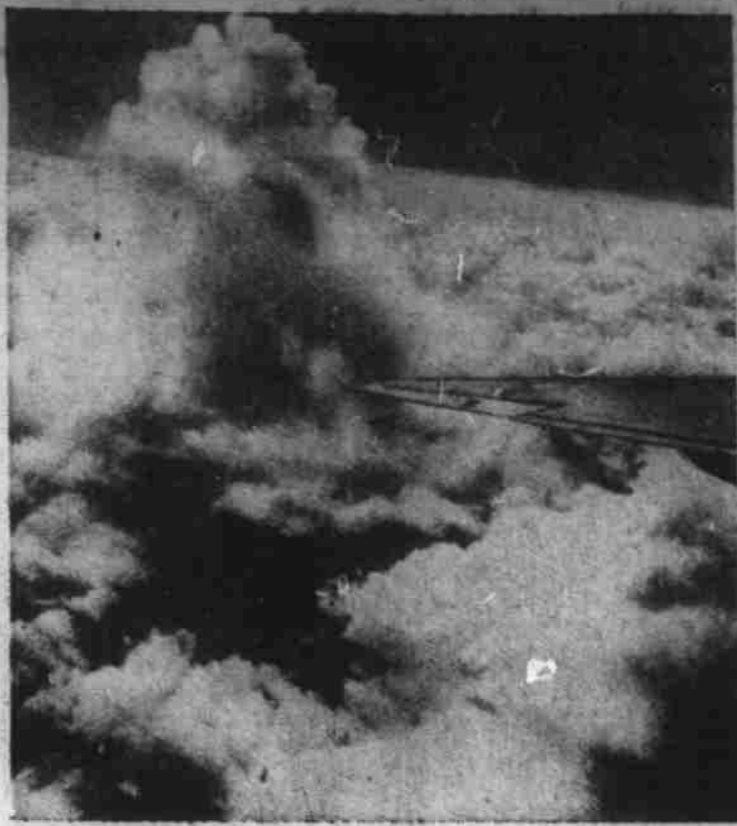




George, look who's here to keep us company for half an hour."

It's an Old Story

# Rain Making Tried 10,000 Years



MODERN RAIN MAKING — Wing tip of plane at right, shown above cumulus clouds to be seeded with dry ice.

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NEW YORK—Attempts to make rain—something New York is about to begin in hopes of filling its reservoirs—have been going on at least 10,000 years. Of course, it's new to spend \$50,000 to seed clouds with dry ice and chemicals to quench a city's thirst. But man's dream of rain making is an old story.

Primitive man tried to make rain as soon as he had crops to water.

First he tried magic. The best rain maker of a tribe often became chief. It was a good job, except when he failed to bring rain he often was killed.

**Weird Rites Tried**

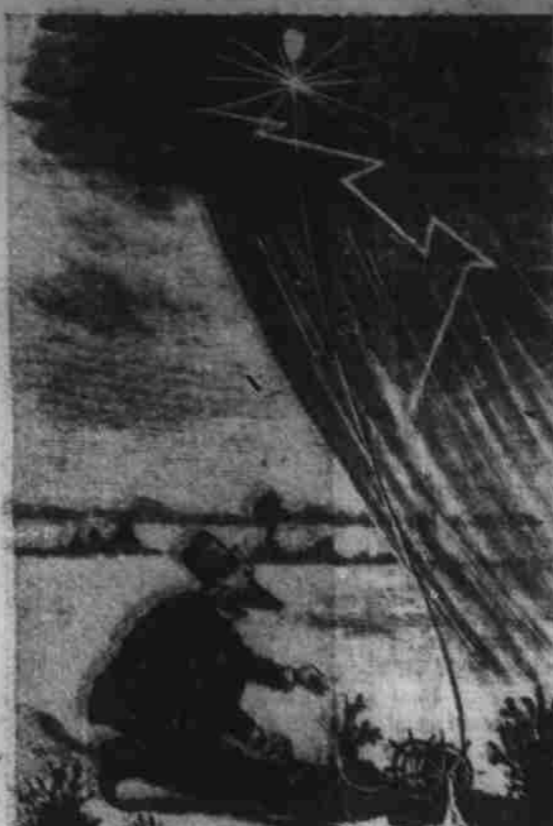
Most of the rites hinged on sprinkling or pouring out water. The Omaha Indians, for instance, dumped water and then sucked up the mud and blew it from their mouths to imitate spray. But in Java, Australia and other places they beat each other until blood

flowed to imitate rain.

Or the rain maker might take a bath. The Arabs used to toss their holy man into a pool when they wanted rain. In South Africa grass and leaf-clad women sang ribald songs while they cleaned the wells.

The rites of the Hopi Indians in which they dance with rattlesnakes in their mouths are known to most Americans. That, too, is a rain making ceremony.

Twins, frogs, black animals, were among the things some peo-



ERSATZ LIGHTNING was tried in the 1880s when balloons sparked off showers.



SNAKES ALIVE were used by Hopi Indians in their ritual dances for rain.

ple thought helped bring rain. These became the center of the rites. Or they might call upon their dead. Orinoco Indians scattered the ashes of relatives a year after death as a rain charm.

Men also appealed to their gods. Zeus in Greece was a rain God, among other things, as was Jupiter in Rome. Or they might become angry at their gods after a long drought. As late as 1893 in Sicily, images of saints were turned to the wall, stripped, thrown into pools and otherwise abused.

**Smoke Clouds Prescribed**

South American Indians also burned grass in a drought, thinking the smoke would rise and form clouds. Very early men believed that battles caused rain. This was supposed to be due to the noise or to the blood and sweat evaporating and forming clouds. Or the gods were supposed to want to cleanse the battle field.

When guns came to be used, the smoke and concussion was supposed to bring rain. This was taken seriously even in the United States. Between 1890 and 1893 Congress spent \$19,000 trying to make rain by sending up balloons and kites with explosives. Some of the experiments were near Washington, but most of them were in Texas.

A series of dry years started in the United States in 1891. This set off a wave of rain makers with secret formulas. Frank Melbourne, supposed to be an Australian, gained a reputation as rain maker near Canton, Ohio. Then Goddard, Kans., called him. He set up a two-story building and let fumes of his secret formula escape through a vent in the roof. It rained and he collected.

In Australia in 1903 zinc was put in sulphuric acid. Hydrogen was thus generated in an attempt to make rain.

**"Mystery Chemicals" Used**

In 1905 Charles Hatfield collected \$1,000 for making rain in Southern California. He released mystery chemicals from a tower. He operated all over western United States and is even said to have gone to Alaska.

Another rain making surge

came in the early 1920's. This time it was thought rain could be made by seeding clouds with electrified sand. In one test Army planes seeded clouds over McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio.

They are said to have produced a small shower.

Since dry ice has worked, all that seems necessary now is enough clouds of the right kind and enough ice.

Special Easter Services

To Be Held By Masons

Waynesville Commandery No. 41 Knights Templar of Waynesville, will hold their Easter Sunday services in the First Methodist church in Canton, Sunday April 9 at 2:30. Sir Knight L. E. Mabry, pastor of the First Methodist church of Canton, will conduct the services. All Master Masons, Royal Arch Masons, Cryptic Masons and ladies of the Eastern Star in the 41st Masonic district are urged to attend. The public is cordially invited. All Sir Knights are asked to wear their uniforms. Edgar Allen Williamson is eminent commander and Claude Benton Hosflook is recorder.

Master Masons Will Confer Degrees Monday

Waynesville Lodge No. 259 A. F. & A. M. will confer the Master Masons degree on a class of two candidates on Monday night, April 10 at eight o'clock.

W. F. Sprinkle, worshipful master will confer the first section, and the West Gate Club of the 41st Masonic district will confer the second section. All visiting Masons are invited to attend.

Carbon Monoxide

Carbon monoxide poisoning is a rather common cause of poisoning and prompt first aid may save a life. The symptoms are dizziness, headache, and coma. Treatment consists in getting the victim into fresh air quickly and calling a physician. In the meantime start artificial respiration.

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### Add Spice To Your Cooking

By ALICE DENHOFF

AS WITH clothes, it's the extra touch, the dash of imagination, that lifts food from the commonplace. Its sources are many and varied and often hard to define, but care and experiment are sure to bring results. No matter how basic the foods, how simple the meal, it isn't too difficult to give it both eye and palate appeal. So let us from time to time review the possibilities of obtaining and adding those important little improvements.

First of all, be creative about seasonings and flavorings. Taste and then taste again, is the first rule. And a close second is be cautious, remembering that seasonings should never be obtrusive. They should enhance the flavor, not dominate it. Start with simple items such as dry mustard. A little dry mustard with certain meats or to tone up a sweet salad dressing, gives a wonderful tang. If you'll add 1/4 tsp. dry mustard, a small onion and a tsp. molasses to canned baked beans and bake them slowly with 2 or 3 bacon strips on top you'll have a dish that is tops and that would appeal to any gourmet. For there is nothing as good as simple food, superbly prepared.

**Celery Seed**

Try adding a blade of mace to spinach, putting a little celery seed in your potato salad, adding—at the last moment—a little curry powder to an omelet,

scrambled eggs or creamed shrimps, if you would see what a difference a bit of unusual seasoning can make. Do we ever stop to think of using cinnamon except in stewed fruits, pudding sauces, cakes and cookies? Spiced acorn squash, for instance, is really something. Just cut squash in halves, removing seeds. Brush generously with butter or margarine, dust very lightly with a mixture of cinnamon, nutmeg and just the least little bit of sugar. Bake at 400 F. until done, 45 to 60 min.

Cinnamon is a new flavor with beets, too, you'll find. Just add 1/4 tsp. of powdered cinnamon to each 2 c. of water used for boiling the beets. A bit of cinnamon does things for good old, plain old lamb stew, as it does to Scotch broth. But use only the merest dash.

**Artful Seasoning**

Leaving the spice shelf, let's consider the claim of the onion, when it comes to artful seasoning. For there's scarcely a savory dish that isn't the better for a bit of onion sauteed to a nice light golden yellow, never brown.

Garlic is good, too, when properly used. One clove is enough for a whole lamb roast, and some folks like steak rubbed with a garlic clove before broiling. Chefs in some of the country's finest hotel and club restaurants rub all steaks, chops and broilers with a bit of onion or garlic, and dip them in olive oil just before broiling.

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"A little big to be playin' with blocks, aren't ya?"

# Easter Notes

Make Easter Sunday, a time of meaning... of inspiration. Go to the church of your faith... heed the words of prayer, and your clergyman. Leave with the feeling of Peace, Contentment, with which to face the weeks and months to come.

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