

New Deepest Deep Found In Pacific

WASHINGTON — At the end of an echo more than seven miles down, British sea surveyors have found a new deepest deep for all the world's oceans.

H.M.S. "Cook," exploring a vast undersea canyon east of the Philippines with echosounding equipment, hit bottom at 37,782 feet, the British Admiralty has confirmed to the National Geographic Society. The discovery was made on November 6, 1962.

The "Cook Depth" is more than 1,500 feet deeper than the previous record depth reported in 1959 by the Soviet research ship "Vityaz" in the Pacific Ocean's Mariana Trench.

Twenty Times Grand Canyon The Cook Depth lies in the Philippine Trench, one of several steep-walled furrows that gash the Pacific sea floor.

The Philippine Trench is 20 times bigger than the Grand Canyon. The lowest part of the narrow V bottom lies more than a mile deeper than Mount Everest is high.

A penny tossed from a ship would fall for several hours before reaching bottom.

Here is a world of total darkness, near-freezing temperatures, and pressures as high as 900 tons per square foot. A fraction of that pressure would be enough to crush a block of wood to half size.

Incredible as it may seem, however, life not only exists but thrives at the lowest depths.

Though probably barren of plant life which requires light, canyon floors support bacteria, sea anemones, mollusks, and minute crustaceans. Scientist believe giant, deep-sea squid may also live there, sustaining themselves

on food that floats down. Jacques Piccard, of the famous Swiss family of scientists, wrote in the August, 1960, National Geographic that he observed a shrimp and foot-long solelike fish scuttling along at a depth of 35,800 feet. His dive of almost seven miles in the Mariana Trench off Guam is the deepest descent by man to date.

The Pacific Ocean has most of the world's deepest canyons, the Philippine and Mariana Trenches; Japan Trench, 34,000 feet; Kermadec-Tonga Trench north of New Zealand, 35,500 feet; and the Kuril-Kamchatka Trench, 34,000 feet. The Java Trench is in the Indian Ocean, the Puerto Rico and South Sandwich Trenches in the Atlantic Ocean.

Probed Since War II Since World War II, many previously unknown deep-sea bottoms have been charted by the United States Navy, the Coast and Geodetic Survey, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and the National Geographic Society. All appear on maps produced by the Society. The new Cook Deep is joining them.

Still, despite stepped-up studies in oceanography, man knows less about many regions of the ocean than he does about the moon's surface.

Oceanographers compare their knowledge of the sea to what might be known about, say New Jersey, if one lowered a dredge from the clouds and snared a field mouse, some beetles, a caterpillar, a stone, and some grass.

ASCS Offices Seek To Improve Service

Each County farm program office in North Carolina is being asked "what steps need to be taken to improve service to farmers and program administration?" A. P. Hassell, Jr., Executive Director for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation State Committee, said this week.

"County committeemen, county office managers, and farmer fieldmen are to evaluate the work and service in each ASCS office," Hassell said.

"The benefits are expected to be in the form of better, faster service for farmers," Hassell continued, "and to make sure that the public business is kept in public view."

Training programs for committeemen and employees in 1963 will be based largely on needs identified in this self-study of county ASCS offices.

The ASCS Service has begun an intensive program to improve service and management efficiency. All employees have been asked for their suggestions on how to better do specific jobs.

In accord with recommendations of the citizens committee which has just completed a study of the farmer committee system, Hassell said, a

major effort will be made in 1963 to encourage more farmers to take part in the election of ASC committeemen.

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman has announced that the farmer committee system will continue to be the farm program field force and that it will be strengthened as recommended by the citizens committee.

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LITTLETON NEWS

Mrs. Sadie Bobbitt and Mrs. Alma Webster attended the funeral of Eugene C. Nelson in Petersburg, Va., last week.

Joe Stainback returned to his home last week after being a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital for several days.

Mrs. Maggie Atkins visited her sister, Mrs. Nena Freuler, in the Darlington community last week.

W. T. Threewitts, Jr., of

Cary visited his parents here last week and also visited Mr. John Threewitts and Mrs. Mildred Oxenham in Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Mrs. Mildred Oxenham was a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital last week recuperating from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hudson and daughter, Diane, of Richmond, Va., were recent guests of Mrs. Vergie Reid and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Salaman.

Joseph Threewitts visited Mr. John Threewitts in Roanoke Rapids Hospital on Thursday night.

Mrs. Ruby Liles has returned home after being a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital

for several days.

Visitors of Mr. Jesse Shearin in Warren General Hospital last week were Mrs. Jesse Shearin of Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jack Shearin and Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow Shearin of Norfolk, Grover Shearin, the Rev. Bill Coley, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Powell of Hollister, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Moseley, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bright, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shearin, Miss Carolyn Shearin and Mr. and Mrs. Earlie Shearin of Warrenton, Mr. Stuart Moretz of Alexandria, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Vance Robertson and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Pat Robertson of Macon.

Mr. G. Edwin Harvey is a patient in Roanoke Rapids Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Kidd of Hopwell, Va., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Waller Kidd. Justis Kidd of Hopwell, Va., was their guest for several days last week.

Mr. Claude H. Moore, Miss Alyce Williams, Loyd Dickens and Roy Cole visited Mrs. Mildred Oxenham in Roanoke Rapids Hospital last week.

S/Sgt. William Walker of Andrews Air Force Base, Washington, D. C., is spending some time here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy S. Walker.

Mr. Stuart Moretz has returned to his home in Alexandria, Va., after spending several days here with Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stansbury.

Mrs. George Ellington was accompanied to Duke Hospital on Friday by Mr. Ellington and Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Tucker.

BT/2 Rhodes W. Shearin, U. S. Navy, stationed at Philadelphia, Pa., was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence West and also visited Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Stansbury.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Alston and daughter, Gayle, visited Mrs. Nannie Shearin in Rocky Mount on Friday.

Mrs. Temple Farmer has returned to her home after spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas in Camerillo, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Willie Gray Bobbitt

in Bradenton, Florida. Miss Faye Warren of Raleigh were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Warren, Sr.

Mrs. Claude Warren and daughter, Faye, visited Mrs. Mildred Oxenham in Roanoke Rapids Hospital on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones of Roanoke Rapids and Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins Thompson visited Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alston recently.

Miss Vivian Satterwhite of Raleigh was a weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Satterwhite.

It isn't that men don't understand women; it's just that they don't always know what to do about it.

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