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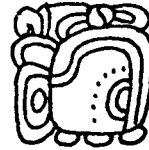
## Newsletter



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### SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

The Second Annual Meeting of the Institute of Maya Studies will be held in the Museum of Science auditorium on Wednesday the 21st at 8:00 pm...As this is primarily a business meeting, the attendance will be restricted to members only, all of whom are requested to be present so that they may participate in the election of new members to serve on the Board of Directors for the coming year...Director Charles Lacombe will present a resume of the activities of IMS during 1973 and also give a "State of the Institute" report...In addition there will be other reports read by the secretary, the treasurer and the chairman of various committees and special departments...

Immediately following the business portion of the Annual Meeting, refreshments will be served at an informal party to be held at the Museum in celebration of the Institute's second anniversary...All members are urged to attend this important meeting in November...

### ARCHAEOLOGY SECTION MEETING:

Due to the tentative mid-month change in the flight schedule of the chairman of the Archaeology Section, a definite date for the November meeting cannot be announced at this time, and more information regarding this will be given at the general meeting on the 21st...

### NEW MEMBERS:

A cordial welcome is extended to the following new members who joined the Institute of Maya Studies during the past two months...

Mrs. Esther Grose  
Dr. Robert D. Lawson  
Mr. Anthony G. Seixas  
Dr. Carolyn Sherin

Dr. Robert Grayson  
Mrs. Anne Sheldon  
Sr. Tomas Vilanova

INSTITUTE OF MAYA STUDIES TO SPONSOR SYMPOSIUM:

Program Chairman, Elayne M. Kaplan, has announced a proposed plan for a two-evening symposium sponsored by the Institute that is to be held in the auditorium of the Museum of Science on Thursday, January 31, 1974 and Friday, February 1, 1974. (8:00 pm)...The topic will be "The Rise and Fall of the Maya Culture and It's Present Day Parallels", and the first evening will be devoted to a discussion of "The Ingredients that Stimulate a Culture to Rise to a Classic Period - and a Comparative Analysis of our Cultural and Economic Ascendancy in the U.S."...The second evening will be devoted to a discussion of "The Catalytic Components Inherent in the Decline of a Culture - and a Comparative Analysis of Present Day Parallels" ...At present the panel consists of the following members:

Dr. Michael D. Coe, Moderator  
Professor of Anthropology  
Yale University

Dr. Munro S. Edmonson  
Professor of Anthropology  
Tulane University  
Subject: Religion and Politics

Dr. Hugh Popenoe  
Director of Center for Tropical Research  
University of Florida  
Subject: Agriculture and Ecology

Mr. Edwin M. Shook  
Archaeologist; Mayanist  
Antigua, Guatemala  
Subject: Architecture and Monumental Sculpture as Cultural Manifestations

FORMAT: A brief introduction by each panelist followed by open discussion and questions from the floor.

BOOKS DONATED TO IMS LIBRARY:

A copy of the book BEFORE CORTES, SCULPTURE OF MIDDLE AMERICA, was recently donated to our library by Mrs. Lucy Norman Bitterlich. A note of interest is that Mrs. Bitterlich is the granddaughter of B. M. Norman, an early traveler to Maya sites who wrote a book published in 1842 entitled RAMBLES IN YUCATAN...Another book, THE LOST WORLD OF QUINTANA ROO, by Michel Peissel, was donated to the library by Mr. I. D. Bernstein, and we wish to extend our sincere thanks to both Mr. Bernstein and Mrs. Bitterlich for their generous contributions...

IMS MEMBERS ARE GUEST SPEAKERS AT FLORIDA INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY:

During the month of October two of our members were invited to give lectures at Florida International University's course on "The Maya Civilization"...Len Schafer's subject was on "The Architecture of the Ancient Maya" and Hal Ball presented an illustrated program on "Maya Archaeology".

THE MAYAN SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

The Mayan Society of St. Louis, Missouri has recently announced it's program schedule for 1973-1974, which includes illustrated lectures on such topics as, "Ancient Mexico", "Early Man in the Western Hemisphere", and "Aspects of Aztec Religious Life"...The meetings are held the first Friday of each month at 8:00 pm in the St. Louis County Library and all IMS members are invited to attend whenever they have the opportunity...

"IMAGE OF COSTA RICA":

An excellent, well illustrated article on Costa Rica appeared in the last issue of the Organization of American States publication, "Americas"...(September, volume 25, numbers 8-9)...The interesting 24 page article is one of a series that has been programmed by the Department of Public Affairs of OAS, and includes information relative to the country's history beginning with it's discovery by Christopher Columbus on his fourth and last voyage to the New World in September of 1502...In discussing the exquisite pre-Columbian pottery produced by the Chorotega Indians, the author notes that "Maya characteristics can be seen", and suggests regular contact between the two cultures by well established trade routes...

NOTES ON MAYA ARCHAEOLOGY

FOLIO ON ANCIENT MAYA POTTERY:

Information received from Ms. Muriel Kirkpatrick of Temple University Anthropology Department, indicates that the first of two folios being prepared on ANCIENT MAYA POTTERY, is expected to be published sometime prior to Christmas...The first folio will contain a preface by Dr. Gordon Willey, a text describing the pottery from the site of Barton Ramie, Belize, (formerly British Honduras), and 12 plates of pottery illustrations, 6 of which are in color.

The two folios were conceived as preliminary guides to certain Maya pottery types, and their artistic reliability and accuracy of color reproduction are such that they can be taken into the field by anyone wishing to compare actual sherd material with these type units that have been previously established in Maya archaeological reporting...

MAYA FOOD AND DIET IN THE RIO BEC REGION:

During the 1973 season, part of the staff of the Rio Bec Ecological Project based at Xpuhil, in southeastern Campeche, Mexico, were engaged in obtaining soil samples from ancient garbage heaps in the area, so that a microscopic analysis could be made that might indicate changes in diet through the time that the Maya inhabited this part of the Yucatan peninsula ... Besides the dietary studies, much time was also spent on studying the vegetation, fauna, and general ecology of the zone, and as mentioned in a previous Newsletter, a number of agricultural terraces and soil traps were discovered... The diet of the ancient Maya, however, seems to have always been a subject of considerable interest, and we look forward to the results of this year's study and analysis...

WHAT'S IN A NAME... "QUAUHITEMALLAN":

For those interested in the origin of names, Guatemala was derived from the Maya word Quauhitemallan, meaning "full of trees"...

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