

THE TREE-RING SOCIETY

MAY 1962 MEETINGS

Hosts for the twenty-seventh annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, May 3, 4, and 5, 1962, at the University of Arizona, Tucson, were the Arizona State Museum, the Department of Anthropology, and the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research, with the collaboration of the Amerind Foundation and the Tree-Ring Society. As a part of these meetings on May fifth, there was a morning symposium on tree-ring dating, a luncheon meeting of the Tree-Ring Society, and, in the afternoon, an Open House at the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research.

The symposium on tree-ring dating was led by a panel consisting of R. E. Bell, W. W. Caldwell, J. L. Giddings, E. W. Haury, W. G. McGinnies, J. C. McGregor, and B. Bannister, Chairman. A tribute to A. E. Douglass "HH-39: Recollections of a Dramatic Moment in Southwestern Archaeology" was first presented by E. W. Haury. The program following consisted of a survey of tree-ring dating throughout the world, new applications of tree-ring data, new techniques in the collection and analysis of tree-ring materials, and an open discussion of the future expansion of tree-ring activities.

Thirty-four Society members and interested individuals attended the Tree-Ring Society Luncheon. A short business meeting followed with President John C. McGregor presiding. In the afternoon, a gratifyingly large number of conference delegates visited the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research during its Open House. Through the courtesy of W. G. McGinnies, Director of the Laboratory, copies of the Douglass memorial issue (Vol. 24, Nos. 3-4) were made available to all attending.

Minutes of the Tree-Ring Society meeting. The treasurer's report briefly stated that the disjunctive phasing of subscriptions and *Tree-Ring Bulletin* publications had delayed bookkeeping and billing. Recent sale of a few of the remaining full sets of the *Bulletin* and of large orders of the recently republished *Dating Archaeological Ruins by Tree-Rings* has put sufficient monies into the treasury to pay for the publication of Volume 25. No advance in subscription rate is anticipated in the next few years. A portion of the current mailings are being held up due to the need for evaluation of many accounts on an individual basis.

The editor of the *Tree-Ring Bulletin* reiterated his policy of accepting manuscripts dealing both with archaeological and with modern phases of tree-ring studies. Announcement was made that Volume 24, Numbers 3-4 was in print and that manuscripts were shortly expected for Volume 25.

In lieu of an election of officers, it was agreed that the present slate would continue in office.

The following resolution was submitted by J. L. Giddings and unanimously approved by those present:

Resolved: That the Tree-Ring Society herewith expresses its sense of deep loss in the death of Dr. Andrew Ellicott Douglass who some 57 years ago initiated the study of dendrochronology and who throughout this period by his wisdom, energy, and dedication directed the development and destinies of this important branch of science, a study which gave unique meaning to archaeology and which has materially contributed to such diverse fields as astronomy, climatology, and ecology.

C. W. Ferguson
Secretary-Treasurer