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GENERAL NEWS NOTES

Two Duc de Loubat prizes of \$1,000 and \$400 for "the best work printed and published in the English language on the history, geography, archaeology, ethnology, philology or numismatics of North America" will be awarded at the Columbia University Commencement of 1938. To be considered for the 1938 awards, books must be published before Jan. 1, 1938.

Robert T. Hill of Dallas, Texas, has been granted \$1,200 by the Geological Society of America to cover expenses connected with a history of geological investigation in the Southwest.

G. A. Matson, University of Montana, has been granted \$25, to aid in making "Blood Studies of Montana Indians," by the Northwest Scientific Association. He was also granted \$175 by the American Association "to determine the blood group distribution among American Indians on reservations in Canada north of the Blackfeet Reservation."

A skull of an entirely new type of ancient human being, older than Neandertal man, has been discovered in a gravel pit at Steinhelm, near Stuttgart. It is being studied by Dr. F. Berckhamer.

Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson was recently elected president of the Explorer's Club, New York City.

Dr. Waldo R. Wedel (Ph.D., California 1936) has been appointed assistant curator in the Division of Archaeology of the U. S. National Museum.

The annual summer term of the American School of Prehistoric Research will open in Paris on July 1, 1937. Excavations, directed by Abbe Breuil, will be carried on at La Quina and Mas d' AZil.

College freshmen are taller, heavier and younger than they were twenty years ago, according to studies recently completed at Harvard and Cincinnati.

In a minimum of 100,000 years up to the year 1630, man's numbers grew only to 445,000,000. Yet in the 336 years since then, the population has grown to some 2,200,000,000.

Biographies of D. D. Brand, R. G. Fisher, E. L. Hewett, F. C. Hibben, and F. M. H. Senter, members of U.N.M. Department of Anthropology staff, appear in the recently issued "Who's Who in New Mexico." Also, there are given sketches concerning W. Jacobs and D. Senter, both student members of Mu Alpha Nu, Beta Chapter.

Dr. Sylvanus Griswold Morley of the Carnegie Institution of Washington went to Guatemala in January to supervise the restoration of a staircase bearing Maya hieroglyphics.

Dr. Frans Blom, Maurice Ries and Daniel Leyrer, of the Department of Middle American Research of Tulane University, are in Guatemala for a six-week expedition to obtain data and photographs to be used in a book on Guatemala which will be sponsored by the International Railroad of Guatemala.

New points of resemblance between man and the recently

discovered *Australopithecus transvaalensis* have been worked out by its discoverer, Dr. R. Broom, of the Transvaal Museum, Pretoria, S.A.

To discourage natives of Togoland, West Africa, from fighting with poisoned arrows, the British government systematically destroyed the plant yielding the poison.

Dr. Ales Hrdlicka reports that the head, and probably the brain, continues to grow until the age of 50 or 60 years. The nose may grow well into the sixth decade, and the ears may continue to grow after an individual is 80 years old.

A fossil skull found by Dr. Kohl-Larsen of Berlin, near Lake Eyassi, Tanganyika Territory, East Africa, represents a new-found species of man which existed about 30,000 years ago.

Science News Letter for Feb. 20, 1937, carries a picture of Benjamin Lee Whorf, which accompanies an article concerning Mr. Whorf's deciphering of the Mayan writing system. Whorf has been able to spell out about 100 words, so far, in Mayan texts.

A picture of, and article concerning, Dr. E. A. Hooton, professor of anthropology at Harvard and President of the American Association of Physical Anthropology, appears in the March 6, 1937, issue of The Pathfinder. The best Hooton could say of the human race was that it was more or less a failure.

A new tribe of light skinned natives has been reported from New Guinea by Mr. J. Hides, a resident magistrate in New Guinea. (See "Science" March 5, 1937, pp. 16, 18.)

Recent deaths of anthropologists, and others in closely allied fields, include: W. T. Hornaday, F. V. Coville, Grafton Elliot Smith, C. Cosgrove, Albert Reagan, M. W. Hayes, Giuseppe Sergi, William Sollas, C. F. Talman, Karl Pearson, Arthur McDonald, A. S. Hitchcock.

Camel, as well as extinct bison, bones have been found at the Lindenmeier site in northern Colorado.

Small herds of Węsent (European bison), wild horses (similar to those depicted by Cro-Magnon artists), fallow deer, red deer, and reindeer--animals hunted by man for food during the Upper Paleolithic--are now in a special game preserve in the famous Neanderthal, not far from Dusseldorf.

According to a recent report by the UNM Senate Committee on Upper Division Expansion, the Dept. of Anthropology has changed its grade distribution during the past four years, as follows:

<u>1933-34</u>		<u>1934-35</u>		<u>1935-36</u>		<u>1st Semes. 1936-37</u>		
% above	% below	% above	% below	% above	% below	% above	% below	
C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
52.59	11.98	41.43	23.85	32.10	23.16	29.37	25.87	L.D.
68.88	13.33	63.64	12.44	48.58	20.33	43.42	22.3	U.D.