

CCC IN APPLIGATE NEAR COMPLETION OF TELEPHONE JOB

Last Touches on System Connecting 21 Guard and Lookout Stations Due This Week—Much Work Done

CAMP APPLIGATE, Feb. 28.—(SP)—When the last wire is tied in place this week on the Star Ranger station to Jacksonville telephone line now being constructed by the Missouri CCC members of this camp, the line connecting 21 guard and lookout stations in the Applegate district of the Rogue River national forest will be complete. Nerve center of the system of communication will be the Star ranger station situated at the center of this district which comprises 372 square miles, about one-fifth of the Rogue forest.

This camp, one of the oldest in Medford district, was occupied in May, 1933, and since December, 1933, the work project here has been under direction of Project Superintendent L. H. McGuire. In the nearly three years that the project has been used, the CCC men have built 41 miles of telephone line; 50 miles of truck trails; two bridges, one with an 80-foot span and one with a 40-foot span; two camp grounds for summer vacationists; two lookout stations, Mt. Isabel and Cinnabar; and Hutton; a group of buildings at Star ranger station; and have done maintenance work on many miles of old telephone lines and truck trails besides the usual work of fire fighting each summer.

Protect Timber
Farmers whose lands lie along the Big Applegate, as well as business men of Medford, Ashland and Jacksonville, will have reason to remember Camp Applegate. Out of the river, water is taken in 30 camps has been ditches for summer crops. The fire suppression system built and being built by the Applegate camp aims at the protection of the sugar and yellow pine and incense cedar which besides making this one of the scenic regions of southern Oregon, assures the Applegate watershed a sufficient supply of water for irrigation purposes.

But for the trees on the slopes of the watershed, the Big Applegate river, would be in spring a furious stream rushing toward the Rogue with destructive force and in summer a tiny stream without sufficient water to fill the irrigation ditches.

More Trails To Build
Some 145 miles of truck trails have yet to be built before the projected system of truck trails is complete. Completion of the project will reduce to a minimum the time which elapses between the discovery of a fire and the arrival at the scene by a fire crew. Most fires can be suppressed easily, if crews arrive promptly.

An important by-product of fire suppression work in this district has been the impetus given to mining. Prospectors have followed the CCC into the hills, using roads made by CCC members for development of mining projects hitherto impossible because inaccessible. Many new miners' cabins have been built along the gold bearing streams of this area in the last three years.

Deposits of copper, gold, cinnabar, antimony, manganese, chrome and pure limestone are to be found in paying quantities in this area. Manganese and chrome, so-called war metals, may be mined in the near future on the middle fork of the Applegate.

Improve Camp Sites
At scenic points in the upper country, camp sites are being laid out for summer vacationists. Two of these sites, one at Hutton and another two miles south of Steamboat ranch, have already been completed. Four more will be ready by spring.

The camp sites have heavy log tables and benches, piped water, masonry fireplaces for cooking and other accommodations all of which are landscaped so as to fit into the



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senery near camp. Even wood is supplied to hunters and fishermen who use the camp. Only restrictions on campers are seasonal requirements as to game and fish and the possession of a fire permit which can easily be secured at the ranger station, or from fire wardens.

Although Applegate district includes major part of northern California, major part of the district lies in Jackson county. Sportsmen entering by car, must come via Medford or Grants Pass to enter the great recreational area.

High School News
by STUDENT REPORTERS

By Phil Lowry
Officers of the Associated Students, working in collaboration with the music department, yesterday announced they would sponsor a school song writing contest, in order to add impetus to the reviving spirit of enthusiasm being displayed by student reporters.

The plan, as outlined to the students by the president of the student body, will offer every student in the school the opportunity to participate in the contest. It was also explained that all persons taking part may write either an original song and words or select a composition suitable to a school song and write appropriate words for the composition.

Although the contest is under the general supervision of the student body and music department, the actual carrying out of the plan is to be turned over to the various classes. Each class will be headed by a committee, which will direct the program and receive all entries. In turn, each committee, with the aid of the music supervisor, will select what it considers to be the best song written in its class, thus narrowing the final contest to three student written songs. After this selection has been made, each class will practice its song separately, preparatory to the class's presentation of the song at a general assembly, to be held for the purpose of determining the song best suited to Medford high school. Final selections will be made by a committee from the Medford Gleemen.

Appropriateness, originality and presentation are the criteria to be used in judging all entries. As an added incentive, a prize of \$3 will be awarded the winner of the contest which will close in two weeks.

Committees as named by class presidents are: Sophomores, Barbara Derik, Burton Daugherty, Josephine Bullis, Thomas Dallaire and Ruth Clark; Juniors, Betty Lee, Nancy Clark, Dan Herried, Bill Brooks and Dale Roberts; Seniors, Betty Paake, Mildred Buckles, Ed Vallier, Harvey Fields and Hugh Collins.

WRECKED STANDARD OIL PLANE FOUND IN LAKE
SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 28.—(AP)—The wrecked Standard Oil company plane that disappeared enroute here from Oakland, Cal., last October 5, has been discovered on the bottom of Great Salt Lake, it was announced today by H. B. Bolton, a marine engineer for the company.

SECRETS OF PAST NOTED FROM AIR BY SURVEY GROUP

American Archeologists, Scouting by Plane, Find Much of Historic Value in Persian Discoveries

PHILADELPHIA (UP)—"Archeology in the air" This seemingly strange caption might well be placed above the picture of modern scientists who probe into the secrets of the dead and buried past.

For the airplane is playing a leading part in archeological explorations of today—especially those in progress "East of Suez."

At present, Edwin B. Barringer, the Philadelphia aviator, is winging his ship over the rugged mountains and fertile valleys of ancient Persia. Barringer was called into service by a joint expedition of the University of Pennsylvania museum, the Oriental Museum of Chicago, the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and the American Institute of Iranian Art and Archeology.

Each of these institutions has carried out considerable work in Iran and other eastern countries, but the current adventure is believed to be the most extensive ever to have been undertaken.

Value of Plane Stressed
The value of air-travel to archeologists is emphasized by Dr. Erich F. Schmidt, field director of the joint expedition in Iran. With his wife he has returned to Philadelphia for a brief vacation before resuming his duties with the expedition.

Although a young man and a scientist of the modern school, Dr. Schmidt has achieved a wide reputation in his field. For the past five years he has developed significant projects in re-creating the history of ancient times.

In his opinion, the airplane is indispensable to so vast a conceived program as the one under way in Iran. He pointed out that it was only by air-travel that necessary contact with the numerous men in the field could be made.

"The plane," he said, "is the key to the success of such a co-operative enterprise as that being conducted in Iran."

"In many cases," he continued, "before we started our excavations, we flew over the country we were exploring to get a good view of the terrain and make aerial photographs. If we saw a mound which might conceivably be an ancient site, we would swoop down and continue our investigations."

The plane used by the expedition is named "The Friend of Iran." It was presented to the joint expedition by Mrs. Schmidt, who first accompanied her husband on his explorations in 1934. She is a student of the science.

Among the discoveries unearthed by the group were eight stone tablets, each inscribed with cuneiform characters which related the histories of the Iranian kings.

Traced to Darius
Some of the tablets discovered at Persepolis, the ancient capital of the once-powerful Persian Empire, were more than two feet long. They were embedded deep beneath the corridors of the king's castle. Among the most important is one inscribed under the direction of Darius the Great, the founder of Persepolis.

The ancient capital played a significant role in the rumble of world-history. It lay only 35 miles northeast of what is now the modern city of Shiraz. Part of the great city was pillaged by Alexander the Great about 330 B. C. The northern portion of the city was unharmed, however, and it was in this sector that the successful work was executed. The ruins of this city have yielded the most pertinent links in the chain of history which contemporary archeologists are fashioning of the ancient kingdom.

Dr. Schmidt, displaying a restive energy and desire to return soon to his work, said that the "finds" in themselves are not important.

Used to Trace Culture
"In fact," he said, "we do not like to refer to them as finds. An object discovered is, after all, only a means toward a purpose. Archeology is confined not merely to digging up objects, but rather in using such specimens for determining the development and culture of a race."

He declared that the spirit of friendliness and cooperation reflected in the acts of the Iranian government was most earnest and helpful.

Among other highly pertinent discoveries searched out from under the very earth are gold coins of Iran, Byzantium and Egypt, and a Chinese bowl which dates to 1100 A. D. This last is significant because it supports the belief that trade was carried on at the time between the Byzantine Empire and China.

The principal work being done now by the University of Pennsylvania and Boston Museum units is at the Islamic city of Havy, which was sacked and ruined by Genghis Khan, the Mongol conqueror, in the 13th century.

EUGENE C-C PROTESTS CCC ALLOTMENT PLAN

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 28.—(P)—The proposed allotment of CCC camps according to population drew a strong protest from the Eugene chamber of commerce in a communication to President Roosevelt and other officials.

Conservation work is needed most in thinly populated states, the chamber's petition declared.

'BEAT ROOSEVELT' IS KEYNOTE OF GANNETT
MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Feb. 28.—(P)—Frank E. Gannett said today "beat Roosevelt" must be the keynote of the republican campaign this year, and "Borah is the only hope of beating Roosevelt."

The Rochester, N. Y., publisher, who has accepted second place on the Ohio primary ticket with Senator William E. Borah, said defeat of Mr. Roosevelt was necessary to "safeguard" the constitution.

Dry Worker Dies
SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 28.—(AP)—Mrs. Cora Rowan Cotterill, 71, wife of George Cotterill, former state senator, Seattle mayor and port commissioner, died last night of an eight years' heart ailment. Mrs. Cotterill was a nationally known temperance speaker.

RELIEF OVERHEAD CUT 63 PER CENT DECLARES GOUDY

State Administrator Refutes Budget Director's Claim of Small Reduction—433 Now Have Places

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.—(AP)—State relief administration costs have been reduced 63 per cent since January of 1935, administrator Elmer Goudy said today in refuting the state budget director's statement that costs were reduced only 40 per cent.

Goudy told the state relief committee at its meeting here today that county relief administration expenses have been cut 44.6 per cent, making a general average county and state reduction of 50 per cent.

In the state employ in January 1935 were 163 relief workers whose salaries totaled \$19,169.11 as compared with 35 persons at a cost of \$7,592, a reduction of \$12,076.90 in January, 1936.

In county offices were 863 workers at a cost of \$73,185.26 in January, 1935, as compared with 433 persons at \$39,073.04 in 1936, a reduction of \$34,112.24.

The committee has taken on enlarged duties this year, including certification of eligibility for those seeking WPA employment, placement of rural resettlement applicants and additional services for social security and other programs, Goudy said.

In response to an inquiry as to what would be the policy of the committee in the case of veterans when they receive their bonus, a resolution was adopted that relief would be given veterans only on basis of need the same as all other applicants.

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