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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.

THE CHACO TRIP

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.

Some of the party discovered that cliffs do not remain as stationary as formerly was thought.

Barbara Clark, while precariously perched on the back bumper of Walt Taylor's car, substantiated current rumors by proclaiming to several witnesses, "I am not very well balanced."

Girls, keep your eyes on Lehmer and Hayes who proved themselves diamonds in the rough when they showed undreamed of abilities in the kitchen. Give them a few cans, and you'll be surprised at what they can do. Honorable mention goes to Doug for Saturday night's meal.

Much to the dismay of the others concerned, Wes Bliss collected on two bets. Such luck must be deserved.

We found that Otto Hammersmith was on the level -- after he lost both heels . . .

Motto for the road into the Chaco Canyon: One good turn deserves another.

Dr. Brand and Bittany were taken down a few pegs when, in a game of horseshoes, Bill Witkind, a dark horse, hit his stride and carried himself and his partner to a decisive victory by laying in one ringer after another. We dare you to do it again, Bill!

Scanlan, Mig Bliss, and Lehmer, unsung heroes, spent a very stuffy night in Laguna when their car broke down.

Spuhler and Taylor wipe a mean dish, as they exhibited when on K. P. duty.

The Crown-ing Point of the week-end saw us well Thoreau. Everybody Grants us that . . .

MORO LAWS

It may be that justice is blind in our country; but in other lands she is wide awake and is caring for the least needs of those over whom she holds her sway. The Lawarn Code of Mohammedan Law of the Moros of Mindanao and the Sulu Islands does not fall where even Napoleon or Justinian might have had lapses. Witness Article Eight:

If a person enter the house of another at night without the consent of the owner thereof, and the said owner complain of the offense, the person entering shall be fined four spittoons.

and Nine: If a man enter the house of another . . . he shall be fined four spittoons or shall suffer from twenty to thirty-nine lashes or shall be slapped on his face, at the discretion of the judge.

There is justice. Whoever saw a police court that was not liberally besprinkled (no pun intended) with spittoons; try to imagine the spittoon paved floor of the Police Court in Zamboanga. See in your mind's eye the seasoned offender, utterly bereft of spittoons, groveling his way toward the bench to get his face slapped for house-breaking. Surely the ways of Justice are strange and wonderful in far Moroland.