

California Desert Region Attracts Gold Prospectors

Death Valley National Monument, Calif. (UPI) — Gold deposits in this vast Southern California desert region led this week to optimistic rumors of mining operations reminiscent of the last century.

At least four mining companies confirmed they were making intensive tests of ore found in the 25,000-acre region in and around Death Valley.

Rumors Circulating

However, none of the operators could say for sure whether any of the deposits were rich enough to be mined at a profit despite rumors circulating through mining circles of a rich ore find.

Some test holes already have probed deeper than 90 feet and a representative of one of the prospecting firms said his crew would go to 150 feet if necessary.

Howard I. Young, president of American Zinc Sales Co., confirmed discovery of a "promising" find but said it might take as long as six months to determine if the lode is rich enough to mine profitably. He said that so far samples had not indicated what could be termed a "rich" find or proof that the ore would be valuable commercially.

Not New To Valley

Gold is not new to Death Valley and the vast desert surrounding it.

Pioneers a hundred years ago staked claims there and small quantities of gold are taken each year by amateur prospectors.

Should the lode prove rich enough to mine commercially, it could be valuable in giving the United States a larger proportion of the world's production.

With the price of gold set at \$35 an ounce, this country produces only about six per cent of the world's total each year.

Grange News

Upper Rogue

Upper Rogue Grange held election of officers Nov. 5. Mrs. Paul Torrance was elected master and Carl Richardson, overseer.

Others elected were Mrs. Harold Barber, lecturer; Roy Vaughn, steward; Ray Gillespie, assistant steward; Mrs. Roy Vaughn, chaplain; Mrs. Carl Richardson, treasurer; Bill Brewster, secretary; Clinton Snodgrass, gatekeeper; Mrs. George Tockstein, Ceres; Mrs. Tom Eastman, Pomona; Mrs. Clinton Snodgrass, Flora; and Mrs. Ray Gillespie, pianist.

Executive committee includes Paul Torrance, Harold Barber, and Ranald Axtell.

Serving committee for the evening were Mrs. Harry Harding, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Barber.

The Home Economics club met at the home of Mrs. Barber today for luncheon.

Upper Applegate

The Upper Applegate Grange will meet Friday, Nov. 13, at 8 p.m. Officers will be elected. Serving refreshments will Mr. and Mrs. Fred West and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Winningham.

Bellview

Master Lloyd Hoadley presided at the recent meeting of the Bellview Grange.

Committee reports were given by Mrs. Ralph Laidlaw on the rummage sale; Clinton Baughman, community service; Frank Malin, dance chairman for the "Night Owl" dance.

Malin reported the dance and breakfast a success with visitors from all of southern Oregon and northern California. More than 100 persons were served the Buckaroo breakfast.

Election of officers was held with Hoadley elected as master. Others elected were Leonard Johnson, overseer; Clara Fryrear, lecturer; Harvey Shipley, steward; Frank Malin, assistant steward; Mildred Zimmerlee, lady assistant steward; Bertha Baugh-



FUEL PUMPED OUT — The barge at left pumps remaining gasoline and oil from the burned-out tanker Amoco Virginia at Houston, Texas. Officials said the danger of another fire or explosion would remain until all of the fuel

was removed from the stricken tanker. Fireman and Coast Guard keep pool of foamite surrounding the ship to lessen the fire hazard.

(UPI Telephoto)

Musical Exchanges Between U.S., Russia Gain in Intensity

By DELOS SMITH

New York (UPI) — The musical exchanges between the United States and Russia are running pretty hot when the newest composition of Russia's leading composer is played in the United States less than a month after its first performance in Russia.

And played by the leading Russian musician for whom it was composed and who was the first to play it at home, what's more. The piece is a cello concerto by Dimitri Shostakovich, Mstislav Rostropovich played it when the Philadelphia orchestra in Philadelphia.

He gave the concerto its world premiere in Leningrad Oct. 4 and played it again, in Moscow, on Oct. 9. That's tremendous speed for music and especially for a musician attached to the music, to get around. It is evident that musical "cultural exchanges" now run on well-greased slides.

Rostropovich Admired

Americans admired the music of Shostakovich even at the height of the cold war, of course, and they have come to admire the playing of Rostropovich since his first American performances, in 1956. One is among the most impressive of living composers; the other is a profound master of his instrument and

its music as any one can tell by listening.

But music never was an issue, anyway, and Russia had great composers and great musicians whom Americans admired before there was a Soviet. So soon this newest work of Shostakovich will be on records, (with Rostropovich the soloist, no doubt) and every musical person will be listening to it without giving any thought to non-musical implications.

But musical exchanges now are on a much larger scale than single compositions and single musicians. The New York Philharmonic concertized in Russia late in the summer, and in January and February the Moscow State Symphony will concertize across the United States.

It is the Russian match for America's big and firmly established orchestras, like those in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland, Chicago, and so on. It has 120 musicians and will bring two conductors, Konstantin Ivanov and Kiril Kondrashin who is already known here because Van Cliburn imported

him to accompany his playing of the piano concertos with which he won his Russian prize. It will give 34 concerts in all, over a period of six weeks.

This week's concerts of the New York Philharmonic, in New York, offered sentiment as well as music. Robert Casadesu, the French pianist who now is as well known to Americans, played Beethoven's 4th Concerto. It was his silver anniversary — he gave his first American performance (of Mozart's "Coronation" Concerto) on the same platform with the same orchestra 25 years ago. He is now 60 years old.

No Impartiality
Elesazar de Carvalho, the distinguished Brazilian musician, conducted, in the second and final week of his tenure as guest conductor. Carvalho programmed his concerts with utter impartiality between the old and the comparatively new.

He mingled Beethoven, played by Casadesu, with a symphony of the contemporary composer, William Schuman, and Stravinsky's "Petrouchka" which by now is more old than new although its creator still lives. His first program, last week, began with a Mozart overture, one of the purest of the classics, jumped to Richard Strauss who was a revolutionary upstart at the beginning of the century but now is old hat, went on to Schoenberg's "Kammersymphonie" which still is a revolution to many and ended with the contemporary Brazilian, Villa-Lobos.

PROGRAM FOUNDER DIES

West Cornwall, Conn. (UPI) — George V. Denny Jr., 60, founder of the radio program "America's Aown Meeting of the Air," died Wednesday.

Cranberry Warning Proof Requested

Ontario (UPI) — The Oregon Farm Bureau Federation Thursday was on record calling for "proof" of the warnings about tainted cranberries or the resignation of Arthur Flemming, secretary of health, education and welfare.

The group passed the resolution at the conclusion of its annual meeting here Wednesday night.

The group said that "premature release of this information (about cranberries) which has not been proven as yet has resulted in serious financial loss to agricultural producers in this area."

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Portland (UPI) — Circuit Judge Paul Harris has dismissed a first degree murder charge against a 19-year-old Portland mother who first told police she smothered her boy but later changed her story.

Mrs. Ruth Kilgore was released from jail after an autopsy revealed that the child had not been smothered. Multnomah County District Attorney Charles Raymond asked for dismissal of the charge.

LAW FRAMER DIES

Raleigh, N. C. (UPI) — Assistant Attorney General Claudel Love, 63, one of the framers of North Carolina's pupil assignment law, died Wednesday.

man, chaplain; Clinton Baughman, treasurer; Henry Lindsay, secretary; Ross Applegate, gatekeeper; May Malin, Ceres; Doris Johnson, Pomona; and Joyce Shipley, Flora.

Executive committee includes Frank Ditsworth. The Home Economics club met today at the Grange hall. At the close of the last meeting refreshments were served by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jennings, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jacobs and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Johnson.

4-H CLUB NEWS

Crater Teen-A-Paige Club
The first meeting of the Crater Teen-A-Paige 4-H club was held at the home of Carolyn Sidener on Hanley rd., Central Point, Nov. 9. The name of the club, Crater Teen-A-Paige, was chosen.

Officers were elected. They are president, Sharon Tompson; vice president, Alison Pinkham; secretary, Mona Schroeder; reporter, Sue Higinbotham; and Carolyn Sidener, social chairman. The two leaders are Mrs. A. E. Sidener and Mrs. Arden R. Pinkham. There are 10 members in the club.

Mrs. Sidener handed out records and pamphlets. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Sidener.

The next meeting will be a Christmas Party at Sharon Tompson's home on Clark lane, Central Point.

Little Chef's Cooking Club
The fourth meeting of the Little Chef's Cooking club was called to order by Terry Calhoun, president, at the home of Cheryl Beck. Cheryl Beck gave a demonstration. Special refreshments were served.

The fifth meeting of the Little Chef's Cooking club was called to order by Terry Calhoun, president, at the home of Joan Eslinger. Joan Eslinger demonstrated a cake mix. Refreshments were served.

Sheila Butler Reporter

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