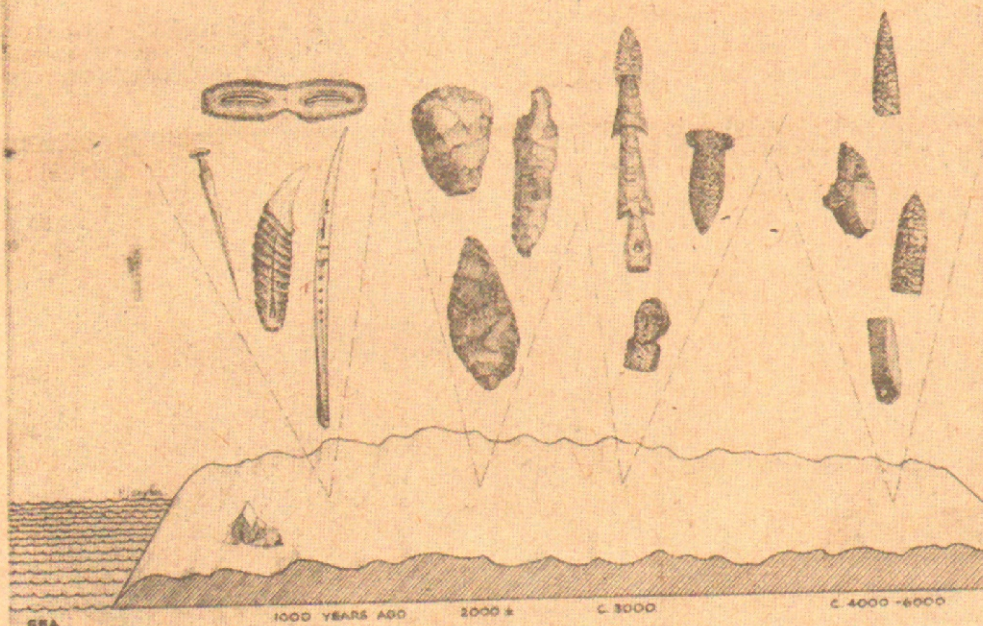


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## IDEALIZED BEACH-RIDGE DATING Kotzebue Sound, Alaska



Cross-section of Alaska coast shows kinds of artifacts found at 'beach ridges.' Dr. Giddings of Haffenreffer Museum thinks successive beaches were formed over years.

## New Archeological Dating Plan

Dr. J. Louis Giddings, Brown University anthropologist, has developed a dating system which he feels will simplify future studies into the archeology and geology of the Far North.

Dr. Gidding spent last summer on the coast of Alaska seeking evidence to confirm his system

of "beach ridge dating," where by the antiquity of a relic is determined by its distance from the water's edge.

In earlier expeditions, Dr. Giddings had observed that on certain coastal areas in Alaska there are series of "beach ridges" running parallel to the existing beach line and extending inward for as much as two miles.

Strait, where more than 35 beach ridges were classified.

It was found that there was a regular progression from the modern Eskimo houses now along the shore to relics of cultures as much as 6,000 years old at the ridges farthest inland.

He noted also that archeological finds nearer the water were of comparatively recent vintage, while those farther inland were most ancient.

Dr. Giddings feels that as a result of his summer's work it will be easier for scientists to locate the home sites of the early Alaskan peoples and to figure out in advance where to look.

Dr. Giddings theorized that the earlier cultures, has grown up on the water's edge, like those of today in Alaska, but had been gradually left farther and farther inland as the beach built up.

His trip was supported by the American Philosophical Society, the Arctic Institute of North America, the Brown Faculty Research Fund and Brown's Haffenreffer Museum, of which he is the director.

His finds last summer helped confirm his theory. Particularly important were his findings on the Kotzebue Sound, north of Bering

son. He was accompanied by his son, James Giddings 2nd, and by two Brown students, William S. Simmons 3rd and Terrell Robin-

## Center Planned For Study of Public Problems

Washington — (AP) — The Brookings Institution, independent research and educational organization, disclosed plans yesterday for setting up a national center for study of public problems.

Dr. Robert D. Calkins, Brookings president, announced that the Ford Foundation has made a grant of \$6,200,000 to the institution for a center for advanced study. He said the remainder of the money for a 13-million-dollar expansion program will be sought from other foundations and individuals.

He said the Ford Foundation grant recognized "the need for a national center where the full intellectual resources of the American people might be brought to bear more effectively on national and international problems."

### KAZAKHSTAN GOLD FIND?

London — (Reuters) — Gold ore has been discovered by Rus-

## Annual Dexter Donation Town Meeting Held

For the first time in its 13-year-old history, the annual Dexter Donation town meeting was held without a superintendent's report yesterday.

The report was missing because Dexter Asylum was sold in October, 1957. However, reports on other holdings of the Donation were given.

The report of David R. McGovern, city treasurer, showed funds on hand in bonds and cash totaling \$540,127.27. Net proceeds from the asylum sale amounted to \$993,220.08. Net income from investments was \$17,484.61. Total real estate holdings were listed at \$194,830.

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