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### Sword Swallowers Dance

#### Ranks High in Zuni Magic

Probably one of the strangest of the winter Indian ceremonials is the Dance of the Sword Swallowers, held each winter at the ancient Zuni Pueblo in the western part of New Mexico, south of Gallup.

Few white men have ever seen the ritual, which ranks high among examples of Indian magic. The dance is a supplication to appease the rain gods so that they will allow winter snows to nurture their lands for spring planting.

The Zunis' ages ago found that summer rains were not enough to assure bounteous crops, so they reasoned they must further please the gods by being heavy snowfalls for additional moisture.

The Dance of the Sword Swallowers and the accompanying ceremonies take several days, and it is reported that double edged, sharp pointed, 18 inch swords are used in the ritual.

Accompanying each dancer is an attendant, and if the sword swallower fails to make the sword reach the pit of his stomach, the attendant reportedly pushes it down the swallower's throat. The sword then must be withdrawn and swallowed again.

A long and intricate ceremonial, the Dance of the Sword Swallowers ranks with the Shalako ceremony as one of the most spectacular of the festivals held at Zuni Pueblo, where Coronado began his conquest of New Mexico in 1540.

### Commodity Prices Show

#### Marked Upward Swing

Upsurges in wholesale commodity prices may delay hopes of a tapering off in the present upward movement of prices, according to Northern Trust company, Chicago.

Between June and mid-November of 1947, wholesale commodity prices advanced 7.5 per cent, or at an annual rate of 18 per cent. This advance is in contrast to a general leveling off in price trends during the early spring and displays a range varying from 15 per cent for hides and leather and 14 per cent for fuel and lighting to only 2 per cent for house furnishings.

Four factors may be cited as being primarily responsible for the recent rise in prices. First, the very large increase in coal miners' wages, forcing a 15 to 20 per cent rise in bituminous coal prices and a consequent rise in steel prices; second, the advance in freight rates. The two other factors are: The enlarged agricultural export program, coming at a time when supply is unbalanced as between bread and feed grains, and when the crop outlook for next year is less favorable; and a growing conviction on the part of many people that high prices are here to stay indefinitely, and that little or nothing can be gained by deterring expenditures in the hope of lower prices.

### Disease Carried by Water

There are only three diseases common to this part of the world that are known to be caused by drinking unsafe water. These are typhoid fever, dysentery and diarrhea, according to the Illinois department of health. Public health workers have made progress in eradicating typhoid fever, but this water-borne disease long has played havoc with mankind. Numbers among its victims are emperors, presidents and generals. Today water-borne typhoid is preventable and any death resulting from it may be charged to negligence or ignorance. Dysentery and diarrhea are still common, and occasional intestinal disturbances may be caused by polluted drinking water. Cholera is also a water-borne disease although it is not common in this part of the world. Like typhoid, it too has claimed the lives of famous people.

### East Shown on Decline

Southern and western sections of the United States are gaining over the East in the splitting of the nation called national income, figures compiled by the U. S. department of commerce disclose. Although the central states have shown a small decline in their proportionate share of income payments, the nationwide shift that has been progressing for the last two decades has placed them in a strategic position. The far western states, which had 8.5 per cent of the aggregate income payments to individuals in 1929, obtained 12 per cent and the northwest and southwest states also showed increases. States in the southeast climbed from 10.5 per cent to almost 14 per cent in the same period.

### Women Soldiers

Along Africa's Gulf of Guinea coast, a common language rather than a common government distinguishes the 700,000 Negro tribesmen known as Ewes. Selected chiefs of Ewe-speaking tribes of Togoland recently were invited to appear before the United Nations trusteeship council to oppose continued partition of that former German colony between France and Great Britain. For centuries, the native kings of Dahomey maintained female troops. Through out the 19th century, armed with blunderbusses and razor sharp knives, these women soldiers performed feats of endurance and ferocity in combat that made them known to Europe as the Dahoman Amazons. The Ewes called them "the King's wives."

## LOCAL NEWS

—Used, slightly used, new. Everything a bargain at St. George's rummage sale. Friday at 10 a.m. McGibbon Store.

—You'll enjoy dancing at Bolton Casino every Saturday night, to Merry-makers' 9-piece orchestra. Windbreakers, zoot-suits, and ladies with stacks not allowed in hall. Admission 50c.

—Don't miss the play "The Great Matrimonial Trial" in Knox basement, Friday, May 13th. 5-4

—The regular monthly meeting of the Norval Junior Farmers will be held at the home of Jessie, Mae and Gordon Wingfield on Tuesday, May 10th at 8.45 p.m. This is an important meeting.

—Euchre and dance, Limehouse Memorial Hall, May 6, at 8.30 p.m. Lunch provided, admission 40c. and 20c.

—Keep Saturday, June 25 open for a strawberry tea sponsored by Scotch Block Circle Knox W.A.

—PLEASE NOTE! A meeting of the Halton County Progressive-Conservative Association will be held in the Town Hall, Milton, on Thursday, May 12, at 8.15 p.m. Full particulars in next week's issue.

### Two O.L.A. Lacrosse Teams Will Play at Norval This Year

Two lacrosse teams from Norval have been entered this year in leagues operated by the Ontario Lacrosse Association. Norval will field an Intermediate 'B' entry, with Frank Fendley, Hartley Cameron and R. Richardson in charge of the organization. Twelve teams were entered in this class at the recent O.L.A. annual meeting.

The juvenile entry, coached by Jim Clark is expected to be a strong contender for playoff honours. While no team has as yet been picked, there are many good prospects from former years, including Doug Allen, Tom Armitstead, Carl Laidlaw, Ross Oldham, Johnny Haines, Junior Beaumont, Don Schenk, Arnie Hazell, Norman Blair, Lorne Whaley, George Smith, Bob Parkinson, Tom Carberry and Archdekin. Possible players from Georgetown include David Barber, Bud Varey, and Terry Bludd.

Ebenezer and Norval, finalists in the Junior Farmer league last year are dropping out for this season, and a 4-team league will operate with teams from Streetsville, Alton, Tullamore and Trixie. Alton and Tullamore will play home games at Norval.

Mr. I. Rachlin, a former resident who moved to Toronto after selling his dry cleaning business to Don Barrager, was a visitor in town one day last week.

### MACKENZIE NEWS

After fishing, gardening and golfing it's hard to have to think about such a dull subject as coal.

However May is the time when many of our customers fill up their bins and get the job done for the year. They also get the best value for their money in clean, well prepared coal. Nut or Stove size is \$20.50 per ton, but John L. is negotiating with the operators and presenting rather steep demands. Let us have your order and we will try to make delivery to suit your convenience.

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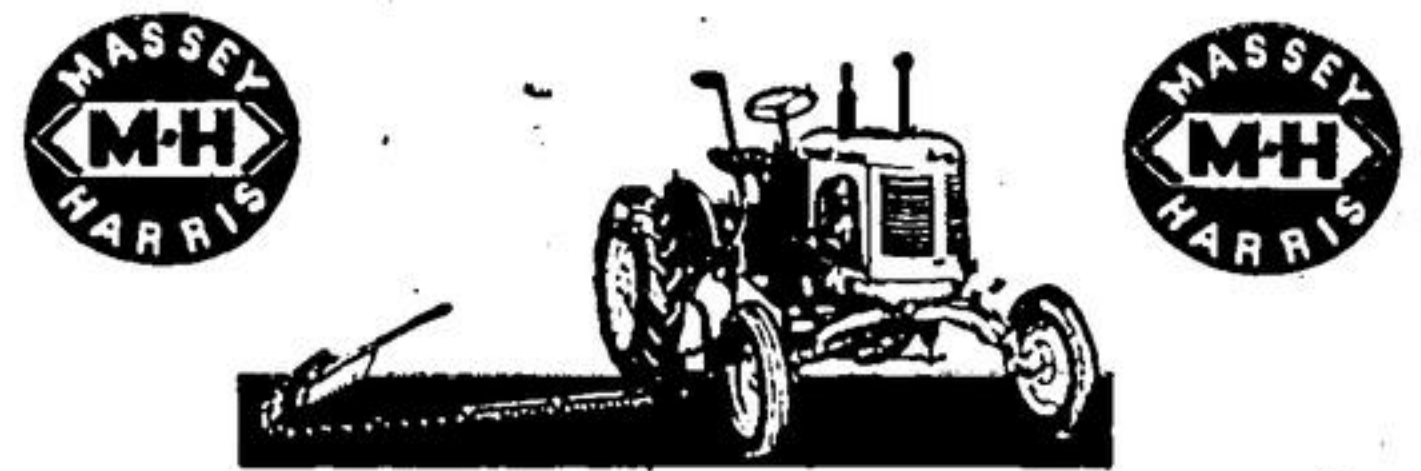
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