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20.0 Annual Symposium and Business Meeting. The Society's Eighth Annual Symposium on the Archaeology of the Scriptures will be held this year in June, as last year, as a feature of the Thirty-first Annual Leadership Week of BYU.

Eight one-hour sessions are planned, Monday through Thursday, June 21-24 (all to be given in the Hales Lecture Hall, Eyring Physical Science Center): "New Evidence of Migration of Biblical Peoples to the New World," John L. Sorenson, Monday, 2:15 PM; "The Book of Mormon Civilizations in Space and Time," Dr. M. Wells Jakeman, Monday, 3:30 PM; "The Dawning of a New Day in Archaeology," Ross T. Christensen, Tuesday, 2:15 PM; "Progress of Archaeology in Book of Mormon Lands," Dr. M. Wells Jakeman, Tuesday, 3:30 PM; "The City of Bountiful Found?," *id.*, Wednesday, 3:30 PM; and "Recent Explorations in the Region of Zarahemla" (illustrated), *id.*, Thursday, 3:30 PM (an account by Dr. Jakeman of his expedition of the past winter to Central America). Two hours are scheduled for open discussion of "Problems of Biblical and Book of Mormon Archaeology," Wednesday and Thursday, 2:15 PM.

20.00 Business Meeting. The annual business meeting of the Society will be held in conjunction with the Symposium; the time and place will be announced in the opening sessions of the latter. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend this meeting as well as the Symposium sessions.

20.1 Executive Committee Meets. Complimentary memberships to missionaries, and other important measures, were decided upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the UAS, May 26. Five members of the Committee attended, with Pres. M. Wells Jakeman as chairman. General officers absent in Georgia, Ohio, Texas, and California participated by means of written opinions sent in on the questions to be considered.

Complimentary memberships in the UAS were voted for Society members accepting a call to a full-time mission, such membership, however, to be granted only for the duration of the mission and upon application by the missionary.

A previous decision of the Executive Committee concerning complimentary memberships for BYU graduates in archaeology (see April 8, 1953, Newsletter, 11.11) was modified as follows: for either a baccalaureate or a Master's degree with a major in archaeology, a three-year membership will be awarded; for either degree with a minor in archaeology, a one-year

membership. This arrangement covers all graduations since 1946, although such membership will be awarded only upon application by the graduating student.

Two amendments of the Society constitution were adopted for recommendation to the members at the annual business meeting in June (see above, 20.00): (1) That the clause in Article V, Section 8, requiring officers of the Campus Chapter to be majors or minors in archaeology at BYU, be deleted; and (2) that the category of "Life Member" be created, such membership to be granted on payment of a fee of \$50.00. Also, all annual dues already paid by a member in excess of those which are in force at the time of application, will be accepted in partial payment therefor.

It was agreed that last year's contest for outstanding papers on the archaeology of the scriptures was so successful, that it should be repeated this year (for rules, see below, 20.2).

Effective immediately, it was decided, UAS members will be limited to three items per year of the free publications available upon request, as listed from time to time in the Bulletin.

- 20.2 Prize Papers Contest. Fifty dollars in cash and other prizes will be awarded to winners of a second Society-wide contest on the archaeology of the scriptures, according to a decision of the Executive Committee, May 26 (see above, 20.1). (Three checks totaling \$100.00, public reading of winning papers, and complimentary memberships in the UAS were among the prizes awarded to last year's contestants; see December 1, 1953, Newsletter.) Conditions for this year's competition are as follows:
- 20.20 Rules for Contestants. The contestant must be a member of the UAS but not a professional archaeologist. His paper may be written on any phase of archaeology as it relates to the Bible, the Book of Mormon, or the Pearl of Great Price. It is suggested that it deal with one of the following: (a) the definition of a significant problem for future investigation in this field, (b) sources available for research on such a problem, (c) a method for solving such a problem, (d) an actual field, library, or museum investigation, or (e) an interpretative study. The paper preferably should not exceed 5,000 words in length.
- 20.21 Selection of Winner. Selection of the winning paper will be made by a committee of non-contestants appointed by the President of the Society. The judges will be influenced primarily by the extent to which the paper contributes to the archaeology of the scriptures and secondarily by its literary merit. The form of articles heretofore published in the Bulletin is suggested.
- 20.22 Awards. The winner of the contest will receive a Society cash award of \$50.00, or other amount determined by the judging committee in consultation with the General Secretary-Treasurer. It is expected that his paper will also be selected for reading at the annual round table of the Society to be held next November in Salt Lake City, preferably by the author himself. In addition, at the discretion of the editor, the paper may be published in the Bulletin or other Society publication, in which event the author will receive twenty-five copies or reprints free of charge. The judges may, if such action is approved by the General-Secretary-Treasurer, designate other prize winners and determine their respective awards.

20.23 Schedule. Contestants should submit their contributions to the General Secretary-Treasurer, University Archaeological Society, c/o Department of Archaeology, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. Papers should be received no later than November 1, 1954. The winner will be announced, the award made, and the prize paper read at the Salt Lake City round table to be held shortly thereafter.

20.3 Society Publication. Copies of the new guide publication of the Society, DISCOVERING THE PAST, are still available to members at a substantial discount price of \$3.00 (regular price \$6.00). As noted in the April 12 Newsletter, 19.3, this book presents a general survey, profusely illustrated, of the entire field of archaeology. It is especially recommended to members of the Society desiring a convenient introduction to the subject, particularly the branches of Palestinian, biblical, American, and Book of Mormon archaeology, which are the Society's special areas of interest. (Address orders to the General Secretary-Treasurer, University Archaeological Society, c/o Department of Archaeology, Brigham Young University; make checks or money orders payable to the Society.)

20.4 Editor Retires. With six issues of the UAS Newsletter to his credit, Bruce W. Warren has retired from editorial responsibility to accept summer employment.

In July, 1953, Mr. Warren replaced Ross T. Christensen as editor and continued, until April, 1954, to produce a Newsletter approximately every six weeks. Dee Green collaborated as assistant editor for his last four issues.

"Mr. Warren displayed unusual acumen and diligence in searching out archaeological topics of scriptural interest for the reading enjoyment of Society members," stated UAS President M. Wells Jakeman. "A junior at BYU in the Department of Archaeology, he gives high promise of a future of productive scholarship." Mr. Warren is one of the eight original members who founded the UAS, April 18, 1949.

Established by action of the Executive Committee, August 2, 1951, the UAS Newsletter was first edited by John L. Sorenson, who saw it through seven issues. Mr. Christensen replaced Mr. Sorenson in November, 1952. The editor for future issues has not yet been selected.

20.5 Campus Chapter Activities. The Campus Chapter of the UAS reports the following activities for the Spring quarter and early summer:

20.50 Central American Bancuet. A dinner and program entitled "Fiesta de Quetzalcoatl" will be sponsored by the Chapter as a special feature of Leadership Week, June 24, 7:30 PM, in the Social Hall on the BYU campus. Admission will be \$1.50 per person, and the money raised will be used to finance archaeological research in Middle America. Dr. M. Wells Jakeman will be the after-dinner speaker. His topic will be his recent successful expedition to Mexico and Central America in quest of Book of Mormon evidence. The "fiesta" will feature Mexican food and Latin American songs and dances. The Señoritas Ela Moyeda of Ciudad Juárez, Mexico, Socorro Franco of Cuernavaca, Mexico, and Lilia Gómez of Guatemala, C. A., are the committee in charge and will supervise the preparation of favorite dishes of their native homeland. All UAS members and Leadership visitors are invited.

- 20.51 Explorer Reports. Eighty-four persons, the largest attendance ever recorded for a meeting of the Campus Chapter, were present April 21 when Dr. M. Wells Jakeman reported his recent expedition to Central America (see April 12 Newsletter, 19.1). Ruins of a large city of early date were discovered at a point of key importance in Book of Mormon geography. Dr. Jakeman also made further studies at the Izapa site in southern Chiapas of the Tree-of-Life sculpture previously identified by him as a portrayal in stone of Lehi's vision (see the Society's Bulletin No. 4, March, 1953). The report was illustrated by expedition photographs. Many persons remained after the meeting to discuss the significance of the ruined city.
- 20.52 Visit Museum. Members of the Campus Chapter and students of the "Archaeology of North America" class studied at the Museum of Anthropology of the University of Utah, May 8. Prof. Ross T. Christensen accompanied the group as instructor. Mr. Jack R. Rudy, director of the State-wide Archaeological Survey, served as guide.
- 20.6 Archaeology Films. The Audio-Visual Services department of BUY has available for rental several motion pictures on archaeological subjects suitable for showing at meetings of local chapters of the UAS and similar gatherings. Following is a list of films, together with showing times and rental charges: "Ancient Rome," 10 minutes, \$1.50; "Central America," 10 minutes, \$1.50; "Heart of the Inca Empire," 20 minutes, \$1.00; "Monuments of Ancient Mexico," 47 minutes, \$1.00; "Writing Through the Ages," 10 minutes, \$1.50. Arrangements for renting, as well as additional information on these and other films, may be had by writing to Audio-Visual Services, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah. When ordering, the title of the film and the preferred date should be given. It is also wise to include an alternate date and an alternate film, in case the one requested is already booked.