

# Stories Of Early Experience With Golden Leaf In New World Are Told

**Tobacco Introduced Into England In Sixteenth Century And Was Regarded As Cure For Various Ailments**

The Frenchman, Jacques Cartier, was the first explorer to penetrate to the district of Montreal, which was the headquarters of the Indians in this area. Pipe smoking amongst the Indians was a favourite form of relaxation and they carried their tobacco bags or pouches hung around their necks.

Cartier and his companions were amazed at the ability of these people to "consume" huge quantities of smoke and exhale it with every indication of pleasure. Cartier tried to imitate the Indians but relinquished the attempt after burning his mouth severely.

The seed of the tobacco plant was first introduced into Europe about the middle of the six-

teenth century, and it was at first regarded by many eminent people as a cure for miscellaneous ills.

About this time a colony of French people settled in Brazil and Nicolas Barre, a member of this pioneer party, wrote to his friends in Paris on the uses of tobacco by the natives of Rio de Janeiro. He stated that the natives could exist on it for eight or nine days without touching a morsel of food.

The records of Andre Thevet describe a roll of palm leaves about the size of a candle filled with dried tobacco "which the natives light at one end and inhale through mouth and nostrils."

"They say," he adds, "that this is very good for loosening and carrying off the superfluous humors of the brain."

He also stated that the smoke habit was practised in Brazil to the point of dizziness and intoxication. Thevet claimed to have introduced tobacco into France but many contemporar-

ies of his emphatically denied this claim. In fact, one of them went so far as to call him a colossal liar.

The name of Jean Nicot of Nimes was immortalized through his association with the tobacco plant. He was French ambassador to the Portuguese Court in 1559 and during his stay in Lisbon he had excellent opportunities of studying colonial progress.

He learned from a botanist friend of his that the application of the plant to a cancerous tumour had produced extraordinary healing results. He also found its fragrance effective in the healing of headaches but appears to have had only a medicinal interest in its use.

Liebault's L'Agriculture et la Maison Rustique described the tobacco plant for the first time by its botanical name, i. e., Nicotiana. The existence of nicotine was only discovered in the nineteenth century but both words have passed down the name of Jean Nicot through the pages of history.

Samples of the tobacco plant were first introduced into England towards the close of the sixteenth century. Admiral Haw-

kins Drake and Sir Walter Raleigh were engaged in a relentless war with Spanish and Portuguese ships, and their activities took them around the coasts of Central and South America. When they returned from these expeditions many of the men had developed a taste for smoking.

G. L. Apperson, in his work, The Social History of Smoking, tells us that it was first brought from America by sea captains who were the first to smoke publicly in the streets of London "to the great amazement of the people who collected to see so strange and incomprehensible a sight."

Raleigh was a heavy pipe smoker and was shrewd to recognize the commercial importance of tobacco. The old story attributed to him records his disagreeable experience on day when his gardener became alarmed at the quantity of smoke issuing from his master's mouth and nostrils and promptly proceeded to extinguish the conflagration with a bucket of water.

Not long after this smoking became immensely popular in England despite the fact that it was an extraordinarily expensive

# Trees Symbolize Nation's Liberty

**Thirteen Original Colonies Each Boast One Or More Of Historic Landmarks**

Many flourishing trees are symbols of this nation's fight for freedom. Each of the 13 original colonies boasts one or more of these historic sentinels.

Don Fowler, of the Davey Tree Expert Co., says undoubtedly one of the most notable of these is the Liberty Tree near Clinton, Pa., sometimes called the Tladaghton Elm or Pine Creek Elm. Under its even then giant branches, on July 4, 1776, at the same time the momentous Declaration of Independence was being signed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania backwoodsmen, calling themselves the Fair Play Men, signated their own document attesting they were "free and independent" of England.

At the risk of their lives, horsemen rode through the night to deliver the scroll of the Tia-

daghton Declaration of Independence to this nation's Founding Fathers at Philadelphia.

Princeton, N. J., home of the famed university, is proud of its Beatty Catalpa, one of the 13 planted in commemoration of the Declaration of Independence. It often flowers over the Fourth of July and is popularly termed the Independence Tree. It stands in front of the mansion once owned by Col. Erskines Beatty, an aide to Lafayette in the Revolution.

The Midwest, too, has its own cherished arboreal link in the great Council Oak of Winameg, Ohio. Its trunk still bears the scars of tomahawk and arrow marksmanship practice by the Indians. Its significance, however, rests with its fame as the scene of one of the earliest Mid-West celebrations in 1845 of "Nation's Day," in observance of the Fourth.

**Soon Be Eleven**

Cleo—"Dere goes dat slatternly Mandy Johnson wid her ten pickininnies. She sho' do look repugnant."

Mozelle—"Lan' sakes, agin?"

**Wait Mr. S**

When a doctor, called to a house to attend a patient, had been upstairs a few minutes he came down and asked for a corkscrew. He hurriedly went upstairs. A few minutes he came down again and asked for a screwdriver. He went upstairs and left the head of the house chewing his hand.

On his third trip, he came down and asked for a chisel and mallet.

"Good heavens, doctor, worried husband said, "What thing all right? Is it a girl?"

"Don't know yet," replied doctor. "Can't get my case open."

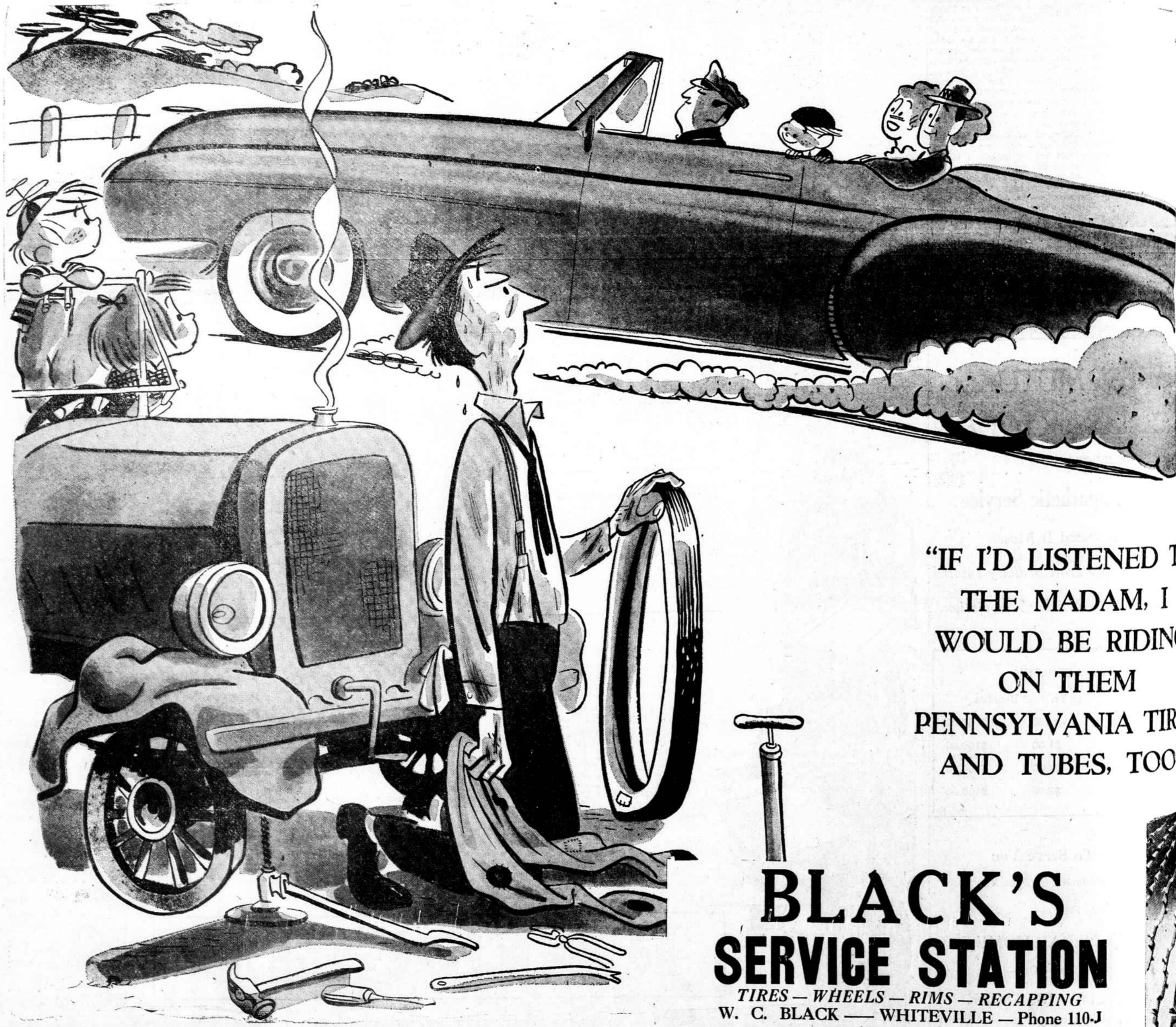
**Trapped**

A much-married man, being to chisel some free from a lawyer friend, "in some way in which a avoid paying alimony?" quired.

"Yes," replied the lawyer. "He can stay single or get married."

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