

EDITOR'S CORNER

The fiftieth anniversary of anything humanly created is an event worth noting, especially in the troubled and uncertain world we now inhabit. Having so recently assumed the Editorship of your journal, I am especially honored to be guiding the fiftieth year of its publication and hence to have had the privilege of organizing a Golden Anniversary issue. I have only two regrets. One is that the first editor of *American Antiquity*, W. C. McKern—who is now 92 years old—will not be able to attend the festivities at the 50th Annual Meeting May 1–5, 1985, in Denver. He will, however, receive a special copy of this issue of *American Antiquity*. My second regret is that space constraints necessitated a narrow choice of topics and a stern policy about deadlines and about the length of articles included here. Even so, you will notice that Volume 50, No. 2, is more robust than the customary 224 pages, and that the contributors include an array of founding figures as well as numerous senior and junior archaeologists. There are also a few participant observers from other lands or disciplines who offer their cosmopolitan perspectives on our doings. As a special treat, scattered among the articles, there are historic photos of familiar and not-so-familiar personages, each of whom played a significant role in Americanist archaeology.

It was a delight to put this issue together; I believe you will enjoy it.

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Madelaine (Mrs. A. V.) Kidder, camping in the Southwest ca. 1915–1917. (J. O. Brew Collection. Peabody Museum, Harvard University, print by Hillel Burger).

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