

Tale of Murder, Buried Gold Sets Up Expedition

Ontario, Ore., (UPI)—An Indian woman's tale of century-old murder and buried gold today pointed a treasure-hunting expedition toward the headwaters of Lake Owyhee in search of a cave.

The 64-year-old Indian woman, Mrs. Robert Thomas, known in this area as "Modoc Annie," will accompany a party of 12 to seek the treasure cave she claims to have guarded as a young girl for her father.

Cavalrymen Murdered
According to Lloyd Russell, Lake Owyhee resort owner, Indian legend has it that 12 U.S. cavalrymen were murdered by Bannock Indians in 1853 while transporting two horse-loads of gold coins from Fort Sheridan, Wyo., as a payroll for the garrison at Fort Bidwell, Calif.

The legend then relates that the bodies of the soldiers and the gold were taken to a cave to avoid detection.

Insists Legend True
Modoc Annie, who formerly lived at Drewsey, Ore., and was brought back from California by the treasure-hunters to help locate the cave, insists the legend is true. She told the searchers that her father had discovered the cache in 1884. She said he had her "tend" the cave. And she claimed to have seen the remains of the soldiers, their guns and the gold coins.

The expedition started out

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Vocational Training Program For Indians Proving Popular

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Washington — Nearly 1000 Indians have entered into a program of vocational training launched by the federal government in 1958 and more are on the waiting list.

The program is proving so popular with Indians and Congress that a bill has been introduced to expand the training program already.

Sens. James Murray and Mike Mansfield of Montana and Richard L. Neuberger are its sponsors.

Basic idea behind the program is to help integrate Indians into the industrial society which America has become, to give them skills which will become wage earners and allow them to leave the reservation.

for the Lake Owyhee headwaters Monday but was turned back by bad weather and darkness.

against the relatively primitive life of the reservation.

As of Dec. 31, 1958, 661 Indians had entered the program. At the same time there were 400 applications pending from other Indians who were anxious to participate.

Reason for Waiting List
Reason for the waiting list was lack of funds. This is the reason the senator's bill is to expand the program.

After passing the original training act in 1953, Congress in 1957 appropriated \$1.5 million to get the program started. Because of red tape delays, the program didn't actually begin until January, 1958. Congress last spring passed through with \$2.8 million, which was what the Eisenhower administration asked for.

The same amount is listed for the coming year in the president's budget. Under the original act, up to \$3.5 million a year could be appropriated. The senators want to remove this ceiling to expand the program.

Warley, in fact, has been giving the administration a hard time about the issue.

Quoting Commissioner of Indians Glenn L. Edmonds and Interior Secretary Fred A. Seaton as saying favorable things about the program, the senator then told his colleagues in a Senate speech:

Labeled As Spendthrifts
"The administration's position on Indian education reminds me of the administration's position on national parks improvements. The administration put out reams of publicity and fancy brochures about the Mission 66 program, then refused to recommend appropriation of enough money to carry out its own recommendations. Members of Congress had to increase the money, and of course we were labeled as spendthrifts for doing so."

"Now the administration says Indian vocational education is a wonderful thing, but refuses to recommend appropriation of a very small amount of money which would help extend this worthwhile program to more Indians who wish to participate."

Actually, the Interior Department favors spending more on the program. The Budget Bureau, however, is holding down all spending requests, including this one.

106 in Northwest

Of the 490 on the waiting list, only 190 can be handled by the amount listed in the budget for the coming fiscal year.

"Of the nearly 1000 now in training, 106 are in schools in the Pacific Northwest. There have been only two or three drop outs, according to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The following schools have had courses approved for the training program, and have Indians enrolled under the program:

Portland: Multnomah College, 23; Schenck-Walker Business College, 23; Northwest Technical Institute, 13; College of Beauty, 2; Oregon City: Merritt Davis College, 2; Seattle: Mohr Barber College, 5; Edison Technical School, 16; Tacoma: Tacoma Vocational and Technical School, 2; Porterville: Idaho State College, 12.

The Bureau is now negotiating with schools in Salem and Eugene to broaden the opportunities for Oregon Indians to learn new useful skills.

Brasstown Bald Mountain, 4,784 feet, is the highest in Georgia.

Observance of Library Week Planned in County

Plans for celebration of National Library Week in Jackson county were formulated this week by the Library committee headed by Dunbar Carpenter of Medford.

Carpenter, committee members, and library board members met to outline ideas to call attention to the facilities and services of the county library. Library week is April 12-18.

Principal plans call for an open house at the main building in Medford, and for each of the branch libraries to hold similar displays throughout National Library Week. Mrs. Harold Fuller reported on progress of the branches, indicating all were willing to show the public what they have and what they can do. Miss Mary Pat Lucy is in charge of the Medford open house, scheduled for Friday, April 17. Mrs. Ed Gebhart is assisting on the open house.

Mrs. Lois Martin, librarian at McLaughlin Junior High School, reported on plans for a "quiz" of junior high students. The "quiz" will ask students to write about a particular book they have read and would recommend. Mrs. Martin also said there is a poster contest in progress in the school, based on the general theme of Library Week.

Other members of the committee include Mrs. Harold Cook, the Rev. John Powers, Bruce Hitt, John Williams and Bob Jones. Board members Mrs. Leland Mentzer, Mrs.

GOES GUNBATHING

Hobe Sound, Fla.—(UPI)—Secretary of State John Foster Dulles went sunbathing Wednesday morning and then stayed indoors during afternoon showers. Dulles is relaxing here at the Jupiter Island estate of Undersecretary of State C. Douglas Dillon, following radiation treatments for cancer.

ALLERGIC MARKSMAN

Ft. Benning, Ga.—(UPI)—SFC Gordon M. Voss, star marksman of the Ft. Benning rifle team, is allergic to gunpowder.

LUNG CANCER UP

Tokyo—(UPI)—Japan's death rate from lung cancer increased five times during the 10 years between 1947 and 1957 due largely to contaminated air, Japanese doctors reported Wednesday night.

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