



FOR SPEEDING MAIL - The Post Office Department has unveiled a new plan called "Zip Code" for speeding delivery of out of town mail by using coded numbers indicating the geographical area, the city, and even the post office in the city to which the letter is sent. The plan is designed especially for use by large volume mailers such as public utilities and government agencies, but can be used by individuals as well. Mr. Zip illustrates the new plan. The first three digits identify one of 637 sectional centers (9-Calif.; 8-Northern Calif.; 7-Sacramento). Fourth and fifth digits (12) could specify either a single smaller post office served by the sectional center, zone 12 in Sacramento, or an office building receiving large volumes of mail. (UPI)

Sardinian Towers Subject of Study

By WILLIAM SUNDLAND

Torrilba, Sardinia - (UPI) - Dotted the rugged Sardinian landscape are about 7,000 remnants of a long-vanished civilization that has had archaeologists guessing for years.

Sooner or later every visitor to Sardinia is bound to ask: "What are those stone towers?"

"They are Nuraghi," is the usual answer. The questioner commonly learns little more than they were built by a civilization that inhabited the island thousands of years ago.

Until less than 10 years ago archaeologists believed the Nuraghi were built during the Stone Age. But they have since determined they were constructed by a "retarded civilization."

There are about 7,000 of the Nuraghi scattered all over the island of Sardinia off the Italian coast. Basically, they are heavy stone piles on top of each other in a conical shape. There usually is one entrance and no windows.

50 Feet High
They are from eight or nine feet to more than 50 feet high.

From inside these towers the long gone civilization defended themselves or hid until the enemy had passed. Generally the towers were used only for defense and only occasionally as a home.

Archaeologists have determined that the simpler Nuraghi were constructed from about 1500 to 1000 years before Christ. At that time the Nuraghi civilization still was in the Stone Age. The towers built then are small and a simple cone.

For then next 500 years or so the civilization gained ground.

Near this little village in north central Sardinia is the Nuraghi of Santu Antine (Sardinian dialect for St. Anthony), one of the best preserved latter day towers.

Three Stories
It stands more than 65 feet high. The basic construction is a large double walled conical center with three stories. Around it has been built another one-story wall that was closed. The walls are up to 10 feet thick. They are simply heavy, square cut stones piled

Poll Forecasts No Business Improvement

Washington - (UPI) - A poll by a business magazine shows that many industrial and business leaders foresee no improvement in economic conditions next year.

The magazine Nation's Business said Friday that 60 per cent of more than 225 executives polled said they expect 1965 business to continue on a "somewhat sluggish plateau" with the overall performance about the same as this year.

Normal Weather Seen Through Christmas

Washington - (UPI) - The weather bureau predicts normal weather conditions through most of the nation during the Christmas season.

School News

St. Mary's High

St. Mary's High School Sodality held a general meeting last week. Sister Mary Agatha spoke on the cell system and on the methods of a good group discussion. Following the talk was a panel by Laura Batzer, Mary Ann Carnegie, Charlotte Sokolowski, Jim Calhoun, and Pete Naumes demonstrated the correct techniques of a successful group discussion.

Plans were discussed concerning the dance held Friday, Nov. 30, as a means of raising money.

The student body attended an assembly in the all-purpose room. Bill Reeves, brought to St. Mary's by the National School Assemblies, showed a movie entitled "Nature in Your Backyard." The movie provided information about insects and smaller animals found in the garden. Reeves also showed his pet tarantula, boa constrictor, and python.

The Student Council sponsored a clean-up project Friday, Nov. 30. All students of St. Mary's were urged to help make the project a success and as extra incentive, hot chocolate and doughnuts were provided.

The area covered during the clean-up campaign was Barneburg hill and from the school to the overpass of the highway on Barnett. The project was undertaken by the school to thank all those who helped toward construction of the new St. Mary's High school.

Crater High School

Don Lacy, speech instructor at Crater High school, recently went to Long Beach, Calif., where he presented a paper orally to the Western Speech association convention.

In his speech, entitled "Strengthening the high school speech program through the community and the school," Lacy's main point lay in showing how the District 6C speech festival strengthens the Crater High speech program.

He also was one of two nominees for the high school councillor of the Western Speech association for the 11 western states.

Clarence Miller, Crater High school science club advisor, reports that his group recently sold ice cream in Central Point and Gold Hill to finance a visit to the Oceanographic Research Ship operated by Oregon State university in the study of the ocean of the West Coast of the United States.

The sales drive was a success, and the club is planning its trip for the near future.

Club members and Miller wish to express their appreciation to Snider's Dairy, which provided the ice cream, and to the individuals who purchased it.

Jackson School

By Christine Bell, Marilyn Zimmers and Karen Trefren
We have finished 12 weeks of school. Six weeks tests for the second period were given in all classes last week.

A heating unit has been installed in the fish tank. The tank is in the library where everyone can watch the fish.

The Jackson School Chorus is working hard on the songs that they will sing for the Christmas program.

A group of Fourth Graders also are working on several songs they will sing at two separate Christmas programs.

Christmas stories are beginning to be checked in great numbers from the library.

The three third grade classes have been singing together about three times a week after lunch. This gives pupils practice in chorus work.

The science exhibit in the hall in the third grade wing is contributions from any room. Many interesting things are in this exhibit.

Social Studies unit is on transportation and communications. Library books are used for research on this project.

Cafeteria decorations for the second six-week period have been done by the third graders. Each room was responsible for two weeks.

The "Third Grade Curriculum Party for Parents" is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 4. An informal question and answer period with the principal, Bruce Metzger, will be held at 10 a.m. The Jackson School PTA will serve coffee, and between 10:25 and 11:25 a.m. will be class visitation.

Basketball practice has started at Jackson with some 40 boys turning out. Intramural play will start soon.

Roosevelt School
Mrs. Frances Weaver's first grade room has a little Indian village and a Pilgrim village. The teepees are made by the boys and girls and the Indians are made of wax.

They have two turtles named Nip and Tuck, and two goldfish named Danny and Fanny. They have acorns and pinecones and a big shell. They call this their "magic garden." They have a map which shows where the boys and girls live. They have Thanksgiving decorations, and have finger paints in the back of their room.

Mrs. Georgiana Beier's first grade room is colorful. Pupils have a smoky bear display with little smoky bear books. They have a weather wheel, with all the days of the week on it. They keep their own calendar and they change it every month. They have a phonics board and it has some phonics on it.

For Thanksgiving they had a bulletin board. They have a small library and they have reading groups. Peppy-Peppers who read the fastest, Zippy-Zippers who read medium, and Bunnies who read slowly.

The children in Mrs. Baker's second grade class are learning how animals live in the winter. They are learning about communities. In arithmetic they are learning how to add and subtract with two digit numbers. In music they are learning half notes and whole notes.

Mrs. Suzanne Schultz's second grade has three reading groups and sometimes two arithmetic groups. In art they made a Thanksgiving mural.

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