

# Manhattan's Heat Wave Tops 'Em All

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New York—A heat wave is only a warm ripple in Manhattan until the public parks become so crowded the pigeons start stepping on the people.

Then you know it's really hot. If you wore an egg in Dodge City, Kans., on a torrid day, it would probably end up hard-boiled by nightfall. Do the same thing in New York and the egg would merely become poached.

Try it in London—if you could find an egg—and it probably wouldn't hatch all summer long. Summer in England is usually the third Wednesday in July.

A thermometer is a pretty good index to the severity of a heat wave in most sections of America. Here it is not so good.

**KEY FACTORS**  
A heat wave in New York is compounded of temperature, humidity and humanity. It doesn't last as long as it does in Timbuktu, Key West and other cities outside the National League, but while it endures the sun bears down with malignant majesty.

On days when the air is moisture-laden and the thermometer climbs above 90, New Yorkers begin to pant. If the temperature goes to 95 or higher, the city becomes a concrete and steel hell of dripping misery.

The subways are a cool refuge the first day. Then they steam up, too, and stepping into them is like falling into a soggy hot blanket.

**ONE ONE ESCAPE**  
The only way to escape the heat and remain in town is to go into an air-conditioned restaurant or movie. The cliff dwellers of this Babylon-of-the-Hudson have no cool basements to retreat into as do the householders of the Middle West.

If the heat wave lasts four days, that is when the droop-feathered pigeons and the rumped people begin quarreling over who has the right-of-way along park sidewalks.

"Peeping Toms" enjoy a field day. Men and women strip down to nothing in their stifling apartments and don't bother to pull the blinds. Who cares?

**HARDER ON KIDS**  
It is hardest on the kids. Some find a way to turn on fire hydrants and stretch out their pale, skinny arms in the cooling rush of water. Others mope listlessly on the sandstone stoops, too energy-drained to even to play "stick ball" in the streets. My wife, Frances, says that Manhattan babies even have a different cry then, a fretful wail as if unseen fiends were beating them with small invisible whips.

The rest of the country is pretty well inclined to take a heat wave as an act of God, to be expected, accepted and endured. Here the hot days of summer always come as something of a resented surprise—exported on purpose by the Midwest to subject the big city to unnecessary fleshy trial.

**Near Miss**  
Seattle—(AP)—John Price knows he is a very lucky person but he doesn't want to crowd his luck. A 400-pound piece of steel recently toppled from an upper story of a downtown building, narrowly missing Price's automobile. He was just about to get out of the car when the steel crashed to the street—right where Price would have been standing.

# Flashes of Life Dentist of Film Stars Fixes Teeth Of Daisy, a 'Valuable Mutt,' Too

## Ready to Wuddle to Washington



**FOUR' A QUICK TRIP**—The Cirmello quadruplets have their bag already packed in anticipation of moving to Washington. Their father, Joe Cirmello, is an analyst for the Securities and Exchange Commission which is scheduled to move back to the Capital by Christmas. The quads, left to right, are Kathleen, Maureen, Eileen and Michael.

## Big Relief Checks Add to Confusion

# Father of 10 Held in Jail With Girl Friend, 18

Phoenix, Ariz.—(AP)—A 37-year-old California carpenter waited placidly in a Phoenix jail cell today amid mounting confusion as to the status of himself and his buxom, 18-year-old traveling companion for whom he left his wife and 10 children at Bell Garden, Cal.

Joseph Bray and the girl, Betty Jo Roberts, are held by the local police without charge at the request of California authorities.

The local officers have expressed curiosity, as to just why the Los Angeles police want the pair. They were found wandering the streets penniless.

And though the Los Angeles police want them, Los Angeles County authorities apparently don't.

County Supervisor Raymond V. Darby of Los Angeles says the Brays had collected \$2,443.04 in relief since they moved to Los Angeles from Mesa, Ariz., 18 months ago.

"We'll send them back to wherever their home is," he said, and that seemed to complicate matters. According to the county records, one of the Bray children was born in Oklahoma, four in New Mexico, three in Arizona and two in California.

However, County Supervisor William A. Smith, in whose district the Brays reside, said the county probably would continue paying relief checks of \$152.69 each month to Mrs. Bray and her children. "I hate to bring this to mind," Smith told reporters, "but if this sort of thing continues we will probably be raising most of

Hollywood — (AP) — Daisy, the movie mutt, sat up in a dentist's chair yesterday, opened his mouth wide and had his teeth worked on by an honest-to-goodness D. D. S.

Dr. Leo P. Neimeyer, whose other movie clients include Harry Carey, Penny Singleton and a flock of the film colony's younger generation, is making Daisy a bridge to replace one the dog lost recently while gnawing a bone.

"There are no dentists whose work would correspond with that of the veterinarian," Dr. Neimeyer said, "so when a valuable mutt—er, dog—needs dental work, he has to go to a regular dentist."

"I've been doing Daisy's work for years. I've even pulled a few of her—er, his—teeth."

Ordinarily, when a dog loses his chompers, he is forced to forego the delights of the boneyard. But Daisy needs all his teeth for close-ups. Without those four jutting front teeth, Daisy's popularity—he has earned more than \$400,000 for owner Rennie Renfro—would last about as long as a porterhouse steak dangled in front of a St. Bernard.

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