

**TO GATHER DATA ON EARLY AMERICANS**

**Professor Seeks Proof They Crossed Bering Strait.**

Edmonton, Alta.—Seeking to solve the problem of who were the original inhabitants of the North American continent, Prof. W. L. Bliss of the University of New Mexico visited Edmonton to confer with Dr. J. A. Allen, head of the University of Alberta geology department, and to gather data on his theory that North American races originally came from Asia by crossing the Bering strait and traveling south through Alberta.

Dr. Bliss hopes to find many links for this theory in a study of Alberta province and the MacKenzie river valley. He contends that there have been no reasons to suppose that the first people originated there and says "it is generally accepted that American cultures are the result of a number of migrations from Asia." The professor bases his theory on the fact that the Bering strait is only 60 miles wide at one point and 30 fathoms deep. Geological history has indicated that the two continents broke away at this point and sank into the sea, erasing the land bridge.

Proof that the original habitation of this continent was Asiatic is confirmed by discoveries of Oriental relics in Mexico and the southwestern states. The Indians' physical resemblance to Asiatics and the distribution of languages in North America has led Bliss to believe that they spread out in a fanlike direction south and east from Alaska.

Anthropologists further believe that migrations from Asia came at different periods. Investigations reveal a certain type of Pueblo Indian that possessed a narrow head, and another type with a round head, hinting at a possibility of more than one migration. According to anthropologists, man has lived on this continent for more than 12,000 years.

Dr. Bliss has spent many years on research both in America and Asia. When his investigations are completed here, accompanied by Dr. Allan and A. Haynes, University of New Mexico student, he will continue northward along the MacKenzie river into Alaska.

**Spinning Wheel Earns Living for This Family**

Rushmore, Minn.—Mrs. Martha Odens, who carded her first pound of wool when she was eleven years old, is in favor of the old spinning wheel.

She still follows the pattern of grandmother's day and earns a comfortable living for herself and children by carding and spinning wool, which she knits into a variety of articles. Her market, she says, reaches as far as Illinois. Her output last year, she said, included washing and carding the wool for 11 comforters, 118 pairs of mittens, and 18 sweaters, all of which she knit herself. In her spare time she finds leisure to crochet lace and insertions for pillow cases, and fancy tops for sofa pillows.

Mrs. Odens' first tutor was her grandmother, who acquired the art in her native Germany. The wheel she now operates was purchased for her by her late husband 21 years after she had "worn out" the one she had used for years previous to that time.

**Nazi Ancestor Worship Is Spreading in Germany**

Berlin.—Ancestor worship such as that practiced by the Japanese and Chinese has appeared in Germany along the Baltic sea coast, notably in Mecklenburg, which has become the center of extreme Germanism and neopagan experimentation.

The head of the National Socialist party in Mecklenburg has ordered that unused chapels be transformed into "ancestral halls." Here ancestral tablets will be placed, containing the names and symbols of families in the vicinity.

A regional cultural director of the party recently dedicated such an ancestral chapel. It was decorated with a swastika and the ceremony opened with a Chopin prelude. The party official delivered an address and then "received into the community of all Germans" six children of a local family.

Like ceremonies are taking the place of Christian marriage and baptism in coast villages.

**Britain Opens Fattening School for Its Recruits**

London.—A new "fattening school" for British army recruits, rejected as unfit, is to be started in Canterbury as a result of the success achieved by an experimental one at Aldershot.

The Aldershot school opened with 200 flat-chested, undernourished men. They were put on a diet of fresh fruit, fresh milk and barley sugar. With fresh air and light exercise they put on an average of six pounds in weight and one inch in chest measurement in six weeks. Today the depot is turning out "reclaimed" men for the army at the rate of one a day.

Locomotive Has No Rivets Albany.—A locomotive with a fusion-welded boiler—the first of its kind ever constructed—has been placed in service by the Delaware

**ELECTRIFICATION OF FARMS SPREADING IN NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITIES**

**Chairman Bagley Says Rural Lines Increased 39% In N. C.**

Electrification of farms during 1937 increased 39 per cent in North Carolina but only 19 per cent in the nation, the North Carolina State Rural Electrification authority was told by its chairman, Dudley Bagley.

Bagley reported that since July 1, 1935, a total of 8,211.2 miles of rural lines have been built in the State for 45,425 customers.

The authority unanimously re-elected Bagley as director of rural electrification, D. S. Weaver as secretary, and J. M. Grainger as engineer.

The first meeting of the authority east of Rocky Mount will be held in Manteo August 26, it was decided.

The September meeting will be held at Hendersonville late in the month.

The authority approved a \$111,000 addition for the Edgecombe-Martin Electric Membership Cooperative, providing 107 miles of rural lines for 420 customers. Bagley said the cooperative's original 35 miles of lines were already "paying their way."

Bagley's report estimated that the cost of all rural power lines built in the State during the three years ending June 30 was \$8,396,732.55.

He said 6,467.70 miles of lines had been built or authorized by public utilities, 565.90 miles by municipalities, and 1,151 by the Federal Rural Electrification administration.

Only 21 per cent of the counties now have less than 5 per cent of their farms electrified, he reported, whereas 83 per cent of the counties were in that class in 1929.

**Edenton Logical City To Have Hog Market**

**More Hogs Sold During First Half 1938 Than All of 1937**

More hogs were sold cooperatively by North Carolina farmers during the first half of 1938 than during the entire year of 1937, according to H. W. Taylor, extension swine specialist at State College.

Ten of the 15 markets where swine are sold through local cooperative marketing associations reported that from December 1, 1937, to mid-June, 1938, they shipped 48,419 hogs that brought \$765,974.42. On 14 markets last year, 48,297 hogs were sold for \$951,561.70.

When reports from all 15 markets for the first half of this year are tabulated, Taylor continued, the total amount received for hogs will run

considerably above the figure for all of 1937.

Last year the hogs averaged 196 pounds apiece and sold for \$10.40 a hundredweight. This year the average weight was 193 pounds and the price was approximately \$8.21 a hundred pounds. Hog prices this year were affected by the general business conditions and an increase of swine production over the country.

The 10 markets from which reports have been compiled so far are at: Tarboro, Plymouth, Warsaw, Washington, Four Oaks, Shawboro, Elizabethtown, Greenville, Cofield and Lumberton.

The marketing associations are local organizations composed of growers and are operated by members elected to serve as officers. They are assisted by county farm agents and the extension swine specialist, who has devoted much of his time to this phase of cooperative marketing during the past year and a half.

The associations sell direct to the packing companies who submit sealed bids for the farmers' offerings. Arrangements are being made to have trained men from the U. S. Bureau of

Agricultural Economics grade the hogs for hard, soft, or oily pork.

Edenton needs a hog market. Located right here in a belt where they can be grown at such low cost, because of this section having such fine lands, bottoms and swamps for hog-raising, this county, in fact all this section is overlooking a market for a product that can be produced here at lower, or as low, cost per pound as anywhere in America. The farmers and hog growers of the State of North Carolina during the first six months of the year, sold and collected almost a million dollars for their pigs. And, while general prices were down this past six months, because of general business conditions, the pigs brought an average of nearly 9 cents per pound on the hoof.

In this fine country, where we raise cattle, hogs, vegetables, poultry, in fact, anything grown or raised in the temperate zone of North America one should not overlook a single money crop, one that will bring in a profit, and as it has proven in other sections of Eastern Carolina, we can raise them as good, and much cheaper, and Edenton should have a hog market.

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