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“Every valley shall be exalted,  
And every mountain and hill made low.”

—ISAIAH.

## ALUMNI NEWS

September 12, 1934 found Dr. and Mrs. Eugene Van Cleef in Worcester, just in time to watch the caravan of Clark field workers start on their three months trip over eastern United States. Ordinarily Dr. Van Cleef's work keeps him at Ohio State University. He has under way several manuscripts representing an accumulation of a long period of time. He hopes that before the year is up they may appear in print somewhere. He already has a pamphlet in circulation entitled "Geography of the Month." It is issued free seven times annually to teachers interested in current world affairs geographically interpreted.

Esther Anderson (Ph.D. 1932) enjoyed a most interesting cruise in the Mediterranean last summer. She sailed on an Italian liner and visited many countries in that picturesque region. Her travels took her to the Bay of Naples, the ruins of Pompeii, streets of Palermo, fiords of Dalmatia, countries of the Balkans, gondolas of Venice; through Tyrolean and Bavarian Alps and over to witness the Passion Play. From there she journeyed northwestward taking in many sights until she reached Stratford-on-Avon. There she left her party and proceeded to Sweden—the home of her relatives. After this she found her way to Warsaw, where, at the International Geographical Congress with an assemblage of approximately six hundred people representing thirty-one countries, she gave a paper entitled, "A Geographical Study of the Sugar Beet Industry in the United States." Miss Anderson now has resumed her work at the University of Nebraska.

From the Teachers College of Connecticut comes news of George F. Howe (M.A. 1924) Acting Dean of Men. In his work at the college he has been travelling locally with his classes, giving a course outside the

four walls endeavoring to give students a cultural background. He has recently collaborated with Dr. Douglas C. Ridgley and published "Western Continents" and "Eastern Continents."

Harriet E. Lee (M.A. 1928) instructor at Wellesley College sends an account of the marriage of Carl Holzhauser (M.A. 1928) to Edith C. Hoyt (M.A. 1928) on April 21st at Columbus, Ohio. The couple will make their home in Detroit. May we extend our best wishes!

George H. Primmer (Ph.D. 1933) of State Teachers College, Duluth, Minnesota, manages to keep himself busy this year. After a seven thousand mile jaunt last summer, he went back to work full of vim, vigor and vitality. He seems to have used some of it in publishing articles, one of which appeared in the Minnesota Journal of Education. In the October issue of Economic Geography he had an article on iron ore, and a climate study in the January Journal of Geography. During the winter months he found time to do considerable studying on the forest situation in Minnesota, a study on which he plans to write later. He has pooled his material on local iron and steel manufacturing with another Clark graduate, and from this will emerge an article similar in style to that on Sparrow's Point, published in the Geographical Review. His interest in goobers lives on in other Clark students, when, twice a year, George regularly sends his contribution to the Workroom.

Otis W. Freeman (Ph.D. 1931) has published a study of the salmon industry of the Pacific Coast. He has arranged a two day program for the Pacific Geographers at Los Angeles at the end of June. At this meeting he hopes the organization of the group will be completed, and that they can

establish the first annual volume of the proceedings.

George S. Carfield (M.A. 1931) has been appointed councillor for the Dean of Men at State Teachers College in Minnesota. He and George Primmer are giving a series of radio talks over a local station on geographical topics.

Research problems in Urban Geography have proved interesting to Julia M. Shipman (Ph.D. 1928) at Mount Holyoke. This summer she will motor to the Gaspé Peninsula.

Marjorie Shank reports that she holds the position of Registrar and Teacher of Geography in Southern Illinois State Normal University.

Floyd F. Cunningham (M.A. 1928, Ph.D. 1930) continues as the head of the department of Geography at State Teachers College, Florence, Alabama. Last summer he traveled to the International Geographical Congress at Warsaw, Poland, to represent the state of Alabama. While in Europe he visited many countries, occasionally taking moving pictures which members of last fall's field party were fortunate enough to see. For this summer he has accepted a position as visiting professor of Geography at George Peabody College for Teachers at Nashville.

Althea Stautz (M.A. 1934) joined the Clark Summer School last summer to complete work on her thesis. Now she is back at Devil's Lake and enjoying her school work. Can you converse in French yet, Althea?

Again the Monadnock congratulates Mr. and Mrs. John K. Rose. This time on the birth of a son in April. Mrs. Rose was formerly Priscilla Hollis Webster. The University of Chicago awarded Mr. Rose the degree of Ph.D. in March. His dissertation had the title, "Corn Yield and Climate in the Corn Belt." A third great event this year came when he was awarded a post-doctoral Social Science Research Training, with a generous fellowship. He is to study, "Statistical Theory and Method as Applied to

Geographical Problems." He will spend the first three quarters of it at the University of Chicago, working on statistics and mathematics. The last quarter he will work at Columbia University with Professor Harold Hotelling.

Ina Cullon Robertson (M.A. 1924) teacher at State Teachers College in Valley City, conducted a summer field trip for college students and friends. Her trip covered nine thousand miles of territory, going to the west coast by the southern route and returning by the northern.

Ann Scharf (M.A. 1932) received a Junior College Credential at the close of the U.S.C. summer session and a General Secondary Credential in December. At present, she is secondary substitute in Long Beach, California, and hopes to have a permanent position in the near future.

Neva McDavitt (M.A. 1927) holds the position of Instructor of Geography and Biological Science at Illinois State Normal University. She reports an interesting spring vacation in the Great Smokies National Park.

Rafael Pico (M.A. 1934), still single, sends news once in a while from Puerto Rico, but not half as often as many people wish he would. He left Clark last June to teach Geography at the University of Puerto Rico. In addition, he is doing research on the Geography of the island. By fall we may expect some publications: one, a pamphlet on the agriculture of the island in collaboration with the Department of Agricultural Economics of the University. Another is a book to be edited by Dr. Haas of Northwestern on the Territories of the United States, in which Rafael is writing about his island. Hope you are back in the States by fall. You see we could interpret your handwriting, anyway!

Edna Gueffroy (M.A. 1927) holds sway as assistant professor of Geography at Illinois State Normal University. Her trip to Seward, Alaska,

by water, by rail to McKinley National Park, and by bus to Chitna extended over six weeks last summer, and proved most enjoyable. This summer she plans to study at the University of Chicago.

The President of the National Council of Geography Teachers for 1935 is the latest title acquired by Clyde E. Cooper (Ph.D. 1927). His work at Ohio University at Athens keeps him busy.

It is no news to hear that George B. Cressey (Ph.D. 1931) traveled for five months in the Far East under an appointment of the National Research Council and the National Agricultural Research Bureau of Nanking, China. He made detailed field studies in China, and then visited Japan, the Philippines, and Hawaii. His recent publication bears the title, "China's Geographic Foundations." He has accomplished fine work as the chairman of the department of Geology and Geography at Syracuse University. He has organized the New York Geographical Association which met at Syracuse in April. He was elected chairman of the group; the next meeting to be held in Syracuse in April 1936.

A novel idea of Meredith F. Burrill's (Ph.D. 1930) was to furnish the Workroom with a roll of drafting tape. Few of us could have given climate reports without it, for, faithful to the end, the tape held charts and graphs for class inspection. Meredith has been conducting students from A. and M. College, Oklahoma, to the Carlsbad region. Clarence Koeppel has accompanied him on two of these trips.

Clarence E. Koeppel (Ph.D. 1929) State Teachers College, Springfield, Mo., recently published "Earth and Sun Relations," "Meteorological Extremes of the Southwest," and a colored wall map of his Climatic Regions of the World. He has been studying several interesting research problems including an Industrial Survey of Springfield, Droughts of the

Southwest, Prevalence of Disease vs. Climate in Greene County, Missouri. We anxiously await the publication of these topics. In spite of all this work that he carries on, Dr. Koeppel traveled through Louisiana, Texas, and New Mexico last year, and next summer he hopes to go to the Pacific coast.

Angelika Sievers (German Exchange Student 1933-34) sends greetings from her home in Stolf, Germany. Before returning to Europe last spring, Angelika, with two other German students and a French student, took an eight weeks motor trip to the Pacific coast and back. In addition to being very enjoyable, the trip provided information and experiences which were used by Angelika in several reports and lectures.

During the first semester she was enrolled in the University of Bonn continuing her studies in Geography and English literature. The sudden death of her father forced her to temporarily abandon her studies during the spring semester. Since then she has spent some time in field work for her Master's thesis on the "Agricultural Divisions of Pomerania" which she hopes to complete this summer.

In the fall Angelika will move to Berlin with her family, where she will continue her studies at the University of Berlin. She expresses the wish that her home in Germany's capital city may become a reunion center for all Clark students who are fortunate enough to get to Europe. Her hospitality has already been tested and vouched for by Gordon Darkenwald (Ph. D. 1934) and Etzel Percy (M.A. 1933) who spent several days with Angelika at Stolf during the past winter.

Alfred R. Sumner (M.A. 1933) writes that he is enjoying his teaching work tremendously at his new location in Woodmere, New York. He also has found time to continue his advanced studies at Columbia Univer-

sity. Vacation time is travel time for Al, and last summer he visited Prince Edward Island and the Maritime Provinces of Canada, while this year he plans to travel in the opposite direction in visiting Mexico City.

Lois R. Keller (M.A. 1929) continues as teacher in the Shaker Heights (Ohio) Junior High School. Last summer she motored in the western states and Canada, and managed also to see a bit of Mexico.

J. Elmer Switzer (Ph.D. 1923) remains at his work as assistant professor of Geography at Indiana University. He has spent some time mapping the land use in Bloomington quadrangle. Next summer he intends to teach in the summer school of Ohio University.

Carl J. Blomfield (M.A. 1934) has continued his studies at Wayne University and nearly completed his practice teaching in the Detroit schools. Carl expects to receive a life teaching certificate and a B.S.E. degree. His recent publication entitled "Place of Geography in Social Studies" appeared in the Geography number of the magazine *Education*.

The Shorewood schools, situated on the "Gold Coast of Milwaukee" keep Meta Pils very busy. The schools, organized on the group co-operative plan, give an excellent opportunity for correlation of subject matter. Just now she is working on units which correlate science with the social sciences.

Nels A. Bengtson (Ph.D. 1927) carries on his work in the University of Nebraska. "Land Utilization in the Sub-humid Great Plains" and "Fluctuations in Rainfall" include two of the research problems which are now taking his attention. A complete list of his publications would be quite long; in summary they consist of several reviews on Scandinavian articles, and a statistical study of the rainfall of Nebraska, written for the Crop Growers Association of Nebraska. The manuscript for "Fundamentals of Economic

Geography," a college text compiled by Nels Bengtson and Willem Van Royen (Ph.D. 1928) has been accepted and we may expect to see it in print soon. For the seventh consecutive summer he will return to Columbia University to give courses in Economic Geography. An additional honor was given him in May when he was elected President of the Nebraska Academy of Science.

Edwin J. Foscue (Ph.D. 1931) sends word from Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, where he holds the position of associate professor of Geography. The MONADNOCK can never forget its chairman of the editorial board who published Volume I, Numbers 1 and 2, during the session of 1926-27.

From "Papa" Sidney Ekblaw (Ph.D. 1934) comes word that he is working hard at the University of Kansas City. Planning new courses, writing descriptions of them, and working out a time table, take time, thought and energy. He gave a talk to the Geography section of the Missouri Teachers Association, and one of the eight popular lectures in a series sponsored by the University entitled, "A Modern in Ancient Babylonia." And what is Carolyn's field of research?

Frederick K. Branom (Ph.D. 1923) heads the Department of Social Studies at Chicago Normal College. His recent publication centered on the Geography of Wisconsin. His latest research problems are in the field of methods in teaching Geography. In addition, he broadcasts from station WMAO on the school program.

Margery Howarth (M.A. 1934) thoroughly enjoys her research work for the Geographical Foundation of New Hampshire. Marge has been travelling around that state checking material compiled at New Haven during the winter. There, under the direction of Ellsworth Huntington, she has been making maps and writing reports.

Ruben Parson (M.A. 1934) during the first semester joined the Clark University field trip. But the South proved too alluring to Rube, who has returned to mapping work for the Tennessee Valley Authority. Latest reports from those quarters tell us that the South is all he hoped it to be.

Russell Oliver is teaching Economic Geography and directing laboratory work in Meteorology at the University of North Dakota. He manages to keep a quantity of P.W.A. workers busy at the school. He has nearly completed work on his thesis and hopes to have his degree soon.

Thomas F. Hunt (M.A. 1927) continues work in the Department of Social Science, State Normal School, Bellingham, Washington.

Marion B. Forsythe (M.A. 1927) supervises Geography at State Normal School, Potsdam, N. Y. She reports that Dr. and Mrs. Atwood were guests at the school last year. While attending the fall meeting of New York State Normal School and Teachers College Faculties, she met many friends. After the meeting, the Clark graduates, including Kathryn Thomas Whittemore (M.A. 1925) of Buffalo, Isabel K. Hart (M.A. 1927) of Oswego, Marion B. Forsythe, Potsdam, Dr. Adelbert K. Botts (Ph.D. 1934) and Anthony West (M.A. 1929) Brockport, had luncheon together.

Eunice Gronvold (M.A. 1931) is still teaching Geography at Sycamore Junior High School, Sycamore, Illinois. Her summer she spends doing field work. Since leaving Clark she has traveled in Europe and Alaska.

Earl B. Shaw (Ph.D. 1933) keeps himself and many students busy with work at Worcester State Teachers College. He traveled in Europe last summer, and spoke at a Forum meeting on a study he worked out in southern France. This summer he will stay in Worcester, giving a course at the

college and another at Clark in Economic Geography.

The Clark University Caravan visited Sigismond Dietrich last fall in Gainesville, Florida. He likes the state very much, in spite of all the remarks he made. A daughter, Rosemary, born December 29, manages to divert some of his attention from his duties at the University of Florida.

This summer "Sigi" takes Floyd Cunningham's place at Florence, Ala., and then leaves for Hungary where he will be visiting professor during the first semester, taking Count Teleki's post.

Another Clark graduate working in New Hampshire, Albert Le Fleur (Ph.D. 1929) is engaged in land use surveying in that corner of the world.

Charles Gooze (Ph.D. 1929) continues his work in the Department of Agriculture Economy, Washington, D. C.

Gordon G. Darkenwald (Ph.D. 1934) taught summer school in Valley City State Teacher's College in North Dakota before leaving on an extended tour of Europe. He spent the first part of his trip with Etzel Percy (M.A. 1933). Percy sailed for California by way of the Far East, and after a stop-off in Devil's Lake, he should be on his way to Worcester to continue his studies at Clark. Darcy has traveled considerably in Germany where he visited Angelika Sievers. His latest trip took him through Spain and France. We understand that Darcy, has been seeing all the sights possible, including the inside of European jails.

J. Sullivan Gibson (Ph.D. 1934) was among the first Clark graduates to be employed in the Tennessee Valley Authority. The reports that he sent back about his work proved so enticing that several others have cast envious eyes in that direction, and Rube was fortunate enough to be called for work.

Agnes Allen (M.A. 1934) once in a great while sends us some news from State Normal School, Flagstaff, Arizona, where she is enjoying her work as supervisor of Geography. Are we right in thinking that you went to the Pacific coast for Christmas, Agnes?

G.E.G.

## FACULTY NOTES

Dr. Atwood, Jr.

During the summer of 1934 Dr. Atwood Jr. and Mrs. Atwood spent a considerable part of the time in the Rocky Mountains. After starting several of the fellows upon a glaciation problem in the northwest part of the Wind River Range they began a four weeks' pack train trip from north to south through the Wind River Range. The purpose of this trip was to work out the physiographic history of the Wind River Mountains, which forms a link in a much larger study involving the correlation of peneplains throughout the Rocky Mountain system.

Following the trip, Dr. Atwood, Jr. and Mrs. Atwood returned to Worcester to prepare for the fall field trip, stopping en route to see the World's Fair at Chicago.

They spent the month of January in Switzerland and Italy, travelling in a small car and seeing many of the out-of-the-way places in the eastern and central sections of Italy. They missed by a narrow margin the experience of being snowbound, an event which would have prolonged their stay by ten days.

Dr. Atwood attended the meetings of the A.A.G. at Philadelphia where he presented a paper on "The Erosional History of the Wind River Range."

During the second semester Dr. Atwood taught courses in the Geography of North America and Regional Geography, and during President Atwood's absence, carried on the graduate work in Physiography.

Dr. Atwood plans to spend a part of the summer studying the glacial history of the Connecticut Valley, leading to the interpretation of the retreat of the Wisconsin Ice in New England. He also plans to spend some time constructing a relief model of the Blackstone River Valley on a scale of two inches to the mile.

Dr. Jones:

Dr. Jones spent most of the summer of 1934 in Worcester, two very serious operations suffered by Ruth Ann prevented his leaving. Ruth Ann recovered rapidly however and was able to attend school in September, as fit as ever.

Besides carrying on the course work for Caribbean America and Economic Geography during the second semester, Dr. Jones found time to make his usual number of outside lectures and to bring his "Economic Geography for the High School" from the press in April.

Dr. Jones has a busy summer ahead. From June 25 to August 2 Dr. Jones will lecture at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, giving two courses on Hispanic America. On July 2 and 3 he will go to Washington to attend the Conference on Hispanic American Affairs at George Washington University, where he will speak on "The Geographic Background of the Colonial Period in Hispanic America." On July 8 he will present four special lectures to the Institute of Current Affairs in Cleveland, speaking on the following subjects: The Factors Underlying the Present Economy and Politics of South America; Major Economic Activities of South America; Foreign Investments and Activities in South America; and The South American Economic and Political Outlook. On July 15 and 16 he will give two lectures before the Institute of Current Issues in Detroit, speaking on "Economic Conditions in the Caribbean," and "Pictures of Life in South Ameri-

ca from Colombia to the Argentine" (Illustrated). After the summer session he will turn southward to conduct, with Dr. White, the Caribbean Field Trip mentioned elsewhere.

Dr. Ekblaw:

Besides teaching his classes in Plant Geography and Land Utilization during the second semester, Dr. Ekblaw has found time to give many outside lectures, including two extended trips west of the Hudson.

He will spend the coming summer on his new farm in Grafton putting into practice the principles of Land Utilization and Agricultural Geography which he has been teaching. Dr. Ekblaw has intimated that he is quite willing to put to work any persons who might care to use his field laboratory. He continues to contribute "nature news" to various newspapers, including his well-known "Wake Robin" column in the Sunday Telegram.

Dr. Van Valkenburg:

Dr. Van Valkenburg spent about two and one-half months of the summer of 1934 in Europe. After completing a field trip which included the western Mediterranean and the North Sea countries, he looked over the dissertation areas of Franklin Erickson and Etzel Pearcy in Switzerland and southern France respectively.

At the A.A.G. meetings in Philadelphia he presented a paper on "The Cultural Regions of Europe."

Besides giving his regular lectures of the second semester on Asia and Climatology, he kept busy with another of the Agricultural Regions of Asia series for *Economic Geography*, writing on Malaysia, and also completing his book on Europe. The latter with Dr. Ellsworth Huntington as co-author, will come from the press about June 15.

Dr. Ridgley:

On leave of absence during the past academic year, Dr. Ridgley will also

be away from Clark for the first semester of 1935-36. Residing at Bloomington, Illinois, he has been working on several publications and has also been carrying on the Clark Home Study Courses by "remote control."



President Atwood:

In March, while in Mexico on behalf of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History of which he is President, President Atwood was elected to membership in the Mexican National Academy of Sciences and received this beautiful medallion at a special meeting of the society.

Two lecture tours have taken up part of his time this semester; one to the south, where he spoke before the Alabama State Teachers Association in Birmingham on March 29th, and another to the west, where he ad-

ressed the New York State Geographers Association at Syracuse in April.

At present he is reading galley proof on a new book for the Junior High School, "The Growth of Nations," and is also engaged in writing a college textbook on "Regional Physiography of North America."

While he spent the summer of 1934 in field work in the Rockies, this coming summer will be filled making plans for the international meeting of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History to be held in Washington before the close of the year, the final arrangements of which await congressional legislation.

### WORKROOM RUMORS

Norman Carls is one of the luckier members of the graduate school, having completed his dissertation, and obtained a job for next year. During January Norm acquainted himself with the Piedmont country in South Carolina, and by the end of the semester produced "Studies in the Economic Geography of Anderson County, South Carolina." His summer work will take him into northern New England, where, in Laconia, New Hampshire, he has been asked to make an industrial survey of the hosiery industry. Autumn will find Norm heeding the call to "Go West, young man," because he has a position assured him in the Oregon Normal School at Monmouth, Oregon, where he will teach Geography. Perhaps Norm's next production will be a paper contrasting the Piedmont with the Willamette Valley—but we won't hold him to strict geographical data.

James Minogue, new president of the C.U.G.S., is uncertain where his summer will be spent, but is sure that his occupation will be related to a thesis problem in anticipation of returning to Clark next year.

Mrs. Anna Simmons has been teach-

ing all year in the Fitchburg Normal School but has found time to come to Worcester to complete her work for her Master's degree. Her thesis has been the interpretation of the Contoocook River Valley in New Hampshire, and she has painstakingly made a relief model of the area, showing the retreating stages of glaciation. She will continue at Fitchburg next year.

Three members of the field trip party were fortunate enough to obtain jobs early in the second semester, and have left empty desks in the work room. Ruben Parson, who is noted also in the Alumni news, is with the TVA. LeMar Stephan is teaching in the Western State Teachers College in Bowling Green, Kentucky, during this semester, and will return next year to continue work towards his Doctor's degree. John Pyle obtained work with the Winston Book Company as agent in the western Ohio district. For ratings of school teachers in western Ohio, please refer to J. Pyle. All three of you have been missed greatly, but a job is a job these days!

Betty Love, Gertrude Grady, and Anne Kennedy are finishing their work for their degree of Master of Arts. Their thesis subjects are taken from far and near. Betty believed in delving into the home town, and has written on "The Urbanization of Auburn, Mass." under Dr. Ekblaw's guidance. Gert, with Dr. Jones' direction, has gone to South America for her material (in the library) on "The Evolution of the Cattle Industry in Argentina," while Anne has made a study of "The Fishing Industry of Japan." We understand Dr. Van is especially pleased with Anne's explanation of the beginnings of gold fish propagation. Certainly she has had an opportunity to tell fish stories. During the first semester both Gert and Anne had occasional substitute teaching opportunities, and Gert continued, during the past semester,

in her Americanization teaching three nights a week. We have learned that substitute teachers are happiest during epidemics. All three of these young ladies are uncertain as to next year, but would like to obtain teaching positions and practise some of their knowledge on young hopefuls.

Carol Y. Mason has outlined a very busy program for herself for the next few months. At the close of the present semester she will take her preliminary Ph. D. examination, after which she will spend the summer completing her thesis on the "Water Supplies of New England," under the supervision of Dr. Ekblaw. Next fall Carol will be back at Milwaukee-Downer College in the capacity of Assistant Professor of Geology and Geography.

Harry C. Parker is one of the newcomers at Clark this semester, and is enrolled as a special student in the Graduate School of Geography. Harry is director of the Worcester Natural History Museum and therefore is able to take only part time work. His undergraduate work was completed at the University of Kansas where he majored in the Biological Sciences. The influence of this early training is evident in his choice of a thesis on the "Distribution of Mammals in Worcester County in Relation to Natural Vegetation."

Hans Boesch, our Foreign Exchange Student, has devoted his time to class work this semester, but in addition has given several lectures before various city organizations on life and conditions in Switzerland. Some time in June he will board a liner to return to his homeland; and how the Alpine valleys will re-echo to his "yoodelling!" He wishes to express his appreciation to all with whom he has come in contact for the "kind American hospitality." Bon voyage, Hans!

Fred H. Allen is completing his first year in residence at Clark after receiving the M.A. degree at Ohio State University in 1934. Before continuing

toward the doctorate, Fred hopes to spend a year or two in teaching or government work and in gathering material for a Ph.D. dissertation on some phase of Human Geography. Since spring vacation the glint in Fred's eye has become a good deal brighter, explainable by the fact that Mrs. Allen joined him in Worcester at this time.

In addition to taking work in the Graduate School this semester, Milton Prescott has been completing his B.A. requirements in Clark College. This summer he will take some courses in Education to fulfill the requirements for a teacher's certificate. Providing no job is offered to him before next fall, Scotty will be back in the School of Geography working for the M.A. degree. Scotty's cartographical skill is well known around the workroom, and several theses are witnesses for his excellent work.

William B. Brierly (Clark B.A. 1933) after four years as an undergraduate at Clark is now enrolled in the Graduate School of Geography. Bill has had considerable work in Biology so is considering writing a thesis on some phase of Plant Geography. Likewise, his summer vacation will be spent in research in regional phytogeography.

Robert Riley, a Clark B.A. of several years ago, has returned to his alma mater for graduate work after having taught and done administrative work. Class work has occupied his time this semester and he has not yet selected a thesis subject.

After several years as an undergraduate and graduate student at Clark, Carl Franklin Erickson will be rewarded for his labors by receiving the Ph.D. degree this June. His thesis on an Alpine Valley under the supervision of Dr. Van Valkenburg, is the result of a year's study and research as an International Exchange Fellow at Zurich University in Switzerland. Kink is another of our clever cartog-

raphers, and much of this semester he has been bending over the drawing table in the workroom, discussing the affairs of the world with Mr. Burnham, and making maps for students and faculty.

Minnie Lemaire has spent most of the current semester completing her dissertation under the direction of Dr. W. Elmer Ekblaw. The study is entitled "The Anthropogeography of Four Piedmont Towns in Massachusetts" and includes field studies in Marlboro, Northboro, Southboro, and Westboro.

Minnie will receive her Ph.D. degree at the commencement exercises this June.

Although the junior member of the Shirley Templars, Lloyd Black has maintained his usual composure throughout the semester a merited accomplishment in the face of such kidding as Wally, Kirk, Norm, and Bonebrake can muster. But Blackie has attempted to provide the apartment on Shirley Street with a few basic rules of etiquette, and the boys are still all speaking to each other (at least in public) so the experiment has been a success. Besides the regular class work this semester, Blackie is publishing "Black's Guide to the United States," compiled by Florence D. Black, M.A. He will be back next year for further study towards his Master's degree.

South Carolina was the stamping and hiking ground for Walter Ristow during January, where he completed his field work for his thesis, the subject of which will be "Geographic Studies in Orangeburg County, South Carolina." Wally's work on the coastal plain should contrast well with Norm's on the Piedmont. Both are under Dr. Jones direction. This summer Wally is deserting his usual post at Culver to take a teaching position in Berea College, Berea, Kentucky. His prospects for next year are un-

certain. During the present year he has served as a capable president of the C.U.G.S.

"Our eminent world traveller" (to quote Dr. Van), Johnson Fairchild, has increased our knowledge and appreciation of foreign parts by sharing his experiences with us. He spoke in Asia class on both Persia and the Near East. Johnny is almost ready to plan another trip, but expects to return next year to finish work for his Master's degree.

"Glacial Features of the Upper Green River Valley, Wyoming" is the imposing title of Walter Kirkendall's thesis. Kirk spent last summer in the Rockies with the Atwood field party, studying the region and learning the ways of mountains and valleys in general. Many are the tales that were told of the trials and tribulations of mountain climbing by three young geographers. Kirk assures us that his future is delightfully (?) indefinite.

Robert (Bonebrake) Simpson (M.A. 1933) has been occupied with class work and French reading most of the semester. Having successfully passed his French exam, Bob will turn westward this summer to his home in the Pembina "Mountains" where he proposes to *estivate* on German. It sounds rather hard on the German, but the expression is Bob's, so it can't be helped. Whether or not estivation will be transformed, with the change of seasons, to hibernation, only the gods and Bob know. And he won't tell.

The most important news item in regard to James Nelson is his engagement to Miss Thayer Hunter, daughter of Dr. W. S. Hunter of the Department of Psychology, which was announced early in the year. Jimmy has been drawn to tennis again with the coming of spring weather. He also is mum about the future. Why, Jimmy?

W.R., M.S.

## FORUMS

The Forum Committee, under the able direction of Jim Minogue and Norm Carls, co-chairmen, has just completed a very successful season.

Dr. Earl Shaw (Ph. D., Clark, 1933), of the Worcester State Teachers' College, presented on the evening of Washington's birthday a very scholarly paper entitled "The Terrain Occupancy of the Ardeche Valley." Earl did the field work for this paper last summer in France, accompanied part of the time by G. Etzel Pearcy.

Dr. C. F. Brooks, Professor of Climatology at Harvard University and Director of the Blue Hill Observatory, returned to familiar surroundings when he spoke to the Society on March 22 on the "Climate of New England."

On Friday morning, May 2, we were favored with a talk by Dr. Barclay Acheson, Executive Secretary of the Near East Foundation. He related in a most interesting manner some of his recent ramblings in the Near East. We do not doubt that some of his stories would vie with those of Johnny Fairchild.

On May 10 Dr. Derwent Whittlesey, Professor of Geography at Harvard University and editor of the *Annals of the Association of American Geographers*, spoke to us on "The Political Geography of the Italian Peninsula," tracing in a vivid manner the basis of political developments in Italy from Roman times until the present. Dr. Whittlesey's visit was stimulating to our Society. He introduced an aspect, or viewpoint, of geography which is little stressed here. After his talk Dr. Whittlesey expressed a desire for a closer relationship between the geography departments of Harvard and Clark.

L. D. B.

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Attention Graduates: It is rumored that Earl Shaw is sponsoring a loaning fund for needy travelling students.

## LOAN FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

In accordance with our promise in the January issue we are printing the names of the contributors to the loan fund. We regret that we cannot pin gold medals to their issues of the *MONADNOCK*. Fred K. Branom, Rafael Pico, and Ruben Parson are the donors, and the Society thanks them for their generosity.

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## CARIBBEAN FIELD TRIP —SUMMER 1935

Dr. Clarence F. Jones of the Clark School of Geography and Dr. C. Langdon White of Western Reserve University will conduct a field trip in conjunction with a Caribbean Cruise from August 8 to August 28.

Stopping in Cuba, Jamaica, the Canal Zone, Republic of Panama, and Republic of Colombia, members of the party will have an opportunity to gain a rich fund of information through first hand contact with the geography of the various sections visited.

Such features as a day's travel out of Havana by motor car to visit sugar plantations and refineries, sisal and pineapple plantations, and sites of historical interest; a similar journey from Kingston which gives a fine transect of Jamaican life; two days devoted to visiting the sites of interest in the Canal Zone and in adjacent portions of the Republic of Panama; and several excursions from stops in northern Colombia contribute to make a well rounded trip.

Satisfactory completion of the requirements in field work and notes will bring those participating three semester hours of credit.

Persons interested may receive information by communicating with either Dr. Jones or Mr. White.

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