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#### EDITORIAL NOTE

The next issue of the NEWS BULLETIN will be published as soon as possible after the annual meetings at the University of Illinois (see the President in note; below). As usual, we will expect members who present papers at the meetings to furnish us with abstracts for publication. All abstracts collected at the meetings will be published. This includes papers presented at the SAA seeting also - although some effection may be used in that case, in order to reduce volume. Make your abstracts one page long, double spaced typing.

We are also asking for short articles of interest to all anthropologists for inclusion in future issues. This policy was followed some time ago and in response to popular request, is now resumed. Send them on. Anything up to seven pages in length,
single space, is acceptable. Short notes, comments, book notices and the like are
also welcome. If we receive enough of this sort of thing, a single issue will be
devoted entirely to articles, reviews, etc. The eventual editorial policy envisions
three issues a years first, this Vall number, devoted to news; second, an article,
etc., issue; third, the abstracts issue,

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The 1953 meetings of the CSA5. held jointly with the Society for American Archeology, will be held at Urbana. Illinois, May 7~90 A special announcment of the meetings. with instructions for attendance and papers, will be distributed later.

James Watcon. President

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# UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM

During the summer of 1947, 1948, and 1949 the Illinois State Museum and the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago carried out excavations in the vicinity of Starved Rock State Park in northern Illinois. Two of the sites excavated during this time were the cite of the Old Ffench Fort St. Louis and aboriginal Indians dwelling which were located upon Starved Rock, and a nearby village across the Illinois river which was thought to be the village of the Kaskaskia Indians during the time that the French occupied the Fort. As a follow through on this project these two institutions carried out excavations during the last summer in the Kaskaskia Indian Village, Randolph County. This site is known to have been occupied by the Kaskaskia Indians contemporaneously with the occupation of the French Village of Kaskaskia, at the mouth of the Kaskaskia River, during the 18th century. A group of 10 college students under the direction of Melvin L. Fowler, Curator of Anthropology at the Illinois State Museum, carried out the work from June 15 to August 15.

The material recovered during the excavations was largely European in origin being primarily glass beads of various sorts, iron nails, German silver objects and many scraps of copper, lead, and China Mare. A few projectile points of flint and lississippian pot sherds were the only material of aboriginal manufacture found. The use made of some of the European materials, however, indicated the aboriginal nature of the site. For example, copper was often rolled into conical objects some of which were used as bangles and others with sharp points undoubtedly as projectile tips. Lead musket balls were found that had been hammered flat and used as beads. All in all the picture recovered at the site was one of a group of Indians that lived in close contact with the nearby French and used European trade materials in large part. When rain prevented work at the Kaskaskia site test pits were dug in a rock shelter site nearby yielding a non-pottery assemblage. Tests demonstrated that soil containing cultural debris extended down to a depth of at least 25 feet below the ground surface.

Detailed analysis of the materials from these sites has not yet begun.

#### UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Mr. Raymond H. Thompson, Meso American student has joined our staff as Curator of the Anthropology Museum. Plans are underway to remodel and arrange new exhibits for both the students and the public alike. Mr. Thompson is teaching an advanced course in Archeology each semester.

William S. Webb, Professor Emeritus, is realizing the scholar's dream of adequate time to prepare manuscripts for publication. He is currently at work on a summary volume covering the Archaic period of the Southeast. With his experiences in the extensive TVA Archaeological Program, he alone can bring to bear a unique judgment in the analysis and interpretation of this important cultural manifestation.

Charles E. Snow was appointed the Head of the Department of Anthropology, Julyl, 1952. Most of the department's energies are expended in instruction with the departmental majors now numbering ten.

Frank J. Essene, cultural Anthropologist, and Ray Thompson attended the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, held Vovember first and second at Ocmulgee National Honument, Macon, Georgia. They returned enthusiastic about the beautiful new museum, the colorful, instructive exhibits and the benefits coming from such a conference.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Anthropological laboratory facilities are being enlarged considerably with the aim of giving advanced students fuller practical training in the use of the various tools of anthropological research. Equipment and apparatus for photography, sound recording, and anthropometry are being added, with the generous support of the Menner-Gren Foundation. An additional grant will provide equipment and research funds for intensive work in paleopathology and serological analysis. It is intended to develop both of the latter techniques for use on archaeological skeletal materials.

The Near Eastern area program was strengthened through a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation which, among other developments, made it possible to add Villiam D. Scherger as Asst. Professor to the staff of the Anthropology Department. Professor Schorger teaches courses on the Anthropology of the Mear East and is initiating a course on ethnological field methods. He expects to lead a group of pre-doctoral students to the Near East in 1952-53 for interdisciplinary research focussed on community studies.

David Aberle, beginning a joint ampointment as Associate Professor in the Anthropology and Sociology departments in Fall, 1952, is offering courses on cultrue and personality, social organization, and culture contact problems.

Emilio Willems is Visiting Professor through 1952-53, teaching undergraduate and graduate courses on Brazil, South American Indians, and primitive law.

Leslie A. White, on leave through fall, 1952, is working on bio-

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graphical materials of Lewis H. Morgan, principally at the Rush Rhees Library, University of Mochester, N. Y.. Hrs. Kamer Aga-Oglu, Curator of the Oriental Division, Museum of Anthropology, is visiting European museums and collections to continue her definitive studies of early blue-and-white Chinese percelain, usually called "Ming percelain".

Museum and department staff members travelled extensively during summer, 1952. Leslie A. White and James B. Griffin worked in the Southwest, Prof. White adding to ethnographic work on certain pueblos begun by him some years ago, and Prof. Griffin collecting on-the-spot information for his comparisons of Southwestern with Southeastern orchaelogical materials. Richard K. Beardsley guided exchaeological field course students from the University of California in summer excavations on the southern coast and in the lower Sacramento Valley in California. Finds bearing on the relation of sites of the Early Horizon to those of later horizons were discovered. Volney Jones made a brief trip through northern Mexico.

The symposium of essays edited by James B. Griffin, "Archaeology of the Eastern United States", with contributions on the several areas and problems by workers from all of this area, was published by University of Chicago Press, December, 1952. The volume honors Fay Cooper-Cole.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

R. F. G. Spier has gone to the University of Missouri and has been replaced by Morton J. Sloane, of the University of New Mexico.

Lloyd Wilford ran his usual Minesota archaelogical investigations through the summer, accompanied by students.

Wilson D. Vallis was engaged in June and July of this year in a study of the Canadian Dakota on the Oak River Reserve at Griswold, Manitoba. He worked on general ethnography and folklore.

Robert F. Spencer engaged throughout the summer in an ethnographic study of the Point Barrow Eskimo. Attention was also paid to the contemporary culture of this Alaskan group.

#### UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Missouri has completely overhauled their anthropological course offerings. It is expected that this revision will provide better and more comrrehensive instruction for candidates for the Bachelor's and Master's

degrees.

The Missouri Archaeological Society, which has its headquarters at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the University of Missouri, announces the publication of a bulletin on the Spiro Mound (in eastern Oklahoma). Authored by Henry W. Hamilton and others, this well illustrated work covers the "commercial" excavation of the mound which produced the spectacular artifacts for which the site is justly famous.

The Department of Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Missouri reports the completion of work on a cooperative contract with the National Park Service. This covered extensive surveys in the Pomme de Terre River basin. Parts of the area will be inundated by the projected power-and-flood-control Pomme de Terre Dam.

#### NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Robert Lystad has a temporary appointment during 1952-53, replacing Richard Materman who has a leave of absence until April for field work among the Yirrkalla in northern Australia. Toth Dr. and Mrs. Materman received Fulbright grants last spring.

Molville J. Herskovits leaves in December for three months at the University College of the Gold Coast, and six months visiting other parts of Africa south of the Sahara. Tilliam Bascom has been appointed Acting Chairman until he returns in September.

Francis L. K. Hsu's book "Americans and Chinese" will be published in the spring by Henry Schuman, Inc.: and the manuscript of an intellectual biography of Franz Boas has been completed by Felville J. Herskovits for Scribner's Twentieth Century Series.

I'r. and I'rs. John Nessenger have returned from the Anang Ibibio in southern Nigeria; Iir. and IIrs. Herold Schneider from the Pakot (Suk) in Kenya; and IIr. and IIrs. Alan Terriam from conducting a musicological survey of the Belgian Congo. IIr. and IIrs. Simon Ottenberg, each of whom has received a Social Science Research Fellowship, are still among the Ibo in Nigeria. IIr. and Irs. Alvin Wolfe have arrived in the Belgian Congo, IIr. and IIrs. Alvin Wolfe have arrived in the Belgian Congo, IIr. and IIrs. Thomas Price in Columbia, and IIr. IIirro Romanow has left for British Guiana, to carry on field research.

#### OCMUIGEE NATIONAL FONUMENT

The 1952 Southeastern Archeological Conference was held here on

October 31 and November 1 with about forty persons present. The subjects are chipped stone classification and the historic tribes of the southeast. Summaries will be published in a forthcoming issue of the News Letter. The next meeting will be sometime in October at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, Joffre Coe, Chairman.

Current work is the finishing of the excavation reports on the Funeral Mound, Macon Group and a short report on recent excavations at Fort Caroline, Florida. In the latter excavation it is evident that the well-documented French fort has been completely washed away.

Archeologist G. P. Pope has been assigned to the New York-New England Water Resources Survey but will return to Ocmulgee shortly.

#### OHIO STATE MUSEUM

During the early part of last Summer a joint expedition of the Ohio State Museum and the Ohio State University carried on excavations at Highbanks site north of Columbus. York was under the direction of Raymond S. Baby and Leo Estel, with a small group of Ohio State University students as crew.

In August preliminary explorations were made at the Village Site and Circular Earthworks in the valley south of Fort Hill. Under the general direction of Raymond S. Daby, and supervised by Milliam H. Sassaman of Mestern Reserve University, the crow of students uncovered a number of subsoil features, Hopewellian pottery, and utilitarian tools.

Late in August, due to the emergency created by the plans for the Atomic Energy Commission plant in southern Ohio, extensive survey was carried on in the Piketon area by the Department of Archaeology with the assistance of William H. Sassaman.

#### OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

John W. Bennett is engaged in two research projects, both connected with his previous work in Japan. The first, supported by the Office of Naval Research and the Rockefeller Foundation, consists of an analysis and writeup of social, cultural, and economic data collected in Japan. Iwao Ishino is associated with this project, and will be co-author of the several monographs to emerge from the work. A series of Technical Reports, on various aspects of Japanese society, have been issued. The second project is sponsored by the Social Science Research Council, and is one of four studies planned by the SSRC to determine the significant variables in personal-social adjustment of foreign students in American

universities. The Ohio State project concerns Japanese students. Data is being collected at three levels: personality, social relationships, and cultural image. Several theses, by graduate students in the social sciences who are research assistants on these projects, are being written. Address for the two projects: Research in Japanese Social Relations, Dept. of Sociology, Ohio State University, Columbus 10, Ohio.

Erika Eichorn Bourguignon is continuing her research analysis activities on culture and personality data collected in Haiti several years ago. An initial paper in a series she is preparing was published in the Ohio Journal of Science.

Brewton Berry has received the \$1,000 Anisfield-Wolf Award for his book Race Relations, published in 1951 by Houghton Mifflin Company. This award, established eighteen years ago by Mrs. Edith Anisfield Wolf, is given each year for the best book published in the field of racial and ethnic problems. Dr. Berry's book is the first textbook to be so honored. Previous winners have been John Hershey's The Wall and Alan Paton's Cry, The Beloved Country. Members of the Award Committee included Prof. Ralph Linton, Frof. H. P. Fairchild, and Mr. Henry Seidel Canby and Miss Amy Loveman, of the editorial staff of The Saturday Review.

Kurt Wolff is engaged in research at the Institut fur Sozial-forschung at Frankfurt, Germany studying the "Image of America" among the German people.

Leo Ustel has been awarddd a Fulbright research grant to.study Social Anthropology in Vestern Australia. The object of the study will be on the problem of cultural survivals. He will leave for Australia in June, 1953.

Three graduate students are engaged in special research projects under the supervision of Leo Estel. Raymond Cole is reconstructing and describing a series of twenty skulls from the Glacial Kame culture, Clarence Bovers is doing a comparative behaviorial study on a five year old male gorilla and a five year old male orang at the Columbus Zoo, Popy Golemes will run a series of microscopic slide tests to determine the nature of the intestinal flora and fauna of the primates in the Columbus Zoo.

#### WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

Welford E. Spiro has gone to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Connecticut.

Preston Holder has joined the staff of Mashington University as Assistant Professor of Anthropology.

Graduate students Thomas H. Hay with a Venner-Gren Foundation grant and Stephan T. Boggs with a SSRC grant have returned from field studies of the Ojibwa at Lac du Flambeau, Visconsin and Berens River, Hanitoba.

James B. Tatson was visiting Associate Professor of Anthropology at Stanford University last summer.

Preston Holder attended the Plains Conference at Lincoln, Neb.

#### QUESTIONNAIRE

# Anthropology's Public Appearances

We are conducting a survey of the extent to which anthropology is getting before the central states public. This questionnaire is a starter. We will appreciate it if you will fill it out and send it back to the Editor. Results will be published in a later issue.

### In the past year,

l.	How often have you appeared on TV?
2.	How often have you appeared on radio?
3.	How many public addresses have you made? (not broadcast)
4.	My or my department's anthropological research projects received  Excellent publicity  Good publicity  Fair publicity  Poor publicity
	in <u>local</u> media.
5.	How many films on anthropological subjects have you seen?  -on TV  -in theaters  -in lectures,  etc.
6.	Other (specify)
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