



German Church Bells—Workmen in the Schilling plant at Heidelberg finish bells turned out to replace those taken from churches for guns and ammunition during the war.

ANCIENT HEBREW SCROLL DISPUTED
Goat's Search for Greener Pastures Led to Discovery

Washington, Nov. 1 (AP)—Some of our leading scholars have expressed doubt whether the Hebrew scrolls, found in a cave south of Jericho, are the real thing.

The sacred writings, believed to be over 2,000 years old, now are on display at the Library of Congress. They are insured for half a million dollars.

Dr. Lawrence Marwick, chief of the Hebrew section of the library, is one of the believers. He says the greatest doubt as to the authenticity of the scrolls comes from Prof. Solomon Zeitlin of Dropsie College in Philadelphia.

The professor came here and had a look at the scrolls and said he thought they were of much later origin than supposed. He cited, among other things, the condition of the parchment.

Alittle history:
The exciting story began when a particularly hungry goat jumped the fence in 1947—looking for a fresher pasture. This was in the foothills of the northwest shores of the Dead Sea, south of Ain Feshkha—the area presently claimed by the Hashimite ruler of Transjordan.

This goat was followed by his Bedouin shepherd, who wanted to get it back in the fold. The billy led his master into a small circular opening in a rock face and thence into a cave.

The goatherder's eyes popped at what he saw. There, on the earthen floor of the cave, were a number of large earthen jars covered with an ancient script.

In all, four complete manuscripts were found. Three of these are among the display here. The fourth requires expert handling before it can be unrolled. Most valuable of the group is the virtually complete scroll of Isaiah—the complete text.

Dr. Marwick says the cave in which the writing were found recently was excavated by two of the leading authorities of archaeology in Palestine.

Pottery found there is said to be characteristic of the Maccabean age, before the time of Herod the great in the years before Christ. That clinches the authenticity so far as the library of Congress expert is concerned.

It is interesting to note that in addition to the complete manuscripts discovered, fragments of some 200 others also were found.

While the debate goes on, the scholars admit there is a touch of mystery about the whole thing. How did the scrolls happen to survive? Since all were made of the same tough parchment, how come there are some whole manuscripts and only torn bits of others?

The cave which the ancient curator selected for the deposit turned out to be an excellent hiding place, anyhow. Its entrance can't be seen from the plain below.

Dr. Marwick says that it has been established definitely that the cave was entered around 200 A. D. Within, besides the scrolls, the scholars found a later Roman lamp, which dated itself by what the students knew of other lamps from the same period.

Oregon Military District Name of New Area in State

By MARGARET MAGEE

November 1 marked the formation of a new military area, the Oregon military district. It is one of four districts to come under the northern Subarea, which until November 1 was known as the northern military district.

The new Oregon district, later to be commanded by a general officer, now has Col. Karl C. Frank as the acting chief. Frank is the senior army instructor for Oregon and has his office in the U.S. courthouse in Portland.

It will be the duty of the chief of the Oregon Military District to assume the administration and supply duties previously performed by the organized reserve corps senior army instructor for the Army Reserve Corps, only.

In addition to this he exercises command over all ORC units in the state; command of professors of military science and tactics at each educational institution having ROTC units and represents the Sixth Army commander on reserve public relations matters.

While relieved of some of the duties he had as commander of the Northern military district, Brig. Gen. Robert A. McClure as commander of the northern Subarea still commands the four states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.

His main functions will be to assist the Sixth Army commander on matters concerning the civilian components within the area; conduct inspector general annual army inspections as directed by Sixth Army (this formerly was done by teams out



Checks in—Isaac Patch, Jr., U. S. embassy attaché at Prague, shown as he registered at the Grand Hotel in Nuernberg, Ger. He had left Prague at the request of the Czechoslovakian government, after it had labeled him and an embassy clerk as spies. Patch also served as vice-counsel at Prague. (AP Wire-photo)

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