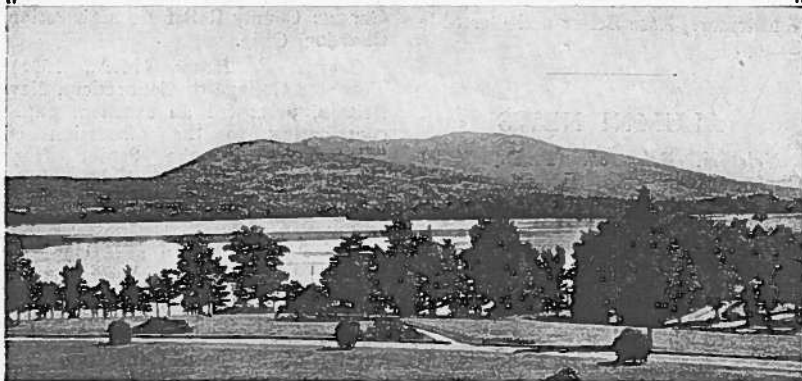


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“Every valley shall be exalted,
And every mountain and hill made low.”

—ISAIAH.

COOPERATION

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ALUMNI NEWS

Nels A. Bengtson (Ph.D., 1927) Chairman of the Department of Geography at the University of Nebraska, senior author of "Fundamentals of Economic Geography" with Willem Van Royen (Ph.D., 1928), has been engaged with preparation of the chapters on "Conservation of Mineral Fuels" which hold a major place in the forthcoming textbook on "Conservation of Our Natural Resources" being prepared by several leading geographers of the country in collaboration with the Association of American Geographers.

Carl J. Blomfield (M.A., 1934) was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Geography and Geology at South-eastern Teachers College, Durant, Oklahoma.

Lawrence Fountain, teaching at Oak Park, Illinois, writes that he expects to finish his Ph.D. dissertation shortly. His out-of-school time is given over to the affairs of the Mountain Trails Camp for Boys at Wells, New York, of which he is director.

Paul E. Andrew (M.A., 1922), first president of the first organization of geography students at Clark, has been for the past eleven years superintendent of the union high school district centering around Clovis, California. During the present year he is serving as President of the California Teachers Association (Central Section) and as member of the State Council of Education.

Ina Cullom Robertson (M.A., 1924) continues as head of the department of Geography, State Teachers College, Valley City, North Dakota.

Since she left the workshop last June *Margaret E. Stevens* has been a supervisor of relief work for the Geauga County Relief Administration, Chardon, Ohio.

George F. Howe (M.A., 1924), Teachers College of Connecticut, New Britain, presented an excellent paper contributing to the discussion on "Geography in the Senior High School" at the Thirteenth New England Geographical Conference held at Clark, May 1-2.

Ann Scharf (M.A., 1932), besides doing volunteer social work for the Family Welfare Association in Long Beach, California, takes time to attend two night classes at the University of Southern California.

Lois R. Keller (M.A., 1929) is teaching at Shaker Junior High School, Cleveland Heights, Ohio. Last summer she joined the Caribbean Field Trip under the direction of Dr. Jones and Dr. White.

Edna M. Gueffroy (M.A., 1927) anticipates a busy summer teaching in Illinois, followed by travel in the Caribbean region.

Robert B. Simpson (M.A., 1933), who spent this year substituting for his father at the University of North Dakota, has received an appointment in the Department of Geology and Geography at the University of Rochester.

Julia M. Shipman (Ph.D., 1928), of Mount Holyoke College, was elected Chairman of the New England Geographical Conference for 1937.

Carol Y. Mason (M.A., 1925) Milwaukee-Downer College, has completed her dissertation and is a candidate for the Ph.D. degree this June.

J. Herbert Burgy (Ph.D., 1930), holding the rank of Assistant Professor of Geography, completes his seventh year at the University of Illinois. At present he has two studies under way and hopes to bring them nearer completion this summer.

Carl Holzhauser (M.A., 1928) is teaching at Southeastern High School, Detroit. He and his wife, Edith Hoyt Holzhauser (M.A., 1928), enjoyed a transcontinental trip of eleven thousand miles last summer.

Angelika Stevers lives in Berlin now and continues her studies under the direction of Professor Troll at the University of Berlin. She is a Master's candidate for this June, her thesis, "The Agricultural Divisions of Pomerania," being supervised by Dr. Ekblaw.

Agnes M. Allen (M.A., 1934) plans to spend the first half of the summer in field work for a dissertation, and will teach during the latter part at the Arizona State Teachers College at Flagstaff. She has lectured to local and county teachers associations on geography teaching and wrote an article on sixth grade social studies for a college Service Bulletin.

Sidney E. Ekblaw (Ph.D., 1934) University of Kansas City, presented a paper on "Environmental Influences on Early Babylonian Architecture" at the Southwest Social Science Conference meetings in Fort Worth in April;

he will teach at the University of Kansas City Summer School. He informs us of the Meteorology Convention to be held in Kansas City, June 11-12 and offers to make arrangements for all Clark alumni who plan to attend.

Rafael Pico (M.A., 1934), Instructor in Geography in the University of Puerto Rico, represented his university at the Washington meeting of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History last October. He presented a paper on "The Geographical and Economic Factors Influencing Puerto Rican Agriculture." In a book to be published in the near future under the title of "Detached America" Pico will collaborate with Dr. William H. Haas of Northwestern University in the preparation of the section about Puerto Rico.

J. E. Switzer (Ph.D., 1923), who completes his thirteenth year of teaching at Indiana University, reports this year the largest enrollment in Geography in the history of the university.

Rose Zeller (M.A., 1930) has been teaching for six years at the Teachers College, Charleston, Illinois. Last spring she did field work in the Great Smoky Mountains, and in the summer joined Dr. Jones' Caribbean Trip.

Ruben L. Parson (M.A., 1934) has been with the T. V. A. for over a year in the Land Planning and Housing Division. He has been assisting with a land classification survey of the whole region of the Tennessee Valley. Rube has been doing additional government work as Second Lieutenant, U. S. Army, having held a tour of active duty with the 8th Infantry at Fort Moultrie, South Carolina.

Willem Van Royen (Ph.D., 1928), Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, recently authored "Fundamentals of Economic Geography" in collaboration with Dr. Bengtson. Dr. Van Royen has published

several shorter contributions in *Geographical Review*, *Tidjschrift voor Economische Geographie*, *Social Forces*, *American Antiquity*, *Yearbook of the Carnegie Institution*, and *Wisconsin Archaeologist*. Dr. Van Royen spent part of the summers of 1934 and 1935 carrying on physiographic-archaeological field study in relation to river terraces of western Nebraska, eastern Wyoming, and northeastern Colorado. It is of interest to note that Dr. Van Royen has been recognized in the 1935 issue of *Young Men of America*.

Alice Fitton (M.A., 1929) remains with the Map Division of the Library of Congress. Last July she accompanied Katharine Clarke Hofstad (M.A., 1930), on a trip to Labrador. In October she was a delegate from the Society of Women Geographers to the Second General Assembly of the Pan-American Institute of Geography and History in Washington.

Katheryne Thomas Whittemore (M.A., 1925), head of the Department of Geography, State Teachers College at Buffalo, has completed her dissertation under the direction of Dr. Jones and is a candidate for the Ph.D. this June.

Eugene Van Cleef (Ph.D., 1926), of Ohio State University, was recently elected Member Collaborator of the Baltic Institute, Torun, Poland. His article, "Notes on the Finns in the United States and Canada," will appear in the Spring issue of the new journal of the Baltic Institute, "Baltic Countries." An article concerning particularly the rural life of Finland is scheduled for the May issue of *Country Home*. Last August Dr. Van Cleef presented a paper entitled, "Urban Growth and the Movement of Population in the United States," before the Geography Section of the World Federation of Education Associations, Oxford, England.

Minnie E. Lemaire (Ph.D., 1935) took time off from her duties at La-

Crosse, Wisconsin, State Teachers College to lead the Round Table discussion of the Wisconsin State Teachers Colleges Conference last April. During the year she made several trips to nearby centers visiting former Clark students.

Margery Howarth (M.A., 1934) recently joined the editorial staff of Ginn and Company in Boston.

Winifred Smith (M.A., 1934) has a temporary position in Northbridge, Mass., teaching the art of typewriting.

Winnie, Kathleen Kennedy (M.A., 1934), and *Anne Kennedy* (M.A., 1935), occasionally favor the workroom with their presence. Winnie has been much annoyed to think that she missed out on her share of Hank Primmer's Goober contribution.

Gertrude Grady (M.A., 1935) is teaching at Athol, Mass.

Al LaFleur (Ph.D., 1923) is now affiliated with the Resettlement Administration in New Haven, Conn.

The Department of Geography at Syracuse University, under the chairmanship of *George B. Cressey* (Ph.D., 1931), acted as host to the New York Geographical Conference held the first week of May.

J. Norman Carls (Ph.D., 1935) is instructor at Monmouth (Oregon) State Teachers College. His former cohort, Wally Ristow, reports that Norm has already shown a response to the west coast climate by the development of a moss back and web feet.

Walter Ristow (M.A., Oberlin College) completes this June his first year as Instructor at State Teachers College, Cheney, Washington. He intends to continue there in summer school.

J. Sullivan Gibson (Ph.D., 1934) continues his work with the Land Planning and Housing Division, Land Classification section of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Dr. Gibson

recently published a most helpful and much needed map giving distribution of rainfall types for the United States. The editors wish to apologize for and rectify an error which appeared in the fall number of the *MONADNOCK* in reference to Dr. Gibson's official connection with the T.V.A. Dr. Gibson states that he is *not* Director of Statistical Research of the T.V.A., but rather that he is one of the geographers serving the authority.

George H. Primmer (Ph.D., 1932), head of the Geography Department, State Teachers College, Duluth, reports that he has recently completed an article written in cooperation with the head of the City Planning Commission on "Influence of Scattered Location of Duluth," to be published soon (to be added to his rapidly growing list of publications—ed.). During the past year he has presented a number of talks on Geography before various city organizations. Hank's maintenance of the "Goober fund" has been enjoyed and appreciated by all members of the workroom—Arthur included, as he received all single goobers in light of Winnie's absence.

Earl B. Shaw (Ph.D., 1933) continues his research in addition to regular teaching at Worcester State Teachers College. Dr. Shaw's most recent contribution is to be published in the *Monthly Weather Review* and is a product of his research in Newfoundland during the summer of 1935. Dr. Shaw heads the committee which is to draw up the constitution for the New England Geographical Conference. During the year 1935-36 he was elected to the Association of American Geographers.

George S. Corfield (M.A., 1931), Dean of Men, State Teachers College, Duluth, Minnesota, devotes considerable of his leisure to travel. Last summer he made an extended trip in the Great Plains and Rocky Moun-

tain regions, and during the Christmas holidays enjoyed Florida's climate the more in light of Duluth's coldest winter on record.

Harley P. Milstead (Ph.D., 1933) continues to impress the importance of Geography upon students at Montclair Teachers College, New Jersey. Dr. Milstead was the only "non-New England occupied" speaker at the New England Geographical Conference.

Adelbert K. Botts (Ph.D., 1934) has been reported to be once again a proud papa. The workroom gang extends congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Botts.

Paul Huffington (M.A., 1929) demonstrated effectively the place that Geography holds in Bridgewater (Mass.) State Teachers College when he brought eighteen of his senior students to the New England Geographical Conference. Arousal of such interest in geography, to say the least, deserves commendation.

Hans Boesch, Assistant in Zurich Institute, Technical Hochschule (College), Zurich, Switzerland, and student at Clark in 1934-35, has been actively engaged in geographical work since his return to Zurich. Hans has published several articles including a geological paper on the Appalachian system in which he became much interested during the 1934 Field Trip, and more recently an article on Soil Erosion in the United States. He also has an article in course of publication in *Economic Geography*. Hans reports that a small amount of field work remains to be done on his dissertation which deals with the geology of the Swiss National Park. His friends at Clark look forward to an early conferring of the Ph.D. upon him.

Phelps N. Swett (M.A., 1925) continues his work in Geography at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont.

It may be of interest to alumni to note that *Griffith Taylor*, who was visiting professor at Clark during the academic year 1929-30, has headed since October, 1935, the newly formed Department of Geography at the University of Toronto. This is the first Geography Department to be established in Canada.

It grieves us deeply to report the death of *Charles Gooze (Ph.D., 1929)*, *Agricultural Economist in the Rural Land Classification Division of the Resettlement Administration, at Washington, March 23, 1936.* With his passing, geographers have lost a true scholar.

THIRTEENTH NEW ENGLAND GEOGRAPHICAL CONFERENCE

Clark School of Geography played host to the Thirteenth New England Geographical Conference on May 1-2, 1936. Dr. W. Elmer Ekblaw served as chairman of the Conference.

The forenoon session on Friday, May 1, was opened by Dr. W. W. Atwood and the following papers on Mediterranean problems were presented: *Syria Under France*, by Johnson Fairchild; *The New Turkey*, by Carl Stotz; and *Geopolitical Aspects of Mediterranean Diplomacy* by Dr. Samuel van Valkenburg. At the afternoon session, studies in the Caribbean were presented; Dr. Howard Meyerhoff spoke on *Some Geographic Responses in Porto Rico*; Dr. Harley Milstead on *Population Adjustments in Grenada*; Miss Margery Howarth on *The Factor of Rainfall in Porto Rico*, and Dr. Clarence F. Jones on *Economic Conditions in the Caribbean*. Discussion followed presentation of the papers. Cartographic problems were discussed by Dr. Erwin Raisz and Mr. William F. Miller.

At dinner at Estabrook Hall the following were elected to hold office during the period of organization of the New England Geographical Conference: *Julia M. Shipman*, Chairman; *Wallace W. Atwood, Jr.*, Secretary; *R. M. Brown*, Chairman of Program Committee; *Earl Shaw*, Chairman of Committee for Drawing a Constitution.

In the evening Dr. Clarence F. Jones gave an illustrated lecture on *Costa Rica and Jamaica*.

Geography in the Senior High School was dealt with in round-table discussion Saturday morning. Dr. Atwood presided, and discussion was led by Professor *R. M. Brown*, Miss *Elizabeth Gregory*, and Professor *George Howe*.

Alumni present included: *Earl Shaw*, *Al LaFleur*, *Phelps N. Swett*, *Paul Huffington*, *Margery Howarth*, *Elizabeth Gregory*, *Anna E. Simmons*, *George F. Howe*, *Mary C. Clune*, *Harley P. Milstead*, *Kathleen Kennedy*, *Winifred Smith*, *Harriet E. Lee*, *Julia M. Shipman*.

FACULTY NOTES

President Atwood, in spite of the numerous demands upon his time and energy, has brought work for his college text in *Physiography* nearer completion. He and Dr. Atwood, Jr., plan to spend two months this summer in the Rocky Mountains doing field work.

February 28, 1936, marked the arrival of a new Geographer, *Celia Atwood*, 2nd. Heartly congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. Atwood, Jr.

Dr. Ekblaw has been working arduously on his new farm in North Grafton. Duties there besides teaching in Summer School, will give him a busy summer.

Alumni will rejoice to learn that work on Dr. Jones' outside fire-place has already begun and will soon be completed. All are cordially invited

to partake of steak suppers around it in the near future.

After teaching in Summer School here, Dr. Jones will direct and conduct a field trip to the Caribbean.

Dr. van Valkenburg has a full summer ahead of him. He will teach at the University of Puerto Rico. Then he plans to sail for Europe where he will "check once up" on the political situation in the "danger spots" in preparation for his new book on the principles of Political Geography.

WORKROOM ALTERATIONS

Alumni returning to former haunts in the workroom some dark night would probably be surprised upon encountering new objects to bump into and old ones in new positions. One day about two months ago Mr. Burnham and Arthur moved the map cases away from the center of the hall to form a barricade across the entrances to the alcoves. New models have been obtained to fill the vacancy thus formed. Adjacent to the Saentis model is a large colored model of Zion Canyon National Park, a permanent loan from the National Park Service. This model was made under the supervision of Ansell Hall for the Service by PWA workers in California.

The remaining space is occupied by two more recent arrivals which are as yet uncolored—a small model of a section of the Grand Canyon and one of the Baraboo district of Wisconsin.

Soon another model will be ready for exhibition. Dr. Atwood, Jr., and Milton Prescott (one of the workroom group last Fall and member of "Three Months in the Field") spent last summer surveying the Blackstone Valley (via "Top Sheets") for the construction of a model. Scotty spent the winter applying the clay. Now, the casting of the model is all that remains for its completion.

SEMINARS

Members of the School of Geography participated in four seminars during the second semester. "Haiti" provided the topic for discussion at the initial seminar which took place on February 4 under the direction of Dr. C. F. Jones. Asbjorn Fause presented a paper on "Historical and Political Background of Haiti"; Johnson E. Fairchild discussed "Economic Background of Haiti" using effectively experiences of his trip to the island during the summer of 1935. Lloyd D. Black and Maria A. Sanjurjo led critical discussion of the papers.

Under direction of Dr. W. Elmer Ekblaw, problems related to Land Planning were presented on February 18. Lester Trueblood discussed "Relation of Soils to Land Planning"; Francis Schadeegg discussed "Relation of Commercial Agriculture to Land Planning"; and James A. Minogue presented a paper on "Relation of Subsistence Agriculture to Land Planning."

History and International Relations combined with Political Geography in presentation of the joint seminar on "Problems in Mongolia and North China" on March 24. Dr. George Blakeslee and Dr. Samuel van Valkenburg were in charge. Walter Inman and Jessie Ashworth, representing History and International Relations, spoke on Political Problems of Mongolia and North China, respectively. Johnson Fairchild and Carl Stotz discussed in that order, Physical Background of Mongolia and North China.

Concluding the series, "Influence of Physiography in the Establishment and Growth of Cities," under the direction of Dr. W. W. Atwood, Jr., included papers by William Biggar Briery who spoke on "The One Hundred Largest Cities"; Harry Parker who discussed "River Cities"; Harold Cummings, on "Seaport Cities"; and Margaret Quimby who presented "Inland and Lake Cities."

RAINBOW BRIDGE

Mr. Ansell Hall of the National Park Service presented a beautifully illustrated lecture on "The Navajo Country of Northeastern Arizona" on February 5, in the Art Room of the Library.

Physiographic features of the area were most effectively presented and related to "archaeological geography" of the region. Members of the School of Geography appreciate having had an especially valuable introduction to problems for geographers in the field of archaeological research.

SOCIAL

Valentine's Day inspired members of the workroom group to the extent of side-tracking them from academic work for several hours. An electric radio-phonograph provided music for those who preferred dancing to playing monopoly or bridge. Despite a typically Worcester snowstorm that almost prevented movement of traffic in the city, most of the members of the group were able to participate and to celebrate appropriately the mutual good-luck of the members of the newly organized Geographical Association of Belden and Fairchild.

PROGRAM OF COURSES 1936-37

Alumni may be interested in the following program, particularly with reference to the requirements for the Master's degree, which has been approved by the staff for initiation in 1936-37.

I. Standard program for candidates for the Master's degree.

First Semester

Hours

- 3 Prin. of Physiography, Atwood, Jr.
- 2 Regional Climatology, Van Valkenburg
- 2 Human Geography, Ekblaw
- 3 Economic Geography, Jones
- 1 Seminar, Staff
- 3 Field Course, Staff

Either 2 Europe or Asia, Van Valkenburg

One elective, at student's option.

Second Semester

Hours

- 3 Regional Physiography. Pres. and Atwood, Jr.
- 2 Regional Climatology, Van Valkenburg
- 2 Human Geography, Ekblaw
- 3 Economic Geography, Jones
- 1 Seminar, Staff

Or 2 So. America or Caribbean Amer., Jones

One elective, at student's option.

II. Courses that may be elected by candidates for the Master's degree and that may be required for candidates for the Doctor's degree.

- 2 Soils and Land Utilization, Ekblaw
- 2 Economic Geog. of U. S., Jones

or

- 2 Geog. Aspects of U. S. For. Trade, Jones
- 2 Europe or Asia, Van Valkenburg

- 2 Plant Geog. (Plant Geog. or Plant Regions of World)
- 2 Political Geog. (Regional, or Principles)

- 2 Physiography (Regional, No. America or World)
- 2 So. America or Caribbean Amer., Jones

III. Selection of Thesis Subjects.

A student should make no definite plans for the selection of a thesis subject until after the autumn field work.