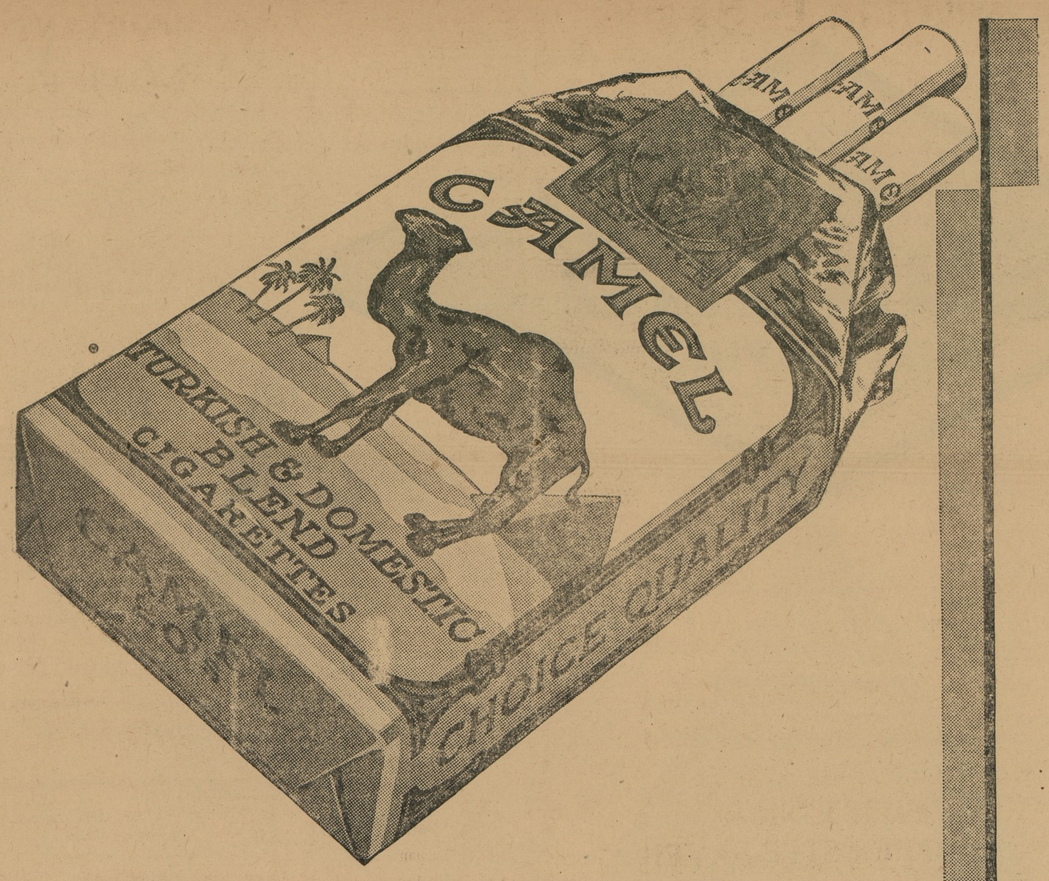

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SIGNAL HONOR TO DR. JEWETT; ONE OF TEN WORLD SCIENTISTS

Heads Committee on Scientific Progress, Chicago's World Fair in 1933, Recent United States Delegate to Tokio World Engineering Conference

Dr Frank B. Jewett

Dr. Frank B. Jewett, president of the Bell Telephone Laboratories and vice-president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, has recently been named one of the ten leading scientists of the world. To be named one of ten outstanding men among 1,850,000,000 people is an achievement and honor that comes to but few people. In naming the most important men in the world of science today, Dr E E Free, world-famous chemist, states that while the list contains hardly a man that would occur to the average well-informed citizen, the men so honored have performed many worthwhile accomplishments. Dr. Jewett's scientific achievements include notable advances in the art of communication.

Bearing out the old adage that honors seldom come singly, Dr. Jewett has recently been named general chairman of a committee on scientific progress which will co-operate with the general committee of the Chicago World's Fair to be held in 1933. Also he was one of the official delegates appointed by President Hoover to the recent World Engineering Conference held in Tokio, Japan.

In addition to representing the United States, Dr. Jewett was named official representative of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, American Physical Society, Institute of Radio Engineers, National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council—Division of Engineering and Industrial Research, American Standards Association, Rutgers University and the United States National Committee on the International Electrotechnical Commission.

The Bell Telephone Laboratories of which Dr. Jewett is the head, is the research and development department of the Bell System. Here are employed over 5,000 scientists, engineers and experts engaged in furthering the development of the art of communication. The establishment of radio telephony with Europe, television, and the transatlantic telephone cable which will be installed in the next year or two, in addition to the proposed establishment of telephone communication with The Argentine are some of the outstanding achievements carried on under Dr. Jewett's supervision.

Facts and Figures on Your Telephone

By EDWIN F. HILL

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A single pebble hasn't any value. It is just a small stone. But take a truck load of pebbles, bind them together in a mixture of sand, cement and water, and behold, a substance strong enough to support the weight of massive buildings or to withstand the pounding shocks of heavy, highway traffic.

A single telephone, like the pebble, is not of great value. It is just an instrument. Add another and bind them together with wire connections and two pople talk with each other. As other telephones are installed, the value and usefulness of the service increases. This service makes each community a more useful part of the State, nation or world.

In Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia, the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Companies now operate 618,700 telephones. Last year 34,232 telephones were added to the system in this area, which was the greatest increase in any year in the companies' history, officials say.

Ten years ago telephone users in this area made annually about 607,000,000 local and more than 14,300,000 toll calls. Officials of the company state that more than a billion local telephone connections were established during 1929. Out-of-town calls increased to about 35,000,000 or 144 per cent.

Hid $5,000 Policy in Telephone Book

Telephone directories, as everyone knows who uses the telephone, and most people do, are the source of much valuable information. Directories contain important facts on how to use the telephone, what to do in emergencies necessitating calling the fireman, the policeman or the ambulance, how to make out-of-town calls, how to report telephones out of order and many other things of a useful nature.

But the telephone directory is certainly not a satisfactory substitute for a safe-deposit box. Just recently a case was reported to telephone officials where a directory supervisor happened to see a recovered book which bulged larger than he thought the issue warranted. His curiosity being aroused, he opened the directory and discovered a folder which was found to be a life insurance policy for $5,000.

Doing a little sleuthing, the telephone man discovered the address of the house from which the directory had been collected and on going there found that the policy had been issued to a son of the telephone subscriber. The son had died a few weeks previously and his parents, it turned out, had known nothing of the policy, so that its return was very much like a gift of $5,000.

Methods of Escaping From Tornado's Grasp

The old time "cyclone cellar" or outdoor cave has probably been the means of saving more lives from tornadoes than anything else and is still one of the best places of refuge ever contrived. The southwest corner of the basement of a frame house is almost as safe, especially if a person crouches close against the wall. Tornadoes nearly always approach from the south or west and flying debris or perhaps the house itself will be carried away from the southwest corner. The basement of a brick or stone house is liable to be a death trap in a tornado, as brick or masonry walls are liable to collapse and tumble down anywhere.

A person caught in the open when a tornado approaches has a choice of lying down flat in a depression or of flight. Tornadoes travel across the country at a rate of thirty to sixty miles per hour, usually, and escape for a person in an automobile is simple if there are highways open. A person on foot directly in the path of such a storm should run toward the northwest, which is at right angles to the storm path and toward the side where the winds are least violent.—Kansas City Times.

Suggestion That Skins of Birds Replace Furs

Good furs are scarce these days and prices high. So the little northern community of Point Barrow, Alaska, suggests wraps and coats made from skins of birds, with the downy feathers intact. Such wraps have been worn by northern Alaska natives for many decades.

The breasts of wild geese, ducks, gulls and cormorants are removed in as large sections as possible. The skin, or pelts, are carefully dried in the wind for several days. Seal blubber and fish oil mixed and melted are rubbed while hot into the bird skins. Several applications of animal grease and much kneading make the feather furs as pliable as real pelts. The life of feather skins so treated is as long as the lighter weight furs.

Geese, ducks and many kinds of large fowls are so prolific that immense flocks are quickly built up and the supply of feather fur is inexhaustible, once in favor with the trade.

Sleeping bags, aviators' coats and caps, explorers' wraps and lounge cushions with feather outside instead of inside are other suggested uses of the bird skins.

Platinum's Many Uses

In addition to its fashionable duties in jewelry, platinum performs many little-known but necessary services to mankind. Radio tubes require platinum; automobiles require platinum points for ignition; photographs, X-rays, blasting, medicine, dentistry and the rayon industry employ platinum. Crucibles of platinum that withstand high temperatures and all acids except aqua regia are standard equipment in chemical laboratories.

Last, but not least, platinum is the famous "middle-man" of chemistry, the catalyst, which, with the agency of electric current, performs marvels on many solutions and yet is itself as unaffected and continuously powerful as the strong man of a vaudeville team.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

Powerful Evangelist

Joab Powell, roaming evangelist of the early days of the Nineteenth century, used to act as his own publicity man. He would ride through the streets of a town calling out in a loud voice that he would appear at such an hour to preach to poor sinners. Invariably the meeting place would be filled to overflowing, and men who were notorious for their wickedness repented from their sins under the spell of the backwoods Billy Sunday.—Detroit News.

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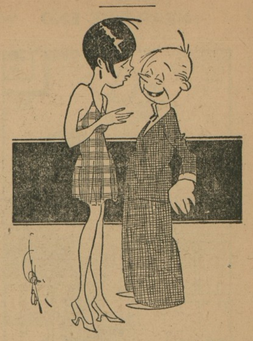


He—You were just made to kiss.
She—I never saw the fellow yet who could make me.

OUCH!

"Believe me, I'm nobody's fool!"
"Well, all right, have it your own way if you won't accept my proposal."

THE SECRET

"What do you suppose was the secret of Methusela's old age?"
"Never did read what kind of patent medicine he used."

JUST WANTED TO KNOW

"These automobile accidents usually wrench the spine a bit."
"Say, lissen, doc! Are you really feeling for broken bones or my pocketbook?"

OVERTRAINED

"The great athlete died because he was overtrained?"
"Yes; fell under the cars and was cut in half."

FISH SCALES

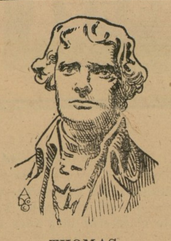
Sensitive Stout Fish—"Who says I'm too heavy? I've just weighed myself and I'm no heavier than I ought to be."
Jocular Thin Fish—Then your scales are wrong!

High Railway Tunnel

The Trans-Andine tunnel, five miles long, is 10,486 feet above sea level, and affords direct connection between Valparaiso, Chile, and Buenos Aires, Argentina. It was opened in 1910.

Stewards All!

All we have, all we can rightly get and use, all we are or can become, must be held as a sacred trust, and devoted as a willing offering. The very wit or skill by which we acquire and manage our small resources is itself a heavenly gift for earthly uses.—Rev. C. G. Ames.



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BUREAU CHIEF

Major General William Graham Everson, whose nomination to succeed General Creed C. Hammond as Chied of the Militia Bureau of the War Department has been sent to the Senate, took up his new duties recently. Gen. Everson formerly commanded the 76th Brigade, 38th Div. He is an ordained minister and since 1921 has been the pastor of the First Church Nuncia, Indiana. (Herbert, N. Y.).

Almost Hallowed Ground

The profoundly scientific Royal college of London stands upon ground once occupied by an Elizabethan theater. It was there that many of Shakespeare's plays had their early productions. Almost on the very spot where the president now has his office Burbage trod the boards as Hamlet.

Made Election Emblem

A "Stoughton bottle" is a dark green or black bottle formerly used for Doctor Stoughton's bitters. The bottles were shaped like a log cabin and used in the Presidential campaign of 1840.

Qualities of Courage

The moral courage that will face obloquy in a good cause is a much rarer gift than the bodily valor that will confront death in a bad one.—Chatfield.

Confederacy's Designation

"The Lost Cause," is a phrase which became current through the title of a history of the Civil war (1886) by E. A. Pollard. It is used as an expression designative for the purposes and aims which the southern people, through the war, vainly sought to realize in the permanent establishment of the Confederate States of America.

Says Cats Cure

According to Dr. E. Palier of the French Academy of Medicine, cats prevent pneumonia. He says every family should keep at least one cat. He thinks the day is not very far distant when the practicing physician will have to keep a cat farm, thus enabling him to answer emergency calls with a cat or two under his arm.

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