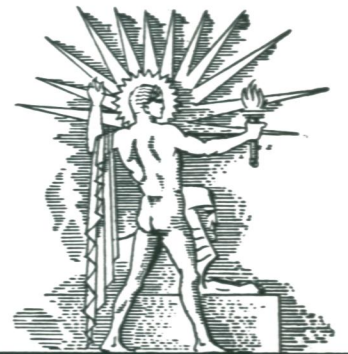
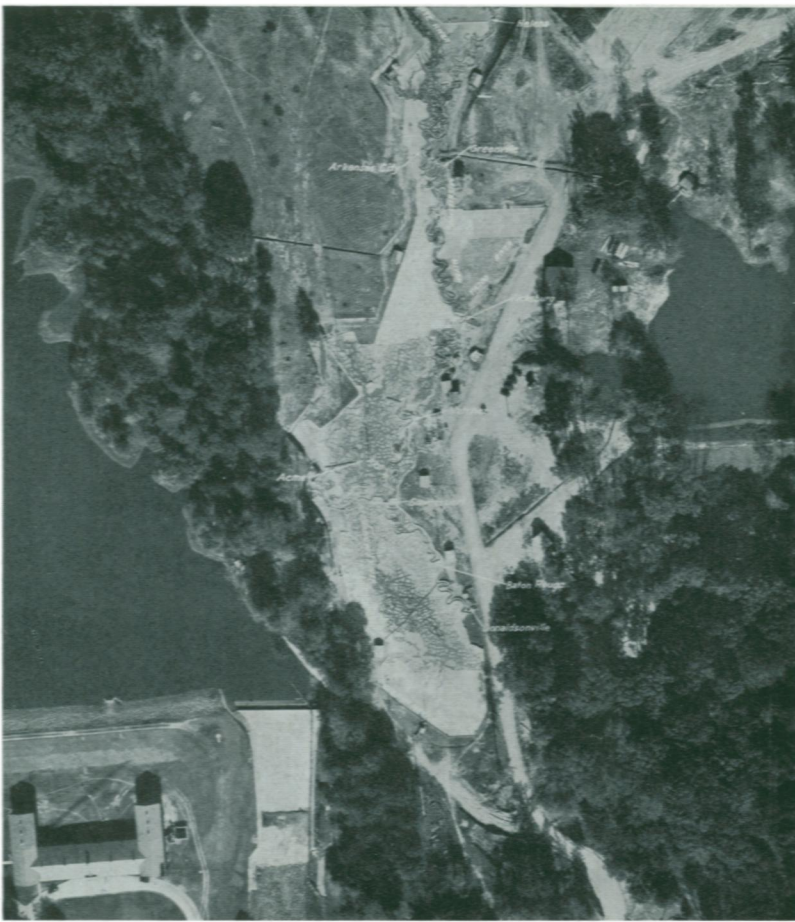


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## DO YOU KNOW?

Angora rabbits may be sheared, but combing is said to yield a more even wool.

A California scientist is trying to find out why the wool on a sheep's shoulder is not so good as that on the hindquarter.

Although there are hundreds of varieties of rice, about two-thirds of the rice crop in the United States is of one variety.

A number of states have exhibit farms showing numerous ways in which electricity can make farm life pleasanter and more efficient.

Noise is an undesired sound, according to the recent definition of a committee on noise measurement of the American Standards Association.

A brief earthquake shock reported from Lassen Volcanic National Park, in California, was unusual in that it caused objects to rotate rather than move horizontally.

Heart disease is far more common in males than in females, in white persons than in Negroes, in Hebrews than in Gentiles, and in professional and business classes than in wage earners.

A process for making sweet potato chips has been patented for general public use.

Electricity can, and does, pass through the atmosphere when no storm-cloud is near, and even on cloudless days.

The 80-mile, All-American Canal, being constructed in southern California, will be America's biggest irrigation ditch.

Hawaii is free from malaria now, and is making strong efforts to keep the mosquitoes that carry malaria from entering the islands.

Japan broke its own world record for speedy building of oil tankers by launching a vessel in exactly one year's time from placement of the order.

To discourage natives of Togoland, West Africa, from fighting with poisoned arrows, the British government systematically destroyed the plant yielding the poison.

A new German process for showing films stereoscopically avoids the need for two pictures by use of a "fan screen," that is, two mirrors inclined to each other at an angle of 15 degrees.

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