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This is the first issue of the Antarctic Society Newsletter which will replace the Bulletin. Costs of printing and increasing postal rates make economies necessary if dues are not to be raised. Therefore, the Board of Directors has decided to consolidate some of the mailings and to discontinue the Bulletin. The Newsletter will be mailed out before each meeting of the Society and will include the announcement of the meeting.

The Newsletter will contain much the same kinds of information that were published in the Bulletin, but it will be issued at least four times a year which should compensate for its smaller size. Since most of the members of the Antarctic Society subscribe to or have access to the Antarctic Journal of the United States, the Polar Record, and the Polar Times, an effort will be made to avoid duplication of information contained in those journals. Exceptions will be made when a newsworthy event occurs shortly before the publication of a particular issue of the Newsletter. Personal news will be emphasized. To do this the cooperation of the members is necessary, and each one is requested to send in such items to the editor.

Your attention is called to the blank on the last page which you can clip and use to send in your annual dues for 1975-76 which are now payable. Note that they are still \$3.00.

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Announcement of the First Meeting of the 1975-76 Season

ACCOUNT OF ANTARCTIC ACTIVITIES, 1975-76

by

Dr. Robert H. Rutford, Head
Office of Polar Programs
National Science Foundation

8:00 p. m.

Tuesday, December 2, 1975

Room 543, Office of Polar Programs, National Science Foundation

1800 G Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

ANTARCTICAN SOCIETY AFFAIRS

As a result of the election at the annual meeting of the Society, June 3, the officers and board of directors are as follows:

President:	Kenneth J. Bertrand	Secretary/Historian:	Charles E. Morrison
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*Appointed by the Board to fill the unexpired term of Kendall N. Moulton who was elected Vice President.

The following were appointed to the Program Committee by the president. Robert J. Allen, W. Timothy Hushen (Chairman), Thomas F. Kelly, Walter R. Seelig, Roy G. Shults, and George E. Watson, III. The Committee has tentatively arranged the following programs in Washington:

December 2	Dr. Robert H. Rutford, "Account of Antarctic Activities, 1975-76."
January/February	An Antarctic film program, preferably at one of the embassies.
February/March	A lecture on Gondwana Land and Continental Drift in conjunction with the Smithsonian Institution.
April	Annual business meeting and memorial lecture. Lecture to deal with history of aviation in Antarctica in commemoration of 40th anniversary of Ellsworth's first trans-Antarctic flight and the 20th anniversary of the second trans-Antarctic flight by Hawkes, January 13, 1956, as well as other long flights in the 1955-56 season.
May	Polar Regions and global climate

The By-Laws call for four meetings a year; more are desirable, and the Program Committee hopes to take advantage of visitors to Washington who are able and willing to lecture on some phase of the Antarctic. Anyone so interested should contact Tim Hushen, Polar Research Board, National Research Council, 2101 Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20U18.

Requests by members for a list of the membership of the Society have prompted the Board of Directors to authorize the sale of the list of names and addresses to any member for \$1.00 to cover the cost of reproduction and mailing.

Science, Technology, and Sovereignty in the Polar Regions, edited by Gerald S. Schatz (Lexington Books, 1974, \$16), the published results of the colloquium, December 1, 1973, sponsored by the Society, has been well received. It is reported that ideas expressed in the book have been seriously considered in subsequent deliberations by government personnel dealing with related problems,

The Society is interested in sponsoring future symposia, and suggestions for topics to be considered are invited. Please contact the president, Kenneth J. Bertrand, 6808 40th Ave., University Park, Hyattsville, Md. 20782.

NEWS ITEMS

Members who purchased an Amundsen-Scott South Pole medal, issued in support of the new Antarctic wing of the Canterbury Museum, Christchurch, New Zealand, will be interested to know that they are now collectors¹ items. No more are available from the Museum. Some members may be interested in obtaining a second medal designed by Jim Berry who designed the Amundsen-Scott medal. It marks the 20th anniversary of the conquest of Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary. Sir Edmund led the New Zealand party which met Sir Vivian Fuchs at the Pole in support of the British Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition during the IGY. The medal sells for approximately \$5.30 U. S. at current exchange rates with royalties going to the Canterbury Museum and to the Himalayan Trust by arrangement with Sir Edmund. Those interested in a medal can write to Mr. Varian J. Wilson, 33 Roseberry St., Christchurch 2, New Zealand,

The 16th and final map folio of the Antarctic Map Folio Series has been published by the American Geographical Society, Broadway at 156th Street, New York, N. Y., 10032. It sells for \$15. Folio No. 2 is out of print, but it is available on microfilm for \$6.00. Any five folios may be purchased at a 25% discount, and the entire set, less No. 2, is available at a 40% discount. This is a great opportunity to obtain a unique work on Antarctica.

Miss Vivian Bushnell, editor of the Antarctic Map Folio Series, retired in October. In terms of government contracts she was in reality "Chief Investigator", something much more than is implied by the title of editor. Her many friends among polar specialists wish her well in retirement.

We are sorry to report the death from cancer in Dijon of Louis Deroche, 60, Correspondent for Agence France-Presse since 1950, on July 21. He specialized in military affairs and space. He was accredited to Operation Deepfreeze in 1957-59 during which time he became the first Frenchman to set foot at the South Pole. Louis was well known among Antarcticans, particularly in Washington. He served a term on the Board of Directors of the Antarctic Society. When the Society was incorporated in the District of Columbia in 1965, he signed the papers as one of the three incorporators. He was instrumental in having his personal friend, Emilio Pucci, design the official scarf of the Society.

Among his legion of friends there will be many who will wish to send a contribution to the Louis Deroche Memorial Fund, University of Georgia, c/o Mr. Perk Robbins, Vice President for Development, University of Georgia, Athens, Ga., 30602. Louis, who held a bachelor's degree from the University of Lyon, was an exchange student at Georgia where he earned an M. A. Degree in 1937.

Since the last issue of the Bulletin word has been received of the death of Hugh Blackwall Evans on February 8 at his home in Vermillion, Alberta. Evans was made an honorary member of the Society on the occasion of his 99th birthday, November 19, 1973. He was assistant biologist on C. E. Borchgrevink's expedition in the Southern Cross, 1898-1900, and prior to that he was a member of a sealing expedition to Kerguelen.

Evans formed a link between the early work and modern exploration in Antarctica. As a young man he knew and consulted with Sir Joseph Hooker, naturalist with the expedition led by Sir James Clark Ross in the Erebus and the Terror, 1841-43. He was also one of the ten men who wintered with Borchgrevink on Cape Adare. This was the first expedition to build a hut on the continent with the intention of wintering over, and it was the first expedition to use dog teams on journeys away from the base in Antarctica. It

is remarkable that in the September 1974 number of the Polar Record we have the last of three articles co-authored by Evans and A. G. E. Jones in the last three years of Evans's life. It was Jones who discovered that Evans was still living a few years ago and brought him again to the attention of the world of science in a note in the Geographical Journal. Granting honorary membership in the Society to Evans was reported in the Bulletin in the Spring of 1974.

BOOK NOTES

Polar Deserts and Modern Man, edited by Terah L. Smiley and James H. Zumberge, University of Arizona Press, Tucson, 1974. A systematic treatment in 14 chapters by 16 authors. Each is well known in his field. Eight chapters cover the physical environment, three deal with the development of resources and three with modern man's adaptation to the polar environment. The text is supported by tables and diagrams. The maps cover either the north or south polar area and are generalized and small scale. Photographs are numerous, excellent, and relevant.

Scott's Last Voyage, Through the Antarctic Camera of Herbert Ponting, edited by Ann Savours, Sidgwick & Jackson Ltd., London, 1974. The story of Scott's last expedition is told in six chapters. Much of the story is carried by one or two excellent photographs on almost every page. Most of the photographs are Ponting's. Some of the photographs have been published previously, a few of them so often that they are familiar. Many of the photographs, however, have not been published before. The editor has linked the photographs into a fascinating account through pertinent captions, relevant commentary, and well chosen quotations from the diaries, notebooks, and published works of the members of the expedition. Ponting was a camera artist, and as one acquainted with his work would expect, the photographs are excellent to an exceptional degree. Fortunately, they have been reproduced very well.

Edge of the World, Ross Island Antarctica, by Charles Neider, Doubleday & Co., New York, 1974. The author is a professional writer, a literary figure, editor, biographer, novelist, and critic. This book is the first on the Antarctic by a person of such a background. It deals with his experience and impressions gained in a brief visit in November 1969 and during the austral summer of 1970-71 under a grant from the National Science Foundation. Interwoven with the author's account of his experiences, mainly on Ross Island, are relevant accounts of operations of earlier expeditions based on Ross Island as well as the modern U. S. base at McMurdo Sound.

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