

## 12 Student Archeologists Join Experts At Oakland

Who were the people who 6,000 years ago lived at a site 1½ miles south of Oakland?

Twelve members of the University of Nebraska Field Trip joined State Historical Society archeologists in an attempt to answer this question. They are conducting diggings west of Highway 77 near Oakland.

The archeologists believe that the residents were probably among the first human inhabitants of Nebraska, and so far have come up with these clues:

—The residents were very primitive and had no pottery, but fashioned projectile points from bone and stone. They probably had no arrows per se.

—The people were in the hunting and gathering stage of civilization. That is, they probably hunted bison and

other wild animals and in addition gathered wild fruits, berries, seeds and weeds which were ground on crude mills.

### Seasonal Pattern

—They did not live at the site for long periods of time, but rather followed a seasonal pattern of life. They lived in rather large groups and migrated to the Missouri Valley, returning 2 or 3 times a year to the Oakland site.

—There are 4 or 5 layers of settlement on the hillside area (which slopes into a dry creek bed) that may or may not have been inhabited by related groups.

Confusing as these clues may seem to the layman, the Historical Society hasn't given up hope of finding out what type of person lived here 6,000 years ago. The Society's director, Dr. William D. Aeschbacher sug-

gests 3 leads in solving this mystery:

### May Reveal More Layers

1. Further excavation may reveal deeper layers. Material found to date in the third layer may possibly date back 7,000 years. If any new organic material is found—especially charcoal—it can be tested by the "C-14" process to determine its age.

The "C-14" (Carbon No. 14) process involves measuring the radioactive carbon content of ancient material. The University of Michigan is the only Midwestern institution equipped for this process. Material from 1957 Historical Society excavations was sent there and shown to be 6,000 years old.

Establishing the date of newly-found artifacts may cast new light on the mystery.

### No Human Skeletons

2. The excavation crew, under the direction of Society Curator Marvin Kivett, is looking for a burial ground. So far, no human skeletons have been found. Even if only bone fragments were found, however, physical anthropologists could go a long way toward determining the racial origin of the Oakland inhabitants.

3. Excavations in western Iowa and in Illinois are turning up remains similar to those found near Oakland. Artifacts in the Iowa diggings are thought to be closely related to those found in Nebraska. Further discoveries could indicate the anthropological background and migratory habits of these Indians.

What the 20-member crew turns up before work ends next month may help solve the baffling mystery.

## School of Journalism Adds New Sequence

A new professor and a new program will share the spotlight next year at the University of Nebraska School of Journalism.

The professor is Conrad R. Hill and the program is the new major in advertising journalism, according to Dr. William E. Hall, J-School director.

Hill, who taught advertising last year at the University of North Carolina, will have the major responsibility for training Nebraska's future advertising professionals.

Hill is currently serving a summer faculty internship on the advertising staff of the Hamilton, Ont., Spectator. The internship program, sponsored by the Newspaper Advertising Executives Association, is to help advertising teachers keep abreast of changes in the field.

"Establishment of the advertising sequence will give us a better-balanced program of study," Dr. Hall said. "Heretofore, our program has emphasized only the editorial phases of journalism."

Dr. Hall pointed out that the program has been designed to provide students a solid foundation for entering any career avenue in the field of advertising.

Advertising journalism students will complete 26 hours in professional courses and 100 hours in basic education, Dr. Hall said. All journalism students are required to complete a minor in English and either a second major or two additional minors.

Approximately 25 advertising majors are expected to enter the program this fall, Dr. Hall said. About half of them incoming freshmen; the other half, transfers from the news-editorial program. The School had 146 majors last year.

Hill, who will arrive on campus in September to begin his duties, received his bachelor's degree in Journal-

ism from the University of Michigan; his master's in communications from Stanford University. He completed additional work in the School of Architecture and Design at Michigan and in the Graduate School of Business at Stanford.

His professional record includes media, agency and industrial advertising experience in Michigan and Colorado. He taught at the University of Missouri School of Journalism before moving to North Carolina.

He served with the Canadian Armored Corps during World War II.



Ray O. Mertes discusses the challenge that aviation presents to the school system.

## Air Lines Administrator Stresses Aviation Challenge

Ray O. Mertes, Director of the School and College Service for United Air Lines, visited campus earlier this week in connection with the Air Age Workshop being held this summer.

Mertes discussed the fundamentals of aviation and how

they could be applied to the classroom. He emphasized the challenge that aviation is presenting to education.

In Mertes' work he travels around the country on speaking assignments and in addition he develops supplementary materials to be used in the classroom.

## F. B. Decker To Talk On School Law

"Changes in Nebraska School Law," will be the topic for discussion at the Superintendent's Round Table Luncheon next Thursday. The speaker will be Freeman B. Decker, Commissioner of Education in Nebraska.

Reservations for the luncheon must be made by Monday, July 13, in the summer session offices, room 412 of Administration, extension 3135 or 3131 or room 406 of Administration, extension 5140.

There will be a charge of \$1.35 for the luncheon which will be held at the Student Union.

## Movie Scheduled

There are two movies scheduled for the Union Sunday Night at 7:30 p.m. The first is "The Robe" in Cinemascope and the other is "Zoom and Bored."

## Union Presents French Movie 'Diabolique'

Stark realism, without even a nod to sentimentality, sets the mood for the chilling action that unfolds in Henri-Georges Clouzot's "Diabolique," the French prize-winning suspense thriller to be shown tonight at the Student Union at 7:30 p.m. The movie is one of the Union's Film Society Series.

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