

AUTOMOTIVE NEWS

RUINS DISCLOSE INDIAN CRADLE IN SOUTHWEST

Arizona Mesa Is Considered Oldest Inhabited Region In U. S.—Studies Are Continued By Scientists.

HOPÍ INDIAN RESERVATION, Ariz. (UP)—The origin of the famous Hopí Indian ceremonials may be discovered this summer by a group of Harvard university scientists who have spent most of two years here seeking evidence to fill many unwritten chapters in the southwest's 1600-year history.

John O. Brew of the Peabody museum has announced a long-term program of excavation of "hundreds of Hopí ruins scattered along the windwept mesa of the Jeddito valley."

Additionally, he reported the findings of the scientists' two years of intensive research. He summarized them thusly:

1. This region is part of the oldest continuously inhabited area in the U. S. and holds an archeological record of the rise and fall of a great people.

2. Test diggings have revealed the progressive record of the people about 300 A. D.

Gay Paintings Preserved

3. Fifty gaily-colored, well-preserved wall paintings were found buried in yivas and showed the development of Indian art from pure geometric design to the first elementary attempts at realism. He said they will be significant for tracing the origins of the spectacular Hopí religious festivals and the intricate Hopí social system.

A clear picture has been drawn of the true effects of the first impact of invading white civilization on a highly developed aboriginal people.

Brew said the long program now planned will uncover "as far as possible every aspect of Indian life in this valley from its earliest occupation."

Hundreds of dwelling sites will be examined. Ruins, large and small, will be excavated and tested to reach sources of important supplies of pottery, clay, stone and miners. Ancient methods of fuel handling and firing pottery also will be sought.

Test Made at 61 Sites

The discovery of the Hopí murals, Brew reported, was the most important achievement of last year's expedition. Awatovi was selected for first elaborate testing from 61 archeological sites.

He described the murals of Awatovi as "running for a quarter mile along the south rim of Antelope mesa, and extending back over the mesa top about 300 yards."

Awatovi was the scene of one of the most notorious massacres of the southwest, still discussed in hushed voices by descendants of its participants.

The tiny village was one of the first Hopí centers encountered by Coronado's men in their march of 1540. The Hopí and the white men were close friends until 1180 when the Indians joined their pueblo neighbors and ejected the Spaniards.

The massacre was detonated, most authorities agree, when the people of Awatovi welcomed the Spaniards back several years later in defiance of their red brothers.

800 Victims of Massacre

In 1700 the neighboring villagers attacked the Awatovi people and slaughtered the 800 adults and razed the town. Thus, after 1,600 years, one of primitive Arizona's most important communities was only a ruined city.

Brew's report disclosed the scientists have gathered and listed more than 150,000 potsherds (fragments) which give detailed pictures of the evolution of the Indian arts in the five centuries of their highest maturity.

Occupation of Jeddito valley, first inhabited by the "basket makers," was recorded as continuous to modern times. The "basket makers" were described as pioneer Indian farmers who lived before development of the pueblo civilization.

EX-SCHOOL HEAD WILL FACE TRIAL

TILLAMOOK, July 10.—(AP)—J. S. Goin, former county school superintendent and principal of the grade schools, was returned from Los Angeles by Sheriff J. C. Holden to face a larceny by bailer charge.

In Los Angeles he was engaged as a real estate salesman. He fought extradition proceedings and after a hearing before Governor Merriam of California, in which District Attorney Warren A. McMinnee represented Tillamook county, was ordered returned.

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The pack train pauses where the Rogue has widened out momentarily after its dash through Hellgate canyon

This newspaper is co-operating with the Oregon State Motor association and The Oregonian in presenting a series of motorloggers' reports under the title "Motorloggers' Cruising for Fun." It is hoped thereby to stimulate travel in the Pacific Northwest. The following article has been condensed from a full-page article appearing in The Oregonian July 11.

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Nope, there ain't no free gold in those hills no more. That is the silent message of dozens of empty prospector's shacks along the Rogue river trail, discovered by The Oregonian-Oregon State Motor association motorloggers.

But the country is rich in queer people, strange lives, and sudden death. It abounds in the biggest and best and the worst. When taller tales are told, no doubt, a Rogue riverite will tell them, but it is sometimes hard to say which is truth and which fiction.

We left the Siskiyou forest headquarters in Grants Pass on Monday morning. Les Colvill, new assistant supervisor at this office, was to accompany me throughout the trip. Pat Vickers drove the forest service car for us to where we began the actual trail trip.

Twenty-two miles of easy driving brought us to Galice. Two and a half miles beyond is Rand ranger station, and a forest service road has been built along the Rogue river for another seven miles.

One of the most famous spots along the road to Galice is Hellgate canyon on the Rogue river. Here the Rogue flows for perhaps a quarter of a mile through a narrow channel with more or less sheer rock walls several hundred feet high.

Road Follows Canyon

Our winding course led along the side of the river canyon. The road builders used generous quantities of dynamite, for many sections of the road are gouged right out of the cliffs. If you enjoy driving over crooked roads with startling views down into the depths of the canyon, here is a place that will either warm your heart or make it miss several beats.

At Rand ranger station we stopped to pick up Loren Cooper, district ranger of the Galice area, who was

to go with us to Mule creek. He had arranged for horses and pack mules to be ready at the end of the road.

We crossed the Rogue over the Grave creek bridge, a nationally famous structure. It is a suspension type built entirely of timber by CCC company 1650, directed by capable engineers.

Not far beyond were our horses and pack mules. Claude Keyte, packer for Galice district, was in charge of the string. He took our sleeping bags and other equipment and deftly began loading them on the three pack mules.

It began to rain. There had been some light showers as we drove in, but this was very definitely rain. We cheerfully told one another it would clear away tomorrow.

The trail was good. It led in and out of canyons and over ridges in a series of easy grades.

At intervals we were treated to new and changing views of the

Rogue river. Sometimes it would be flowing in swirls and cascades through a rocky, narrow gorge, and then again it would widen to a broad and peaceful stream between densely forested mountain sides.

There were flowers everywhere, too—wild lilacs, azaleas, mock orange, ocean spray and a hundred others.

About halfway to Horseshoe bend is Slate slide forest camp, and we stopped for a time while Loren talked to his forest service work-stationed there. Jim Ross, one of this crew, came on with us and did our cooking at the Horseshoe bend camp.

We sat around after supper and talked for a while, but I soon became too sleepy to stay awake. Next morning the weather was still definitely rainy. Occasionally the clouds would thin enough to raise our hopes to the point of actually expecting sunshine, but it never came. The bright spot seemed always to be followed by blacker clouds and wetter rain.

It was nearly noon when we arrived at Mule creek. This was the halfway point of the trip. A sign

here read, Agnes, 24 miles; Rand station, 27 1/2 miles.

Frank Lightfoot, district ranger from Agnes, met us at this point. He was to accompany Les Colvill and I over the remainder of the trail. Loren Cooper left us here. Claude Keyte was to go as far as Brushy bar guard station and return next day.

We stopped overnight at Brushy bar guard station. Here we really arose early. Claude woke early, very early, we found later, and noticed it had stopped raining; so he immediately got up and began packing his mules in order to get them ready before everything became wet again.

The promising morning turned out to be a snare and a delusion. It soon started raining so hard that the other days seemed dry by comparison. The horses' feet slogged and plopped in the mud.

Arrive at Illaha

Eventually we came to the Big bend ranch at Illaha, now owned by Charles Pettinger. Mrs. Pettinger was busy preparing a dinner for us, as Frank had telephoned her from Brushy bar.

Mr. Pettinger has the mail carrying contract for the Agnes-Matral route, but the pack train is handled by Hathaway Jones, acknowledged the champion tall tale teller of the Rogue river. Dean Walker is his helper, and probably runner-up on the yarn-spinning championship as well.

After dinner, which included on the bill of fare some of Hathaway's remarkable narratives, we bid good-bye to Hathaway and Dean. Pettinger took us down the road as far as the slide, then we carried our belongings across and loaded them into a waiting forest service truck. In a short time we were enjoying a hot shower bath which Mrs. Lightfoot had made ready for us in one of the Agnes ranger station houses.

Next morning we went on to Gold Beach in one of the river boats which for years have been the sole connection of Agnes and Illaha with the outside world. After this year the isolation will be broken, for a road is now being completed from Illaha to the Roseburg-Myrtle Point highway, by way of Powers.

The boat trip was but uneventful save for the soaking I received from spray thrown over the boat by the wind.

From Gold Beach we returned to Portland via the coast highway.



From left, Les Colvill, assistant supervisor of Siskiyou national forest; Pat Vickers, the driver; Loren Cooper, district ranger of Galice district. Photo taken at Rand Ranger station.

"What Would Uncle Fink Say?"

—asks Bob Burns



Bob Burns, Paramount pictures and radio comedian, for the moment had no answer when practical jokers left alongside his roadster the huge Goodrich Safety Silvertown heavy duty "Earth Mover" tire as a spare. It is the largest truck tire ever built, according to H. M. Baker, Northwest district manager of The B. F. Goodrich Co. It is for use on trucks hauling the heaviest loads.

BIKE VIOLATORS PAY CASH FINES

GRANTS PASS, July 10.—(AP)—Confronted with their choice of fines or "jail terms" for their bicycles, youthful violators of the Grants Pass bicycle ordinance are generally choosing cash payment. Police Judge C. R. Duer says.

The ordinance has been widely copied over the state, being based on the state motor vehicle code and requiring riders' examinations and machine licenses. Bicycles rather than riders are "arrested." Most violations have been of the rule requiring lights at night but some wheels have been picked up for all night parking.

Refund to 17,600.

SALEM, July 10.—(AP)—Approximately 17,000 persons in Oregon are receiving gasoline tax refunds, secretary of state reported today.

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SIGN NEW MONEY PACT WITH CHINA

WASHINGTON, July 10.—(AP)—The treasury put into operation today a new give and take monetary agreement with China.

It provides that China will buy "a substantial amount" of this country's \$12,300,000,000 gold bond. The treasury in return will buy more of China's silver.

A statement by Secretary Morgenthau and Dr. H. H. Kung, Chinese finance minister, said the new agreement would give China additional

gold reserves and a supply of American dollars in exchange for her silver. The gold and dollar exchange, they said, will be used for currency stabilizing purposes.

Farmer Held Poacher.

PORTLAND, July 10.—(AP)—Charged with operation of a fish trap which A. E. Butterfield, state game officer, described as "one of the most efficient" he had ever seen, W. R. Olney, poacher, a farmer, was named in a warrant issued by state police.

First 1937 Wheat.

WALLA WALLA, July 10.—(AP)—The first 1937 wheat delivered to a warehouse in this vicinity was received at Lovden, 12 miles west of here, today from W. M. Falconer, according to the district official sample gatherer, B. School.

Pierce-Allen Add Two Salesmen Here

R. E. Moon and Wayne Lovelace have joined the sales staff of the Pierce-Allen Motor Co. according to an announcement by L. C. Taylor, manager.

Mr. Moon, who formerly had a dealership in California, will act in the capacity of sales manager. Both men have been associated with automobile business for many years, Taylor said.

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