

### Odd Culture Is Found in Andes

### Trials Marriage, Infanticide, Gangsterism Accepted By Inca Heirs.

NEW YORK.—Trials marriage, infanticide and gangsterism are established customs among the Quechua Indians of Peru, descendants of the proud Incas, according to Dr. Bernard Mishkin of Columbia university's department of anthropology, who has just returned from the native village of Kauri, where he spent eight months in research.

Doctor Mishkin, whose investigation into the bizarre culture of this tribe was the first in 400 years since the Spanish conquest, was the only white man in Kauri, situated in the Andes at an altitude of 14,000 feet.

Resentful of missionaries and adamant toward inflexible religion, the natives of the village regard marriage by a priest as "snobbishness" and "overrighteousness," the anthropologist reported. Moreover, they are loath to take the trip to the nearest capital district which a formal marriage would require.

Instead the Quechuas countenance trial marriage every August during a celebration known as the "Fiesta Santiago," which is almost entirely native in content despite the Catholic name.

Insulting Songs Mark Fiesta.

"During this fiesta an ancient Inca or even pre-Inca custom is preserved," Doctor Mishkin related. "Hundreds of beautifully dressed men and women travel to the capital district for the purpose of choosing mates. The men and women line up on opposite sides of a plaza and sing insulting songs to one another disclaiming chastity and promising infidelity after marriage."

"Actually this is the only time of the year that a woman may freely insult a man. Wives who insult husbands during any other period would receive a good beating and be thrown naked out of their home to die of exposure.

"The fiesta lasts for six days, during which time a man or woman may try a number of different mates until a suitable one is chosen. The period of trial marriage then begins and may last as long as three years before it is made permanent or broken up. If the couple decides to separate there is no established procedure as to what shall happen to children that have been born in the meantime. Each case is individually settled."

Land Shortage Distressing.

In case a married couple feels it is having more children than its land can support, it resorts to infanticide. The Indians contend that this custom persists to ease the distressing problem of land shortage.

"Kauri is one of the few places in the world where infanticide is practiced on children several months after birth," Doctor Mishkin said. Ironically, the Indians' chief concession to civilization is to be found in gangsterism, the efficiency of which "would do credit to a Chicago mob," Doctor Mishkin continued.

"Because of the land shortage, people who have been dispossessed or who have been unable to acquire land are forced to turn to robbery for a living," he said.

Nearly all work in the village is done under an elaborate system of cooperative labor called the "aico," Doctor Mishkin said. Each member of the community belongs to a work group and has the right to call upon, and be called upon, by the group for labor. This borrowing and lending of work is recorded by each individual and later repaid in kind. The women and children use the system as well as the men.

### Winter Does Not Check Activity of Ground Mole

One animal rarely seen, yet hardly to be considered uninteresting, is the common mole. Its habit of living a secluded underground life, together with a natural shyness when it is aware of human presence, makes this creature one of the more mysterious animals of the state, writes Clarence Taub in the Detroit News.

But the animal makes up for its frequent appearance by leaving behind numerous and plainly evident signs of having been about. The lines of upheaved earth and the circular mole hills are common sights in summer and sometimes are also evident in winter.

The mole is content to burrow for subterranean worms and insects upon which it feeds. Its pointed snout and the two hand-like paws serve as excellent tools for digging. Occasionally the animal works its way to the earth's surface, after which it may crawl above ground for a short distance when "digging in" again. Usually these journeys in the outer world are quite brief, for the mole out of ground acts much like a fish out of water, and it invariably returns to its underground abode where it lives in greater safety.

Observers have noted that for some unknown reason the mole moves more quickly than usual during the noon hour than at any other time of day. Although the small mammal generally does its burrowing deep down during the winter months, it's at this season when it is more frequently seen out of the ground. This may be due to animals' rather frequent striking frozen earth, the impetuous obstacle causing it to dig to the surface; or then again it may be due to the fact that the bluish gray furred animal is more easily discerned on snow, thus causing its out-of-ground excursions to be noticed more often in winter than in summer.

### Northern Mammal Lived In Oregon, Writer Says

Scientists say that one of the prehistoric families that lived in Oregon was the northern mammoth, a creature that must have been "seemingly out of place, even in the strange pleistocene world" of which Primeval Oregon was a part, declares an authority in the Portland Oregonian.

The Columbian elephants, mighty creatures that rivaled in stature even the largest elephants of the present, lived in old Oregon in great herds, judging from the abundance of their fossils.

Also on the Oregon ranges, probably long before the mammoth and Columbia elephant appeared, was huge Elephas imperator, remains of which have been found at Fossil Hill and in the La Grande country. Imperator was an enormous creature, the largest of all elephants and probably the most ponderous animal ever to thunder over the pleistocene plains of Oregon. These animals were 13 1/2 feet at the shoulder.

The mammoth was apparently represented in Oregon by two species. One of these was so peculiar to the Oregon country that it was named Mammuth oregonense. Mammoth remains have been found in many parts of the state, especially in the coast counties and in the Willamette valley.

Utah and Nevada in Union

Utah was admitted as a state in 1896, the forty-fifth state in order of admission. Nevada was a part of the Western territory which was claimed first by Spain and later by Mexico before it was ceded to the United States in 1846. After it was divided from Utah it was admitted as a separate territory and became a state in 1854, the thirty-sixth state in order of admission.

### KELLY TO "CRACK DOWN" ON TITLE JUMPERS

Michigan's Secretary of State, Harry F. Kelly, is rapidly organizing his department so as to crack down on the habitual law violators known as "title-jumpers." Jumping a title occurs when an unscrupulous dealer takes a car in trade and allows the title to be endorsed in blank. On reselling the car he fills in the name of the new purchaser so that the transaction appears on the title records as a sale between individuals without recourse to a middleman. When bona-fide sales between individuals not dealers are tax-exempt. This custom followed by many dealers has resulted in failure of the state to collect thousands of dollars in sales taxes.

The Department of State's field investigators will now make a thorough check of all auto dealers' records to see that each dealer holds in his own name the licenses on all cars in his possession. Reputable dealers and most automobile trade associations endorse this impending action on the part of the State.

### Chiropractors File Suit Against Board

A husband and wife chiropractic partnership of this district is plaintiff in a suit filed against the Michigan Board of Examiners in Basic Science. The chiropractors are Mr. and Mrs. George Timponas of Livonia, Mich.

It is their contention that the Basic Science Board is unconstitutional in that its creation constituted class legislation. The class legislation argument in the bill is based on the fact that whereas doctors, osteopaths and chiropractors are subject to examination by the board, members of such professions as dentistry, optometry and pharmacy are not.

According to George W. Schudlich, the Timponas' attorney, the provisions of the bill by which the Basic Science Board was established in 1937 have occasioned widespread dissatisfaction and the Timponas suit will be in the nature of a test case.

A squad of University of Michigan swimmers coached by Matt Mann will give a series of educational exhibits in England during September of this year.

### Farmington Area Not Represented On Apple Commission

Some disappointment is felt among the fruit-growers of this area as a result of the ignoring of this large and important fruit territory, in selection by Gov. Dickenson of the Michigan Apple Commission, a new body created by the present session of the Legislature. It had been hoped that one member of the Commission would be appointed from the district around Farmington, Northville and South Lyon, which is the source of some of the State's largest and best apple crops.

A number of fruit producers in this area have been actively interested for some years in the purposes for which the Apple Commission has been established—increasing and improving the market, co-operation for more profitable methods, meeting competition of apples grown in other states, etc.

The member of the newly-appointed Commission residing nearest this section is W. K. Bristol of Almont. All four of the other members of the Commission are from the west and central parts of the State. The appointees, whose names were before the Senate Wednesday for confirmation, which was expected immediately are:

District No. 1, C. C. Taylor, of Alton; and Ed Lyman, of South Haven; District No. 2, Wesley G. Mauby, of Grand Rapids; District No. 3, W. K. Bristol, of Almont; District No. 4, Wallace van Cleave of Thompsonville, all for terms ending July 1, 1942.

University of Michigan students who shudder at an eight o'clock class and cannot get enthusiastic over a nine o'clock have decided, after looking at the first faculty minutes, that their ancestors must have been of a harder race. Records show that at a meeting of the board on May 13, 1846, it was voted that "the first bell for morning prayers be rung during the present term at five o'clock and the second bell from 5:25 to 5:30 a. m. except on those mornings when there is no recitation or other exercise before breakfast in which cases according to previous vote prayers are a half hour later."

### Hatton, Knickerbocker Report "Fishing Good"

Good results were reported by Emory Hatton, proprietor of the Farmington Hatton, and Howard C. Knickerbocker, cashier of Farmington State Bank, following their return from a fishing trip to Hubbard Lake, near Alpena, Mich. "We caught about 40 fish altogether," declared Hatton, "mostly perch, some rock bass."

The two men left on the 237 mile drive to the lake Thursday and returned Sunday evening.

### "Sunshine Special" Is Host To 170 Children

Approximately 170 children enjoyed an afternoon of free rides, games, ice cream, lemonade, and fun in general Tuesday afternoon when Exchange Club's annual "Sunshine Special" made its trip to Edgewater Amusement Park.

The children, underprivileged, were from Farmington as well as the Sarah Fisher Home. Transportation was provided on school buses of Bond school, Our Lady of Sorrows, and Farmington. Participating in the "Sunshine Special" were 13 Exchange clubs from the metropolitan district. About 3000 children crowded the park.

The Farmington children were under the supervision of Judge John J. Schutte, Howard Otis, and Earl Grosvenor.

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### ALL-STARS TO MEET PLEEZING FOODS FRIDAY

The Farmington Playground All-stars baseball team under the management of Paul Shoemaker, playground director, will meet the Pleezing Foods also on the high school athletic field Friday afternoon at 5:30.

On Friday, July 7, the All-stars travel to Ford Republic for a game there, and on Tuesday, July 11, they meet Stark A. C. here.

A Junior Olympics track meet was held Monday afternoon at the

athletic field. Two classes participated—Class A, boys from 12 to 16, and Class B, boys from 8 to 12. The winners were:

High Jump, Jim Mitchell (A); Oscar Auten (B). Broad Jump, Richard Pauline (A); Henry Griffith (B). 50 Yard Dash, Richard Pauline (A); Henry Griffith (B). 100 Yard Dash, Richard Pauline (A); J. Broadford (B). Baseball Throw, E. Mitchell (A); Oscar Auten (B). Standing Broad Jump, Don LeDoux and Clayton Bellinger.

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