

# Oldest City In World Uncovered

BAHGEDAD. (AP)—Scientists delving into the hidden past of mankind will set to work anew this fall at a desolate site in Iraq reputed to be the oldest city in the world.

The city is Eridu—a temple site said to have been dedicated about 6500 years ago to the worship of the water god, Enki, also known as the god of wisdom.

Dr. Najj Al-Asil, director general of Iraq's antiquities department, says that Enki is believed to have been the first god worshipped by primitive man; at least the first god to whom a temple was dedicated.

The antiquities department began excavating at Eridu two years ago. Work continued last year, and this season Dr. Al-Asil expects to finish the work.

Eridu investigation has produced several notable finds thus far. Traces have been found of what is believed to be the earliest known building in the world; and a model boat, shaped of clay has been discovered which is described as the earliest representation of a water craft in the history of man.

The Eridu site is an unusual one. All that was visible when excavation work started was a mass of crude brick work—the ruins of a giant Ziggurat or temple tower erected during the third dynasty of Ur, about 3000 B.C.

But careful investigation revealed that beneath these ruins were the remnants of 14 earlier temples—each built on top of the ruins of the one preceding it.

Archaeologists have concluded by pottery and other finds that the 14 buried temples represent a period of 1500 years—with the earliest one probably dating from about 4500 B.C.

This detective work into the past of a primitive marsh-dwelling community was a difficult job because the temples to Enki existed before mankind discovered the art of writing. The earliest literary reference to Eridu dates back only to 2500 B.C. Even then it was reputed to be the oldest city in the world. In the literature of the Sumerians—whose civilization preceded those of Babylon and Nineveh—the creation of Eridu takes precedence over all other places.

The Sumerian legend of creation, carried into later millenniums, observed that "all lands were sea, then Eridu was made."

When Eridu was founded the Persian Gulf was believed to have extended as far inland as Eridu. Excavations beneath the 14th and earliest temple have revealed virgin-green sea sand. Today the ruins are in a desolate desert waste with the sea 100 miles or more away.

Traces of fish offerings to Enki were numerous. Beside the earliest temple was found remnants of a round oven—similar to ovens used today to bake bread in primitive Iraq communities—believed to have been used for burnt offerings.

## Missing Pilot's Body Found

OJAIL, Calif., Dec. 14 (AP)—Missing seven days in a wild snow-covered mountain wilderness, Pilot Robert Bryant, 26, was found yesterday near the wreckage of his small private plane, in serious condition from injuries and exposure.

A ground party, aided by air searchers, located the Glendale flier in upper Sespe canyon, several miles from the crash scene on Topa Topa peak. It was at an elevation of 7000 feet and rescuers at some places were forced to struggle through snow waist deep.

Bryant disappeared on a flight from Glendale to Hamilton field near San Francisco. Efforts were being made to get him to a hospital via helicopter and ambulance.

## High Cost Of Raising Costs

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. says it needs more money—but not enough to boost pay phone charges to 10 cents.

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## Midland Empire News

### Gilchrist

The Freightway drivers will hold their annual Christmas party at the Gilchrist club December 18. Supper will be served at 7 o'clock and dancing will ensue until 12. This party is for the drivers and their friends, but no minors are allowed. The Christmas play, sponsored by the Crescent Baptist church, is undergoing practice. Mrs. Harold U'Renn is directing.

A banquet will be held at the Primeville Baptist church for the young people who will have their annual BYPU business meeting there this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams from Lakeview, Ore., visited Mr. and Mrs. Bud Capps and their family December 4 and 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Capps and their daughter Pat are planning a trip to Eugene this coming week to do their Christmas shopping.

The Shevlin Choir directed by Rev. U'Renn of Crescent is planning to sing at the Sunday school play December 23 at Shevlin.

The Gilchrist Home Extension group conducted a household exchange and food sale at the Gilchrist Market Friday, December 9.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kranenburg entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dick Kranenburg and Gary, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Totton, Karen, "Butch" and Michell Ann, Mrs. Marjorie Haskins and Marjorie Lou, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Riley and Cynthia Ann, S. Barnett, all of Klamath Falls, Henry Fossom of Redding, California, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Greer, Dean and Margaret, of Chiloquin, and W. Grear of Fairbanks, Alaska, at their home recently.

The Bend Municipal Band presented a concert in Gilchrist at the high school December 8. The junior class handled advertising and selling of tickets. The proceeds went to the school activity fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Simpkins and daughter of Shevlin spent Saturday, December 3, shopping in Klamath Falls.

James Cook and daughter of Shevlin spent Saturday, December 3, in Bend.

Mrs. Louie Hodges and family of Klamath Falls visited various friends in Shevlin on Sunday, December 4.

The Gilchrist community is looking forward to the presentation of the annual Christmas cantata by a choir of 30 voices made up of members of the Gilchrist and Crescent communities. The cantata, "The Music of Christmas," will be presented December 18 under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Hamilton. Mrs. Harvy Fields will accompany the singers.

Mr. Oehlerich presented the letters awarded by Gilchrist high school to the 1949 football team De-

ember 5. The boys who earned letters were Virgil Schmidt, D. J. Foglequist, Larry Aenis, Leo Keppers, Don Greenan, Ralph Spencer, Bill Spencer, Jack Fraley, LaVerle Wright, Bill Majors, Bud Howard, Donald Brader, Bobby Sipe, Dennis

Wilmes, Warren Griffin, Kenny Freeman, and S. W. Ware. Charlie Davis earned the manager's letter. Virgil Schmidt was named honorary football captain of Coach Roehk's Grizzlies.

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Mrs. E. R. Wiley of Salem is visiting at the home of her daughter Mrs. E. E. Kilpatrick.

Donald Pope, Mildred Petrik, Nancy Dewey and Gary Mauney were on the honor roll for the second six weeks' period of school.

Merrill high GAA held their annual Snow Ball at the gym December 9. The gym was attractively decorated in red and white and a "sweetheart" theme was carried out. Mildred Petrik and Ellis Wilson were crowned king and queen of the event at midnight.

Mrs. Emory Parrish and sons were recent visitors at the Paul Lewis home from Los Angeles. Mrs. Parrish is the Lewis' daughter.

The many friends of Homer Fields are glad he is able to be up and around again after being confined to his home for the past six weeks with a fractured pelvis.

Work was started Thursday morning on re-roofing the recreation hall. H. Henris of Klamath Falls is the contractor and the work is expected to be completed in a short time.

Grade school students and their teachers are rapidly becoming accustomed to their new school quarters in the recreation hall. Two oil stoves were installed, a new chimney built, and two temporary partitions put in; one in the teen-age room and the other in the banquet room. One of the cloak rooms was made into an office for Principal Harvey Denham. As a result of these minor changes the recreation hall is making a very satisfactory school building.

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### When Thief Falls In Love

MOLINE, Ill. (AP)—Moline police figure the backyard thief who raided R. W. Jamison's washline was mighty selective.

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