

Ram Horns Cinch Rain for Indians

Sometimes it gets pretty dry in the Jicarilla Apache tribe country in northern New Mexico because of lack of rain. The Jicarillas begin to worry about their parched lands.

That's what happened sometime ago around Dulce, New Mexico.

And what do the Indians do about it? They put on a special rain dance—but, there was a hitch to the one they wanted to perform. No Jicarilla could locate a bighorn ram horn, an item most necessary for the ritual.

Noting the Jicarillas' predicament, Bill Humphries, officer in the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, promptly located two bighorn antlers.

The Indians conducted their special rain dance. When it was over, rain clouds formed and it has been raining intermittently ever since.