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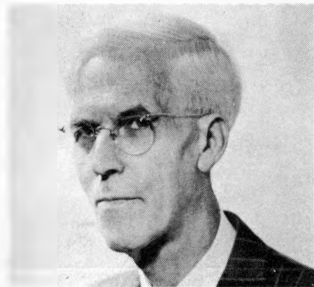
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Published approximately every six weeks by THE UNIVERSITY ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. The purpose of the Newsletter is to disseminate knowledge of recent archaeological discoveries bearing on the Latter-day Saint scriptures; also of the archaeological activities and viewpoints of the Society and its members. Subscription by membership in the Society: three dollars per year; or Life Membership, fifty dollars. (Membership also includes subscription to other publications of the Society and of the BYU Department of Archaeology.)

62.0 NEW GENERAL OFFICERS. Following are biographical notes on some of the new general officers elected at the Triennial Election Meeting of September 2 (Newsletter, 61.1).

62.00 Isaac B. Ball. A longtime member of the UAS, Mr. Ball resides in Berkley, California, where he edits The Messenger of Northern California. He was a member of the original Itzan Society of 1938 (Newsletter, 37.11), and also one of the first NWAFF exploratory expeditions to Chiapas, Mexico (Newsletter, 28.6). He has promoted interest in



Mr. Ball

Book of Mormon archaeology in the Bay area through his newspaper as well as fireside and discussion groups.

62.01 Janice N. McAuliffe. Archaeological experiences of Miss McAuliffe include the 1955 BYU tour of Mexico (Newsletter, 28.5), as well as several trips into the North American Southwest for visits not only to ruins but to inhabited pueblos. She has also taken several courses connected with archaeology at the University of California at Los Angeles. She is former secretary of the Long Beach Chapter of the UAS and presently teaches school in southern California, incorporating in her third grade curriculum a special unit on Indian lore.

62.02 Curt H. Seemann. A native of Hamburg, Germany, Mr. Seemann has concentrated most of his interest in archaeology on the Biblical field. He is an associate member of the American Schools of Oriental Research and a member of the American Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis and



Mr. Seemann



Mrs. Swade

member of the UAS since 1954, Mr. Seemann has made important contributions to the Newsletter (30.1, 45.01).

62.03 Lauana C. Swade. Graduating from Brigham Young University in June of 1958 with a BA degree in Archaeology (Newsletter, 50.3), Mrs. Swade moved to Princeton, New Jersey, where her husband is doing doctoral study in biology. She is now a research aid in the geology department of Princeton University and is working on museum exhibits. While at BYU, she was active in the Campus Chapter and served as an assistant to the general secretary-treasurer of the Society for two years.



Mr. Vincent

62.04 Joseph E. Vincent. Major Vincent's interest in archaeology and related subjects began in the early 1930's when as a senior at the University of Washington he spent some time studying the Ozette Indians of the Olympic Peninsula. His graduate work, however, was interrupted by the war.

After retirement from the United States Army in 1954, Major Vincent moved with his family to Mexico City, where he enrolled as a graduate student in archaeology and anthropology at Mexico City College and subsequently completed the Master's degree. That institution selected Major Vincent as director of the Centro de Estudios Regionales, a branch of the college in Oaxaca,

the German Society for Palestinian Research. He is presently engaged in a program of Near Eastern studies with Wolsey Hall, a correspondence college at Oxford, England, preparing for the BD examination of London University, with specialization in the Old Testament. A

where he served until August, 1958. He is presently working towards his PhD degree in California. In 1955 Major Vincent was elected assistant director of the Mexico City Chapter of the UAS (Newsletter, 27.1). Some time later he was designated editor of the Archaeologic, a chapter news letter. He has also made important contributions to the UAS Newsletter (43. 70, 46. 1, 47. 2).

62.1 NEW PUBLICATION ON MINOAN CIVILIZATION. A review of The House of the Double Axe, by Agnes Carr Vaughan (New York: Doubleday and Company, Inc., 1959. 240 pages. \$5.95). Reviewed by Dee F. Green.

Abundant use of archaeological material as well as mythology and textual sources, coupled with an easy to read style, marks this new volume on the ancient Minoan civilization of Crete as an outstanding contribution to lay literature in this field.

The author, professor emeritus of classical language at Smith College, has obviously intended the volume for popular rather than scholarly consumption and has done an admirable job in condensing a wealth of material into a few pages.

Of most interest to UAS members would possibly be the chapters concerning the religious aspects of Minoan society. Sacrificial bulls and goats, the snake, the dove, a tree that bears sacred fruit, and an infant god associated with a virgin mother goddess are the religious symbols and beliefs that are most nearly associated with Hebrew-Christian religion.

The author points out these similarities in some cases, but goes into no detail as to how they are to be explained.

Aspects of the Minoan civilization such as warfare, transportation, and the common man are somewhat neglected in favor of the "priest-king" and the "mother-goddess." At times conclusions or assumptions appear to be based on too little evidence, although the author often points out different theories entertained by scholars.

The volume is well illustrated with black and white as well as color photographs. Part One is dedicated to a historical background which emphasizes the archaeological evidence. Part two concerns itself with the life and customs of ancient Crete as also revealed by archaeology.

62.2 PROGRESS REPORT ON LOCAL DIG. Work by members of this year's class at BYU in archaeological field methods at a Pueblid site on the farm of G. Marion Hinkley west of Provo, Utah has progressed rather well despite limited enrollment. The most interesting find to date has been a ring of stones in Square 20R7 Level IV (see photo). It is conjectured that the stones represented an ancient fire pit or possibly a sweat house. There was

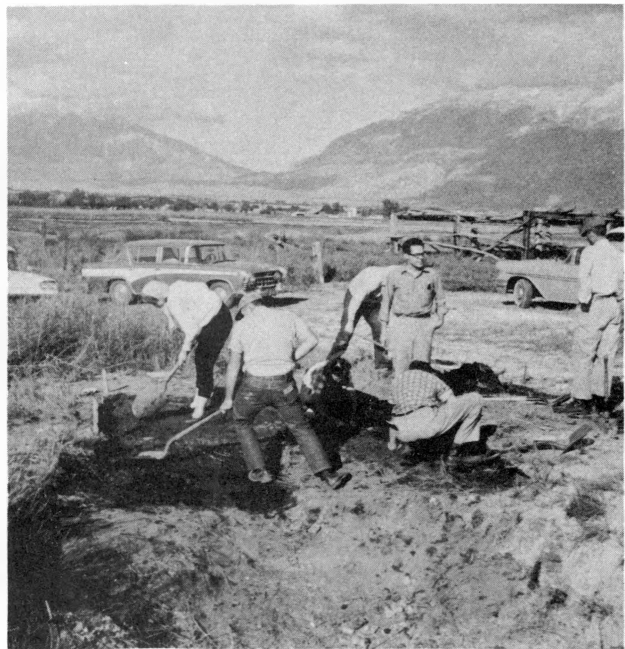


The firepit? in Square 20R7

an abundance of charcoal and small game bones around and among the stones.

Many pieces of adobe and several post holes have been found but as yet the outline of the structure is not clear.

There is a quantity of ancient pottery, mostly a grey ware typical of Pueblid sites in central Utah (c. 800



Members of BYU Field Class at work on Hinkley Mound 11.

1300 A. D.). Several beautiful, finely-worked bird points have also been found.

The dig, a continuation of work on Mound 11 which was begun by a field class in 1956, is under the direction of Dr. Ross T. Christensen of the Department of Archaeology. Processing of the materials found at the site will begin as soon as weather prevents further excavation.

62.3 DIRECTOR APPOINTED FOR SALT LAKE CHAPTER. Virgil V. Peterson, a Salt Lake City businessman, has been appointed director of the Salt Lake Chapter of the UAS, according to Dr. Ross T. Christensen, UAS general secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Peterson succeeds W. Ernest Young, who served as chapter director since June 25, 1956 (News-letter, 42.14). Miss Lois Bigelow and Miss Gevene Findlay served as assistant director and secretary of the chapter, respectively, since October, 1957 (News-letter, 46.40).

Mr. Peterson graduated in geology from the BYU in 1935. Later, while studying anthropology at the University of New Mexico, he carried out archaeological reconnaissance in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. He first joined the UAS in March, 1953, and became a Life Member in June, 1957. At the present time he is a high official in the Morgan-Peterson Enterprises (oil, gas, minerals, chemicals) of Salt Lake City.

Under the UAS constitution the chapter director is appointed by the Executive Committee and automatically becomes a general officer and member of that Committee.

62.4 CHAPTER REPORTS. The following items have been received from the chapters. Other chapter news will be published as their reports are received. --ED.

62.40 Campus Chapter. Fall quarter election of the Campus Chapter were held in connection with a report meeting in which several members of the chapter reported on their summers' archaeological activities.

The following were elected: Kristine Hansen of Corvallis, Oregon, honorary president; Ray Matheny of Provo, president; Deē F. Green of Provo, vice-president; and Dorothy DeWitt of Jacksonville, Illinois, secretary.

On November 28, Dr. Conan Mathews, Dean of the College of Fine Arts at BYU, lectured on "The Art of Ancient Mexico." The lecture was accompanied by slides which Dr. Mathews took during his recent summer spent in Mexico studying Aztec, Toltec, and Maya art.

62.41 Salt Lake Chapter. Election of chapter officers and a film and slides on the Lacandon Indians of Central America, featured the first fall meet-

ing of the Salt Lake Chapter, held at the LDS Institute of Religion in Salt Lake City. About 40 persons were in attendance. Mr. Virgil V. Peterson, newly-appointed chapter director (see above, 62.3), presided.

John W. Simmons was elected assistant director and Irene Thorell, secretary, both by acclamation. (Under the UAS constitution, the director of a chapter is appointed by the Executive Committee, while the assistant director and the secretary are elected by the group itself.)

Director Peterson also announced the appointment of Howard Harris and Eileen C. Schrick as advisors to the administrative officers.

Dr. Reed P. Larson gave a lecture on the Lacandon Indians of Chiapas, southern Mexico, illustrated with a motion picture and slides resulting from an expedition of April, 1959, to their remote homeland. Dr. Larson, Elmer Sandberg, Milton L. Weilenmann, and their wives visited these primitive descendants of the once mightily Maya civilization. The films also included views of the ruins of Yaxchilan and Palenque.

On December 4, Dr. O. Preston Robinson, general manager of the Deseret News Publishing Company, will lecture before the Salt Lake Chapter on the pseudepigrapha.

62.46. Columbus Chapter. Robert K. Willardson, director of the Columbus Chapter, led a discussion on "Modern Methods in Archaeology," at a meeting held September 13. Among the items discussed were aerial photography, the use of geophysical instruments, the Aqua-lung, and the Minox camera tube.

62.5 VARIED SUMMER ACTIVITIES. Four members of the Society have reported their summer archaeological activities.

62.50 Kristine Hansen. Miss Hansen, a junior archaeology major at BYU, spent the summer at Mexico City College. Her classwork included courses in Maya hieroglyphics, the Maya language, and the chronicles. She also had the opportunity of visiting the Natural Museum of Archaeology as well as the important sites of Mitla, Teotihuacán, Monte Alban, Cuicuilco, and Copilco.

62.51 Carl Hugh Jones. A graduate student in archaeology at BYU, Mr. Jones spent the summer as an excavation foreman on the Wetherill Mesa archaeological project in Mesa Verde National Park. He reports that the purpose of the project is to increase the capacity of Mesa Verde to handle tourists, as well as the gathering of further scientific information on the Pueblo culture.

Excavating at the Long House ruin, Mr Jones supervised the clearing of several rooms, as well as a kiva (circular subterranean ceremonial chamber) and a trash

dump. He states that burials and pottery, including whole vessels, were abundant.

62.52 M. Harvey Taylor. Casas Grandes, Mexico, was the site which Mr. Taylor helped excavate this summer. He worked under the well-known South-western archaeologist, Dr. Charles di Peso, and assisted in excavation, reconnaissance, and translation. Mr. Taylor, a junior archaeology student at BYU, reports that several important discoveries were made for understanding the prehistory of northern Mexico.

62.53 Volney Wallace. Dr. Volney Wallace a UAS member of Brookings, South Dakota, and his family spent five days digging at the ruins of an early historic Arikara village at Le Beau, South Dakota, one of the many sites about to be flooded by the Oahe reservoir. Previously excavated by the University of South Dakota, the site yielded sherds, an 11 1/4 bone awl, and several projectile points for the Wallaces.

62.6 **BOOK-OF-MORMON INSTITUTE**. Several members of the UAS have been asked to participate in a "Book-of-Mormon institute" sponsored by the special courses and institutes department at BYU. The event is scheduled for Saturday, December 5, 1959, on the BYU campus.

The program includes lectures by the following: Robert Blair, "Book of Mormon Linguistics;" Dr. Sidney B. Sperry, "The Book of Mormon and Textual Criticism;" Dr. Ross T. Christensen, "A History of Book of Mormon Archaeology;" Dr. Daniel H. Ludlow, "Increasing Your Testimony Through Book of Mormon Studies;" Robert Thomas, "The English and Style of the Book of Mormon;" John L. Sorenson, "Anthropological Approaches to the Book of Mormon;" Eldin Ricks, "The Book of Mormon and the Old World;" and Dr. M. Wells Jakeman, "Izapa Stela 5 and the Book of Mormon."

A panel consisting of Drs. Welby W. Ricks (chairman), James R. Clark, B. West Belnap, and Francis W. Kirkham will discuss "New Horizons in Book-of-Mormon Studies."

The registration fee is six dollars and includes luncheon. Registration should be made with the Department of Special Courses and Institutes, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, or may be paid Saturday morning.

62.7 **NEW MASTER'S THESES OUTLINED**. Three graduate students in the Department of Archaeology at BYU have consulted with their faculty advisory committees and received approval of their thesis topics as required for the Master's Degree.

Welby W. Ricks has for some time been working on a comparative study of ancient Near Eastern and Mesoamerican cylinder seals.

Carl Hugh Jones is undertaking a reconnaissance

of Utah County in an attempt to locate and classify all archaeological sites. The accompanying photograph was taken by Mr. Jones and Mr. Dee F. Green near the mouth of Provo Canyon. It shows several symbols common in the Utah County area and the North American Southwest, among which are the hand, the antelope, and concentric circles.

Dee F. Green is planning a study of the works of the early Aztec historian Ixtlilxochitl in the original



Petroglyphs near the mouth of Provo Canyon.

Spanish in an attempt to extract all statements referring to archaeological sites. He will then undertake a comparison of Ixtlilxochitl's historical account of the major site of Teotihuacan with its known archaeological history and features.

62.8 **NEW BOOK-OF-MORMON PUBLICATION**. A Book of Mormon Treasury is the title of a new book just off the press. Published by Bookcraft in Salt Lake City, the work is a reprint of some of the outstanding articles on the Book of Mormon that have appeared in the pages of The Improvement Era. The price of the volume is \$3.50.

The book is divided into five sections. The first is entitled, "Historical Highlights of the Book of Mormon." This is followed by: "People and Geography of the Book of Mormon," "Interesting Sidelights on the Book of Mormon," "Biblical and Modern Evidences of the Book of Mormon," and "Important Messages from the Book of Mormon."

Among the contributors are: Dr. John A. Widtsoe, Dr. Sidney B. Sperry, and Dr. M. Wells Jakeman, UAS honorary members; Dr. Francis W. Kirkham, UAS Life Member and general officer; John L. Sorenson, former UAS general secretary-treasurer; Joseph Fielding Smith; B. H. Roberts; William E. Berrett; and Dr. Hugh Nibley.