

CLAY TABLET GIVES PROOF FOR ANCIENT CIVILIZATION

BABYLONIA YIELDS NEW FIND ON FEUDAL SYSTEMS

ACCIDENTAL DISCOVERY GIVES INFORMATION TO SCIENTISTS

Accidental discovery of a hitherto unstudied clay tablet in the University of California museum of anthropology has completely upset previous interpretations of ancient Babylonian documents by Assyriologists, and established the fact that pre-Christian Babylonia existed under a feudal system similar to those of Europe and particularly England as late as the seventeenth century.

Feudal lords held sway over vast domains of land under such famous kings as Artaxerxes I, Darius I, the Persian; and Artaxerxes II, paying taxes of flour, beer, dates, meat or their monetary equivalent in daries, minas and shekels, and collecting taxes in turn from their knights, archers and other landholders.

The feudal system was, in some respects, higher in type than that of England centuries later, for the roads were in good enough condition to make the collecting of taxes possible, thus obviating the necessity of boarding out taxes as did early English kings with their traveling courts.

Basis for this picture of Babylonia in the fifth century B. C. is contained in one inscribed clay tablet which has been translated by Dr. H. F. Lutz, associate professor of Egyptology and Assyriology, after having been overlooked for about twenty years, since its presentation by Mrs. Phoebe Apperson Hearst, friend of the university.

The tablet in question is a contract between a Babylonian knight and his feudal lord, one of the grandsons of the House of Marushu, providing for the lease of a tract of land in return for military service and taxes.

Professor Lutz explains that the archives of the House of Marushu are well known by scholars and that some 730 inscribed clay tablets now in museums of Constantinople and America

U.C. SCHEDULES SEVERAL MOVES

By the decision of the Regents of the University of California, the Teachers' College, as well as the College of Letters and Science, is to be moved to the new Westwood site of the University of California at Los Angeles. The move is to be made during the summer vacation of 1929.

The University of California at Los Angeles had its beginning in the State Teachers' College at Los Angeles, which was founded in 1881 as the Branch State Normal School of California, a branch of the Normal School at San Jose. Five years later its catalogue was entitled State Normal School at Los Angeles. In 1919 the legislature transferred the property of the institution to the Regents of the University of California, Southern Branch. Only freshman and sophomore courses were given at first, but in 1923 a third year was added and in 1924 the fourth year was provided; and two colleges, Letters and Science, and the Teachers' College, each with a four-year course and leading to a baccalaureate degree, were operated.

have been found during the past thirty years in the ruins of the Babylonian city of Nippur. But always the spirit of these tablets has been misinterpreted, he states, scholars inclining to the belief that they represent the transactions of an ancient banking business—a forgotten House of Morgan or Rothschild.

The new tablet, however, with its unmistakable proof of a feudal system has thrown a new light on all these old documents and Professor Lutz says that reinterpreted with this romantic system in mind their meaning becomes more clear.

The tablet itself is about four by five inches in area, and an inch thick, closely inscribed with cuneiform letters on

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After baking, that tablet was placed in the family archives at Nippur, and 3000 years later it was uncovered by some specimen hunter and later purchased by Mrs. Hearst. Whether the Semite gentleman died for his king, or lived to govern his fief for many years, the records do not show.

Professor Lutz points out that this chance discovery is but one example of the many startling facts still to be learned about ancient Babylonia. He hopes to make more such discoveries next year during a contemplated trip to Bagdad, as exchange professor to the American University of Archeology. Citizens of California are now being asked to help in the raising of a fund of \$5000, which will be expended in excavating material for the University Museum.

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V. P. Gianella, assistant professor of geology, who has been studying at Columbia, during a three years leave of absence, returned to take up his work at the University of Nevada during the summer, making an extensive trip through the Panama Canal and Central American countries.

Leaving New York on June 8th on the steamship Venezuela, the first stop was Porto Colombo, in the Republic of Columbia, from where they went to Baranquilla on the Magdalena river, Baranquilla is the largest town in northern Columbia, according to Gianella and all of the material from the interior comes there.

Cortagena, the oldest town in South America, was the next stop. Cortagena was the scene of one of Morgan's famous raids and has a cathedral over 400 years old. From there Gianella

went into the Canal zone going from Colon to Panama through the Gatun locks.

Rough Scenery

The scenery, aside from the engineering features of the canal, makes the trip well worth while, according to Gianella, who waxes enthusiastic over its great but not particularly praised beauty.

A visit was then made in old Panama which is the scene of another of Morgan's raids. Also visited the old Spanish trail where the Spanish used to carry bullion and silver across on mule back.

He then visited several ports in Central America, went inland to Salvador City, and Guatemala, then came on to San Pedro, from where he motored back to Nevada.

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Five recreation camps held by the Home Department of the Agricultural Extension Service of the University of California this summer were attended by 231 women from ten counties.

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Talking pictures are destined to open up this new world in scientific education, according to predictions by Edward Mayer, executive secretary of the department of visual instruction, University of California Extension division, who forecasts the tremendous importance of "talkies" in the field of education.

The day will also come, Mayer predicts, when the turn of a dial will bring radio pictures, with the human voice reproduced and synchronized, to any family that can afford the apparatus.

However, the time is far in the future when the films of the kind he describes will be reproduced in university classrooms, because of the enormous cost of production and the expensive apparatus required for reproduction, Mayer points out.

"Like all new things, the films and the reproducing machinery are too expensive for any but the larger picture houses. Speaking films are revolutionizing the moving picture industry, and the Hollywood producers who scoffed two years ago when the pioneering was being carried forward are now scrambling head over heels to catch up with the parade. When the new art becomes

More Electives Granted Seniors

St. Paul, Minn.—Revision of the curriculum to permit more freedom of study has been announced at Hamline College by President Alfred F. Hughes. Majors and minors have been abolished, the first and last two years of work separated, and requirements reduced in number. "Gateway" courses in the freshman and sophomore years will introduce the student to college, and thereafter he will be free to select his own subjects. The only demand is for 36 hours of concentrated study. The "gateway" courses will be liberal and varied.

Particular emphasis is being placed on the junior and senior years. After caring for the demanded 36 hours, the student may browse as he pleases, or he may limit his work to one field. Provisions will be made for granting the exceptional student research facilities if he is able to carry his work beyond the limits of courses offered. Similarly, by arrangement with department heads, study may be done outside of class rooms and with no direct reference to courses.

stable, the production of educational films will be entirely practicable; even now the idea has tremendous possibilities," Mayer declares.

The production of scientific films whose chief "actors" are distinguished men of science and who explain each step as they "act" will probably be undertaken by foundations or combinations of universities formed for the purpose, or through associations such as the National Extension Education as-

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The feature of the meeting will be a speech by Lawrence Quill, research chemist at the University of Illinois. Mr. Quill graduated from the University of Nevada in 1924 and was given his doctor degree last spring at Illinois as a result of extensive research work on the new element, Ilnium, which was discovered by the man under whom Mr. Quill worked.

All of the old members are urged to be there to talk over plans for this coming semester.

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Margaret Harris of Palo Alto, Margaret Meyer of Ely, and Grace Bassett of Sacramento are guests at the Phi Beta house.

Katherine Davidson '28 has spent the last week at the Phi Beta Phi house on Virginia street.

Kathleen Griffin '28 and Lois Bona '28 both of Tonopah are visiting Gamma Phi Beta house.

Mrs. George Humphrey, who before her marriage was Jess Roy, and Carol Reid who will be married in September, were given a lovely shower at the Kappa Alpha Theta by Adele Clemons and Betty Sue Shaw Wednesday afternoon.

Edwards C. Henry, graduate of Edwards University, is applying for a Master of Science in Geology and Mining. Jesse Wolf, of the United States Bureau of Mines on this campus, is also applying for a Master of Science, but in metallurgy and mining.

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VETERANS LIMBER UP FOR COMING GRIDIRON SEASON

NEW MATERIAL REMAINS UNKNOWN QUANTITY AT PRESENT

Again the lusty cry of the Wolf Pack can be heard on Mackay Field as a hundred or more football men work out each night limbering up preparing for the coming football season. Under the guidance of Captain "Jim" Bailey a dozen letter men are already working hard to shape themselves for the time when head coach "Buck" Shaw steps on the field and takes command. Working with last year's stars are a number from the varsity squad, Goof squad, and freshman squad, combined with a general sprinkling of new men who are already getting the atmosphere of Nevada's system.

With a nucleus of letter men from last year's first string to build around and a wealth of new material to pick from Nevada's chances at a winning year already seem assured. Foremost among the Wolf Pack artists is Captain Bailey whose performances both here and on California gridirons made himself known throughout the Pacific coast. A triple threat man of note last year "Jim" threatens to cover himself with even more glory in this season's encounters. Until Shaw's appearance on the field September 15 Bailey will have charge of the men and send them through their paces each night.

Letter Men Back

Three more letter men who played outstanding ball in the Nevada backfield with Bailey are back this year. Overlin, Stockton, and Murphy, will all be seen again on the Wolf Pack squad. "Duke" Overlin will undoubtedly again call signals for the Pack with some unknown quarterback helping him. "Chris" Stockton whose powerful line plunges netted a good many yards for the Wolves is ready to again fill the position of fullback. Running him a close race will be Tommy Towle, Nevada redhead, who gave such a good account of himself when called upon to fill the shoes of Max Allen two years ago. Towle was unable to play last season but will be among the foremost in this year's contests. Football followers will again see a speedy, tricky little player in the form of "Spud" Murphy. The combination of Murphy and Lawlor who thrilled the crowds two years ago with their startling speed and brilliant broken field running will long be remembered at Nevada. "Mike" Lawlor will not be in the Nevada lineup this year as he is not planning to enter school again un-

Veterans Return For Bronco Team

Coach Adam Walsh will be met by a likely looking football team when he takes up the reigns the 15th of September. Fifteen varsity men will be back from last year's squad besides 21 promising men from the freshmen of last year. With this material to build from Santa Clara will enter a formidable team for honors among the teams on the coast this season.

There will also be a very strong freshmen team at Santa Clara this year with incoming students registering from all parts of the State, and with several all-state men in the number.

At the second semester. Upon the shoulders of Murphy and Bailey will fall the positions of halfbacks it seems and if these two stars perform as before football followers will not be wanting for thrills nor the Nevada team for scores.

Farnsworth Out

With "Buck" Farnsworth not returning this year Jack Walters is the only man from last year's squad to handle the position of center. Although last season was Walters' first with the Wolf Pack the accounting he gave of himself was outstanding and now with a year's experience behind him he promises an even better showing. Flanking Walters this year will probably be "Jake" Lawlor and either Kline or Inskip. Although Lawlor was transferred to the position of end at the latter part of the last season the big Irishman will probably be back to fill the positions left by Hansen and Larsen, two Nevada letter men who will not be able to play this year. An injury in an auto crash last year will keep Larsen from the game while Hansen has played four years on the varsity.

"Nig" Newton, giant Wolf Pack tackle, is again back to hold down his regular berth on the varsity. His brother "Max" has not returned to Nevada this year and his position as tackle will have to be filled by new material. From among the new men or those graduating from the Frosh or Goof teams will "Buck" Shaw be forced to pick his two ends. Unless Lawlor again tries for this position there are no varsity players who seem available. Baker who last year was outstanding on the Frosh team as end seems to be a likely candidate this season for the varsity.

Goofs Back

Other players who were seen in action last year on Mackay field and are again registered in school are Ford, Whitehead and Riordan. These men

MANY ARE LOST FROM GRIDIRON

Among those who will not be in school this year to play football are Farnsworth, Larsen, Parra, Sullivan, Elston, and Jones, the latter being registered but not eligible. He was a very good varsity prospect last semester and will be quite a loss in material to the school. All others have seen considerable service on the first string and will have to be replaced on the squad by new men this fall.

Farnsworth was center last year and is a man who will be rather hard to replace because of his size, being the heaviest man on the team. Larson did consistent work in the line, while Parra, Elston and Sullivan played in the backfield.

Material Uncertain

Little is known at this time as to what new material for the varsity there is, in the present frosh class. It seems very likely that most of the vacancies that have occurred on the team will be filled by some of the goofs, many of whom were close second-raters to some of the varsity players.

are expected to offer much competition to the other veterans from last year.

Little can be said at the present time concerning the new men. As yet this group is an unknown quantity although a number of men of prep school repute are out for the Pack.

According to the Far Western Conference ruling "Buck" Shaw cannot take the football field as coach until September 15. However, the Nevada mentor will put in an early appearance at the university in order to get a line on the new material and formulate his plans for the season. This year Shaw is to have complete charge of the football team. He will be assisted by "Chet" Seranton who handled the Frosh team throughout the past football season. Shaw will not instruct in physical education as he did in previous years and so will be able to devote his entire time to football.

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Reports from the Yale Frosh indicate that bobbed hair is becoming passe and the popular Charleston and Black Bottom of last year are being replaced by the graceful waltz.

NEW COURSES IN WOMEN'S SPORTS

Something new and different in the women's Physical Education department is the swimming classes which have been organized. Last year an attempt was made to organize swimming classes, but unfortunately it was not very successful. This year, however, several classes have been put on the schedule, and the women may take their choice of receiving either University credit of W. A. A. points.

These classes will be held at the "Y" pool in the morning. A night class may be established, but this has not been definitely decided upon. Tests will be given in the near future, and all women passing these tests will not be required to pay the required swimming fee of \$2.25.

At a meeting to be held next week more definite arrangements will be made and a swimming manager will be elected.

HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Sign up sheets for women's hockey will be posted in the gymnasium this week, according to Sheila Parker '29, manager. Practices will begin the first of next week, probably from 3:45 to 4:30 every afternoon. It is hoped that

FOOTBALL SUITS ISSUED TO MEN

At the end of the first afternoon for checking out football uniforms, thirty-five suits were turned out; these to varsity and goof pigskin warriors only. Of this number twenty were given to first string men, which indicates that about half the goofs have taken out suits. It is estimated that about ten more goofs will turn out, and at least thirty frosh will take a whirl at the regular shaping-up grind to try for varsity and frosh squad berths.

Dos Martie just returned from a trip east, Thursday and has not yet selected a coach for the frosh, but he will make the appointment from among several who are back this year who played on the varsity and are back in school taking graduate work this year. Last year the frosh squad had a very good season and ran away with all games they played excepting one, which is a very good record, and means that there should be a strong goof team this year and also plenty of competition for new men to win places higher than those open on the frosh squad alone.

a number of new women will come out for this sport, and thereby start to become members of W. A. A.

MANAGERS BEGIN SEASON PLANS

Judging by the list of efficient managers and assistants, this semester should be a very successful and interesting season for women's sports. At the last W. A. A. meeting in the spring, the following women were elected as managers and assistants of the various sports:

Hockey—Sheila Parker '29, manager; Nancy Heiser '31 and Helen Mann '30, assistants.

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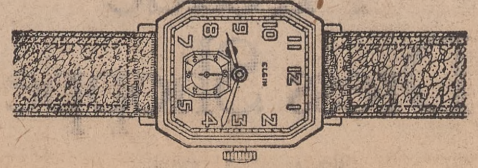

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11 Secure High School Positions in Parts of State

Many of last year's graduates have been placed in schools, both high and elementary, throughout the state, according to Miss Williamson, secretary of the School of Education. With many of the graduates still to be heard from, the incomplete list is as follows:

Among the graduates of the four-year course are: Eva Adams, High School, Las Vegas; Grace Bassett, High School, Gardnerville; Mae Bernasconi, Department of Physical Education for Women, University of Nevada; Margaret Beverly, Elementary School, Gardnerville; LaVerne Blundell, Junior High School, Sparks; Alice Carney, Fairview district, Pershing County; Catherine Curieux, Elementary School, Ely; Elizabeth Dove, Elko County; Olive Dunn, Fairview District; Douglas County; Kathleen Griffin, High School, Goldfield; Forrest Holdcamper, Junior High School, Sparks; Margaret Jenkins, Elementary School, Susanville, California; Louise Jones, Taber City District, Elko County; Isabelle Loring, High School, Wells; Mabel Mariani, High School, Las Vegas; Alice Molini, Elementary School, Goldfield; Theo Olmstead, High School, Wells; William Sawie, High School, Carlin; Genevieve Spencer, Junior High School, Sparks; Ruth Streeter, High School, Austin; Helen Hibbert, Elementary School, Westwood, California; Carol Smith, Elementary School, Sparks; Henry Nelson, High School, Eureka; Archie Watson, High School, Yerington; Lois Bona, High School, Montello; Granville Leavitt, Junior High School, Wellington; Ruth Foster, Elementary School, Elko.

Two-Year Students
Graduates of the elementary course

FRESHMEN ATTENTION

Yes, the swans are back, and in order that the freshmen might understand how important these swans are to the student life, the following story has been reprinted from last year on the request of the Desert Wolf editor:

NEAR TRAGEDY MARKS LATEST AIR FLIGHT

Another near tragedy in the flying field occurred on the Nevada Campus Sunday, when Mr. I. Swan, accompanied by his wife, decided to fly to their winter home.

Just where this winter home is located has not been determined. Nevertheless the urge became too strong and the pair started out.

Either their flying equipment was deficient or the wind was unfavorable because Mr. Swan was forced to land. He seemed to have lost his fair companion at some time during the flight, as she was picked up in the Orr Ditch, while he gave the players on the tennis court quite a thrill by his spectacular landing.

for two years include: Opal Curieux, Elko County, Island Mountain District; Mrs. Laura L. Deering, primary grades, Mina; Louye Anderson, Blue Springs District; Evelyn Fayhin, Elementary School, Battle Mountain; Odetta Thornton, Elementary School, Carlin; Evelyn Boudette, Mason District, Lyon County; Gladys Bruner, Bushee District, Pershing County; Martha Mettscher, Elementary School, Minden; Evelyn Rogers, Ruby Valley District, Elko County; Thelma Gerber, Elementary School, Reno; Mary Guthrie, Elementary School, Yerington.

One Year Course
Graduates of the one-year elementary course who have obtained schools are: Grace Dalby, primary grades, Fairview District, Pershing County; Elizabeth Hammond, Lincoln County; Katrina Jacobsen, Huntington District, Elko County; Bessie McDonald, Ele-

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Announcement of the graduate division work at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography has just been published by the University of California, outlining the courses, facilities, equipment and requirements for those wishing to pursue their studies there. No undergraduate work is given at La Jolla.

"The institution offers courses in general oceanography and in special oceanographic problems to qualify students," the announcement says. "In the seminar in oceanography, which meets for an hour and a half twice each week, the entire field of ocean-

ography is reviewed, particular emphasis being placed on the recent additions to the knowledge of the science and to the presentation of unsolved problems. Reports on current investigations by members of the staff of the institution and by students, lectures by visiting scientists, and reviews of important literature are given at the weekly scientific conference of the institution. Courses are offered in physical oceanography, marine sediments, and other geological subjects, the quantitative study of microplankton, the ecology of marine organisms, and chemical oceanography."

mentary School, Verdi; Ruth Oppdyke, Eagle Valley District, Lincoln County; Lucille Whitehead, Beatty District, Nye County; Irene Wilson, Perry District, Lyon County.

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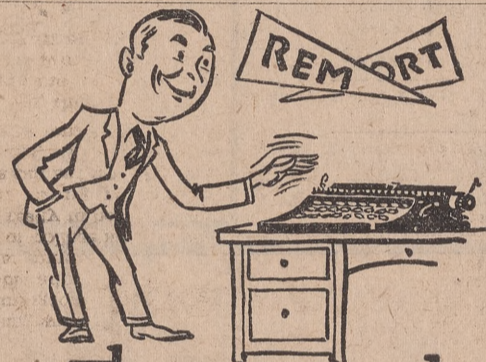
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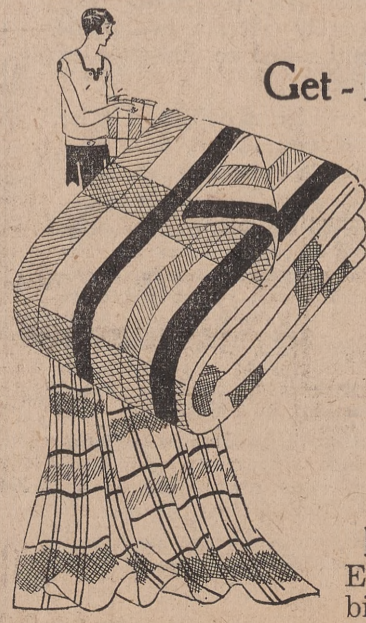
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