

Association Affairs

The Southwestern Division of the AAAS will hold its 25th meeting in Alpine, Texas on May 1-5, under the presidency of R. A. Studhalter, of the Department of Biology of the Texas Technological College. Host institutions are the Sul Ross State Teachers College and the McDonald Observatory on Mt. Locke near Ft. Davis. Alpine, a frontier town of 6,000 population, is the home of Sul Ross State College. It is located on the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railroads at an altitude of approximately 4,500 feet. Highway 90 leads through Alpine from San Antonio to El Paso; highway 118 joins Alpine and Ft. Davis. The general area is that of the cattle kingdom of Texas.

McDonald Observatory, a branch of the Yerkes Observatory, is operated jointly by the University of Chicago and the University of Texas. It is located 15 miles northwest of Ft. Davis on a paved highway. Ft. Davis was established as a frontier outpost prior to the Civil War, and was abandoned as a military post when the Davis Mountain area no longer held a threat of Indian attack. Ruins of the old fort, some now in process of reconstruction, are of considerable interest.

Ojinaga, Mexico, just across the Rio Grande from Presidio, Texas, will be the destination of an excursion on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Ojinaga is a typical Mexican town and entirely representative of the rural areas of Old Mexico.

The annual Powell Lecture is to be delivered by John Charles Kelley, assistant professor and curator of anthropology at the University of Texas Museum. He is regarded as an authority on the archaeology of the Texas Indians. The general program will be enriched by the participation of a number of Mexican and Texan organizations, including the Sociedad Chihuahuense de Estudios Históricos, the Texas Academy of Science, the Texas Archaeological and Paleontological Society, and the West Texas Historical and Scientific Society.

The section meetings will close on Wednesday and there will be an all-day excursion to the Big Bend National Park on Thursday. The local group, under the chairmanship of G. Preston Smith, dean of the Sul Ross State College, has spared no effort to make the meeting a great success. It is hoped that the attendance will be large, in order to assure the local host institutions that their efforts have not been wasted.

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General Program

Sunday, May 1, 1949. 3:00 p.m.: Meeting of the executive committee, Southwest Division, Room 217, Main Building, Sul Ross College. *8:00 p.m.:* Open House, McDonald Observatory.

Monday, May 2, 1949. 8:30-9:45 a.m.: Registration, Library Building, Sul Ross College. Registration con-

tinues through Wednesday. *10:00-12:00 a.m.:* General Session, Sul Ross Auditorium. Music—Glenn Davis, head of the Music Department, Sul Ross State College, directing. Address of welcome—R. M. Hawkins, president, Sul Ross State College. Response—R. A. Studhalter, president of Southwestern Division. Address—Gerard P. Kuiper, director of Yerkes and McDonald Observatories. *1:30-3:30 p.m.:* Section meetings. *3:45-5:00 p.m.:* "Ten Years of Astronomical Observation at McDonald Observatory," Gerard P. Kuiper, Sul Ross Auditorium. *5:00-6:00 p.m.:* Open House, Museum of West Texas Historical and Scientific Society. *8:00 p.m.:* John Wesley Powell Lecture, John Charles Kelley, assistant professor of anthropology and curator of the Anthropology Museum, University of Texas, Auditorium, Sul Ross College. (The public is cordially invited.)

Tuesday, May 3, 1949. 7:30 a.m.: Breakfast, Sigma Xi. Place to be announced. *8:30-10:00 a.m.:* Section meetings. *10:00-12:00 a.m.:* Report from McDonald Observatory, Sul Ross Auditorium. *1:00 p.m.:* Luncheon, complimenting visiting ladies, Indian Lodge. *1:00-3:30 p.m.:* Meeting of the Texas Archaeological and Paleontological Society, Col. M. L. Crimmins, U. S. Army, retired, presiding, at the Auditorium, Education Building. *3:30-10:30 p.m.:* Tour to Ojinaga, Mexico, including dinner, Roof Garden, Rohana Hotel, Ojinaga.

Wednesday, May 4, 1949. 7:30 a.m.: Breakfast, Phi Delta Kappa. Place to be announced. *8:30-11:00 a.m.:* Meeting of the Texas Academy of Science, Sul Ross Auditorium. C. M. Pomerat, professor of cytology, Medical Branch, University of Texas, Galveston, Texas, presiding. *11:10-12:00 a.m.:* Address by President J. Brian Eby of the Academy, "Geophysics and Geology in Oil Exploration," Sul Ross Auditorium. *1:30-3:00 p.m.:* Section meetings. *3:00-4:00 p.m.:* Movie film (partly kodachrome) taken during World War II in Nigeria and the African Gold Coast of leper colonies, market places, disk-lip people of the interior, a boat trip on Lake Alo (part of old Lake Tchad), a boat trip on the Volta River, etc. A 40-minute film preceded by a 20-minute introduction. Albert R. Mead, University of Arizona, Tucson. Sul Ross Auditorium. *4:00-5:00 p.m.:* Business session and election of officers. Sul Ross Auditorium. *6:00 p.m.:* Open air barbecue, complimenting members of the Southwestern Division and cooperating organizations, Kokernot Lodge. *8:00 p.m.:* Address of R. A. Studhalter, retiring president, Sul Ross Auditorium.

Thursday, May 5, 1949. 8:00 a.m.: All-day field trip to Big Bend Park, including St. Helena canyon. The noon meal will be served at the Park.

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