

## Uranium Rush Starts In Alaska Spurred By U. S. Offer Of Bonus

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ANCHORAGE, Alaska (U.P.)—A \$10,000 bonus offered by the Atomic Energy Commission to any prospector locating a sizeable deposit of uranium has started Alaska's biggest "stampede" since the gold rush days of '98.

Prospectors roaming Alaska's wilderness have discarded their gold pans and sluice boxes. They're hunting the hills for signs of pitchblende, gumite, carnotite and other uranium-bearing minerals.

B. D. Stewart, territorial commissioner of mines, said his offices have been besieged by prospectors seeking information on uranium. He said pamphlets prepared by the AEC giving methods of locating and recognizing minerals containing uranium are being distributed.

**Gold Doesn't Pay**  
"The prospectors are hitting for the hills in great numbers, but they aren't looking for gold," he said. "With the price fixed and production costs soaring, you can't make gold mining pay. But a uranium strike would certainly pay. In addition to the bonus, the government is guaranteeing minimum prices and

even paying transportation cost of the mineral in some cases." Stewart said he expected the rush to hit full swing next summer when all prospectors will have assembled the necessary gear and studied up on methods of locating uranium.

"We know there are uranium bearing minerals in the territory, but we don't know how large the deposits are," he said. If uranium is found in large quantities, future generations of Alaskans may reminisce on the "uranium rush days of '49."

### Fisherman Lands Deer Far Out On Lake

OSHKOSH, Wis. (U.P.)—An Oshkosh angler failed to get any fish but he didn't come home empty-handed.

R. J. Striztel was having little luck on Lake Winnebago one morning when he spotted a young doe swimming several miles off shore.

He rowed over, hauled her in the boat and took her to shore. He turned the deer over to a game warden.

Mukden has 300,000 starving because of Communist blockade.



## Excavators Find Picture Of Life 7,000 Years Ago

BAGHDAD (U.P.)—The possibility that monogamous marriages were the order of the day in South Iraq 7,000 years ago is indicated in discoveries made this season by an Iraq Museum expedition.

The Iraqi archaeologists resumed excavations begun last year at Tell Abu Shahrain, site of ancient temple-dotted Eridu, 15 miles south of Ur-of-the-Chaldees. They came upon a cemetery with tombs large enough to accommodate more than one body.

Liben (baked sand) built 200-odd graves so far excavated were, in many cases, found to contain the remains of a man and his wife, and sometimes their child. The tomb evidently was re-opened after the first burial to admit the others.

**Pet Dog Buried**  
The excavators found in one instance upon the grave of a 15-year-old boy the perfectly preserved skeleton of a dog, perhaps his favorite hound.

In a tomb containing a female's body they discovered for the first time in the history of archaeology the male version of Woolley's famous "lizard" deity, consisting of human body with lizard-shaped face, apparently placed there to protect her in another life. Another tomb yielded what is perhaps the earliest clay model of a sailing boat.

The discoveries show that the people of the region at that time believed in a new life after death. They also indicate that monogamous marriages existed then. The dead in the cemetery were found lying at full length, their feet pointing south-eastward, with beautiful, painted pottery as food containers, and other possessions around them.

**Once Island City**  
An ornamental waist-band, the head-fringe of a dress, provided some idea of the clothes in which the dead were buried when Eridu was an island city.

Legends contained in tablets excavated at the site show the place, now surrounded by miles upon miles of desert, to have been a Persian Gulf port in its day. One of them tells of Adad, a legendary Sumerian fisherman, whose sailboat was caught in a violent storm and he "summoned the wind and broke it wings."

It has hitherto been assumed that the earliest settlers in the drying delta of South Iraq were those associated with Al 'Ubaid period, 4500 B.C.-3800 B.C., deriving their name from a mound, near Ur, where traces of their culture were first discovered in 1924.

But the Iraqi excavators came this year upon an older culture. Digging in the ruins of the staged-tower temple, they came at a strata some 30 feet beneath the surface where the familiar Al 'Ubaid pottery disappeared all of a sudden, giving place to a completely new class of elaborately painted vessels.

**ELFIN CAP**—Sustaining the mood of this summer's popular close-cropped hair-do, milliner Mago Hayes designs a pointed red felt hat that sits far back on the head with its brim at the back. It is trimmed with black braid and silk cord, which ties beneath the chin.

## Japanese Pupils And Teachers Play Hookey

TOKYO (U.P.)—Japanese school children who play hookey have to be careful or they will run into their teachers at the swimming holes and pool halls.

The situation is deplorable, according to ministry of education officials, who made a private check on schools and found 40 per cent of the teachers absent. In one prefecture, 60 per cent of the principals were playing hookey the day the officials dropped in unexpectedly.

It's probably embarrassing for all concerned when the teachers and pupils meet on the street during school hours. Of course, there always is the possibility that they got together in advance and decided to go to a ball game.

High education officials give the teachers an "out" by suggesting that some of the instructors might have to skip school a few days each month and work at other jobs to make a living.

However, it is admitted that even school teachers probably don't like being indoors when the grass is green and the water in the village pond is warm.

The thing that really upsets the ministry of education officials is a report that teachers in one school have been throwing sake parties during school hours. Japanese sake is a potent rice wine that gets quick results when served hot.

Ministry of education officials said these sake parties have got to stop because it is undemocratic for women teachers to wait on male colleagues by serving drinks to them and "obeying their orders as though men were superior to women."

### Pirate Gold, If Any, Eludes Charleston

CHARLESTON, S. C. (U.P.)—Rumors and stories of buried treasure here are as perpetual as the gulls still wheeling over harbor waters which once floated pirate ships of Teach, Bonny, and Bonnet.

Yet, a single copper coin of the colonial government of South Carolina is the only booty ever located in this historic city.

Family treasures, buried in haste during the Civil War, have been turned up. But the gold and jewels of pirate days remain unaccounted for, except in words.

During WPA days, workmen on a street paving project reportedly unearthed a pot of gold. The treasure was said to date from colonial times. It later developed that only a few coins were found in a glass jar. It had been buried on the site of an old, abandoned race track.

The story that silver "bits" (the eighth part of Spanish pieces of eight) were dug from a drain was never proved. Only the single copper coin is evidence of buried treasure.

### Nobody Knows Horses So They Have To Go

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (U.P.)—The days of work horses at the Monroe County penitentiary farm are numbered.

The penitentiary superintendent, Thomas Owen, says the farm's six two-horse teams are on their way out because it's a rare inmate these days who knows how to handle a horse.

In past years, Owen says, inmates assigned to the farm handled the horses competently. But times change, and Owen thinks he'll have to mechanize the farm.

## Newport Socialities Cherish Memories

NEWPORT, R. I. (U.P.)—Once a \$9,000,000 Vanderbilt show place, "The Breakers" has been given to the Preservation Society of Newport County to become a sort of museum of high society.

The big stone mansion overlooking the Atlantic once was staffed by some 60 servants. It has been unoccupied in recent years.

It contains many valuable paintings and a famed mosaic of Pompeii.

Countess Lizzie Szechenyi, widow of a Hungarian diplomat and niece of Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, gave it to the society.

### Sheriff Told To Take His Railroad Away

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (U.P.)—The Greene County court ruled that John T. Pierpont must stick to sheriffing and give up engineering, at least on the court house lawn.

Sheriff Pierpont installed a toy train on the court house lawn. He planned to operate it for profit, the court said.

The sheriff said he wanted to charge fares to pay for the electricity.

Pierpont packed up his train and moved it to a skeet-shooting range, which he also operates.

United States study urges plant dispersal for safety in war.

## News Of Soil Conservation

By M. W. Shugart, Jr.

A. C. Wilcox of near Brinkleyville, a cooperator of the Fishing Creek soil conservation district, has recently had a fish pond built on his farm. Mr. Wilcox plans to stock his pond with bream and bass. Technicians of the Soil Conservation Service assisted in locating and surveying this pond.

J. T. Cook of Brinkleyville is another Halifax County farmer who believes in contour cultivation. Mr. Cook runs all his rows parallel to the terraces and says that by doing this he is saving both his top soil and fertilizer.

W. B. Carroll of Tillery has made application to the district for a soil conservation plan to be developed for his farm.

W. T. Clement has had a soil conservation plan worked up for his farm near Enfield. Mr. Clement has seeded some of his land to permanent pasture, terraced his cropland, and is developing an improved rotation for his farm. These practices are included in a complete soil and water conservation program.

Claude Warren, Sr. of the Bowers Cross Roads section seeded two acres of land to permanent pasture last spring. Ladino clover and orchard grass was seeded on this pasture.

So far the molasses has been used for animal feed but the company is experimenting with

## Roller Skate Device Fixes Flat Tires

NEW YORK (U.P.)—Ever find yourself in the middle of nowhere with a flat tire and no jack?

Mildred George did. She was determined that it wouldn't happen again.

Mrs. George announced her antidote for that "get out and walk to the nearest telephone" business. She's invented a device called an "auto skate."

It looks like an elongated roller skate. It weighs 18 pounds and has six wheels, with a cradle in the middle. There is also a small detachable steel ramp.

When you get a flat all you have to do is:

Put the ramp in front of the flat tire. Attach the skate to the front of the ramp. Drive on. Detach the ramp. Drive to the nearest gas station.

### Texas Citrus Cheap But Not Its By-Products

McALLEN, Tex. (U.P.)—Citrus prices with grapefruit going for as little as \$2 a ton, were down this season.

But not citrus by-products, especially molasses made from citrus peel.

"When the Citrus By-Products Co. opened its plant six years ago molasses sold for \$12 a ton," its manager, R. B. McLeash said. "Now we get \$47."

So far the molasses has been used for animal feed but the company is experimenting with

## Northamptonians To Decide On Beer, Wine Sale

Jackson—Registration for voting in the beer and wine referendum which will take place September 1 in Northampton County will begin August 7 and will continue on August 14 and 21 at the various precincts in the county, it was announced by Chairman of the County Board of Elections W. H. S. Burgwyn Jr.

The election on September 1 will decide whether or not beer and wine shall be sold legally in Northampton County. The referendum was called after a petition was presented to the County Board of Elections, signed by 888 registered voters.

Chairman Burgwyn stated that August 28 has been designated as Challenge Day.

No special registration will be inaugurated, the chairman said. Voters already qualified and registered who voted in the last election for a member of the General Assembly may vote in the coming election, he stated.

Those persons who have become of age or who in other way are qualified to vote and who are not registered, may do so at the time set.

Meat production under Federal inspection for the week ended June 5 totaled 270 million pounds.

processing it for human consumption.

## TRAILWAYS TO VA. BEACH

**SUGGESTED SCHEDULES FOR BEACH TRIPS FROM ROANOKE R.**

Leaving R. Rapids	Arriving Va. Beach
4:20 A.M.	9:00 A.M.
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7:00 P.M.	12:30 A.M.
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## Northampton Court To Start

Jackson—Northampton County Superior Court will open for the August term the week of August 2-7, with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn of Woodland presiding.

At a meeting of the Northampton Board of Commissioners Thursday afternoon the following jury list for the term was drawn:

Gaston: Mrs. B. W. Rook, Walter A. Owens and Burley P. Wheeler.

Jackson: James Pierce, Robert G. Summer, Raymond Parks.

Kirby: Garland D. Barnes, A. M. Daniels, R. E. Turner, Andrew Vann, C. H. Revelle, Roger M. Futrell, Troy Martin, Ralph Davis, L. T. Vinson, R. J. Warren, L. E. Boone, Irvin Mann, W. E. Martin.

Rich Square: H. K. Burgwyn, R. C. Duke, C. V. Mitchell.

Roanoke: Vernice C. Davis, Kermit Barnes.

Seaboard: W. L. Norvell, B. G. Long, John C. Edwards, John Whitehead.

Wiccacane: C. W. Burgess, Laurence Wheeler, R. S. Overby, Rufus Rose, Woodrow W. Davis, H. H. Davis.

Oconeechee: R. D. Taylor, Z. L. Davenport, Jr.

### CHILD COLORED BY CRAYONS

San Mateo, Calif.—Diane Pastorelli, 4, was rushed to a hospital when she started turning blue. Investigation proved that it was because she had been eating colored crayons. Her condition was said to be serious.

Genuine Panama hats are not products of Panama, as their name implies, but are made in Ecuador.

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