

AERIAL SURVEY OF NORTH AUSTRALIA

R.A.A.F. Planes To Be Used

SCIENTISTS CHOSEN

GANBERRA, March 7. Arrangements have been made for the Royal Australian Air Force to do the aerial photography associated with the £150,000 aerial geophysical survey of Northern Australia. This will mean a considerable saving, the Government believes, on the lowest tender submitted for the work and, at the same time, the Air Force personnel will be available for investigation in Western Australia, Northern Territory and Queensland.

The executive officer of the survey, Mr. B. Nye, will take up his headquarters at Cloncurry early in April. Senior geophysicists to be appointed to the committee of inquiry in charge of the survey—the Queensland Minister for Mines (Mr. Storrford), the W.A. Minister for Mines (Mr. Munnings), and the Northern Territory Minister (Mr. McCallum)—had approved of the following appointments:

Senior geophysicists (to receive 1900 a year):—Messrs K. J. Hutchinson, operating in W.A.; S. P. S. Hoesfeldt, operating in the Northern Territory; and C. S. Homman, operating in Queensland.

Junior draftsmen (to receive £400, advancing by £50 a year to £500)—Messrs M. O'Halloran, A. H. Volsey and C. A. Booth.

Senior geophysicists (1600)—Messrs E. L. Blazey, R. F. Taylor, L. A. Richardson, and Dr. C. M. Wood.

Junior geophysicists (1600), advancing by £50 a year to £500—Messrs P. P. Oakes and J. Daly.

Junior draftsmen (1600)—Mr. A. C. Booth, Junior draftsmen (£330)—Messrs H. B. Hawkins and E. H. Morgan.

Start To Be Made In April

Expert staffs and their assistants, directed by the Minister, would move into the field on the following dates:—Western Australia party, going north over the Marble Bar-Mulginee area, will leave Fremantle by automobile on April 14. The Northern Territory party will leave Adelaide by motor cars on April 9 and 10 and will board a train at Parina on the Alice Springs line, or another station, the Queensland group will leave Brisbane by train on March 16.

Mr. McLachlan said that the senior officer of each field party had been authorized to engage in consultation with the minor State Geologists, his own cook, camp keeper, field assistants, chauffeur and mechanics. Preference would be given to mining geologists in territories concerned and the rates of pay were to be in accordance with the prevailing rates of mining geologists with margins for skill and additional payments for remote localities.

Work Of The Leading Scientists

Mr. Finucane is a Master of Science and has carried out important mine geology and mining geophysical work in Western Australia. At one time he was member of the W.A. Geographical Society.

Mr. Hoesfeldt, the senior geologist for the Northern Territory, is a Master of Science at the Adelaide University and also a member of the Geological Society of Australia. He has had a wide experience of geological surveys in every mainland State of the Northern Territory.

Mr. Homman is a geologist for Queensland, has carried out geological survey work in Western Australia, and also has wide experience of mining geology. Of the junior geologists, Mr. Volsey is a geological consultant in Victoria.

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SCIENCE AND SPORT

"Combining the Southern Seas," by Joseph Vero, Adelaide: Rigby.

Thoroughly edited by Mr. Bernard Cotton, the Vero journals of marine collecting make a most interesting volume. Lady Vero has made available a whole mass of careful diary, extending over the areas of the island with a range from Beachport, on the eastern coast, to the mantle on the west. The public tends to overlook in regarding Sir Joseph's collecting the time that he spent, as he stands as an amateur scientist, but

NEW RESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY TERM BEGINS TODAY

Mr. R. B. Wade Succeeds Sir Henry Newland

MELBOURNE, March 7.

Mr. R. B. Wade, of Sydney, was elected President of the College at the council meeting of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons this afternoon. Sir Henry Newland, who has held the office of President of the College for the last six years, announced that he would not offer himself for re-election although he would remain a member of the council. The council expressed appreciation of the work done by Sir Henry Newland during his term of office.

Mr. Wade, who occupies the position of hon. surgeon at the Prince Henry Hospital, was born in Sydney in 1874. He was educated at the Sydney Grammar School and the University of Sydney, whence he graduated M.B. and B.S. He has been lecturer in clinical surgery in children's diseases at the Sydney University since 1921. He was president of the Medical and Surgical Association for Children since December, 1932. In 1932 he was appointed president of the Medical Association of New South Wales, and in 1933 president of the Sydney Rotary Club. He is chairman of the Infantile Paralysis Appeal Committee.

The council expressed its gratitude to all donors to the funds of the college. Mr. R. B. Wade was elected by a vote of 10 to 5. Rowden White for a gift of £1,000. Dr. Rowden White, in making this gift, said he thought the members of the college should be proud of the fact that the headquarters of the college was in that city, and he wished to do his part in erecting a portico to the college.

Conservatorium Commencement

The annual commencement social of the Elder Conservatorium will be held on Monday night. After Professor Harold Davies, the director of music at the Conservatorium, has welcomed the new students in the south hall, he will give his inaugural address. It will be followed by the first demonstration of an electric phonograph, the recent gift of the Carnegie Corporation of New York to the Conservatorium. Later, supper will be served, to be followed by dancing. Professor Davies invites present and past students to the dance.

The committee making arrangements for the social part of the programme comprises Misses Iris Hart, Joyce Reife, Pauline Hyde, Patsy Robinson, Vicia Cousins, Gwen Paul, Felicia Francis, Mona C. Hopson, P. Wood, A. Condon, R. Porter, R. Noblett, J. Christie, and N. Wigglesworth.

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POINTS FROM LETTERS

Leaving Examination English

From "A Parent"—"Leaving English" with its underlining and its made too burdensome a cram for boys and girls averaging in age 16 years, as well as a prolixity. The average healthy-minded boy cannot be expected to read in much that is held up for his admiration in school anthologies as good, and he is tired to sleep up much eccentric vapour. It is better to bore him almost to tears. Halt the selected text books for 1935 Leaving English with its underlining. It is a wonder, for instance, why the anthology entitled "Threshold of English" has been set. Many of the selections it contains are tedious and uninteresting. Enough good prose for one examination is to be found in the 800 pages of "David Copperfield" without this extra burden. The team of having to study heavy, dull passages like some which I could cite from the "Bible" to understand the meaning of literary genius. As for the poetry embraced by the syllabus, why ask youngsters to memorize and rack their brains in order to understand the meaning of "Ham Blake's obscure riddle. "The Tiger"? Since perusing the syllabus and the list of the books to be read in the set books I have concluded to wonder at "Leaving English Literature" being such a bugbear to the generality of candidates.

Engineering Students' Week-End Camp

University Tennis Tournament

A number of engineering students returned to the city during the week-end, after three weeks of survey camp.

The annual tennis tournament, arranged by the committee of the non-permanent section of the Adelaide University Oval on Saturday, has been held in Adelaide on May 29 and 30.

Two other inter-Varsity contests—tennis and athletics—will also take place before June, and already teams are practicing in the contest.

Several New Staff Appointments

The first 1935 term for the University of Adelaide now begins today, with several alterations on the staff of professors, lecturers, tutors, and demonstrators.

Professor E. O. G. Shann, who 15 months ago was appointed to the chair of economics in succession to Professor McVillie, has resigned the duties of the office. He is now Mr. John A. La Nauze, the 1931 Rhodes Scholar of Western Australia, who has been appointed to the vacant chair in economics.

Last year Mr. J. M. Garland (lecturer) and Messrs E. G. Blairgin and M. O. O'Flaherty were carried out of the teaching in this subject.

Professor J. G. Wood, who was appointed lecturer in botany in 1927, is now Professor of Botany. Last year Professor T. Harvey Johnston was honorary professor in this subject. The lecturer in plant pathology is now Mr. lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Science of the University of Melbourne, and Miss B. S. Harrison has been appointed a demonstrator in the department of botany. Mr. W. A. Cowan, an arts graduate of the Otago University, Dunedin, New Zealand, has been appointed lecturer in the department of classics and comparative philology and literature.

Dr. Cecil O'Flaherty, an assistant lecturer and demonstrator in the department of human physiology and pharmacology. There will be two assistant demonstrators in this department this year. The new lecturer in bacteriology is Dr. A. E. Platt, the recently appointed deputy director of the laboratory of bacteriological and pathological research at the Adelaide Hospital, and the position of demonstrator in this department has been filled by Dr. A. L. Dawkins.

Mr. E. W. Holden will be the lecturer on commercial practice, after the departure of Mr. Davies. There have been slight changes made in the department of medicine and surgery.

The number of students who will attend the University this year, compared with last year's figures, are:

- preliminary meetings of classes will be held this week. In commercial practice, 3 classes, 1 and 2, and honours classes meeting will be held in the afternoon at 3 p.m. and at 4.30 the English honours and M.A. students will meet in the 1000 lecture room.
- Other meetings are—Science and engineering faculty, 1 and 2, Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. in the mathematics lecture room; pure mathematics, 1 and 2, Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. in the mathematics lecture room; physics, 1 and 2, Wednesday, 10.30 a.m. in the mathematics lecture room; physics 2a, 2, and 3, students are required to attend on Thursday at 10 a.m. in the physics 2a or Mr. Burdon (physics 2c) room; chemistry, 1 and 2, Thursday, 10.30 a.m. in the engineering building; an elective in the engineering building, 4.15 a.m. in the engineering building. Agriculture, 1 and 2, Thursday, 10.30 a.m. in the Waite Institute on Thursday.

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DR. HAROLD DAVIES ON CARNED MUSIC

"Contagious Enthusiasm of Audience Lacking"

The Director of the Elder Conservatorium (Dr. E. Harold Davies) last night gave his 1935 inaugural address to present and past students. He spoke on "Gramophone Music."

Dr. Davies said that the weight of judgment was in favour of the gramophone as a means of reproduction of music, and he pointed out that it was not only a means of reproduction, but also a means of transmission. He pointed out that the gramophone was a means of reproduction, but also a means of transmission. He pointed out that the gramophone was a means of reproduction, but also a means of transmission.

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Effect On Employment

Dr. Davies said that there was also a human side to reproduction which spells disastrous unemployment, and other need among thousands of musicians who had been deprived of their living by these various inventions. It was, he said, a sad story of the machine displacing the man, whether he be artist or artisan.

He reproduced or transmitted music is said to destroy personality; and, further, that half the interest of hearing is in the performer himself, and not in the music. "But I am not so sure about this. On the contrary, the microphone seems to have a very great effect on the personality. All sorts of defects that we lose sight of in close proximity are starkly evident in the performance. Certainly vulgarity becomes ten times more vulgar, as emphasis and blatancy are made still emphatic and blatant, and the circumstances, no camouflage."

"Music is the most social of all the arts. The performance of it, well as the enjoyment are immensely enhanced by collective hearing, by the enthusiasm of a great audience inspiring the performer, and being inspired in turn by his artistry."

"However," he concluded, "with the gramophone or records, we are choosing to preserve what we would like to hear, promptly switching off what bores or offends us. And what a joy that is! It is a most fortunate circumstance that the gramophone has permitted us to hear a single item of interest. Then it is also possible to repeat a good performance over and over again, as we please in order to deepen or prolong our pleasure. And that surely is an advantage."

Carnegie Corporation's Certainty Demonstrated

The first public demonstration of the electric phonograph presented by the Carnegie Corporation to the University of Adelaide, was given last night at the Elder Conservatorium, where the annual commencement social of present and past students of the Conservatorium was held.

Faithful recordings and excellent reproduction were appreciated by the large audience. Professor E. Harold Davies, in his inaugural address, said a library of between 800 and 900 records had been presented with the phonograph. He hoped that the gift would be a source of interest to students and that the benefit of the collection could be extended by means of broadcasting. He entered a brief note on those who were entertained at supper and dancing.