Nothing can compete with it as a gentle, but certain laxative, and it goes further than this. It gives tone and strength to the stomach and bowels so these organs continue to act normally, of their own accord. It stimulates the appetite, helps digestion. A Kansas mother, Mrs. Dana Allgire, 610 Monroe St., Topeka, says: "Bonnie B. is absolutely the picture of health, now, with her ruddy cheeks, bright eyes and plump but graceful little body and she stands at the top in every health test."

Much of the credit for her perfect condition is due to California Fig Syrup. We have used it since babyhood to keep her bowels active during colds or any children's ailments and she has always had an easy time with them. She always responds to its gentle urging and is quickly back to normal."

Bacillus of Tetanus
During the World war the well cultivated fields in the north of France were found to teem with the bacillus of tetanus, whose ravages among the wounded would have been appallingly heavy but for the timely use of that antoxin which was available, thanks to the researches of Baron Shibasaburo Kitasato many years earlier. The story of Kitasato, a pioneer of medicine and a microbe hunter, is told by Dr. Claude Lillingston in Hygeia Magazine.

Hunt for Water in Africa

Abbe Gabriel Lambert, a European, possesses extraordinary gifts as a water diviner. He sometimes uses a pendulum which, when over water, swings to and fro at a great rate, but he uses also the old-fashioned hazel twig. He is shortly being sent to Algiers on an official water-finding mission.

Supreme Test
"A new tool, using gunpowder for power, drives rivets through steel without the necessity of drilling." But can it fit the studs to a dress-shirt?—Detroit News.

Do You Get BILIOUS ATTACKS?

Constipation will upset your entire system and bring on dyspepsia, nervousness and lack of pep. Common as it is, many people neglect this trouble and lead themselves into serious ailments. Your doctor will tell you the importance of keeping bowels open. The easy, safe remedy is Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills, made of pure herbs and roots. They not only cleanse but also regulate. At all druggists.

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He'll Be Governor



Eugene Talmadge, state commissioner of agriculture, who was nominated for governor of Georgia by the Democrats. The nomination is equivalent to election.

GABBY GERTIE



"When a girl is discovered clinging to last year's style she gets out of it as best she can."

Heads Eli's Team



John Wilbur, captain of the Yale varsity football team, photographed at the opening of the practice season. He plays at left tackle.

OF INTEREST TO THE HOUSEWIFE

Melted paraffin poured over the top of paint will prevent its hardening.

Pale amber glassware with handles of topaz glass are charming with an ivory damask tablecloth.

To remove stains left by chocolate ice cream, sprinkle with borax, soak in cold water, then in boiling water.

When making custards, if the beaten eggs are mixed with milk that is slightly warm, custards will not be watery.

White felt hats may be easily cleaned with a paste made of arrowroot and magnesia. Allow it to stand until dry, then brush off.

Half a snap fastener sewed on each shoulder of a house dress and the other half to the tabs of an apron bib will always keep bib in place.

In selecting a soup for a meal remember that creamed soups should not be served when there are creamed vegetables or creamed fish to follow.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode

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LIFE TIME HATS ARE MADE BY WOMEN IN MONGOLIA BY MIXING CLAY WITH THEIR HAIR

4 SUCH IS LIFE

By Charles Saphroe

Trouble Headquarters

"DON'T NEED A BOY 'T' WORK ON SATURDAYS, DO YOU, MR. EDITOR?"

"WHY NOT WORK IN YOUR PA'S STORE JUNIOR?"

"PA SAYS I'M TOO MUCH TROUBLE, BUT HE SAYS A NEWSPAPER EDITOR HAS SO MANY TROUBLES YOU WON'T NOTICE ONE MORE"