

Unknown Canyon Depths Reached In Exploration Of Kentucky's Chrystal Cave

CRYSTAL CAVE, Ky. (U. P.)—Unknown canyon depths in the earth beneath the rolling hills of southern Kentucky were reached today by a tired band of Crystal Cave explorers.

Great cave rooms, decorated with spider-like stone formations, were found by three male members of the National Speleological (cave study) Society expedition.

After three hours of tortuous crawling and climbing they broke into "the beyond"—the explorers' term for the dark world of rough virgin passages 300 feet below the scenic landscape of the Mammoth Cave National Park area.

The zigzagging passages opened into larger cave rooms where the strangely contorted stone projections called helictites, rare cave formations dangled from the ceilings.

The three explorers—John Lehrberger of Louisville, Ky., Russell H. Curnee of Tennesse, N. J., and Albert C. Mueller Jr. of Scotch Plains, N. J.—listened to the words bounce back from cave walls that never before echoed the voices of men.

At the expedition's advance camp three miles inside the cave, Phil Harsham, Louisville Courier-Journal reporter with the expedition, said the three explorers pushed beyond "Bogardus Waterfalls."

Striking out from the falls, said

Lehrberger, a Louisville dance instructor, was "like diving into a bowl of spaghetti—passages ran in every direction."

"There was considerable excitement at the camp," William Burke Miller, an NBC newsman accompanying the expedition said. Other exploring groups, of four or five members each, also had probed into hitherto unknown passages.

A group led by R. E. Charlton, a farmer of Dillwyn, Va., discovered an unknown shortcut to Bogardus Waterfalls. The old route took seven tedious hours to travel one way. The shortcut saved other explorers four valuable hours to spend searching on the other side of the falls, which are named for "Bud" Bogardus, 22-year-old Kentucky farmer who first found them in 1949.

The expedition's 60 men and women members make it the largest venture of its type ever attempted in America.

They have yet to pass all guide marks left by Crystal Cave's discoverer, Floyd Collins, who died when a sliding rock pinned him in a hollow of nearby Sand Cave in 1925.

Results of the all-week exploration, now just three days old, will be assembled in maps and scientific information on what is to be found in the cave.

Mrs. W. C. Bailey Heart Drive Head In Oakland Area

By EDITH DUNN

Mrs. W. C. Bailey of the Thomas Heart Fund drive in charge of the Heart Fund drive in Oakland.

The business and residential sections will be solicited by members of the Legion Auxiliary. A box social and card party will be held at the Legion Hall on Feb. 19. Mrs. Bailey will be in charge and will be assisted by the Legion Auxiliary. Women are asked to bring boxes with lunch for two, which will be placed at auction.

A prize will be awarded to the "prettiest girl" with candidates being selected from the local high school. A prize will be awarded also to the "handsomest man" and the "man with the longest nose." Prizes are donated by local merchants.

Plan Portland Move

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Endress are planning to move to Portland about March 1. They have been residents of Oakland about eight years, and Mrs. Endress (Freda) has operated the Oakland Beauty Shoppe. They are arranging their house into two apartments.

Sgt. Robert Smith has been discharged from the Air Corps after serving four years, part of which time he spent in Japan, Korea and the Philippines. He has been at Denver, Colo. His wife, Margaret, of Denver, and baby, Barbara, are at the home of his mother, Mrs. Leonard Endress. They will make their home in Oakland.

More Oil Leases Being Secured In Local Areas

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favor. I think you have an excellent chance." He went on to say that the organization would have to tell the "right kind of a story to the people." He said, "You've got to be honest with them."

Most of the moving spirits in the oil development effort were of the opinion the chances for success were good in reaching oil.

Optimism Explained
Sullivan based his optimism on the fact gas and oil seepages have been found in the Lookingglass area.

Geologist Childs said "I know there is crude oil there." He showed doubts only of the amount.

He went on to say it was necessary to do something to diversify industry in Oregon. He said Oregon's unemployment was twice as high as Washington's now because Washington began diversifying its industry 20 years ago.

Hope for success in reaching oil in Douglas County was reflected by a letter from Ed Fiske, "Sitter" at the incorporation's first oil drilling attempt at Coles Valley.

He said the fact Union Oil Co. is still interested in Douglas County efforts is a "good recommendation." He said the company apparently feels there is a high possibility of oil but wants to "have someone else prove it." He said the company is presently developing "proved areas."

Union Oil Interested
To prove Union Oil was still interested, Childs reported that the company had renewed two leases Tuesday.

He estimated it was costing the company \$15,000 a year to keep up leases in the Sutherland-Oakland area. Oil Developers, Inc. has an interest in these leases.

Fiske recommended that drilling be confined to the edges of the basin. Geologist Childs explained the basin as the "ancient sea" with edges on a line from Randon to Dillard to Dix onville to Drain to Anlauf to Heeta Head. He said the edge of the "ancient sea" is sand which makes a better reservoir for oil.

2. Thoroughly check structures.
3. Use a drilling program of several shallow holes rather than a deep one (Childs said he had 10 drill sites studied for such shallow holes.)

4. Use a portable rig (truck mounted with a 90-foot tower) which can be shifted easily. Childs explained that one such rig can drill 5,000 feet deep at an approximate cost of \$50,000.

Childs went on to say the success of the gamble was improved by the possibility of hitting a natural gas reservoir. He said even a small gas well would give off 30 million cubic feet. He said it would probably be possible to get 50 cents a cubic foot at the well.

SLATE MEET
Officers of the Pythian Sisters will hold a meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All officers are urged to attend.



DOCTOR WADSWORTH, manager of the United States Veterans hospital here, standing at the left in the group appearing in the picture above, points to a tree-planting operation now being conducted on the hospital grounds just south of the Administration building, shown in the background. Some of the trees (firs and Ponderosa pine) already have been planted, others lie balled ready for planting. The ditch which may be observed bisecting the area, will carry a water main for irrigation purposes. The work is being done by hospital patients. (Picture by Paul Jenkins).

Nu Delta Club Plans Another Rally For Youths

Roseburg's recent citywide youth rally was so successful, another is planned March 27 by the sponsoring Nu Delta Club, reports President Charles Crose. It will be the third in the series.

The second, on Monday night at the Roseburg Junior High auditorium, drew approximately 500 to hear Phil Thatcher, nationally known Youth for Christ evangelist.

He gave a stirring account of his miraculous conversion while serving a sentence in Folsom Prison after a life of crime.

The program included several special vocal and instrumental numbers beside the Jubilee Chorus from the Roseburg Assembly of God Church and the interchurch youth orchestra. The Nu Delta choir from the high school under the direction of Helen Crisler performed; the Nu Delta quartet, trio and duet and trumpet trio rendered numbers and Don Price from the Nu Delta club had a solo.

Local pastors taking part in the program were: The Rev. Kenneth Dooley, North Roseburg Church; Captain Del Baker, Salvation Army; and the Rev. Rea Kleinfeldt, First Christian.

President Crose reported the Nu Delta Club has planned several monthly rallies. The club also sponsors a gospel team which has scheduled several services with churches in the county.

Youth Rally Is Tonight At Church Of Nazarene
An area-wide youth rally is scheduled tonight at the Myrtle Creek Church of the Nazarene, reports the Rev. James Kratz of the Myrtle Creek Church.

The 7:30 meeting will draw the support of churches from Reedsport, Coos Bay, Coquille and Roseburg.

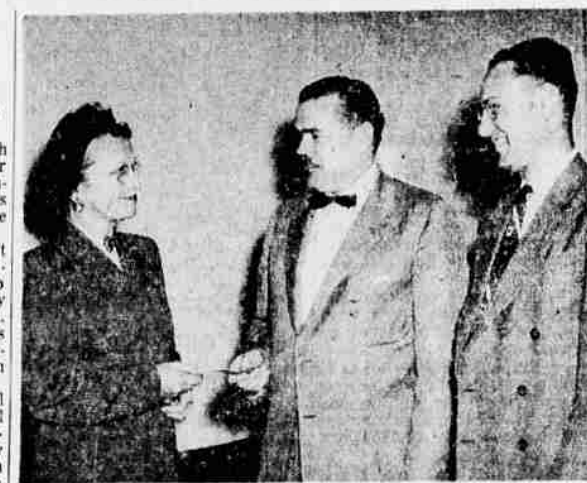
The public rally will be highlighted by a speech by the Rev. Shelburne Brown, youth superintendent of the denominations of the Los Angeles District. The rally will also feature a speech by Supt. W. D. McGraw of the Oregon Pacific District. Young People's President Robert Hemphill of the Roseburg Nazarene Church will also speak.

The rally is an annual event in the area, reports Correspondent Ruth M. Evans.

Car, Motorcycle Wreck Brings Suit In Court
William E. Sundquist, by his guardian ad litem Elmer E. Sundquist, has filed a suit for \$91,822.10 damages in circuit court. The action, against Roy A. Jeppeson, grew out of an accident near Camas Valley on Sept. 19, 1952.

Sundquist, 17, claims permanent injuries as the result of the accident, in which his motorcycle and Jeppeson's car collided at the intersection of Martindale and Barma roads.

In asking \$90,000 general and \$1,822.10 special damages, the youth claims Jeppeson was negligent in the head-on mishap.



PRIMER CHECK—As her last official act with the now defunct Christmas Cheer Committee in Roseburg for veterans, Secretary Clara Stieweg presents a check of \$458.43 to the Veterans Hospital to be used for printing facilities for a hospital newspaper. The check is received by Dr. George Wadsworth while hospital employee Bob Kidder looks on. Mrs. Stieweg reported this is to be a starter for a fund to buy an offset lithography press for the newspaper which is now mimeographed. Retail cost of such a machine would be about \$4,700. (Paul Jenkins Picture).

Dr. Millar Gives Talk To Chamber At Myrtle Creek

Over 80 people from Myrtle Creek and other nearby towns turned out Tuesday night at the Myrtle Creek school cafeteria for the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce.

Guest speaker of the evening was Dr. James Millar of the Roseburg Presbyterian Church. He called for a new kind of vitamins for living today.

He said that what is needed is intelligence of the "horse sense" variety, imagination, truth and moral integrity.

Another highlight of the program was a pair of speeches from both labor and management sides of the Myrtle Creek area. Mayor Lloyd McClintock and Fred Welch, production manager of Umpqua Plywood Corp. of Myrtle Creek discussed the present friction between labor and management in an effort to squelch or clear up rumors on the local scene.

The musical phases of the program were offered by the Myrtle Creek High School brass choir, Clarence Diehl, and R. L. McClintock. McClintock stole the show with antics during an accompaniment of Dial's vocalizations.

Sister Of Roseburg Man Dies Monday At Seattle
Mrs. Lula Belle Conser, 93, for many years a resident of Portland, died in Seattle Monday following a prolonged period of ill health.

She was born Dec. 27, 1860, at Savannah, Mo., and was married to Wesley S. Conser, in Portland, 1906. She was preceded in death by her husband about 10 years ago.

Surviving are a brother, S. F. (Stoney) Cawfield, of Roseburg; one grandson and three great granddaughters. Funeral services will be held in the chapel of Long and Orr Mortuary Thursday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. Karl Faulkner of the Glendale Baptist Church officiating.

Concluding services and interment will follow in the family plot in the Roseburg Memorial Gardens.

The Big Four were conferring in secret primarily about Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov's resolution for a big five parley, including Red China.

BERLIN (U. P.)—A new Soviet squeeze play on Korea and the Indochina War developed in the Big Four Berlin conference Wednesday. It compelled French Foreign Minister Bidault to ask his Paris government for new instructions.

The nature of the new Russia move was not disclosed. It occurred in the fifth secret meeting of the foreign ministers at the Soviet Embassy Wednesday morning.

Bidault, "very perturbed" when the meeting broke up, asked his government for guidance, an official source disclosed.

DOUGLAS FOREST PROTECTIVE ASSN. REELECTS OFFICERS
Last year's board of directors and officers of the Douglas Forest Protective Assn. were elected to serve again in 1954, at a meeting in the Hotel Umpqua Tuesday.

Officers are Henry Champeaux, president; Tom Mehl Jr., vice president; T. H. Pargeter, secretary-treasurer; and Fred Southwick, district warden.

Besides Champeaux and Mehl, members of the board are Frank Heath, Kenneth Ford, A. B. McGuire, Clyde Martin, Harry Kelsey, Charles Preppernau and Ross Bowles.

Those attending the meeting were handed a copy of DFFPA's 42nd annual report.

The report noted that last fire season was the least destructive since records have been kept. There were 65 fires, compared to 79 during the 1952 season, affecting 47 acres of land.

DFFPA patrolled a total of 1,243,389 acres of land during the last season; 428,576 acres were membership lands (a gain of nearly 20,000 acres over 1952); an additional 388,383 acres were patrolled and collections made from the tax roll; also, 426,430 acres of O & C lands were patrolled. Patrol forces consisted of 50 to 65 men, besides emergency crews.

Lighting accounted for 36 of the 65 fires, with 11 starting in logging operations, five in the forest, four from debris burning, two from smokers, one from campers, and six from miscellaneous origin.

During the year, DFFPA added a truck, a pickup, a car, three saws, and two pumps to its equipment.

Strawn Is Bond Over To Grand Jury Tuesday

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restrained while Deputy Sheriff Dallas J. Bennett was testifying. Strawn muttered words unintelligible for print, Bennett said. Strawn had read a statement about the fracas before he signed the statement. Strawn's swearing indicated he did not agree with Bennett's testimony. He was quickly quieted.

Besides Bennett, Dr. John J. Grabow of Sutherlin and one of Monroe Strawn's daughters (11 years old) testified on the stand.

Dr. Grabow, who conducted a post mortem examination on the body of the deceased, said the probable cause of death was from a blood clot in a heart artery, a clot in a brain artery, brain swelling from a concussion and from bruises and hemorrhages.

The doctor said the dead man had also been afflicted with hardening of the arteries and heart trouble. Attorney Richmond termed these conditions "groundwork for just what happened."

The Strawn girl, who broke down on the stand and was unable to talk only between sobs, told of the fight between the brothers and that it was precipitated when "Uncle Carvel called mama" a bad name. Ethel Strawn, the girl's mother, was present, but did not testify.

In Strawn's statement after his arrest, he told that Carvel had been swinging at his wife and that he had pulled him away from her. Then the fight started.

The fight occurred about 9:30 p.m. Jan. 31. An ambulance was called the next morning when Carvel Strawn failed to awaken from his bed.

Roosevelt Case Will End Today
PASADENA, Calif. (U. P.)—A quick windup is expected today at a court hearing on whether James Roosevelt, who contends he is \$72,185.15 in the red, can meet his estranged wife's demands for \$5,500 temporary monthly support.

An amended balance sheet filed yesterday stated that as of last Jan. 31 the son of the late President Franklin Roosevelt had liabilities exceeding assets by \$72,185.15.

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