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Frank C. Hibben's "Excavation of the Rieta Ruin and the Chama Valley Survey" Vol. 2, No. 1, of the Anthropological Series, University of New Mexico Press, January 15, 1937. The trip was made under the able guidance of Dr. Hibben.

R. Lister

THE PUERCO-LADRONES TRIP

On March 21, the Nu Alpha Nu field trip was to the southern Puerco area. Four carloads started from the Ad. Building ON TIME but we had to collect ourselves again at the Puerco bridge out of Los Lunas. Then, under the guidance of Dr. Brand, we turned off of the highway, and after swarming up and over one of theestero tipped hills in the vicinity, we started a merry game of hide-and-go-suck with the Pottury Ruin mound all over the right bank of the arroyo for about an hour. The lunch hour was spent at Pottury Ruin with the group divided between those who had never seen so many shards in one place before and simply gave up and those who wanted to take it all home with them in paper bags. But the Ladrones were so far in the hazy distinet that we soon continued. Two more short stops were made. At the first, we scattered to scout shard areas (and the Dr. Brand-Frank Hibben team simply covered themselves with glory). But at the second, at a sheep camp well, the 'girls' simply wouldn't leave so the 'boys' couldn't go swimming - at least all but Bill Witkind, Al Hayes and his brother who stayed behind and caught up later. From then on, by means of various ancient highways, ranch roads, sheep trails and finally a wood cutters track, we sailed as far up as we could on one of the alluvial fans on the north side of the Ladrones. After a few moments of recuperation and reconnaissance, we turned back and bounced down again, discovered the roads leading toward the Socorro highway and so came home.

C. Bloom

TIWA NEWS

During the first week in March, Tiwa Club held its annual installation banquet. The banquet this year was held at the Villa de Romero. The new officers who were installed are:

President - - - - James Greenacre
 Vice-President - - Vance Davis
 Secretary - - - - Shirley Robinson
 Treasurer - - - - Robert Wyant

A new policy for outside work is being worked out by the club. Individual problems for the varied interests within the club are being tapped out. This system is intended to give all members a chance to work on some problem in which they are especially interested.

Under the new system conceived by Tiwa this semester, the following committees have been appointed to work out individual problems. Otto Hammermith and Harold Sloan are considering the idea of cave work; Mary Scanlan is working on Indian Art; Rob Wyant and Art Rogers are interested in Pueblo work; to Jim Greenacre has been designated the task of finding any ethnological angles suitable for research work.

Tiwa, as an organization of those comparatively new in the field of anthropology, finds itself confronted with the old story of trying to

Please everybody, to a certain extent. Last semester there was a little difficulty encountered in the matter of field work. Because of various difficulties, work done by the club was less extensive than the organization as a whole had hoped for; the new executives, however, are in hopes that their new system will remedy the former situation, and hope to open the way to new prospects.

Contributions from Tiwa to the New Mexico Anthropologist will, in the future, be from those persons working on their problems. These contributions will be collected and edited by Barbara Clark.

B. Clark and J. Grainger

CAVE WORK

After abandoning their work on the Sandia Cave because of outside circumstances, Tiwa is instituting a future policy. Having appointed a committee for local cave research, the organization then left all future cave work up to the individual interested members.

At the present time there has been no actual work done by the committee. There is, however, the possibility that investigation will continue on a cave found by two of the members last Thanksgiving.

This cave is situated in the Sandias near the town of Las Placitas. It faces approximately northwest toward the Jemez Mountains. A hasty observation was made by the discoverers and the following facts noted. The mouth of the cave is approximately twelve feet across and six to seven feet high. It extends some twelve feet back into the mountain side and the floor is thickly covered with intrusive material. The presence of fireplaces at the back wall and to the side, as indicated by a smudged roof and the finding of a plentiful amount of charcoal at a level of four to five inches below the surface of the intrusive floor covering, would seem to point to human habitation. Small bits of chipped flint were also found.

The find was left after the hurried survey, and plans are being made by the committee to take the necessary equipment and return in the near future in order to make a more detailed survey, and to gather material for a final report.

O. Hammersmith

THE QUEST FOR PUARAY

The quest for Puaray has resulted in a great deal of research by the members of Tiwa and others in the Department. The results of this research pointed toward the possibility of Site 13 of Fishers' survey as being Puaray. The State Highway Department moved a small power shovel into the site in order to get dirt for their road fill. Tranches were made through two mounds rather hurriedly in order to beat the shovel to them, but little refuse was found. The pottery types were, as a whole, of too early a date. There was found no superficial evidence of a mission, as Puaray is supposed to have been. A few bits of porcelain and pieces of iron work are attributed to an hacienda that once stood there.

In 1680 Puaray was one of the largest pueblos in the Teguex Province - this site does not correspond to that description.

In view of these facts, it has been generally decided that Site 13 is unlikely to have been the possible site of Puaray.

A. Rogers and R. Grant

LOCAL NEWS

The museum will soon be opened. After having worked steadily for the last few weeks, the staff is confident that sometime within the first two weeks of April will see our museum open to the public. Plans are being made to have an eminent lecturer for the opening and to hold open house in the museum after the lecture. We are all looking forward to the time when this museum will not only be one of the show places of the hill but of Albuquerque.

The newest in Museums (?) is the Baltimore House of Walli Simpson's husband (?) now open to the public for a general admission of one dollar.

The American Association of Museums will meet in New Orleans during Jan 3-5, 1937. Most of the program is to be devoted to topics on State Museums, new museums of the year and field work.

New Museum of the West Texas Scientific and Historical Society

Sometime in the next few weeks the new museum of the West Texas Scientific and Historical Society at Alpine, Texas, will formally open its doors to the public. This spacious new building will be devoted principally to archaeological and biological displays. Plans include one room devoted entirely to the "Big Bend Cave Dweller", and one room devoted especially to exhibits of the Spanish Historical period in the Big Bend. The center piece of the main hall will be a complete stage coach, and in actual usage, through the Trans-coach. In addition to the exhibition rooms on the main floor there is included in the basement three research and preparatory laboratories, a lecture room, storage rooms, dark-rooms, showers and two garage spaces. One of the laboratories will be at all times at the disposal of visiting scientists who may wish to make their headquarters there. The building is of local stone erected on the campus of Sul Ross State Teachers College with W.P.A. funds. It is the present end-results of the enthusiastic labors of interested persons over a period of several years, having had its origin in a small display in one room of the Administration Building of the College.

?????:????? CAN you TAKE IT ?????? (watch for the next issue)

DEPARTMENTAL NOTES

Paul Benedict, B.A. 1934, has received a Harvard-Yenching fellowship for study in China. Paul is leaving the Anthropology Department at Harvard with a straight "A" average.

Donald Senter, B.A. 1935, M.A. 1936, who is studying for his Ph.D. in the Department of Anthropology at Harvard is to receive the third highest Fellowship given in the Department.