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blanket and threw her bodily into the water. Then he went back to his friend and disposed of the clothes.

Not long afterward he came home, pretending to have changed his mind about the hunt, and he expressed great surprise at finding his wife soaking wet. The miserable woman blamed her children, saying that they had spilled the contents of the water jar and that, to replenish the supply, she had gone out in the dark and fallen into the water. The husband very wisely said nothing and was relieved to find that thereafter his wife had no more to say about the man whose presence had so disturbed her previously.

Everyone knows that the American Indian wore trailing feather headdresses, took scalps, and lived in tipis, though these facts are only partially true. What we have to learn, and this happens to be entirely true, is that the first inhabitants of this country were warm and colorful personalities whose zest for life has preserved much that we can add to our national lore.



CONFERENCE OF SOUTHWESTERN ANTHROPOLOGISTS CHACO CANYON

At the close of the Chaco Field Session, some ninety anthropologists and students interested in Southwestern problems met in Chaco Canyon for the second annual informal conference. The first evening, August 27, the discussion centered around the suggestion that a central ceramic laboratory be established in the Southwest to name and describe or validate new pottery types. The idea was approved but no suggestions were made as to how it could be put into effect. A discussion of restoration and preservation of sites for the benefit of the public followed.

On the morning of August 28, Dr. Brand conducted the conference meeting which included some remarks on Navajo archaeology by Dr. Mera and Malcolm Farmer. The remainder of the morning was devoted to listing individuals and institutions qualified to aid in identifying animal bones, shell material, human skeletal remains, and textiles. The revised list is included in this issue.

The afternoon meeting, conducted by Dr. Haury, was devoted to brief accounts of recent work at various archaeological sites in the Southwest. Dr. H. S. Colton, of the Museum of Northern Arizona, described a group of sites on the northeast slopes of the San Francisco Peaks where there was a fusion of several cultures. Dale King and Malcolm Rogers worked sites along the Colorado River. Watson Smith, of Peabody Museum, carried on a survey of sites and mapped

the Marsh Pass and Segi Canyon region and discovered several Basket Maker and Pueblo sites. Smith also reported on the excavation of a Spanish Mission near Awatovi, by the Peabody Museum. Toward the end of the season, two more churches were discovered but not excavated. Probably one more season will be spent on this excavation. Dr. Brand summarized the work of the past three seasons of the Chaco field session on the two small house sites Bc 50 (Tseh So) and Bc 51 and the dump between the two sites. The Laboratory of Anthropology has been working on Navajo sites in the Largo area. The Museum of New Mexico (reported by Bertha Dutton) recently has excavated a cave site in the Guadalupe Mountains which yielded several new sandal types and excellent stratigraphic records. Paul Reiter announced that a preliminary report on work at Nonashagi in the Jemez area would be published soon. His report on Unshagi has just been printed by the University of New Mexico Press. Dr. Antevs and Mr. Sayles (reported by Dr. Haury) are continuing work on the Cochise culture. Dr. Isabel Kelly reported that Gila Pueblo is carrying on a comparative study of Hohokam pottery from the Gila Basin area. The Colorado Museum of Natural History has been exploring an early Ute (?) site near Montrose, Colorado. Dr. Morris (reported by Dr. Haury) has found a Basket Maker II house in Southwestern Colorado. Mrs. Vickery of Globe, Arizona (reported by Dr. Haury), has been excavating a Salado site in the Hohokam Area.

Among others who were present but who did not give reports were: Hulda Hobbs, Joe Toulouse, Museum of New Mexico; Katherine Bartlett, Museum of Northern Arizona; Dr. Loren C. Eiseley, University of Kansas; Barbara Moore, Radcliffe; E. T. Nichols and wife, Tucson; Walt Taylor, Arizona State Teachers College, Flagstaff; Richard Van Valkenburg, U. S. Department of the Interior; Virgil Peterson, Carol Bloom, Carolyn Miles, Barbara Clark, Robert Jones, E. F. Castetter, W. W. Hill, John Goggin, Jane Olson, Mary Scanlan, James Spuhler, University of New Mexico; Francis Elmore, Los Angeles; Odd Halseth, Pueblo Grande; Scudder Mekeel, E. T. Hall, Jr., Laboratory of Anthropology; W. Mulloy, University of Utah; Dorothy and John Keur, New York City; Carl Guthe, University of Michigan; Franklin Fenenga, Museum of Sacramento Junior College; Joe Ben Wheat, University of California; George Jackson, Anne M. Cooke, Yale University; Dr. Carlos Garcia-Robiou, University of Havana; Erik Reed, National Park Service; Mary Whittemore, Radcliffe; Dr. O. C. Wise, Pueblo, Colorado; Marie Wormington, Colorado Museum of Natural History; H. E. Elliot, Glassboro, New Jersey; Marion Lambert, Peabody Museum; Marjorie Flinn, Pittsburgh, Penn.; A. A. Whiteford, University of Chicago.