

### SCIENCE FINDS CLUE TO ART OF ANCIENT TIMES

London, (AP)—Discoveries in Persia of historical and artistic importance are reported by the just completed expedition of the American Institute for Persian Art and Archaeology.

The expedition was under the direction of M. C. Cr. Watelin, and operations were conducted for the American Institute by the staff of the Oxford-Field expedition. The necessary finances were provided by Mrs. Christian Holmes of New York.

In exploring an area adjoining three palaces, which were discovered two years ago, the expedition unearthed the greater part of a large building that was apparently part of the palace group. The large platform was uncovered which the excavators think might have been an ancient sun-bathing place, or for resting after bathing, as a huge bathing pool was discovered during the first season's digging.

Six cases of objects discovered in this Sassanian building have arrived at Oxford, and include several types of blue glaze pottery, some unglazed terra-cotta jars with powerful incised designs, quite a number of terra-cotta figures in animal form, including a rhyton and a fish aquamanile both suggestive of Achaemenid prototypes.

Further explorations have been announced for the coming year, and will include, in addition to the operation at Kish, an archaeological survey of Azerbaijan, in Northwest Persia, the first to be undertaken in this region.

### VAPOR PICTURE AIDS ANALYSIS

Chicago (AP)—Apparatus so sensitive that an unknown substance can be analyzed, both as to quantity and the type, by photographing the vaporized substance, was described by scientists at a meeting of the American Society of Testing Materials.

So sensitive is the apparatus, experts say, that metals in foreign materials can be detected and classified when they are in as low a concentration as one-millionth of one per cent.

Charles C. Nitchie, scientist of the Bausch and Lomb laboratories, describes the method as spectral analysis. It employs a device called a spectrograph which is essentially a camera, so arranged and focused as to take simultaneously a group of pictures of a ray of light. The ray passes through lenses and a prism. The prism scatters the individual wave lengths of the various substances, and a separate image is produced of each wave-length.

The wave-lengths appear on the photographic plate as lines, each one of which is characteristic of the elements contained in the object being analyzed.

Odd Ruse Used In Expert Hitch-Hiking  
Jefferson City (AP)—Young Billy Martin of Alabama, has the newest vogue in hitchhiking.

Martin carries with him two red five-gallon gasoline cans as he trudges along the highways. Motorists, seeing the containers, believe he is an automobile driver out of fuel and stop to pick him up.

Lightning struck the tower of the cathedral at Berne, Switzerland, recently, and started a fire which was soon extinguished.

### CIRCUS MAN TO SEEK DIVORCE



John Ringling, veteran circus man, was said by his attorney to be ready to sue his wife, the former Mrs. Emily Haag Buck, for divorce charging mental cruelty. (Associated Press Photo)

### LOAN FUND TO AID STUDENTS

Evanston, Ill. (AP)—Within a short time 100,000 students without funds may be able to return to college.

This announcement was made following a proposal by the American Alumni Council urging the establishment of a credit union, which would provide \$15,000,000 to be loaned to students lacking the necessary cash for tuition this fall.

A survey, by a special committee of the council, among 700 colleges in the country, revealed a desperate need for a loan fund.

Through a credit union, backed by students with means and alumni and faculty, members of the council feel that the emergency could be met. Present loan funds, the council learned through the survey, are not adequate to meet the problem; since \$40,000,000 will be tapped from educational budgets for the 1933-34 term, throwing approximately 6,000 professors out of work, and preventing between 60,000 and 100,000 students from returning to school in the fall term.

REAL ESTATE MEN PLAN INSTITUTE  
Chicago (AP)—Details have been completed for the organization of an institute of real estate management, according to the heads of Estate Boards.

The new institute, after more than a year of discussion, has been formed to establish a more accurate knowledge of the factors which effect the "income form" certain properties, and to foster efficiency in management methods. Data will be collected on the operation of various types of real estate on a basis that cost and returns may be compared in various cities or in the same city.

The new body will also be a clearing house of management experience. A code of ethics and standards of practice for real estate managers will be set. Periodical audits and inspections to insure that managers or management agencies are conforming to the rules

### CANNED SNAKE MEET BOWS TO ELITE DINERS

Philadelphia, (AP)—Canned rattlesnake meat made its formal bow to Philadelphia's palate when 25 "fasters" partook of it at the invitation of Dr. Charles H. LaWall, dean of the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science.

"They all liked it," Dean LaWall said, when pressed for details. "And why shouldn't they? It tastes just like chicken—in King I ate a whole can of it myself."

The whole affair started at a lecture on foods delivered by Dr. LaWall at the institution. To bulwark his claims that "most any food in the world is savory if you develop an appetite for it," he introduced a can of diamondback rattlesnake, the product of an Arcadia, Fla., firm, and invited his hearers to sample it.

"Do you mean to say they actually—er—ate snakes?" he was asked. "Huh, I'll say they did," grinned LaWall. "It was prepared with de luxe sauce and was as delicious as eels, except that the fibres were longer than those of eels. By the way, did you ever eat eels?"

The reported shuddered, and LaWall continued:

"Seventy-five years ago no one ate tomatoes, a half century ago grapefruit were unknown, and 25 years ago such things as honey-dew melons, now sold everywhere, were never seen in the produce markets. Now everybody eats all three. Why not snakes? Nearly everything on the face of the earth is eaten by some people in some form."

### Famous Men's Checks Collected As Hobby

Boston (AP)—The novel hobby of James D. Henderson, Boston realtor, is collecting cancelled checks.

His collection, the fruit of years of tireless effort, includes the checks of Charles Dickens, Robert Louis Stevenson, Sir Walter Scott, John Emerson, Abraham Lincoln, Jefferson Davis, and a host of other notable.

Caddy enough, Henderson has found that the rarest modern check is that of the late President Warren G. Harding. There's a Harding check in his collection but it cost him \$50.

### HITCHHIKER HAS CHEAP VACATION

Lorain, O. (AP)—Eddie Klekota, 24, feels he should be entitled to some sort of recognition for his hitch-hiking feat.

Eddie left Lorain May 28, with \$8 in his pocket. He returned just in time to celebrate Fourth of July at home, with a thin dime remaining in his pocket.

During that period, Eddie had traveled through 29 states, and had thumbed rides totalling 5,000 miles. His trip was interrupted almost two weeks in New Orleans, when he was stricken with appendicitis and had to undergo an operation.

Eddie says his most recent trip is not his most remarkable. A year ago, Klekota and a companion hitch-hiked through 27 states in 22 days.

American machines were the most popular at the recent demonstration of tractors in the Plain of Thessaly, which was the first of its kind ever given in Greece.

### CRIPPLED TEXAN HUNTS ON HORSE

Port Arthur, Tex. (AP)—Unable to walk since he was 12, Font Simmons, who has killed 3,000 or 4,000 deer during his 74 years, still makes his living hunting in the "Big Thicket" country of southeast Texas. He uses a horse for his legs.

No one knows the Big Thicket as well as Simmons. Most of his life has been spent in the woods. From his home at Votaw he puts out as guide to hunting parties, or goes out for his own enjoyment.

He hunted for the markets until 25 years ago. When he quit that profession, then unrestricted by bag limits, he had killed 2,500 deer. He since has raised the kill to 3,000 or 4,000, he believes.

Fever left Simmons' legs paralyzed when a boy. A goat and wagon conveyed him the mile to school for a while, but he soon learned he could sit in a saddle.

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