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Base Camp Used By First Man To Near South Pole Still Stands In Antarctica

By SAUL PETT

CAPE ROYDS, Ross Island, Antarctica (AP) — The base camp used by the first man to come close to the South Pole still stands here at the foot of Mt. Erebus, on a little hallowed-out shelf over the frozen ice of McMurdo Sound.

It is 47 years since England's Ernest Shackleton made his gallant attempt. Forced to turn back 85 miles short of his goal, he and his parties did much notable exploratory and scientific work in the antarctic.

Looking over his camp almost half a century later gives one the sensation of a macabre movie that stopped suddenly, with all action and life frozen in the last motion. There is the sensation too of being on a spot as dismal and bleak as a crater of the moon must be. The wooden hut, about 40 by 20 feet, has whitened over the years but is still in good condition. Cables criss-crossing over its peak anchor it against the violent antarctic winds. It stands on a slight rise overlooking a saucer-shaped area.

In the center of the saucer is a small pond, unfrozen since it is well protected. Black volcanic ash

where nothing ever grew rings it. From the sea comes the squawking of a small penguin rookery. Overhead ugly skua gulls wait like vultures to pounce on the penguins.

Behind the hut Mt. Erebus rises in an overwhelming white pyramid all the way up to 13,000 feet — the only active volcano in the antarctic.

Scattered around the hut are cans, bales and boxes. Some are half open, or chewed away by the skua gulls. They contain hams, soup, marrow, fat, corn kernels, concentrated fruits and other food-stuffs for man and beast. Those that are unopened are still edible.

At first glance the piles appear better-sketched. But closer inspection reveals the provisions in groups — hams together, soups together — where the explorers once stored them in the snow.

Some are marked "British Antarctic Expedition 1908." Others were left by the second expedition in 1917. On that one Shackleton never reached his men here on McMurdo Sound. He took one group to the Weddell Sea, on the other side of the continent. Heavy ice trapped his ship, then carried it hundreds of miles off course, preventing the linkup.

It was on the first expedition that Shackleton jumped off from here for the pole, using Manchurian drag sledges along the 800-mile route.

Beetle Infested Timber In Wyoming Sold

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Forty-seven million board feet of timber in the Bridger National Forest of southwestern Wyoming was sold for about \$373,000 at the regional Forest Service headquarters in Ogden Tuesday.

The timber, which covers 15,000 acres, was sold as a part of the Forest Service insect control program. It is more feasible to harvest timber now than to attempt to control a beetle infestation, said John L. Sevy, forest supervisor.

The sale was in two lots. A 28-million board foot lot was sold to Fall Creek Lumber Co. of Fall Creek, Ore., for \$273,000; the balance, 19 million board feet, to the Mills Lumber Co. of Kalispell, Mont., for \$100,000.

CHAINS NEEDED

SALEM (AP) — Tire chains were required because of packed snow at Timberline and Warm Springs Junction, the Oregon Highway Commission said Wednesday. Chains should be carried at Government Camp. All other roads were bare or sand.

Bodyguard Says He Helped Burn Body Of Hitler

CAMP FRIEDLAND, Germany (AP) — A member of Hitler's personal bodyguard released by the Russians said Thursday he helped burn the bodies of the Fuehrer and his bride, Eva Braun, but that only their legs were completely destroyed.

Because of a gasoline shortage, Lt. Harry Mengershausen reported, the upper parts of the bodies escaped the flames and were "well recognizable." He said they were buried in the chancellery garden near the air raid shelter in which the pair had committed suicide.

Mengershausen added that several months after the Russians captured him, they took him back to the burial spot to identify the grave. He said the grave was empty, and that apparently the Russians wanted only to confirm the location.

His account supported earlier prisoner reports that the Russians had recovered the bodies or parts of the bodies of Hitler and Eva Braun.

Hitler's dentist, former Maj. Helmut Kunz, said on his release from Russia last October that he flew to Moscow in 1945 to identify the Fuehrer's jawbone for the Russians. He said the Russians previously had exhumed Hitler's remains from the chancellery garden.

Top Russian Leaders View 'Porgy And Bess'

MOSCOW (AP) — Performers in "Porgy and Bess" all but got stage fright last night when top Soviet officials, including Communist party chief Nikita S. Khrushchev, suddenly appeared at the show. But all went well and the visiting notables applauded vigorously during curtain calls.

The cast of the George Gershwin-Dubose Heyward opera had no advance word the officials would show up until they saw them file into their box at the Stanislavsky Theater. The top Kremlin brass skipped the opening the night before.

Khrushchev's party included foreign Minister V. M. Molotov, former Premier Georgi M. Malenkov and top officials L. M. Kaganovich, A. I. Mikoyan, M. G. Perukhin, M. A. Suslov and D. T. Shepikov. Premier Bulganin was not present.

Astoria's Sliding Hill Stable, Despite Rains

ASTORIA (AP) — Despite recent heavy rainfall, Astoria's sliding hillside remains stable, city officials report.

There has been no major damage on Coxcomb Hill since the Irving avenue slide of last month which broke the foundations on several homes.

Some Consolation Offered Suffers From 1955 Flood: Loss Deductible From Tax

WASHINGTON (AP) — There is some consolation for those who suffered from the ill winds and other causes of 1955's major disasters: Some of the losses, at least, may be deducted for income tax purposes.

Taxpayers must be sure, however, that the kind of casualty from which they suffered a loss is deductible. And there are some special rules that must be observed.

The Internal Revenue Service has published a special new booklet on the subject. It is called "How the federal income tax applies to losses from hurricanes, floods and other disasters."

The free booklet is obtainable from Revenue Service offices.

First, what is a casualty? The income tax law defines a casualty as damage resulting from "an identifiable event of a sudden, unexpected or unusual nature." This includes such things as hurricanes, cyclones, tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, forest fires and similar natural disasters.

Losses from fires which do not arise from a natural cause and which may affect only the property of one taxpayer also are deductible casualties.

Not classed as deductible losses are those from some steadily operating cause, such as land erosion or the weakening of a structure from normal action of weather or water. Nor may a deduction be made for loss in value of property because it is in a flood or storm area.

Deductible losses, in general, must result from some "sudden destructive force."

When is the loss deductible?

Casualty losses are deductible only in the taxable year when they occurred. Since most people pay their taxes on a calendar year basis, they can deduct from 1955 income only for losses suffered in 1955.

What is the deductible loss?

There are two kinds of casualty losses that may be deducted. One is a non-business loss suffered by a taxpayer whose home, pleasure boat, automobile, or other property is damaged or destroyed.

The other is loss to business property, including buildings, equipment and inventories.

As business tax bookkeeping may involve such complex items as capital gains, the rules for deducting business losses become pretty complicated. It is best for any businessman who does not have his own tax adviser to seek help from the Revenue Service. The farmer, like other businessmen, probably needs such expert advice in making a casualty loss deduction.

Dynamite Turns Into Hot Stuff

PENDLETON (AP) — A few days ago a case of dynamite was found near the Pendleton airport. Patrolman Gib Branstetter and Bill Crook put it in the City Hall to keep it out of the hands of people who might get hurt.

A few days later they decided to move it and noticed it had become soft, flaky, almost melted. They told City Manager Walter E. Cook who called a Yakima explosives firm and asked what to do about it.

The explosives firm said this might be a dangerous situation, the nitroglycerin leaking out. Cook was told to neutralize it with a complex formula and a man would be down in a few days to look at it.

Cook, instead, called the Forest Service and a representative from there said it was "really hot" and something ought to be done. So Cook called the Army.

Men from the Army's ammunition depot at Umatilla arrived, sprinkled the box with sawdust and took it off to the depot for destruction.

Boys Must Give Up Money Found

SALEM (AP) — Three small Portland boys found \$2,150 in a pool of water, but they have to give it back to the estate that owns the property where it was found.

The state Supreme Court, reversing the Multnomah County Circuit Court, ordered the boys Wednesday to give the money back.

The boys, ranging in age from 7 to 11 years, found the money, sealed in a fruit jar, at the bottom of a pool of water on the property of James Stevens, who had died.

The boys are Lynn Edwin Hill, Myron Ward Whitcomb and Melvin Leroy Wheeler.

They sued E. Floyd South, administrator of the estate. Circuit Judge Ralph S. Hamilton said the boys could keep the money.

But the Supreme Court ruled that the money goes to the estate, because Stevens either hid the money or mislaid it.

Before the boys made their discovery, South found three other packages of money inside Stevens' house. They were wrapped in the same manner as the money found by the boys.

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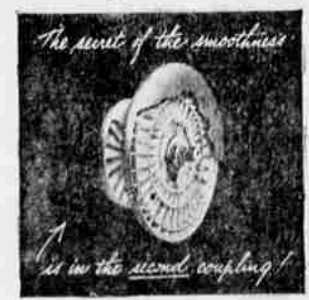
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