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The Chaco Trip

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On Wednesday afternoon, May 5, Jewel Baker spoke on house types. She illustrated her talk with floor plans and drawings of many and varied types of dwellings.

Wednesday, May 12, Carolyn Miles spoke to the club on Chinese costumes. She had with her many pieces of beautiful embroidery and brocade, collars and cuffs, and also two mandarin robes, representing the dress of the Chinese.

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The week-end of May 1-3 was the occasion for an invasion of the Chaco. The advance guard, in the form of Lehmer, Scanlan, and Osborne, arrived on the scene late Friday afternoon. Saturday was spent on the site of last summer's dig. One of the rooms on the western side of the ruin was investigated for a sub-structure, and work was also done under the floor of kiva 1.

Saturday afternoon, about 5:00, the rest of the party began to drift in. After dinner, the group gathered around the campfire to entertain itself, reviving most of the good old Chaco song classics. Some of the members of the party were noticeably absent . . .

Sunday morning the dig claimed a manly crew who set to work on the sub-structure uncovered last summer in the strat trench. After the brush and top dirt had been cleared away, a very neat circular structure put in its appearance. The pottery sequence and strat level seem to indicate this as a BM III dwelling. A burial was unearthed -- and retained in numerous sacks -- from one side of the room. Several post holes, ranging in size, around the sides were also dug out, and the entire room carefully photographed, measured and recorded.

Fine weather was dominant throughout the week-end. Visits were made by some to Mesa Fajada, Shabikishee, and nearby Chetro Ketl and Bonito. Most of us renewed our acquaintance with the Colonel over at the Post. Food was plentiful, and K.P. duties performed in the approved manner.

Hayes' car was the first to leave, departing Sunday afternoon. The rest of us arrived back in Albuquerque some time Monday, with the exception of Lehmer, Scanlan, and Mig Bliss who trailed in Tuesday morning.

For personal references to the trip, see the News Notes .

-- Barbara Clark

NEWS NOTES

Since Dr. Hawley's last lecture in the Physical Anthropology class Wesley H urt has decided to give up his art work.

The Chaco trip proved educational in more ways than one.