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**Wishes You A Merry Christmas**

## THE 1933 FIELD CAMP

The Connecticut Valley was again the stage for the activities of our 1933 Field Camp. One sunny morning the party, composed of twenty-five students, started from Worcester led by Drs. Ekblaw, Jones, and Atwood, Jr. Cramming in all sorts of cars from a powerful Nash to a battered-up Model T Ford, the party headed for South Hadley where the headquarters had been established by a vanguard consisting of Messrs. Atwood, Jr., J. N. Carls, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Ekblaw and Mrs. Ekberg, our cook. On the way all had an opportunity to admire the countryside enlivened by the brilliant colors of New England's glorious Autumn. Besides, the faculty members did their best to initiate the new members of the school in the mysteries of field work.

At noon the group reached camp headquarters, the hospitable Titus farm located on the top of a small hill, where a surprise was in store for them. In front of the house, on a green lawn, were parked six neat and cozy "split-coaches" which were to serve as living quarters for three weeks. Each coach accommodated four students with all the necessary comforts, and compared with cabins were even quite warm. They certainly helped to make field camp very pleasant and enjoyable.

The Connecticut Valley proved again to be an excellent site for learning the technique of field work. This year the southern half of the Massachusetts portion of the Valley, extending from North Amherst to the Connecticut boundary line, was the area for intensive study. The intensively utilized lowland and terraces are bound on both sides by highlands covered with forests. This sharp contrast in land use and human occupancy was correlated with the natural environment, thus affording the students an opportunity to apply the principles of physiography, climate, soils and vegetation. This part of the Valley is also highly industrialized. The presence of such important centers

of manufacturing as Holyoke, Springfield, and Northampton prove the economic importance of the region. Indeed, the Connecticut Valley serves as an ideal laboratory for students who wish to learn from first hand information real geography, in the light of present and past human activities.

The work was carefully distributed throughout the six-day (pre-NRA) working week. The group was divided into teams of two or three students each for the purpose of studying the land utilization and the physiography in small-sized areas. From Monday to Wednesday, inclusive, each group mapped its area on foot or in cars (one group even traveled with a motorcycle). Drs. Atwood (Sr. and Jr.) and Dr. Ekblaw regularly visited the students in the field, giving help and checking the survey. The rest of the week was devoted to city mapping and industrial studies under the direction of Dr. Jones. The cultural features and physiography of Northampton, Easthampton, Holyoke, South Hadley Falls, and Chicopee were mapped and their leading industries studied directly, and indirectly through interviews cheerfully granted by leading business men. Some of the students also investigated the evolution of water power utilization in the streams tributary to the Connecticut River.

The micro-temperature studies under Dr. Van Valkenburg were full of excitement. Cold, clear mornings were especially selected for the whole group to unwillingly quit bed at 3:30 A. M. for the purpose of taking temperatures in the city of Springfield and across the Valley. With swinging, short-stringed thermometers the young scientists were earnestly at the job from 4:00 A. M. until the sun rose. Through streets and roads they were the object of much curiosity, admiration, and puzzled smiles of unscientifically minded passers-by who afterwards shook their heads in a most uncomplimentary manner! The efforts of Dr. Van Valkenburg and the students

were amply compensated by the successful results obtained after all the temperatures were compiled.

All was not "work and no play" in the geography camp. At night the Titus home was like a bee hive. Some, led by Agnes Allen and Catherine Roberts, indulged in bridge and the pleasure of doubling and redoubling, or of trumping the partner's trick (no casualties reported). Others like Rube Parson, Mrs. Sid and Mr. Titus, more artistically inclined, crowded

ferred those hours for "city mapping" in Holyoke and South Hadley. George Tatham, the "bally" Englishman, "Peaches Bloomfield," and Ralph Pico, with the Irish gang (Kennedy, Kennedy & Co.) and others bold enough to take the chances of George's driving, boarded his Oldsmobile and went to shows in Holyoke. In spite of Tatham's reputation, the trips were usually accomplished without mishap. His record, however, is not entirely clear, for he did manage to batter



THE "GANG" AT CAMP

S. Ekblaw, Mrs. Ekblaw, Ristow, Pico, Tatham, Miller, Carls, Howarth, K. Kennedy, Dr. Atwood, Jr., Smith, Erickson, Nadeau, Gardner, A. Kennedy, Robinson, Parson, Allen, Blomfield, Grady, Sievers, Botts, Roberts, Love, Kirkendall, Dr. Atwood.

around the piano and sang melodious songs. A certain group tried to compete with the above by tuning in the radio; while the rest read, or told jokes and stories of their experiences in the field. Lights were turned off early and the party retired to the coaches, where all slept soundly until "cheerfully" awakened next morning by Dr. Atwood Jr.'s bugle.

Saturday night usually proved to be a busy evening for many. "Kink" Erickson, Rube Parson and "Wally" Ristow mysteriously disappeared at sunset and did not return until midnight, later explaining that they pre-

ferred those hours for "city mapping" in Holyoke and South Hadley.

The last Sunday in camp was a gala day. The party had the pleasure of entertaining some Worcester friends, among whom were faculty members, their wives, and relatives. A big banquet table was set on the front lawn and all enjoyed a delightful get-together. In the afternoon the more youthful members of the crowd, including Drs. Van Valkenburg and Shaw, indulged in football until it was too dark to catch Dr. Van's energetic punts.

Many were the interesting experi-

ences enjoyed by the field workers, the writing of which would fill pages in the traditional history of the Clark Graduate School of Geography. These experiences will always be cherished as delightful memories of "the good old days," for they helped immeasurably to form and strengthen the bonds of everlasting friendship among the members of the School.

It was too good to last long, and after three weeks, on the morning of Oct. 19, camp was broken. After heartily thanking the Titus Family for their efforts to make our camp a success the group departed for Worcester. A long caravan of "split-coaches" headed the returning party, leaving behind the historic Connecticut Valley, scene of a glorious field camp.

R. P.

## PERSONALS

Miss Agnes M. Allen, a former teacher in Nebraska and Mississippi, not content with a master's degree in education, is now working for her M.A. and Ph.D. in the anthropogeographical field. Nevertheless, she has found time to make a survey of books on teaching geography, the result of which was published in the October issue of the "Journal of Geography."

Mr. Carl J. Blomfield, a prospective climatologist with an A.B. degree from the Colleges of the City of Detroit, is now writing his master's thesis on "The Climatic Optima of Peach Bearing Trees in North America." He is also taking education courses and hopes the future will hold for him a teaching position where he may further his study in his chosen field.

Mr. Adelbert K. Botts, who received his master's degree from Clark, has returned for his third year and is working on his Ph.D. dissertation. Daily we find his publications in the newspaper under the general topic of weather.

Mr. J. Normal Carls, another midwesterner, is completing a master's thesis in a phase of economic geo-

graphy and working toward a much coveted Ph. D.

Mr. Gordon Darkenwald has just returned from Cuba, where he has completed research work for the Ph. D. dissertation. Statistics show that he has been a teacher, a principal, an author of several publications, and a traveller of 55,500 miles, visiting forty-seven states of the Union, Canada, nineteen states of Mexico, and five states of Cuba.

Mr. Sidney Ekblaw, with his M. A. degree from the University of Illinois, is completing his Ph. D. in geography at Clark. As we might suspect, anthropogeography has claimed his interest and influenced his choice of subject.

Mr. Franklin C. Erickson, a former teacher at Dartmouth, who received his M. A. degree from Clark in 1931, has returned from the Alpine Valley of Switzerland, where he secured valuable dissertation material. While abroad he studied at the University of Zurich, and now relates at opportune moments, not only knowledge acquired, but also experiences which prove his life over there was far from monotonous.

Mr. Alex Gardner, a native of England, has been in this country for some time. He has a B. of Commerce from the University of Liverpool and the M. A. from the University of Utah. His major field of interest for the Ph. D. degree will be in economic geography.

Mr. J. Sullivan Gibson, our representative from the "Lone Star State," is now on the verge of attaining his Ph. D. He was formerly a geography teacher in Kentucky and shows loyalty to the South by using material gathered there for publications and for the foundation of his dissertation.

Miss Gertrude E. Grady, a graduate of the Worcester State Teachers College, has come to Clark for an M. A.

Miss Margery Howarth, the second representative from the Colleges of the City of Detroit, is working for an M. A. degree in her major field, climatology. Her thesis will bring

out interesting facts on the human response to the climate in Puerto Rico.

Miss Anne Kennedy, following in the footsteps of her sister, is working for the M. A. since her graduation from the Worcester State Teachers College, where a B. S. in Education was obtained. As yet this Worcesterite has not fully decided on a subject for her detailed work.

Miss Kathleen Kennedy is spending her second year in the Graduate School of Geography. She received her B. S. in Education from the Worcester State Teachers College. Her thesis for the master's degree will combine regional geography with education.

Mr. Walter Kirkendall comes from Iowa with a B. A. degree from Simpson College. The only available information shows he is working for a master's degree. Otherwise his plans for the future have not been completed, which may be due to the car he drove at field camp. Ask him about it.

Miss Minnie Lemaire, while teaching in several schools, is also working on an anthropogeographic dissertation in the upland towns of Massachusetts. She already has an M. A. degree from Clark.

Miss Elizabeth Love, with a degree from Massachusetts State College, plans to work for an M. A. She has chosen to write on her home town of Auburn, Massachusetts, for her thesis. According to her own confessions, she has had experience in teaching chemistry and science in Northern Vermont.

Mr. LeRoy C. Miller comes to Clark from Dayton, Virginia. His work for an M. A. degree was completed at Columbia, and he plans to write his Ph. D. dissertation in Economic Geography.

Mrs. Eleanor Nadeau, who has studied at the Universities of Washington and Minnesota, migrated East to continue work in geography. In the past, her graduate work has been combined with part time teaching.

Mr. Ruben Parson came East last year from Moorhead State Teachers

College, Minnesota. He is another candidate for a master's degree who has plans for a Ph. D.

Mr. Rafael Pico from Puerto Rico holds the B. A. degree from the University of Puerto Rico. This is his second year at Clark, where he is finishing his master's thesis on a section of his own island. After he has acquired the Ph. D. for which he is now working, he plans to return to the island to teach in the University of Puerto Rico.

Mr. Walter Ristow brings with him from the Mid-west a B. A. degree from the University of Wisconsin and an M. A. degree from Oberlin College. Wally is a clever fellow and can boast, but he doesn't, of a publication, "The Influences of Geography Upon the History of Bohemia," in the Bulletin of the Geographic Society of Philadelphia, Vol. XXXI, No. 2, April, 1933.

Miss M. Catherine Roberts is writing her Ph. D. dissertation on the "Character and Distribution of Population of Five Upland Towns of Massachusetts." She has also had experience with geography in the fields of teaching and publishing.

Miss Virginia Mae Robinson comes to us with a B. S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Her master's thesis in the field of human geography will be an "Interpretation of Ethiopia."

Miss Angelika Sievers is a German Exchange Student from the Universities of Heidelberg, Berlin, and Bonn. She has travelled extensively on the Continent, and since she has been in America, she has taken several trips. While at Clark she has chosen Economic Geography as her major field.

Miss Winifred Smith, the fourth member of the delegation from Worcester, also has a B. S. in Education degree from the Worcester State Teachers College. Since her major fields are regional geography and education, her master's thesis touches both of these subjects in a study of "The Silk Industry of Japan."

Mr. George Tatham is the second

exchange student with a scholarship from the Commonwealth Fund. He has a master's degree from the University of Liverpool and at present is doing field work in the vicinity of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

## NEW PLAN FOR SEMINAR

This fall the staff announced a new plan for the seminar. President Atwood serves as general chairman, but each program is under the immediate direction and chairmanship of a member of the staff.

The first program, held on the evening of November 23rd, was devoted to the fields of anthropogeography and land utilization. Dr. W. Elmer Ekblaw was the chairman. The second meeting, to be held December 13th, is a joint seminar in the field of political geography, in which the School of Geography has the coöperation of the graduate division of the Department of History and International Relations. Doctors Samuel Van Valkenburg and Lee will serve as chairmen.

Each month during the remainder of the year a meeting of the seminar will be held. One evening will be devoted to physiography, another to climatology, and at least one to economic geography. Commercial and industrial geography may occupy the attention of the seminar one evening.

The meetings of the seminar are held in the Art Room of the Library Building. In opening the first meeting, President Atwood indicated that it was the desire of the staff to provide an atmosphere quite distinct from that of the classroom, and to provide programs in which were presented the results of research work either of members of our own organization, or of other geographers in this or foreign lands. The arrangement of each program provides ample time for discussion and all members of the seminar are invited to contribute their very best thought to the subjects under consideration.

The group meets, as do the geo-

graphers, at a national or international conference, and it is the aim that each program involve the presentation of a number of outstanding contributions to the field of geography, or of problems which are significant to all those interested in the promotion of the scientific study of geography.

PRESIDENT ATWOOD

## CLARK STAFF AND STUDENTS AT THE CHICAGO AND EVANSTON MEETINGS

At the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America, to be held at the University of Chicago during the Christmas vacation, President Atwood will preside at a symposium on the geomorphology of the Rocky Mountain region. Both he and Dr. Wallace W. Atwood, Jr., will contribute papers to that program.

At the meetings of the Association of American Geographers, President Atwood will contribute a paper on "The Physiographic Setting of the Ancient Mayan Civilization in the Highlands of Guatemala," and Dr. Wallace W. Atwood, Jr., will present a study of "Glaciation and Land Utilization of the Park Range in Colorado." Dr. Earl B. Shaw (Ph.D., Clark, 1933) will present before the association a population study of the Virgin Islands.

Both President Atwood and Dr. Ridgley are scheduled to lead discussion sessions of the National Council of Geography Teachers. J. Sullivan Gibson, who is now completing his doctor's dissertation at Clark, will contribute a paper on "Geography Laboratory Work in the Teachers College" at the Friday morning session of the National Council.

Dr. Ekblaw hopes to be in Chicago and Evanston for this occasion, and Mrs. Wallace W. Atwood, Jr., is planning to accompany her husband to the meetings.

President Atwood has indicated that

he hopes to arrange for a reunion of the Clark School of Geography Alumni at a breakfast or luncheon meeting during the week the geographers are assembled in Evanston.  
J. N. C.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

At the first business meeting of the C. U. G. S. this fall Rafael Pico was elected vice-president and Adelbert K. Botts was re-elected to the office of secretary-treasurer. J. Norman Carls had been chosen president for this year at a spring meeting of the society. Franklin C. Erickson, George Tatham, and Agnes Allen were elected this autumn as councilors. A MONADNOCK staff and five committees have been organized to plan and execute the various activities of the society, and are working to give us a well-rounded year of professional contacts and social life.

MONADNOCK Staff: Sidney E. Ekblaw, Editor and Business Manager; Ruben L. Parson, Assistant Editor; Winifred Smith, Alumni Editor; Walter W. Ristow, Circulation Manager.

Forum Committee: Agnes Allen, chairman; George Tatham; Kathleen Kennedy.

Social Committee: Franklin C. Erickson, chairman; Rafael Pico; Virginia Robinson; Eleanor Nadeau; Anne Kennedy; Alex J. Gardner.

Tea Committee: Margery D. Howarth, chairman; Angelika Sievers; Gertrude Grady; Elizabeth Love.

Field Trips Committee: Carl J. Blomfield, chairman; LeRoy C. Miller; Walter E. Kirkendall.

Special Arrangements Committee: Catherine Roberts, chairman; Gordon G. Darkenwald; Minnie Lemaire.

J. N. C.

Word has been received that Miss Katharine B. Clarke, M. A. 1930 and Dr. Lawrence R. Hafstad "middle aided it" in Washington last October 7th. Miss Clarke has been employed

## RED BIRDS VISIT CLARK

Dr. R. G. Buzzard, head of the Geography Department at Illinois State Normal University, accompanied by 46 students, stopped in Worcester early in August on his eighth annual geography tour. Several members of the Clark staff and members of the summer school enjoyed a delightful visit to the "Red Bird" camp on Lake Quinsigamond in the evening and later brought Dr. Buzzard and his group to the workroom, where Dr. Ridgley and Dr. Ekblaw spoke to them briefly on the work and plans of the Clark School of Geography. A trip was made to Mt. Monadnock the next day before breaking camp to make further geographical studies in New England.

A. A.

## THE FIELD SCHOOL OF GEOGRAPHY

The Clark University Graduate School of Geography announces three months of field work beginning on September 12th and lasting until December 12th, 1934. At an early date, the staff will issue a pamphlet giving all details concerning the itinerary, regions chosen for intensive study, terms of admission, expenses, credit, and personal equipment which the students will need to provide.

The regions will be varied, and opportunity will be afforded to study various types of land forms, different industries, climates, types of agriculture, and man's reaction under different natural conditions.

The party will travel in cars, each drawing a split-coach type of trailer which will provide sleeping accommodations.

Ideal weather conditions should be encountered as the party will migrate southward with the change of season.

L. C. M.

at the Carnegie Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism doing research work on ocean and sea temperatures since she left Clark.

## ACTIVITIES HERE AND THERE

What is the Fourth of July without a picnic? During the afternoon of the Fourth, members of the geography staff and graduate students enjoyed Sid and Lu's hospitality at their home in Leicester. Refreshments, served on the lawn, helped to make the day complete. The faculty seemed to enjoy the watermelons most of all! If anyone wishes information on the scores of the quoit games, Dr. Van Valkenburg will be able to give complete details.

Hot summer temperatures held no terrors for Sara Waites, Bob Simpson, or Al Thomas. Each day found them at work on their theses. Sara received her master's degree at the end of summer school and has accepted a position with Birmingham Southern College of Birmingham, Alabama, as extension lecturer. She is also teaching in the Birmingham Public Schools. Al finished his thesis on "The Climatic Optima of Apple Bearing Trees in North America" and received his master's degree at the end of the summer session. He has accepted a position in Detroit. Bob Simpson's thesis, "Greenfield, Mass.—A Study in Urban Geography," has won for itself a place in the Clark Thesis Library. We hope to see Bob back at Clark to receive his diploma.

Ruben Parson found the field work for his thesis on "The Land Utilization of the Town of Sutton" extremely interesting. "Rube" is back this year and we hear that a fine piece of work is shaping itself as a result of his summer's research.

Althea Stautz chose as a topic of research for her master's thesis "The Land Utilization and Land Economy of Three Contrasted Towns in North Dakota." To pursue work towards the completion of her degree she spent most of the summer in work in the region of Afton, Torming, and Freedom Townships of North Dakota. At present she has a position in Minot, North Dakota, as Junior and Senior High School instructor of geography.

Norman Carls, Leroy Miller, and

Carl Blomfield have returned to Clark for work this year after a summer vacation at their respective homes.

"Ralph" Pico returned to Puerto Rico for the summer months. While on the island, he acted as geography instructor at the University of Puerto Rico for the summer session and completed field work for his thesis, "The Isabela District—A Regional Study in Northwestern Puerto Rico."

Norman, Carl, and Ralph have found that the art of map making requires much time and patience. Their efforts have been well rewarded by the appearance of their maps.

Al Sumner finished his thesis, "The Land Utilization of St. Catherine, Jamaica," during the summer. He has accepted a position as instructor in the Stuyvesant School in the Shenandoah Valley region of Virginia for the present year.

Kathleen Kennedy and Winifred Smith took advantage of the summer months to do a good bit of reading and research in the library toward completion of their theses.

Minnie Lemaire spent some time in Chicago at the Century of Progress, and in New York City this summer. She has completed the field work and has done considerable research for her thesis. During the first semester, Minnie is attending Boston University two days a week, teaching at the Bancroft School three days a week, and teaching Night School in one of the Worcester High Schools two evenings a week. One guess—is she busy?

Agnes Allen spent most of the summer at Clark helping Dr. Atwood with research problems. Before the fall semester began, she enjoyed two weeks' vacation at her home in Illinois. She has practically finished all of the research for her thesis and hopes to finish writing her work before the beginning of the second semester.

Catherine Roberts worked on problems of research for Dr. Ekblaw during June, July, and August. She has completed the field work and is engaged the first semester in completing

the research for her dissertation.

Etzel Percy bade us farewell in June to sail for Grenoble, France, where he continues his studies for the completion of his doctorate. From Etzel's letters, he still has the Wanderlust and has made the most of his time this summer in taking many very interesting excursions out from Grenoble.

George Tatham has a much better idea of the size of the U. S. A. since his summer's travels of 16,000 miles. He left Clark early in June, went by the southern route to the Pacific coast and returned from Seattle by a northern route. Of course, he did not miss Chicago nor the Century of Progress. As soon as field camp was over this fall, he started for Pennsylvania to complete field studies for his dissertation. Here's hoping that the Penn state police force are in a much more friendly mood than at Easter time of last year.

Sidney Ekblaw worked at Clark during the summer on research problems and on the publication of *Economic Geography*. After spending two weeks in Illinois, he returned for the school year to complete the work for his doctorate.

Not even the Cuban revolutionists disturb Gordon Darkenwald when he undertakes to do field work. We all were glad to welcome Darcy back from Cuba last week and to hear that he had completed the field work for his dissertation.

Adelbert Botts did field work in the Deerfield River Valley, Mass., this summer besides acting as instructor at Miami University for six weeks. Del now has charge of the cooperative Weather Bureau Station at Clark, in addition to his many other duties. If the weather isn't what you want it to be, blame Del.

J. Sullivan "Hoot" Gibson has returned to Clark from Kentucky. "Hoot's" dissertation, "The Land Economy of Warren County, Kentucky," is in final form. We wish him all

kinds of success in finding a position for the second semester.

M. C. R.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. R. G. Buzzard, Clark '25, received an appointment to the presidency of the Eastern State Teachers College at Charleston in September. Dr. Buzzard was formerly head of the Geography Department at Illinois State Normal University at Normal, Illinois. Dr. Buzzard and his family have established their home in Charleston, where he assumed his new duties the first of October.

A. A.

The Forum committee of the Clark Geographical Society has no definite schedule of meetings to announce at this time. Tentative plans for several meetings have been made, however, and programs will be arranged whenever it is possible to secure speakers on topics of pertinent interest.

A. A.

## EUROPEAN FIELD TRIPS

A trip to Southern Europe is to be conducted by Dr. S. Van Valkenburg this coming summer under the auspices of the Colleges of the City of Detroit and sponsored by Clark University. This will be the second trip conducted by Dr. Van Valkenburg and will be a cruise along the shore of the Mediterranean, with stop-overs in the Azores, Portugal, Spain, Algiers, Greece, and Yugoslavia, and a land trip along the line, Rome to Paris, including the Tuscany Hills, the Po Basin, the Italian Riviera, the Swiss-Italian Lakes, the High Mountains of Switzerland, the Jura, and Western France (Brittany and Normandy).

The trip to Northern Europe as planned by Dr. W. E. Ekblaw has been temporarily postponed due to the present economic situation.

C. J. B.

## ANNUAL BANQUET AND BUSINESS MEETING OF THE CLARK UNIVERSITY GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

On the evening of May 24, 1933, the Clark University Geographical Society met in the Geography Workroom for its annual banquet and business meeting.

Following an excellent meal, President Percy called the business meeting to order. After the reading and approval of the secretary-treasurer's reports, Mr. Darkenwald moved that the treasurer be instructed to transfer all money in the treasury in excess of ten dollars to the Travelling Fund. Seconded by Miss Roberts, the motion carried.

Dr. Ridgley raised a question as to the total amount of money now in the Fund. The committee in charge of that fund informed us through Mr. Burnham that with the edition being made this spring, (\$18.00) the total would be slightly more than \$250.00.

The next item of business involved consideration of the amendment to the by-laws of the constitution of the society which had been presented at the annual meeting in 1932, to wit:

In order that the money now held by the Clark University Geographical Society for a travelling scholarship shall be of most use and value to the students of the Clark University Graduate School of Geography it is recommended that Article II, Section 1, of the by-laws of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

1. This fund which is being built up for a travelling scholarship shall become a permanent loan fund for worthy students of the Graduate School of Geography, it being understood that as soon as the annual interest from the fund be large enough it shall be awarded each year as a travelling scholarship.

2. The loans shall be granted by a committee composed of the Director of the Graduate School of Geography, the Supervisor of the Geography Workroom, and the President of the

Clark University Geographical Society. This committee shall act in accordance with the following suggestions:

a. No individual may receive loans in excess of \$100.00.

b. The interest shall be 5% per annum.

c. The note shall be executed in accordance with and through the regular University channels dealing with loans of this nature.

Approved by members of the committee:

(signed)

Wallace W. Atwood  
Guy H. Burnham  
G. Etzel Percy  
Gordon Darkenwald.

The amendment was unanimously adopted as recommended by the committee.

With the completion of the business meeting, the attention of the society was turned to the enjoyment of the following program.

"Bon Voyage".....Mr. Rafael Pico  
"Bubbles from Blue Hill"

.....Dr. C. F. Brooks

"Good-bye".....Mr. G. Etzel Percy  
(retiring president)

"Hello".....Mr. J. Norman Carls  
(incoming president)

Music and Stunts....directed by "The  
Lord Marshall,"  
George Tatham

At eleven o'clock the meeting adjourned.

Adelbert K. Botts,  
Secretary-treasurer, 1932-33

Miss Katheryne Thomas became the bride of Mr. Charles Whittimore of Buffalo in the last "Month of Roses." The student and staff of the Geography School extend best wishes.

## ADVICE TO MOTORISTS

Cars, like women, must be humored; their femininity cannot be overemphasized. The qualities that make good motorists are those that make good husbands. In truth, buying a car is like entering matrimony. The poor male must be prepared for unlimited capriciousness, for incessant expenditure to satisfy mere whims, and even to find that she won't be driven and must be led. Moreover, he must realize that things are not always what they seem, that innocent exteriors too often hide abysmal depths. Once prepared for unlimited perversity, the successful driver only needs to be nonchalant. Nonchalance is, for the motorist, a cardinal virtue. Never allow your machine to annoy you, hide all irritation, never lose your temper, and above all never in the heat of anger strike. Cars and women, strange though it may seem, resent violence; they never forgive a blow.

Be prepared for unreasoning jealousy. Never, while driving, let admiration for a passing automobile, however glorious, distract your attention from your own, for she, sensing her danger, will assuredly dash upon the hated rival and madly attempt to wreck her beauty.

In brief, humor the jade, and, be nonchalant.

G. T.

## MY FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF AMERICA

My first impressions are not those of a traveller seeing America from the train and hotel, but are those of a student, living among the people.

One of the deepest impressions I ever had was the entrance into the harbor of New York. The sky-scraper skyline, with its mysterious appearance in the foggy air, —is just what an European expects from America. And one's first thought is the comparison of the earliest days of New Amsterdam, that rocky, unpleasant island, with the world-city of our

days, with her immense varied population, her incredible well-ordered traffic, and her architecture, representing in my mind not a collection of international and mixed styles, but a development peculiarly American.

I came from New York to Boston, and observed the sharp contrast between these two important cities. I like both, though each is so different, but I think that each represents one part of America in a wonderful, striking way: New York shows the growth of the nation, Boston the cultural development. I realize that perhaps most of the cultural values are created here in the early East, and that I may not find this wonderful culture and tradition going West. I believe that we often judge too quickly in calling American people superficial. I always see behind them those great courageous pioneers; a young nation, whose first task was to gain the soil by fighting against enemies and nature.

Americans are busy and hurrying. That, to a European, is a striking fact which is reflected in all their life and surroundings. Time is money —why shall we walk? Okay, into the car! I like lunch-rooms not at all, because I almost fall down from the stools, and waiters like me less than that. They wonder why I sit down at a table for an ice-cream soda—and rest.

Each country has light and shadow sides, and when I dare to weigh and judge, I wish to express my love to this country just as it reflects its history.

A. S.

## CLARK GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY FORUM

On the evening of November 17, 1933, the society had the first forum of the year. At that time, we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Ellsworth Huntington of Yale University present a talk on his travels in Africa.

Dr. Huntington discussed in a most enjoyable manner the effects of the

environment upon the people of the Nile Valley, and showed how the occupations, philosophy, and life of the people of this region can be explained only in the light of their geographical background.

A very interesting account of the philosophy of an old warrior of the desert shows how the process of selection has weeded out the weak and has selected the brave, and only those who will cooperate and follow orders have survived. By these and many other examples, Dr. Huntington illustrated to us the effects of this arid section upon the life of the people.

The balance of the evening was spent in playing cards and dancing, and it is with pleasure that we can look back upon an enjoyable and profitable evening.

C. J. B.

## RESEARCH IN THE ROCKIES

During the past summer Dr. and Mrs. Wallace W. Atwood, Jr., continued the field work which they started in the summer of 1932, in the Rockies of Colorado and Wyoming.

The journey from Massachusetts to Colorado by a rather long detour, through the Great Smokies, the Gulf Coastal States, down to Monterey, Mexico, and thence to Colorado, took the month of June. This trip was made in order that camp sites might be chosen and arrangements made for the 1934 field trip of the Clark Geography School.

All of July and most of August was spent in making a survey of the physiography of the Medicine Bow and Park ranges of Colorado and southern Wyoming, a joint study by the U. S. G. S. and Clark University of the geomorphology of this region.

From Wyoming, Dr. Atwood made a quick trip to Crater Lake National Park in Oregon, where he spent ten days in completing research which he began in the summer of 1931 in connection with the National Park Service.

On the return trip Dr. and Mrs. Atwood included a stop at Chicago to see the World's Fair, and a visit to York, Pennsylvania, to pick up two of the seven split-coaches which had been recently purchased by the University for use on field trips.

W. E. K.

## THE HALLOWE'EN PARTY

Casting aside all thoughts of intellectual pursuits and activities, the graduate students of the geography department, with the faculty members and their wives, participated in an informal Halloween party in the Geography Hall on the evening of October 31, 1933. Under the direction of Kink Erickson, chairman of the Social Committee, bridge, music, and refreshments were provided. To the strains of popular melodies from an electric victrola and radio, the students glided, hopped, slid, or danced as it pleased their fancy over the slippery, newly-waxed floor. Strange to state, in spite of the general hilarity and happy, carefree attitude, no one was seen to fall. Trust us geographers to keep our feet. After climbing varved-clay pits, what is a slippery dance floor, more or less?

But as to keeping our heads! There we have another matter. Secret meetings behind closed doors seem to be a favorite indoor sport for some of the masculine members of our department. Never more will the word "conference" impress the feminine ranks, probably because of, rather than in spite of, the earnestness and eagerness displayed in those frequent visits to the refreshment room which harbored the quenching potion of the evening. Suffice it to say that with the aid of cider, doughnuts, and cheese everyone considered our first social attempt a great success.

K. M. K.

## FOUR MONTHS IN CUBA

On August 25, Dr. C. F. Jones and I arrived at "Vivero," the headquarters of the agricultural division

of the Cuban Land and Leaf Tobacco Company. The arrival marked the culmination of a 3500-mile trip from Worcester through eastern United States, and from Camaguey in east central Cuba to San Juan y Martinez in southwestern Pinar del Rio province.

Fortune smiled on us, for we arrived at Key West just at a time when steamship companies were once again able to resume voyages and carry passengers to Cuba with some assurance that they could be landed. The flight of Machado had taken place two days before and the strikers of Havana were once again at work. On the whole, the revolution did not prove to be much of a handicap except that information from the government files could not be obtained, as there really was no government during this four month's period.

Field work in the Vuelta Abajo tobacco region of southwest Pinar del

Rio province progressed without difficulty. The President of the Cuban Land and Leaf Tobacco Company invited me to stay in the "Casa Grande" at the company headquarters. The "Casa Grande" proved to be a delightful home, not only comfortable, but situated in the very heart of the tobacco region.

Not only the scientific men connected with the Agricultural Experiment Station of Cuba, but also the Cuban farmers and all members of the Company cooperated heartily in an effort to be of assistance.

The problem entailed an extensive amount of field mapping as well as many conferences with tobacco men and the taking of soil samples. Besides the intensive study made in tobacco, the problems of subsistence agriculture, the failure of sugar, and the relation between soil types and the distribution of population, were studied.

G. G. D.

## ANTHROPO- AND HUMAN GEOGRAPHY SEMINAR

The first seminar of the semester was held on Thursday evening, November 23, in the Art Room. The meeting was opened by President Atwood, who spoke on the value of informal seminars and emphasized the fact that each paper should represent the best efforts of the student. President Atwood then turned the meeting over to Dr. Ekblaw, under whose able guidance the speakers had prepared their papers. Dr. Ekblaw told us that the program was to be in memory of Miss Semple, who had done so much work in the field of anthropo-, and human geography.

The first paper was given by J. Sullivan Gibson, who has been doing field work for his Ph.D. thesis in the region of Warren County, Kentucky. His talk, "Land Economy in Warren County, Kentucky," emphasized the response of the people in that county to their physical environment.

Mr. Gibson was followed by Catherine Roberts, who spoke upon "The Farm and Home Economy of the Upland Towns of Massachusetts."

Her report showed how the rigors of climate, soil, and topography have forced the farmers of this region into specialized activities.

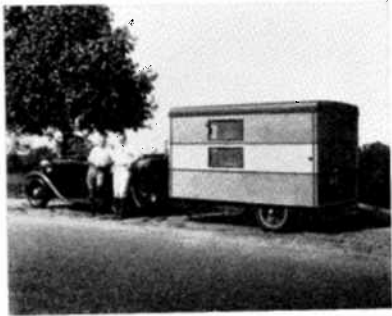
The next paper, given by Agnes Allen, was based on her Master's thesis, "Transition in Domestic Economy between Forests and Grasslands." Miss Allen emphasized especially her findings in publications dealing with her subject.

The last two papers dealt more with anthropogeography and were arranged by Sidney Ekblaw and Ruben Parson, who worked together on the project. Ruben spoke of the "Migrations of Races in Asiatic Russia," and was followed by Sidney, whose paper was entitled "Present Distribution of Races in Russia."

Following each presentation, an open discussion was held, with both students and faculty participating.

At the close of the seminar period, coffee, sandwiches, and cakes were served in the Libbey Library by members of the tea committee.

A. P. K.



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ON THE WAY TO CAMP

### SKIING IN THE ALPS

Novices in the sport of skiing who know very little about the technique, can get a great "kick" out of it. Every large winter resort in the Alps is established where there are practice hills close by and from which higher and steeper ski courses are not too far distant. The lower slopes are crowded with beginners in the art, and there is a ski instructor for every ten people. The class begins and after many falls, bumps and awkward positions, the "stem bogen" is mastered.

It takes nerve and determination to go up onto the higher slopes where the real fun begins. After a climb of three or four hours the top is reached, where sandwiches and a much-needed rest are enjoyed before one takes one's life in his feet. An experienced skier can complete the "run" in an hour or less, whereas one less experienced, after a series of falls, heart aches, and somersaults may arrive at the bottom six or seven hours later.

Each day presents new problems which must be met with, new turns and twists, until gradually a ski technique is developed. With greater skill there is no lessening of thrills as one would expect, for unexpected jumps, crevices, and wooded areas always present themselves in unknown areas.

F. C. E.

### DR. JONES DOES FIELD WORK IN CUBA

At one o'clock in the morning of August fifth, Dr. Jones, accompanied by Gordon Darkenwald, left Worcester for an automobile trip to Cuba. The object of the trip was threefold. Dr. Jones needed some first hand information on sugar; the Graduate School of Geography needed first hand information on possible camp sites and regions of study for the extensive 1934 field trip; and Mr. Darkenwald needed a pleasant and economical way to get to Cuba to do field work on his doctor's dissertation.

The Cumberland and Shenandoah Valleys, Augusta, and several sections of Florida were carefully studied enroute to Cuba. When Dr. Jones returned to Worcester, via Illinois, where he was joined by his family, he stopped in Birmingham to look over its possibilities for study.

Political conditions almost made the completion of the trip impossible, but studies in Hershey Central were finally completed without mishap.

In all, Dr. Jones travelled approximately 7,000 miles in the United States and 1,500 miles in Cuba.

G. G. D.

### HITCH HIKING ACROSS THE CONTINENT

As I strode into the Desert of Arizona, with a suitcase at my side and Clark University as my destination, the situation was one full of dramatic possibilities. An excellent cross-section of American life was obtained as I travelled in every type of vehicle on the road with many racial types and Americans of every state in society; visiting the Grand Canyon; enjoying the freshness of the mountain air of Utah; spending two nights with bed bugs, which thrived on about 14 criminals behind bars, because someone else had stolen a car and taken me with two others

from a desolate spot in Wyoming into the arms of the police in Cheyenne; crossing Nebraska in one day in a big Cadillac, while it rained incessantly; arriving in Chicago well after midnight with a young married woman from Hollywood; visiting the World's Fair, which, by exaggerating what is uniquely American in character, froze into steel structures the color and romance that is the lifeblood of America. Having just spent my last dime, I came into Worcester in a rattling old truck, driven by a Polish boy, whose brown eyes showed kindness though he was silent. Thoughts of the red, grim cliffs of Arizona, the blue, clear skies of craglike Utah, the grey expanses of desolate Wyoming, the dull, rainy days on the Plains and Prairies, all lie like strata in my mind covered at last by the glorious autumnal tints of New England, which, with its myriad colors, provides an esthetic home for the intellectual achievements of America.

A. J. G.

### SUMMER SCHOOL COM- MENCEMENT

The final assembly of the 1933 Clark University Summer School was held on the evening of August sixth. At this time, Commencement exercises were held on the lawn in the rear of Dr. Atwood's home. The program consisted of a procession of faculty and graduates, a three-act play, the awarding of eighteen degrees, and a short lecture.

Immediately following the play, twelve Bachelor of Education and six Master of Arts degrees were conferred. The C. U. G. S. was represented in the latter group by Sara F. Waites and Albert R. Thomas.

As a fitting conclusion to the program, Dr. Atwood gave a brief talk on the advantages and desirability of congenial relationships between the United States and Japan.

M. W. S.

### FACULTY NOTES

The summer plans of President Atwood, which included continuance of his field work in the Rocky Mountains, were changed because of the sudden illness of Mrs. Atwood. Upon her recovery, they took a motor trip through Maine and the Gaspé Peninsula. Worcester honored Dr. Atwood by asking him to deliver the dedicatory address for the new Worcester Memorial Auditorium. His subject was "The Path of Duty Is the Way to Glory." The two most recent articles which Dr. Atwood has written are "Lake Atitlan," published by the Geological Society of America, and "Highways and Byways of Guatemala," published by the *Journal of Geography*.

Dr. Ridgley spent the major part of the summer vacation in Illinois, making a short visit to the Chicago World's Fair. Since the last edition of *THE MONADNOCK*, Dr. Ridgley's name has appeared on four publications. The first two belong in a series of geography work-books for grades four and five. Co-authors of "Home Journeys" and "World Journeys" are Prof. George F. Howe and Mrs. Isabelle K. Hart. The other publications are pamphlets in a series called "Important Topics in Geography." Their titles are "General Circulation of Atmosphere," and "Rainfall of the Earth."

Dr. S. Van Valkenburg taught summer school at Clark and spent a great deal of time upon the manuscript of a new book on Europe, of which he is co-author with Dr. Ellsworth Huntington of Yale.

Dr. W. Elmer Ekblaw also taught during the summer session at Clark, and spent the rest of the vacation period in research work on soils and Russia.

During the past summer, Dr. C. F. Jones lectured at George Washington University in the School of Foreign Service. He also travelled in Cuba, doing field work in connection with his studies on Caribbean America. At the October meeting of the



Association of American Universities held in Princeton, he was the representative of Clark University.

V. M. R.

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## SUMMER SCHOOL

Representing eighteen states, Summer School enrolled 147 members this year. There were many commuters, one girl even driving from Quinebaug, Connecticut, every morning. Although mostly teachers, there were recruits from the profession of Homemakers, with the presence of Mrs. W. E. Ekblaw and Mrs. Illingworth in several of the classes.

Beginning with the Summer School Reception, July 3, until its Final Assembly, August 10, the students enjoyed many get-togethers, bridge parties, and dances. Perhaps the best was the Wednesday night picnic at Purgatory. Dr. Van Valkenburg cooperated graciously with the social committee in announcing these festivities, drawing on his imagination to construct a menu that would have made a French chef dream.

Due to Mrs. Atwood's illness, President Atwood did not go to the Rockies, and we were fortunate in hearing his illustrated lecture on "The Highways and Byways of Guatemala." Dr. Ekblaw and Dr. Jones contributed to the Thursday night lectures, speaking on "Scandinavia and Socialism," and "Travels in Columbia and Venezuela." Dr. Illingworth gave four much appreciated recitals on American poetry, and his students in drama presented very finished productions of "Candida," at midsummer, and "The Lady of the Weeping Willow Tree" at the final assembly.

On the Fourth a bus trip was made to Plymouth, and also on four Saturdays instructive excursions were conducted through the Blackstone and Connecticut Valleys, to the Port of Boston, and to Mt. Monadnock by Dr. Jones, Dr. Ekblaw, Mr. Burnham, and President, Atwood, respectively. Many lamed arms resulted from the trip with Dr. Ekblaw, consequent upon the attempt to take notes. Our veteran

students declared the 1933 Saturday trips had reached perfection in the value of instruction and enjoyment received.

E. P. L.

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## DR. L. DUDLEY STAMP VISITS CLARK

Dr. L. Dudley Stamp, well known as the author of "Asia," "The World," "The British Isles," and other important geographic works, visited Clark in Mid-October, examined the workroom and other physical equipment of the Clark Graduate School of Geography, and paid a visit to the Field Camp then active in the Connecticut Valley. Dr. Van Valkenburg and Dr. Ekblaw took Doctor Stamp and Mrs. Stamp, who accompanied him, for a day's exploration of the Connecticut Valley and afforded Doctor Stamp his first glimpses of land utilization in America. Doctor and Mrs. Ekblaw entertained the visitors while they were at Clark.

Doctor Stamp has come to America under the sponsorship of the Rockefeller Foundation to make a year's study of land utilization in America, and it is likely that many of the Clark graduates will have an opportunity to meet him, and entertain him. His headquarters are at the Rockefeller Foundation, 49 West 49th St., New York City.

He and Mrs. Stamp will return to Clark in January for a series of lectures which Doctor Stamp will deliver to the geography staff and students.

L. C. M.

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Announcements have been received of the marriage of Loretta Helen Liedel and Phil Edward Church. The ceremony took place in Oak Park, Ill., October 7. Mr. Church is a graduate of the Geography School, in which he held a teaching fellowship in Meteorology in 1932. The Department extends hearty good wishes to the happy couple, at home in Mooseheart, Ill.