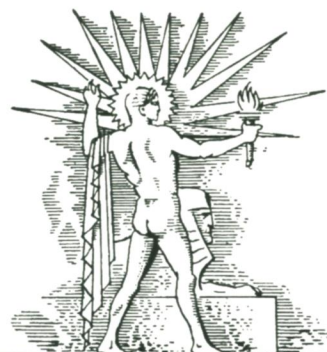
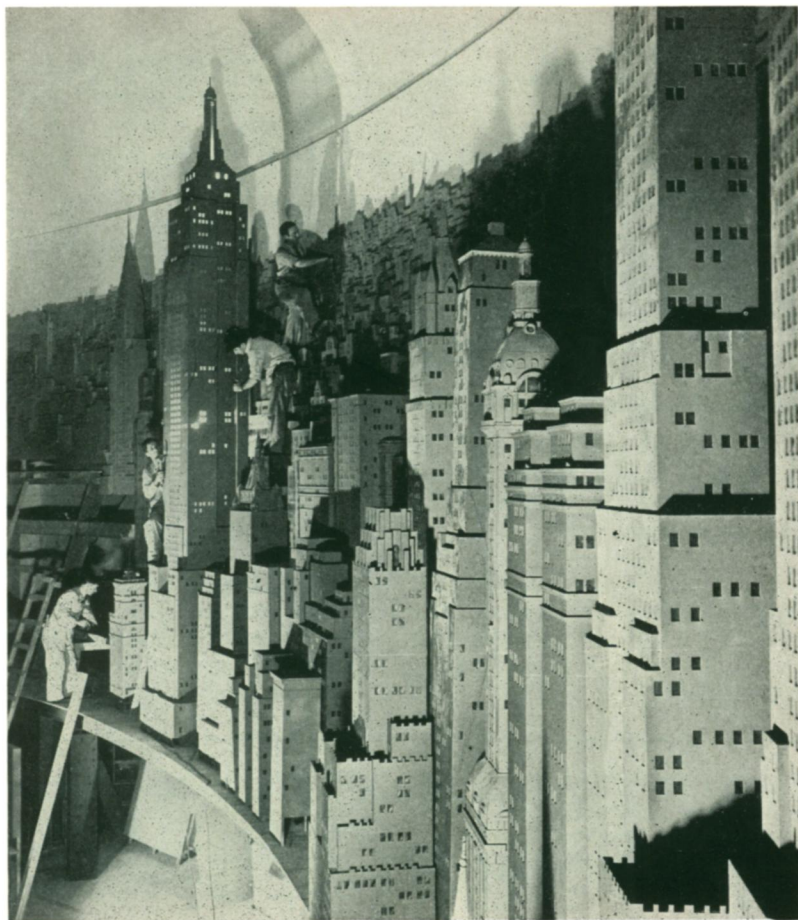


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Do You Know?

The Soviet whaling flotilla has killed about 2,000 whales in six years of hunting.

Two smooth tires on the same side of a car give the effect of unequalized brakes.

Twelve inches of firmly drifted snow means four inches of water for the ground beneath.

Karakul lambs in varying stages of development are the source of broadtail, Persian lamb, and caracul furs.

It is reported that practically every rubber article now made in Germany contains some reclaimed rubber.

The dividing line between a deficit and savings in many farmers' experience is around \$600 net cash for the year.

A scientist who has been taking tree temperatures with a "clinical thermometer" finds that trees apparently do not have fevers.

Hardwood trees, such as oak and beech, are more exacting in the soil and micro-organisms needed for their growth than are cone-bearing trees.

A new High School of Automotive Trades in Brooklyn, N. Y., is equipped with 26 shops and nearly 100 new cars, to help 1,600 students to learn lessons in repair and maintenance.

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Once infantile paralysis becomes established in a locality it recurs there at intervals of two to five years, judging by statistics since 1916.

The American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem is so located that its grounds contain part of the third wall of Jerusalem, built by Herod Agrippa I and Josephus.

Archaeologists in Salonica are rebuilding the famous fifth century church of St. Demetrius which was badly gutted by fire in the World War period.

Pennsylvania scientists recently measured sleet drop sizes by collecting the icy drops on a scaled surface and observing the differences in size through a magnifying lens.

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