

BYRD MAY TRACE CROSS ROAD OF ANCIENT WORLD

Prehistoric Land Connections Between Antarctica And Present Continents One Of Great Problems.

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WASHINGTON.—(UP)—Rear-Admiral Richard E. Byrd, in his forthcoming expedition at the bottom of the old world, will have an opportunity for "detective work" on one of the greatest scientific problems pertaining to the ancient world—the prehistoric land connections between Antarctica and the present continents of America, South Africa and Australia.

Dr. Waldo Schmitt of the National Museum, authority on the zoology of southern latitudes, in an interview with the United Press, suggested that any observations of collections by the Byrd expedition tending to prove that Antarctica was the "crossroads of the ancient world" would be an exceedingly valuable contribution to science.

Clues Discovered.

Dr. Schmitt's field studies of marine life have taken him to Robinson Crusoe's Juan Fernandez island in the South Pacific, to the Falkland islands in the Atlantic and to Deception island in the Antarctic, where he has found clues indicating the prehistoric land connections. Proof of the ancient land bridges, however, awaits additional fossil discoveries of plant or animal life in the icy wastes of the Antarctic continent.

"There is reason to believe that in the tertiary period, possibly 25,000,000 years ago, there was land connections between the present day Antarctica and the land masses far northward," Dr. Schmitt told the United Press.

There are vestiges of prehistoric plant life on Juan Fernandez island, 600 miles off the Chilean coast, which is a veritable treasure house for scientists.

Evidence Seen.

"On this island are found tree ferns, reaching a height of about 15 feet, of which the nearest relatives of which are in New Zealand. There are no similar tree ferns at present on the South American mainland. They may have been preserved only on the island because of its equable and uniform climate.

There also exists on Juan Fernandez island a small spider which until quite recently was known only in South Africa. A third possible clue to an ancient land connection by way of the Antarctic is a certain kind of crab found also in New Zealand."

Dr. Schmitt pointed out that Swedish and British explorers in Antarctic lands have found various fossil remains, but additional evidence of this kind is needed. Abundant fossil deposits undoubtedly exist beneath the deep Antarctic ice, but their discovery would require an immense amount of blasting.

Wanted Aids Geologists.

Scientists, therefore, are hopeful that in its exploration of hitherto unknown regions, the Byrd expedition may find areas where fossils are easily accessible, and in varieties comparable to the present or former life in South America, New Zealand and South Africa. Such discoveries would aid geologists in tracing the lines of the partially vanished continent of the tertiary period.

Although confident that Antarctic climatic conditions in prehistoric times favored a profusion of plant and animal life, Dr. Schmitt is skeptical that present day explorers in crossing Antarctica will find "oases" amid the barren icy wastes, suited to plant and animal life. In regions of volcanic activity, there may be some local changes in temperature, as exist for example on Deception island, where the harbor is a volcano crater, and the water along the shore is hot at times. Even there, however, the beach is "dead."

All life in Antarctica depends ultimately upon the rich "meadows of the sea," where the microscopic plants known as diatoms furnish food for shrimp, which in turn nourish the penguins and the seals. These "meadows" represent one of the richest feeding grounds known in the world, and account for the tremendous whale fisheries in the Antarctic.

Holly Theater Will Reopen Saturday



Nedermeyer, Inc., have announced the re-opening of the Holly theater, at Sixth and Holly streets, on Saturday, September 30th. The newly organized Medford Amusement Company, Inc., will operate the theater, and E. E. Marsh, an experienced theater manager with a

long and successful record in theatrical activities, will have charge of the house. Mariene Dietrich's much discussed hit, "Song of Songs," has been selected by Manager Marsh as the opening attraction. Workmen are remodeling and redecorating the Holly in preparation for the gala occasion of its re-opening next Saturday.

CAPT. OVERMYER NEW COMMANDER MEDFORD LEGION

Captain O. L. Overmyer was elected commander of Medford post of the American Legion at the annual election meeting of the veterans, held last evening in their quarters at the Armory. Earl I. Foy was elected first vice-commander, and Col. W. H. Paine second vice-commander; A. J. Anderson, chaplain, and Roy E. Wright, adjutant.

Members of the executive committee for the following year were elected as follows: C. L. MacDonald, Dr. Fred Bunch, Paul Rynning, S. S. Humphreys and L. A. Williamson.

Installation of officers will be held jointly with the Legion Auxiliary, October 9.

Members of the Past Commanders club are preparing to welcome Commander L. C. Garlock into their ranks upon his retirement, with a fitting recognition for the successful, constructive and harmonious year through which he has guided the destinies of the local post.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob E. Lyman of Central Point are the parents of a daughter, weighing 10 pounds, born September 25. Both mother and child are reported getting along nicely.

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SUCCESS OF CCC PLAN TYPIFIED IN CAMP AT KERBY

By D. N. HOLYMAN

The general public is rapidly accepting the fact that the civilian conservation corps is, and has been from the beginning, a huge success. Many factors working as units have been able to make it so, and this certainly has been true of 1746 company at Camp Kerby.

Much has already been said about the various kinds of work being done by the CCC for the forests and its conservation, but there is another interesting angle to the CCC camps, and that is the camp life they enjoy.

1746 company at Camp Kerby has been very fortunate in having plenty of entertainment furnished in one way or another by the various members of the camp and they are at the present writing laying plans for a bigger and better entertainment program for the winter months.

When the camp enrollment was complete and the programs started there was found a surprising number of men who could sing, play various kinds of instruments and in general keep the men entertained from one to two hours every evening; and to add to that Camp Kerby was blessed with a wealth of material for their baseball team that turned in such an enviable record for this year. A game was scheduled for every Sunday and sometimes as many as two games were scheduled for the week-end. This gave the members of the camp a real outlet for their emotions and consequently the games took on the aspect of a real college contest.

Then for reading, material Camp Kerby is allowed, through a special fund, to subscribe for a number of newspapers. These include the Oregon papers, California, Missouri and New York Times. In addition to this a permanent library is the possession of the camp and then every month two libraries of 50 books each are received the first of every month.

The company has a recreation tent where the men may read in the evening, mixing a little music with their reading if they prefer as the tent contains a new radio.

With the building of new barracks assured and the coming of the winter basketball season in which 1746 company expects to have a real team Camp Kerby will have many real first class programs for the camp.

Leans to Fascism



Engelbert Dollfuss, diminutive chancellor of Austria, took a step on the road to fascism by forming a "cabinet of personalities," giving himself five cabinet positions in a dictatorial government. (Associated Press Photo)

FUHRERS MOVING INTO NEW BAKERY COMING WEEK-END

A large force of workmen are busily employed on the new Fluhrer Bakery building on Sixth and Holly in an effort to complete the building to the point where moving operations may begin this week-end. It is expected that it will take approximately two weeks to complete the entire moving process.

Details are daily being added which the owners say, will bear out the promise of "the finest bakery of its size anywhere on the Pacific coast." No expense is being spared to make the plant modern and handsome in every detail. The white enamel interior which has just been completed by Frank Lash and a crew of six painters rivals that of the most modern kitchen in both finish and beauty. Features too numerous to mention are revealed in a tour of inspection of the construction work.

The moving of a manufacturing plant of this kind with a regular daily output is somewhat of a task without interruption of the regular operating schedule.

W. H. (Heine) Fluhrer, when asked regarding this matter said, "We have carefully gone over the details and we believe we can change without interrupting our regular baking schedule by moving a few departments at a time. As this is our busy season of the year we will be limited to moving on slack days during the middle of the week and over the week-ends. If some unforeseen matter comes up we will have to ask the indulgence of our customers for but one day at the most."

When the plant is fully moved and in operation a grand opening will be held and the public will be invited to make an inspection trip through the bakery and participate in a gala opening celebration, details which will be announced through these columns at a later date.

A complete automatic control of the manufacturing processes in both time and temperature will be one of the novel features of the new plant and found only in two other baker-

ies in Oregon, they being the two largest plants in Portland.

All baking operations will be carried on with electricity and a six-inch conduit was found necessary to carry the service into the building, one of the largest electrical installations in the state.

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SHASTA-CASCADE MEETING OCT. 5TH

Announcement has just been made by the board of directors that the third annual convention of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland Association will be held at Redding, California, Thursday, October 5. Plans for the convention were approved at a meeting held last week at Crater Lake National Park.

"The convention this year," says E. B. Hall, president of the organization, who lives in Klamath Falls, "will be the best planned and no doubt the largest attended in the history of the organization. The keynote of the convention will be 'Planning—Promoting—and Protecting' and will be applied to all parts of the program.

W. A. Gates of Medford, is a director of Jackson county, and he urges all the local civic organizations to prepare to have a delegation attend this meeting for the purpose of getting into this program of local development projects which need the backing of the entire wood-forest area.

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GLEEMEN ISSUE S. O. S. FOR FIRST TENORS TO AID HARMONY OUTPUT

"They kill all the tenors as soon as they're born"—so says the bawdy song and James Stevens, director of the Medford Gleemen, on the verge of believing it, he declared yesterday, issuing a call for more first tenors.

The Gleemen will meet in regular season tonight at the court house auditorium for a rehearsal and discussion of plans for the first formal concert of the season. The hour is 7:30 o'clock, and all persons (especially first tenors) interested in joining the singing organization, are urged to come to the meeting.

The piano has been tuned for the new year. George Henselman announced yesterday, as another inducement for good attendance.

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