The Monadnock of the CLARK GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

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MT. MONADNOCK

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 Mrs. 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 Northampton 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 activity.

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). Mrs. 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 hotbeds at 3:30 A.M. for the purpose of taking temperatures in the city of Springfield and across the Valley. With swinging, short-stretched thermometers the young scientists were earnestly at the job from 4:30 A.M. until the sun rose. Through streets and roads they were the object of much curiosity, admiration, and puzzled smiles of unscientically 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 beehive. 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 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.

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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, Bloomfield, Grady, Sievers, Bots, Roberts, Love, Kirkendall, Dr. Atwood.

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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 and now working for her M.A. and Ph.D. in the anthropogeographical field. Nevertheless, she has found time to make a survey of looks on topography, the result of which was published in the October issue of the "Journal of Geography."

Mr. John J. Blandford, 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. Idkins, 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 Clark, another midwesterner, is completing a master's thesis in a phase of economic geography and working toward a much coveted Ph.D.

Mr. Gordon Dankewald 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 traveler of $5,500 miles, visiting forty-seven states of the Union, Canada, nineteen states of Mexico, and twenty 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 1930, 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 whichproved 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 Gilson, 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 now 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 Margaret 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 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 anthropogeographical 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 confidences, she has had experience in teaching chemistry and science in Northern Vermont.

Mr. Roy C. Miller comes to Clark from Dayton, Virginia. His work for an I.A. degree was completed at Columbia. 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 undergraduate 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. He has acquired the Ph.D. for which he is now working, and plans to return to the land 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, 1931.

Miss M. Catherine Roberts is writing her Ph.D. dissertation on the "Character and Development 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 returning to 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 Kansas 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 23, was devoted to the fields of anthropogeography and land utilization. Dr. W. Elmer Ekbaw 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 cooperation of the graduate division of the Department of History and International Relations. Doctors Samuel Van Valkenburg and Lee will serve as chairman.

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.

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 geographers, 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.

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 geology 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 Maya 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 a paper before the association a population study of the Virgin Islands.

Both President Atwood and Dr. Rigdley are scheduled to lead discussions 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. Ekbaw 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 meeting 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. Erikson, 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. Ekbaw, 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. Erikson, chairman; Rafael Pico; Virginia Roche; Eleanor Nadeau; Anne Kennedy; Alex J. Gardner.

Tea Committee: Margery D. Howard, 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. 1936 and Dr. Lawrence R. Hafstad "middle aged it" in Washington last October 7th. Miss Clarke has been employed at the Carnegie Institute of Terrestrial Magnetism doing research work on ocean and sea temperatures since she left Clark.

RED BIRDS VISIT CLARK

Dr. R. G. Buzzard, head of the Geography Department at Illinois State Normal University, was recently announced 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. Ekbaw 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 details concerning the itineraries, regions chosen for 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.
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 quilt games, Dr. Van Valkenburg will be able to give complete details.

Hot summer temperatures held no terrors for Sara Waite, 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 school. He has accepted a position in Detroit. Bob Simpson's thesis, "Greenfield, Mass.—A Study in Urban Geography," has won him an award in the Clark Thesis Library. We hope to see Bob back at Clark to receive his diploma.

Ruthen Parson found the field work for her thesis, "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.

Alice 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.

Norma Carls, Leroy Miller, and Carl Blomfield have returned to Clark for work this year after a summer vacation at their respective homes. Ralph Proctor 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 his field work for his thesis, "The Isabela District—A Regional Study in Western Puerto Rico."

Ralph and Norma, 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. They have returned to Clark to complete the work for their doctorates.

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 for her thesis and has done considerable research for her thesis. During the first semester, Minnie is attending Boston University two weeks at the Bancroft School 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 in the first semester in completing the research for her dissertation.

Erzel Peary bade us farewell in June to sail for Grenoble, France, where he continues his studies for the completion of his dissertation. From Erzel'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 to Clark to complete the work for his dissertation.

Not even the Cuban revolutionists dared disturb him this summer. She has completed the field work which has undertaken to do field work. We all were glad to welcome Darcy back from Cuba last week and to hear that she is planning to do the field work for his dissertation.

Adelbert Bots 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, Algeria, Greece, and Yugoslavia, and a land trip along the line, Rome to Paris, including the Tuscan 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.
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 often hide abysmal depths. Once prepared for unlimited perservation, 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 unreasonable 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 tourist, as America is a very large country and I only had a short time to see it. However, the scenery and the people were very impressive. The country is vast and there are many interesting places to visit. The weather was nice and the food was delicious. All in all, it was a great experience.

A. S.

CLARK GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY FORUM

On the evening of November 17, 1933, the society forum of the year. At that time, we had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Ellsworth Huntington of Yale University present a talk on 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, wise and brave man who has seen it all and still has much to offer was given by Dr. Henry St. John, of 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, 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 "Viverso," the headquarters of the agricultural division of the Cuban Land and Leaf Tobacco Company. The plane arrival marked the culmination of a 3500-mile trip from Worcester through eastern United States, and from Camaguey in eastern Cuba to San Juan, Puerto Rico, south in western 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 Havana 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 Vuerta 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 Sunday 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 moved the meeting on 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 anthropology and human geography.

The first paper was given by J. S. Gillison, 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 responsiveness of the people in that county to their physical environment.

Mr. Ekblaw followed by Catherine Roberts, who spoke upon "The Farm and Home Economy of the Upland Towns of Massachusetts."
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 hand information on sugar; the Graduate School of Geography needed first hand information on possible 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 earlier in the Spring. 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 possible.

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

G. G. D.

SUMMER SCHOOL COMMEMORATION

The final assembly of the 1935 Clark University Summer School was held on the evening of August sixth. At this time, Commemoration 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 fourteen Master of Arts degrees were conferred. The C. U. G. S. was represented in the latter group by Sara F. Waite 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.

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 social and economic status; visiting the Grand Canyon; enjoying the freshness of the mountain air of Utah; spending two nights with the Navaho, which thrived on about 14 criminals behind bars, because someone else had stolen a car and taken me with two others.

F. C. E.

FACULTY NOTES

The summer plans of President Atwood, which included continuation 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 Gaspe 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. Ridgely 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. Ridgely's name has appeared on four publications. The first two belong in a series of geography work-books for grades four and five. The others are "Home Journeys" and "World Journeys" and their titles are "General Circulation of Atmosphere," and "Rainfall of the Earth."
Association of American Universities held in Princeton, he was the representative of Clark University.

V. M. R.

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 Colombia 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.

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 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.

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.