

## WILKES STATION

DELIGHTFULLY SITUATED ON BEAUTIFUL VINCENNES BAY, ON THE SOUTHERN SHORES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN, AND IN THE CENTER OF THE MOST DENSELY POPULATED AREA OF THE BUDD COAST, LOVELY WILKES IGY STATION WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED. HERE, ONE MAY COMBINE THE TANG OF THE SEASHORE AIR WITH THE UTMOST IN A SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE. THE UNIQUE LOCATION OF THIS RESORT OFFERS REST AND QUIET FOR THE TIRED TOURIST AND THE SEEKER OF OUT-OF-THE-WAY PLACES, AS WELL. WE SAY "WILKES STATION IS THE NEVER-TO-BE-FORGOTTEN REST HAVEN OF THE ALL", THE PLAYGROUND OF ANTARCTICA.

## VEGETATION

THE AREA AROUND WILKES STATION IS NOT BLESSED WITH AN ESPECIALLY LUXURIANT VEGETATION. CERTAIN SPECIES OF PLANT LIFE FLOURISH HERE BUT TO NOWHERE NEAR THE EXTENT ONE WOULD FIND IN PLACES SUCH AS THE RAIN FORESTS OF LUZON WHERE THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF DISTINCT SPECIES OF TREES ALONE NOT TO MENTION THE SHRUBS, VINES AND PARASITIC PLANTS. ONE NEED NEVER CARRY A MACHETE TO CUT A PATH THROUGH THE UNDERGROWTH AT WILKES. ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT PALM TREES DO NOT ACTUALLY GROW AROUND WILKES STATION, ON NEARBY NORTH ISLAND, MANY SPECIES OF PALM WILL BE FOUND TO GROW IN GREAT ABANDON. IT IS ALSO A FACT THAT CERTAIN GRASSES DO NOT FLOURISH HER; BERMUDA GRASS FOR EXAMPLE CAN NOT BE GROWN AT WILKES. IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT MANY RATHER TENDER PLANTS SUCH AS TOMATOES DO MUCH BETTER UNDER GLASS AT WILKES THAN WHEN GROWN OUTDOORS. IN PLANNING A GARDEN HERE IT IS A GOOD SAFE RULE TO FOLLOW, AND ONE THAT MAY BE RELIED UPON, THAT ANY PLANT WHICH WILL GROW AT CAPE HALLETT WILL THRIVE AT WILKES AND IN MOST CASES DO MUCH BETTER.

## ACCOMODATIONS

TOURISTS WHO PREFER A COMFORTABLE HOME WHILE AT THE SAME TIME ENJOYING THE SPLENDORS OF NATURE IN ALL THEIR UNSPOILED SURROUNDINGS, WILL FIND AN ASSORTMENT OF LUXURIOUSLY APPOINTED CABINS NESTLED AROUND A CENTRAL DINING HALL, OFFERING THE UTMOST IN REFINED VACATION ENJOYMENT AND COMFORT. SINGLE AND DOUBLE BEDROOMS OR LARGER COZY APARTMENTS, ALL WITH INNER-SPRING BEDS, SNOWY LINEN, AND WALL-TO-WALL FLOOR COVERING, ENTICE THE MOST JADED WAYFARER INTO DELIGHTFUL SLUMBER, AFTER A STRENUOUS DAY AFIELD. WOODED TO SLEEP AMID THE SOUGHTING OF GENTLE BREEZES, WHICH ARE ONE OF WILKES' MOST NOTORIOUS AND WORLD FAMOUS DELIGHTS, ONE AWAKES IN THE EARLY MORNING HOURS TO THE SONOROUS HOWLING OF THE DOGS, ALL READY FOR ANOTHER ADVENTUROUS DAY.

HEADED BY A FAMOUS AMERICAN CHEF, AND STAFFED WITH EFFICIENT ASSISTANTS, THE DINING HALL OFFERS A SUPERB CUISINE, NOT TO BE FOUND AT ANY OTHER RESORT ON THE ENTIRE BUDD COAST. IN FACT, WE FEEL THAT THERE IS NO EQUAL IN ALL EAST ANTARCTICA TO THE BOUNTEOUS TABLE SPREAD AT WILKES. SNACKS MAY BE HAD AT ALL HOURS.

FOR THOSE WHO PREFER TO "ROUGH IT" IN THE WILDERNESS, WILKES MAINTAINS A HILL STATION, ESSTEW, SOME FIFTY MILES TO THE EAST. HERE, ONE WILL FIND A SNUG, FRONTIER-LIKE RETREAT FAR FROM THE HURRY AND BUSTLE OF THE MAIN SEASHORE RESORT. LOCATED AT AN ELEVATION OF OVER 4,000 FEET, THE AIR IS DRIER AND SOMEWHAT COOLER. FAST TRANSPORTATION BY ULTRA MODER CONVEYANCE IS PROVIDED FORTNIGHTLY. AT ESSTEW, ONE FINDS SOLITUDE AND PRIVACY AMID THE BOUNDLESS SNOW AND ICE OF THE GREAT PLATEAU. THE ALTITUDE OF THIS CAMP IS CONSIDERABLY ABOVE THE TREE LINE.

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## RECREATION

ONLY AT WILKES STATION WILL YOU FIND YEAR-AROUND SKIING, ICE-SKATING, DOG SLEDGING, AND SWIMMING, WHILE THERE ARE UNBOUND OPPORTUNITIES FOR BOATING, HIKING, CLIMBING AND OTHER LESS STRENUOUS SPORTS. MOTORISTS ARE ADVISED NOT TO BRING THEIR PERSONAL CARS. ALTHOUGH THE MAIN HIGHWAYS IN THE AREA ARE HARD SURFAGED, THE SECONDARY ROADS ARE UNIMPROVED. VEHICLES MAY BE OBTAINED AT ATTRACTIVE RATES AT THE WILKES GARAGE, WHERE A STAFF OF HIGHLY TRAINED MECHANICS OFFER EFFICIENT AND COURTEOUS SERVICE AT ALL TIMES.

A COMMODIOUS RECREATION HALL OFFERS THE BEST IN MUSIC, DANCING, AND QUIET BROWSING AMONG THE BOOKS IN THE WELL-STOCKED LIBRARY. IN ADDITION, A WELL-STOCKED BAR PROVIDES WORLD FAMOUS DRINKS OF ALL SORTS RANGING FROM GINGER ALE TO BEER.

SUNBATHERS WILL FIND THE CLEAN, WELL KEPT BEACHES AT WILKES A DELIGHT AND PLEASURE, WHERE ONE MAY LOLL FOR HOURS UNDER THE BURNING, SOUTHERN SUN. THE TAN ACQUIRED AT WILKES IS UNEXCELLED AT ANY OTHER EAST ANTARCTICA RESORT. FOR THE SWIMMER, THERE ARE THE COOL, CLEAR WATERS OF VINCENNES BAY. BECAUSE OF ITS CAREFULLY CHOSEN POSITION, THERE IS LITTLE VARIATION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR IN WATER TEMPERATURES AT WILKES. COOL IN SUMMER, THE WATER IS NEVER MORE THAN A FEW DEGREES COLDER, EVEN AT THE HEIGHT OF THE WINTER SEASON. TRY A REFRESHING PLUNGE OFF THE DOCK ON AN EARLY MORNING, WHEN THE MISTS ARE ONLY COMMENCING TO CLEAR, AND THE CRY OF EARLY BIRDLIFE AWAKENS THE DAWN. SEE FOR YOURSELF HOW DELIGHTFULLY INVIGORATING A LIESURELY SWIM CAN BE, AND EXPERIENCE THE PLEASURABLE FEELING OF INCREASED BLOOD CIRCULATION WHICH ALWAYS FOLLOWS A DIP IN THESE SOUTHERN WATERS.

## THE SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE

NOWHERE ELSE IN ALL ANTARCTICA WILL ONE FIND SUCH A WIDE VARIETY OF NATIVE GAME AND FISH TO TEMP THE ARDENT SPORTSMAN. WILKES OFFERS THE BIG-GAME HUNTER A TRULY REMARKABLE VARIATION FROM THE USUAL AND OFTEN BORING TIGER-HUNTS, AND ELEPHANT-SHOOTS COMMONLY ASSOCIATED WITH SUCH PURSUITS. RANGING ALL THE WAY FROM THE EXCITING PENGUIN CHASE, TO THE STALKING AND HUNTING OF THE WARY WEDDELL SEAL, ONE WILL FIND ENJOYMENT IN THE PURSUIT OF WILDERNESS GAME AT WILKES. FOR THE SHOTGUN EXPERT, THERE ARE COUNTLESS NUMBERS OF BIRDS AWAITING THE GUN OF THE SPORTSMAN, SKUAS, PETRELS OF MANY SORTS, AND ESPECIALLY THE DARTING WILSON'S STORM PETREL ARE TO BE HAD IN SEASON.

THE FISHERMAN WILL DELIGHT IN THE AMAZING OPPORTUNITIES TEMPTING HIS SKILL. ROCK COD ARE ABUNDANT ALONG THE SHORES AT ALL SEASONS, WHILE FOR THE MOST ENTHUSIASTIC GAME-FISH SPORTSMAN, THE KILLER-WHALE PROVIDES ALL THE FIGHT ONE COULD ASK FOR WHEN AT THE END OF A LIGHT LINE.

TROPHIES OF THE HUNT, SUITABLY PREPARED AND MOUNTED BY EXPERT TAXIDERMISTS MAINTAINED AT WILKES, WILL GREATLY ENHANCE THE WALLS OF YOUR DEN. IMAGINE, IF YOU CAN, BEING THE PROUD POSSESSOR OF A MOUNTED SEA HEAD, A STUFFED PENGUIN, OR THE HEAD OF A KILLER-WHALE. GRACING THE WALLS OF THE TROPHY ROOM AT HOME, THESE EXOTIC MOUNTS WILL FIT IN SUPERABLY WITH OTHER COMPARABLE EXHIBITS OF THE CHASE, SUCH AS THE HEADS OF BOSSIE THE COW, PETER RABBITT, AND ROGER THE RAT.

WILKES STATION IS OPEN THE YEAR AROUND, RATES ARE REASONABLE, TRANSPORTATION FROM THE CIVILIZED WORLD REGULAR. PLAN TO MAKE YOUR NEXT VACATION A MEMORABLE ONE ON THE SHORES OF THE INDIAN OCEAN AT LOVELY "WILKES-BY-THE-SEA"