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October 5, 5:30 p. m., E.S.T.

SALT OF THE EARTH—Miss F. E. Harris of the U. S. Department of Interior.

October 12, 5:30 p. m., E.S.T.

INDIANS WHO MET COLUMBUS—Herbert W. Krieger of the Smithsonian Institution.

In the Science Service series of radio discussions led by Watson Davis, Director, over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

PSYCHOLOGY

Judgments of Character Reflect Own Personality

"IN THE smiles and frowns of others, we see but a reflection of our own." That maxim has now received scientific confirmation in research to determine the accuracy with which character and personality may be judged, summarized in a report by the German Dr. Annelies Argelander to *Character and Personality*.

One person's judgment of an individual differs from another's estimate not only because each judge sees his fellows through prejudice-tinted spectacles, but also because a man, like a chameleon, changes with the company he is in. If you are a thoughtful person, your companions may assume a more serious mood as you come near; if you are gay, they will laugh with you, if you are sad, it will spoil their fun.

The estimate of a person's character depends to a great extent upon where the individual is observed. If you know

a man only in the office or in church, your verdict will be different from what it would be if you met him only at parties or relaxed at home.

Intimate friends see a person in a somewhat more favorable light than do more distant acquaintances. Their judgment is likely to correspond with the person's ideal view of himself.

Closer observation and better understanding of one's own sex affects character judgments. Here are a few traits you are more likely to ascribe to persons of your sex: quick comprehension, accurate judgment of men, ambition, persistency, impetuosity in speech, courageousness, accessibility to new ideas, observation, demonstrativeness, natural behavior, fondness for animals. The opposite sex are considered easily despairing, tenacious of old opinions, bad observers, but absolutely trustworthy.

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the north ate the bulbs of many wild plants of the lily family, particularly the camas, but also wild lilies and dog-tooth violets. The bitterroot, spite of its name, was an accepted food plant in the West. Fruits of a number of plants of the nightshade family were favorites, particularly those of the so-called husk tomato.

Eastern and Southeastern Indians ate all kinds of things, some of which one would never imagine a human being would trouble to gather. Nuts and berries of course were abundant and logical as foods. And we "foreigners" have learned the value of native grapes, persimmons, pawpaws, and pokeweed greens. But who would ever have ever thought of buttercup sprouts, water-lily buds, thistle stems and roots, and the tiny seeds of dodder?

Of course, the point is that the cultivated crops of Indians were small, wild plants more abundant than they are now, and perhaps palates less fussy about some of the tastes.

In all, Dr. Yanovsky lists 1,112 different species as having been used for food by North American Indians.

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SAFETY ENGINEERING

7,000 To Tackle Job of Cutting Accident Deaths

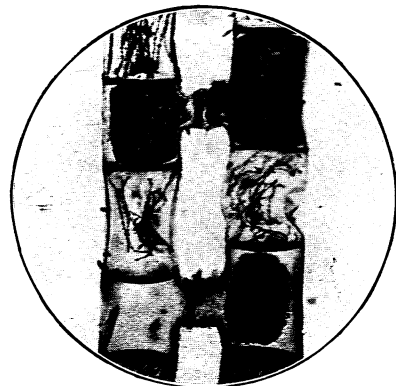
SEVEN thousand representatives of nearly every industry and field of endeavor in the United States will gather at Kansas City, Mo., from October 11 to 15 to help make America safe.

What to do about the 111,000 accidental deaths caused last year by automobile, airplane, factory, and home hazards will be the order of the day when the 1937 National Safety Congress is called to order.

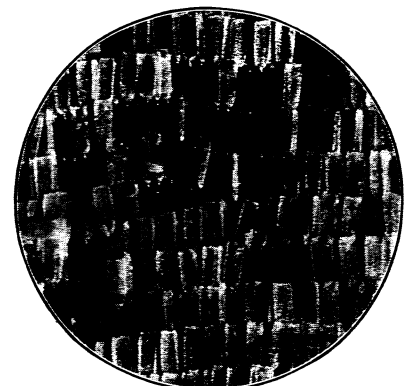
The Congress, sponsored by the National Safety Council of Chicago, includes this year for the first time a section devoted to agricultural safety.

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