

Cantor Opens Road Builders Show



A section of the road building equipment exhibit at the Michigan Road Builders' Association Convention. The exhibit is open to the public at the Michigan State Fairgrounds, where the association's 25th annual "Highways of Tomorrow" Convention-Exposition is being held. The event brought 20,000 delegates from the 48 states and 25 foreign countries to San Francisco's Civic Auditorium. "This is the American way," said Mr. Cantor, "where men gather to plan roads for the enjoyment of people and not for the destruction of humanity." Mr. Van Wagoner is Michigan state highway commissioner.

Some of the snakes on exhibit are from eggs, the all by themselves. If they are in a litter of from 5 to 10, they are small. They must be brought through the school of experience alone.

Most of the snake gentry hereabouts are very handsomely patterned. The ringnecked snake, for example, is a shiny bluish black with bright yellow underparts and a brilliant orange ring around his neck. The pilot black snake has a black velvet skin. The ribbon snake would make a pretty fancy ribbon, with his slender dark body and three long yellow stripes. The green snake is as green as grass and the queen snake, which is found only in water, has nice chocolate brown stripes. The storer's or red-bellied burrowing snake is very small and gray with bright red decorations.

Each one has a personality of his own. Some are very mysterious and reticent, preferring to lead private lives under stumps, bark or logs. Others move freely in the open fields. Some are happiest from hunter or living in the swamps. Tree climbers hunt the pilot black snake about the heavy vines.

Panama City and Colon in Existence Before the Canal. Cristobal, Canal Zone, Atlantic port of entry to a strip of leased territory across the narrow part of the Republic of Panama, is the gateway to a scene that dates back through the centuries. Panama City and Colon, ancient and colorful, and Cristobal and Balboa, modern and military, are easily available to the Caribbean traveler.

Panama City and Colon are not outgrowths of the accomplishment of the canal. They are cities founded of four centuries ago, the terminals of a paved causeway built to carry the unrecorded riches of the conquistadores, with a legend of pirates, buccaners, and freebooters of the Spanish Main. A virtual kaleidoscope of nations, they owe their atmosphere to a commerce that dates back to the 17th century. The parade of nations began with the Spaniards and Negro slaves, Inca chiefs and native Indians and was carried on by the English buccaners, the French corsairs, the forty-niners, Hindus, Chinese and Arabs. Descendants of these early merchants pass through the streets today.

Sardine Varieties. All sardines are small fishes of the herring family. In California they are called pilchard, in the California (Sardinia coarctata); in Maine, the sea herring (Clupea harengus); in France and Portugal, the pilchard (Clupea pilchardus); and in Norway, the sprat (Clupea sprattus). The name is derived from that of the island of Sardinia, in the Mediterranean, around whose coasts the fish was first caught in quantity. The Americans state that the name is a general one applied to various small fishes of the family Clupeidae, as well as, and less correctly, to the young of some of the larger species. The usual French sardine is the yearling fish of what becomes, when full grown, the pilchard, 8 to 10 inches long. The large California sardine is also a true sardine, but in the Maine sardine industry, the young of the sea herring are packed.

Spice Center of the World. Zanzibar is an island 25 miles off the coast of Tanganyika in the Arabian sea, with a population of more than 175,000. Zanzibar is the chief spice center of the world, the bulk of the clove supply being grown there. It is estimated that 48,000 acres, with more than 4,750,000 trees are devoted to this industry. Next to clove growing is the copra industry, with 55,000 acres given over to 2,400,000 coconut trees. The island is governed by a sultan but is administered by a British resident. The British residency is the finest building in the town of Zanzibar, the capital of the island. Fishing gives employment to many natives. The island's only wild animal is the little gazelle. One of Zanzibar's suburban towns is called Bu-Bu-Bu, probably the only triple-named town in the world.

Modern Canning. Modern canning developed from the need for preserved foods to supply armies in the field. During the Napoleonic wars so many soldiers died from deficiency diets or slow starvation that the French government offered a reward of 12,000 francs to anyone who could develop an effective method of preserving food. The first canned food was put up in sealed glass jars which were heated in boiling water after they were sealed.

Tantalum. Tantalum is rarer than gold in the earth's crust. It was discovered in 1802, but was not used for a century. In 1903 to 1911 it was used for incandescent bulb filaments, but was later displaced by tungsten. It is remarkably resistant to acid corrosion. The world's supply of tantalum ore has come almost exclusively from Australia. Small shipments have been made from Africa and South America.

On grounds that her husband keeps 20 cats and allows them to sleep in the bed, Mrs. Charles Tidbury of London has applied for a separation order.

Redford Theatre



Described as the epic of a lawless, exciting era, "Jesse James" comes to the Redford for a stay of Friday through Monday. In it are Cyrene Power, Henry Fonda, Nancy Kelly and Randolph Scott.

To say that this picture is not accurate as an account of the life of the western outlaw, Jesse James, by no means reduces it to anticlimax. Shakespeare in his historical plays at times devoted territory across the narrow part of the Republic of Panama, is the gateway to a scene that dates back through the centuries. Panama City and Colon, ancient and colorful, and Cristobal and Balboa, modern and military, are easily available to the Caribbean traveler.

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Among hundreds of thousands of baby trout now reaching maturity at State fish hatcheries was one, recently picked for posterity, which hatchery employees think died because it couldn't make up its mind. It had three heads.

Another of two little trout was born with a head at both ends which also probably resulted in

considerable confusion when the trout tried to make up its mind as to which direction it would take. Another came equipped with two tails, less of a handicap than an over abundance of heads.

These freaks, "monsters" they are called by scientists, represent only a very small percentage of the trout born at hatcheries but, because so many trout are raised by the State, a few are found each year. The three headed trout was most unusual, according to hatch-

ery attendants, but trout with two tails are fairly common. The deformed trout seldom live past the first few days of their life when their egg yolk supplies them with food. They are too much handicapped in the struggle for food to have any chance of survival.

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