

## 600th MEETING (from Scrapbooks in computer)

The second meeting of the season--and the 600th of the Club--was held on this date in the Massachusetts and Aesculapian Rooms of the Harvard Club. Sixty-six members and an equal number of guests were present for dinner, a total of 132, the largest gathering in memory.

This was a special meeting which recreated the menu served to Theodore Roosevelt at the 72nd meeting on December 12, 1911. The speakers were Kermit Roosevelt and his son, Jonathan, the grandson and great grandson of the former President. They spoke on their recreation of TR's African safari in 1960. Present at the Headtable were the Roosevelts, Mr & Mrs Mark Roosevelt, Dr & Mrs Lot Page, Dr & Mrs Terris Moore, Mr & Mrs Thomas Cabot, Mr & Mrs Henry Hall, Dr & Mrs John Stanbury, Dr Richard Estes, Mr & Mrs Robert Bates, Mr Adams Carter, and Dr & Mrs Benjamin Ferris.

Between courses, the President, John Stanbury, introduced the head table, read the secretary's account of the TR dinner, read a newsclipping detailing TR's time in Boston, mentioned the flowers arranged by Sidney Smith. Thomas Cabot remarked on the early history of the Club. Terris Moore presented an Honorary Membership to Thomas Cabot and Robert Bates presented to Adams Carter the Club Medal.

By all accounts the talk by the Roosevelts was excellent and certainly the arrangements provided by the Harvard Club were very good particularly given the larger-than-expected turnout.

Each placesetting was graced by a special commemorative tile with the Club seal.

(Minutes of 600th meeting, 13 November 1984. Min4, p211, item 185)

Menu for the 600th meeting  
Including signatures of the head table.  
(Min4, p211, item 186)

List of those at the headtable  
14 people are listed.  
(Min4, p211, item 188)

Theodore Roosevelt spoke on December 12, 1911. Meeting #72. He was accompanied by his son, Kermit.

Kermit became a member of the Club and spoke twice:

February 18, 1921 on Mesopotamia (Meeting #126)

April 25, 1928 on his expedition to Central Asia (Meeting #174)

This evening the third and fourth generations of Roosevelts are speaking to the Harvard Travellers Club  
(Min4, p211, items 190)





THE 600TH MEETING  
OF THE  
HARVARD TRAVELLERS CLUB  
NOVEMBER 13, 1984  
HARVARD CLUB, BOSTON

Cocktails

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DINNER

Re-creation of the menu served at a  
Complimentary Dinner given to  
Theodore Roosevelt

at the Exchange Club, Boston, December 12, 1911.

At this Club Dinner, the 72nd Meeting,  
the former President told of his recent East African Safari.

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Welcome by Dr. John B. Stanbury, *President*

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Introduction of the Head Table

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Presentation of Club Awards

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EAST AFRICA: A ROOSEVELT RETROSPECTIVE

A special talk by Kermit and Jonathan Roosevelt  
on their 1960 retracing of Theodore Roosevelt's  
East African Safari.

## MENU

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Celery                      COTUIT OYSTERS                      Olives                      Salted Almonds

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BROILED HALIBUT  
Cucumbers, French Dressing

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ROAST BLACK DUCK

SARATOGA CHIPS

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GRAPE FRUIT AND RED PEPPER SALAD

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FROZEN PUDDING, A LA NESTLERODE

CAKES

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CAMEMBERT CHEESE

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COFFEE



1984-1985

The second meeting of the season will be held in the Massachusetts Room of the Harvard Club on **Tuesday, November 13, 1984**. Cocktails will be served at 6:15 p.m.; dinner is at 7:00 p.m.; and the meeting will start at 8:30 p.m. The cost of this dinner is \$40 which includes wine and a commemorative trivet tile. This price is necessitated by the special nature of the menu as described below. **Firm and preferably early reservations are requested. These must be received by 5 p.m. Friday the 9th of November.** Because of the special menu the number wishing to dine cannot be raised or lowered once the guarantee has been given to the Harvard Club. Those members not attending after having made a reservation and who fail to cancel by contacting the Secretary may be liable for the dinner charge.

### EAST AFRICA: A ROOSEVELT RETROSPECTIVE

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For our 600th meeting Kermit Roosevelt's son, also Kermit, and grandson, Jonathan, have graciously agreed to join us on this special evening. The very same menu served in 1911 will be recreated, a copy of which is enclosed.

In 1960 Kermit and Jonathan retraced the route of TR's safari, visiting Kenya, Uganda and Tanganyika. (This was covered by LIFE Magazine and was the subject of Kermit's 1963 book, *A Sentimental Safari*.) Their illustrated talk will focus on this trip although with ample reference to the original safari of their distinguished forebear.

Kermit Roosevelt (Harvard 1938) has long associated himself with affairs and events in the Middle East. He spent the war years in the OSS there and later was the CIA's Chief of Clandestine Services, Middle East, and was involved in the return of the Shah to power in Iran. Following government service he was a vice president of Gulf Oil and is now Chairman of Kermit Roosevelt and Associates, a Washington consulting firm which assists concerns doing business in the Middle East. He is the author of several books including *Arabs, Oil, and History* (1949).

Jonathan Roosevelt (Harvard 1962), following a year of teaching in Tanganyika, worked for the U.S. Foreign Service which took him to Zaïre and Ghana. Since 1973 he has been associated with his father in addition to being a partner in the law firm of Roosevelt and Roosevelt.

This very fitting talk will surely be the highlight of this historic meeting.

Please reserve the following future meeting dates: December 11, January 15 (1985), February 19, March 19, April 16 and May 28th. In December Mr. Geoffrey Tabin will speak on the 1983 American Mt. Everest (East Face) Expedition.

**Club Notes:** We are sorry to note that our member, Nicholas H. Vanderbilt, has been reported missing while climbing Mt. Robson in British Columbia. No further information is known at this time.

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ROBERT B. STEPHENSON, *Secretary*

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7 August 1984

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Mr Richard Estes  
5 Granite Street  
Peterborough, NH 03458

Dear Dick,

I did a little digging and here are the results:

Teddy Roosevelt spoke on 12 December 1911 (meeting #72)  
on his hunting experiences in East Africa.  
Menu enclosed.

Kermit Roosevelt spoke at least twice to the Club:  
18 February 1921 on Mesopotamia (meeting #126)  
25 April 1928 on an expedition to Central Asia (meeting #174)

Given those dates I wonder whether he is still alive and kicking.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "RBS" with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Robert B. Stephenson

7 October 1984

Mr Jonathan Roosevelt  
4731 Berkeley Terrace N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Mr Roosevelt:

I enjoyed talking to you the other night about the talk you and your father have agreed to give at our November 13th meeting. Below is a draft of notice that I will plan to take to the printer either Friday the 12th of first thing Monday morning the 15th. If you see anything that is incorrect or poorly stated, etc., please let me know. I will send you plenty of notices as well as be in touch with you a few days before. I will make reservations at the Harvard Club for you and your father (separate rooms) for Tuesday evening. I will also be in touch with Mark Roosevelt and invite him and his wife. My office number is 617-262-0060, weeknights: 617-527-5978; weekends 603-532-6066.

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This should be a highly interesting and historic meeting for which early reservations are encouraged.

I will polish this up a bit and check spellings, fill in dates, check book titles, etc.

I'm sure this will be an exciting event which we are all looking forward to,.

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Robert B. Stephenson

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Boston, Massachusetts 02123

Secretary-Treasurer



22 October 1984

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Mr Jonathan Roosevelt  
Kermit Roosevelt & Associates, Inc.  
1220 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Mr Roosevelt:

Thank you for your letter of the 16th. Enclosed are several notices and accompanying menu/program. I caught the errors you mentioned in your letter.

I've made reservations for you and your father at the Harvard Club (374 Commonwealth Avenue): 2 single rooms with baths. I will send an invitation to Mark this evening and will hope that he and his wife will be able to attend.

Everything seems to be on schedule. I'm, of course, looking forward to this and I'm certain it will be an memorable evening.

Let me give you my phone numbers again in case you have any questions. Work: 617-262-0060; Weeknights: 617-527-5978; Weekends: 603-532-6066.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Robert B. Stephenson".

Robert B. Stephenson

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*Secretary-Treasurer*



22 October 1984

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Mr and Mrs Mark Roosevelt  
20 Chestnut Street  
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Mr and Mrs Roosevelt:

Mr Jonathan Roosevelt has asked me to invite you to the dinner meeting that he and his father will speak at on the 13th of November. We would be delighted to have you join us, as our guests, for what should be a memorable evening. As you can see from the enclosed material we are recreating the menu that we served TR in 1911 when he spoke to us on his East African safari.

If you are able to come please let me know no later than Friday the 9th of November. I may be reached during the day at 617-262-0060 and at night at 617-527-5978.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert B. Stephenson".

Robert B. Stephenson

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*Secretary-Treasurer*



22 October 1984

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Dr Derek C. Bok, President  
Office of the President  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, MA 02138

Dear Dr Bok:

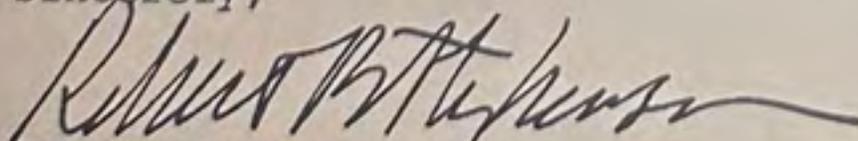
The Harvard Travellers Club is celebrating its 600th Meeting at the Harvard Club on the 13th of November. This will be a special occasion to which we would like to invite you. I believe the last Harvard president to attend a meeting was President Eliot!

As you will see from the enclosed notice and menu/program we are re-creating the menu served to Theodore Roosevelt in 1911 when he spoke to the Club on his East African safari. His grandson and great grandson will join us on the 13th and tell us of their retracing of TR's travels in Africa.

We will also be presenting two Club Awards that evening: H. Adams Carter will receive the Club Medal and Thomas Cabot will be made an Honorary Member (neither are aware of this at the moment).

I hope you will be able to find time from what must be a busy schedule to join us as our guest at this special meeting. If you find that you are unable to do so, it would be very much appreciated if an appropriate note might be composed to be read at the meeting.

Sincerely,

  
Robert B. Stephenson

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Oct 16 '84

Dear Mr Stephenson,

Thank you for your letter of 7 Oct which only arrived the 15<sup>th</sup>! - Too late for useful feedback from me.

Father's book was Sentimental Safari

Father was Harvard '38 (graduated '37)

His other book is "Counterlong"

JR was Harvard '62 Harvard Law '66

We both look forward to meeting  
you and to the evening

Sincerely

Jack R

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30 Oct 84

Dear Mr Stephenson,

Thank you for your letter of 22 Oct.

The program and menu are  
enticing!

We will buy our slides in  
a carousel cartridge and hope it  
fits your projector. If not, we will  
leave time to shift the slides for ours  
to yours.

We both look forward to the evening;

Sincerely

Kermit Roosevelt

20 November 1984

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Mr and Mrs Mark Roosevelt  
20 Chestnut Street  
Boston, MA 02108

Dear Mark and Catharine,

We were all pleased that you could come to the Club's 600th Meeting. I hope it wasn't too much of a bore for you. For us the Roosevelt connection--four generations--gave the evening and the event an extra poignancy.

I'd like to add you to our mailing list for the next year, something I generally do for our speakers who aren't members. As you are here in Boston there may be an upcoming program that catches your interest: By all means come along.

Have a pleasant Thanksgiving and, again, our thanks for coming.

Sincerely,

Robert B. Stephenson

20 November 1984

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Messrs Kermit & Jonathan Roosevelt  
Kermit Roosevelt Associates, Inc.  
1220 L Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20005

Dear Kermit and Jonathan Roosevelt:

Many thanks for coming to Boston and making the 600th Meeting of the Harvard Travellers Club such a success. I never expected we'd have such a crowd or such overall enthusiasm and good cheer. So much of that is due to you and your family and the link of four generations.

I'm sorry that I ended up doing a lot of running around that evening and as a consequence wasn't able to give you as much attention as I would have liked. I hope others saw to your needs and that the accommodations at the Harvard Club were satisfactory.

I will be sending Mark and Catharine Club notices for the next year or so in case they might like to come to one of our forthcoming meetings. I will send you a joint notice as well just so you know what "we're up to." Of course, if you find yourselves in Boston when we are meeting, we'd be delighted to have you join us.

I appreciate your presenting us with a copy of your book, Kermit. (My mother has already started in on it.) I will bring it to upcoming meeting in case any members are interested in borrowing it.

Please let me know what your travel arrangements came to and I will reimburse you. I'm not sure what Dick Estes might have worked out with you but we are happy to do what we can on the airfare.

Again, many thanks and let's look forward to a 700th Meeting !

Regards,

Robert B. Stephenson

*Harvard Travellers Club  
Tuesday, November 10, 1992  
Menu*

*Hors d'oeuvres*

*Cotuit Oysters*

*Celery Olives Salted Almonds*

*Dinner*

*Broiled Halibut*

*with Cucumbers and French Dressing*

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*Roasted Duck*

*with Saratoga Chips*

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*Grapefruit and Red Pepper Salad*

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*Frozen Pudding, A la Nesselrode*

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*Camembert Cheese*

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*Coffee*

*Dear Mr. Stephenson:*

*Our chef can duplicate the entire menu with the exception of the Black Duck, which is no longer available. In place of the Black Duck we will use Native Moulard Duckling. The price for the dinner as is would be \$45.00 per person. The Oysters are priced at \$30.00 per dozen. I would use the oysters as an appetizer during the cocktail hour.*

*For your information*

*Saratoga Chips are Saratoga potatoes thinly sliced and fried.*

*The Frozen Pudding a la Nesselrode is a frozen custard pudding topped with whipped cream and flavored with chesnut puree and candied fruit.*

*Please let me know if you would like to go over the menu, anytime this week should be fine. Please give a phone call before you come by, so I can assure I will be free.*

*Michele*

# A Roosevelt follows T.R.'s path in Brazil

By Joseph P. Kahn  
GLOBE STAFF

*The food and the arms we carried represented all reasonable precautions against suffering and starvation; but . . . Anything might happen. We were about to go into the unknown, and no one could say what it held.*

— Theodore Roosevelt, Brazil, 1914

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Maine — The most restless ex-president in American history was 56 years old and a full term removed from the White House when he undertook the riskiest adventure of his life: a thousand-mile journey by dugout canoe down the Rio Duvida, or River of Doubt, through the heart of the Brazilian wilderness.

This was no international photo-op, no first-class safari to the verdant plains of Kenya. In the Amazon jungle circa 1914, the unknown was truly unknown.

Two men died on the trip. Kermit Roosevelt, Teddy Roosevelt's son, nearly drowned. Disease and despair bedeviled the rest, most notably Roosevelt himself. Still weakened from the ordeal five years later, he died while contemplating a second bid for the presidency, thus recharting the course of American political history. Of all his excursions to civilization's outposts, this was the Rough Rider's roughest, hands down.

Few places on the planet remain essential—  
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Tweed Roosevelt will retrace his great-grandfather's journey.

# Tweed Roosevelt reenacts his great-grandfather's journey to Brazil

## ROOSEVELT

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ly unchanged over the past seven decades. And not many people get the chance, as Tweed Roosevelt, T.R.'s great-grandson, observes, to re-create an ancestor's experience under virtually the same conditions as the original.

If all goes as scheduled this Saturday, however, a multinational team of scientists, journalists, explorers and white-water specialists — including Tweed R., 49, a Boston-based investment counselor and official trip historian — will put in at the headwaters of the Rio Roosevelt with just that aim in mind. Sixty-eight years and three attempts (one failed, one vanished, one successful — in 1926) after Roosevelt's group helped rechristen the River of Doubt, they hope to duplicate the feat jointly credited to T.R. and his colleague, famed Brazilian explorer Col. Candido Rondon.

"This trip is on a different scale from anything I've done before," says Tweed Roosevelt, who has roamed the world in his own right, from the Middle East to Mauritania. "Modern technology makes a huge difference, of course, but the risk of accident and disease is quite real. And we're still talking about a part of the world that has seen very few outsiders, if any."

Whereas T.R.'s group worried about bandits, hostile natives and piranha fish that could strip a mule (or man) to bone in seconds, notes Tweed Roosevelt, insect bites and jungle fever were far more hazardous to the river's first mappers — and promise to be this time out, too, if boredom doesn't turn out to be the real nemesis of the eight-week trip. The good news, he quips, is that there aren't many poisonous snakes lurking in the rain forest. The bad news? "You'll never see the one that strikes you."

So far the more formidable obstacles faced by expedition organizers have been the more predictable ones, namely bureaucracy and monies. Team leader Charles Haskell

spent the past 18 months navigating a forest of red tape — on two continents — to make the trip happen. He and Elizabeth McKnight, his long-time partner and co-leader, set out to raise \$250,000 to fund a much smaller undertaking — and then watched the numbers swell, to 16 people and more than \$700,000 in expenses.

Some of these additions were scientific, some journalistic. To shed light on a region where literally hundreds of species await discovery, Brazilian researchers were brought aboard to study local flora and fauna; they will report their findings to a United Nations conference on the rain forest next June. Even the Brazilian Air Force was recruited, to supply overhead monitoring and rescue service, if necessary. Focus on conservation issues will be one constant linking the era of Teddy Roosevelt, an ardent conservationist, to the modern age of eco-angst.

"The bottom line is developing awareness about the region," says McKnight, who will be one of the first two women explorers to make the historic journey. "Brazilians don't need to be told by the rest of the world what to do about their rain forests. They need to develop their own solutions, which is why we're taking Brazilian scientists, not Americans."

Because the Rio Roosevelt runs hard and treacherous through the first 250 miles especially — portaging their heavy canoes around the river's whirlpools and falls taxed T.R.'s team nearly to the point of collapse — four whitewater experts will go along to command the quartet of 16-foot rubber rafts.

The 1992 Rio Roosevelt Expedition will also be recorded by a traveling press corps that includes two still photographers, a documentary filmmaker and a book writer. ABC's "Good Morning America" plans at least four reports from the river, assuming tape gets flown out and made available en route.

Haskell, a former publisher and politician as well as a veteran out-



PHOTO: THEODORE ROOSEVELT COLLECTION, HARVARD COLLEGE LIBRARY

**His journey down the Rio Duvida left Theodore Roosevelt weak; he died five years later.**

doorsman himself, sees this bilateral, multimedia effort as a rare opportunity to bring history, science and conservation issues alive for a worldwide audience. He has already made half a dozen trips to Brazil in preparation and scouted the Rio Roosevelt extensively from the air. Earlier excursions to the continent took him on river trips through the Amazon Basin and to remote areas of Pantanala, a remote stretch overlapping southern Brazil and Paraguay.

"I've been mesmerized by the Amazon since I was 12," says Haskell, speaking recently at expedition

headquarters, a two-story house he shares with McKnight near the Maine seacoast. "My friend's grandfather had been down there in the '30s. I remember watching film of a leg shank being thrown in the water and devoured by piranhas. I was hooked."

In 1989, Haskell read Teddy Roosevelt's account of the trip, "Through the Brazilian Wilderness," and knew he had to go. "Beth said yes," he adds, "and we've been working on it full time ever since."

Sam Moses, who will write about

the expedition for *Random House*, serves up a slightly different view of history.

"When you put Roosevelt's achievement in its modern context," says Moses, "you almost have to ask yourself this. Can you imagine George Bush leaving the White House after his final term and going off on such a wild adventure? Not knowing if he'd come out alive?"

"We simply don't elect men like that to be our leaders anymore."

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As Tweed Roosevelt will tell you, his great-grandfather was a man of many firsts. The nation's 26th chief executive was the first US president to drive an automobile and ride in an airplane, the first to marry twice, the first to ski, play tennis and take up jujitsu, the first to publish a book while still in office, the first to survive an assassin's bullet. The list goes on for two typewritten pages.

And as Tweed R. will also be the first to tell you, he was about the last Roosevelt anyone expected to reenact the 1914 Brazilian journey. Though he studied anthropology at Harvard and traveled the globe with his father, businessman Archibald Roosevelt Jr., the ancestral shadow of his famous forebear cast a good deal more darkness than light over his young life.

"T.R. never meant all that much to me, frankly," says Tweed Roosevelt over lunch, in the final days before his departure for South America. "We seldom talked about him in the family. And as I got older I faced the problem of people paying more attention to me because of my ancestry than who I was. My response was to ignore T.R. completely. Except when I was rebelling against the whole thing."

That changed in the early 1980s, when Tweed decided to bone up on T.R.'s nonpolitical exploits for a speech he was about to make to a Boston book collectors' club. In reading more extensively about his great-grandfather's adventures outside the White House, says Tweed Roosevelt, "I realized what an ex-

traordinary man this was. And I was old enough and secure enough not to worry that I wasn't nearly that extraordinary."

Getting hooked up with the Brazilian expedition became a matter of serendipity. When Haskell and McKnight approached the Theodore Roosevelt Foundation, looking for support both familial and logistical, they were directed toward Tweed Roosevelt, who lives on Beacon Hill with his wife and two young children and works as an investment adviser with the Lexington-based Wingate Financial Group.

"We met three Roosevelts initially," says Haskell. "All expressed interest in going. But Tweed was the most helpful getting us information, and he even looks like T.R. So we asked him. He was hesitant at first, but he's been a great sport about this."

Having a Roosevelt on board turned out to be a twofer. Not only would he become the designated historian of the 1992 expedition, but his background as an amateur entomologist may yield dividends for Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology and for the American Museum of Natural History, both of which are interested in augmenting their collections of rare South American insect and mollusk species.

Science aside, however, the real kick for Tweed Roosevelt — who spent days searching for the proper pith helmet to take with him down the river — is to go where only one Roosevelt has gone before. And to be there when he turns 50, on Feb. 28. Hey, if he decides to grow a walrus-tusk mustache during his two months down there, he may even come back looking like the Bull Moose of San Juan Hill.

"Most people undertake something like this when they're 20, if ever," he laughs. "I've chosen to do it as I approach my second half-century. If you want to avoid facing your 50th birthday, try doing it when you're halfway down the Rio Roosevelt."



HEADTABLE - 600th Meeting - 13 November 1984

West

- 1 Mrs Lot Page
- 2 Dr Lot Page - immediate past president (1981-84)
- 3 Mrs Terris Moore
- 4 Mr Terris Moore - Club Medalist, president (1975-76)
- 5 Mrs Thomas Cabot
- 6 Mr Thomas Cabot - president (1941-47)
- 7 Mrs Henry Hall
- 8 Mr Henry Hall - Honorary President, president twice (1947-50; 1963-66)
- 9 Mrs John Stanbury
- 10 Mr Kermit Roosevelt
- 11 Dr John Stanbury
- 12 Mr Jonathan Roosevelt
- 13 Dr Richard Estes (the member who made initial arrangements)
- 14 Mrs Mark Roosevelt
- 15 Mr Mark Roosevelt - brother and son of the speakers
- 16 Mrs Robert Bates
- 17 Mr Robert Bates - Club Medalist, president
- 18 Mr Adams Carter - president (1969-75)
- 19 Mrs Benjamin Ferris
- 20 Dr Benjamin Ferris - president (1976-81)

East

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27 November 1984

Mr. Robert P. Stephenson  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Harvard Travelers Club  
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Boston, Massachusetts 02123

Dear Rob:

I received your letter of 20 November, but it is really for Father and I to thank you and the Harvard Travelers Club for being so gracious, first of all to invite us and, secondly, for your hospitality.

I owe Dick Estes -- he sandbagged me. I asked him what the audience would be like and specifically what their knowledge of East Africa might be and he said, "Oh, don't worry, we're just a bunch of old fogies who like to travel." In fact, I guess it was better that I did not know in advance the sophistication of the audience because it would have been far too intimidating.

Both Father and I were extremely impressed by the membership of your club. It is nice to know that there are still true adventurers around.

Our arrangements with Dick Estes were that although no honorarium was possible, the club would pick up out-of-pocket expenses and accommodations. As you know, we were very comfortably housed in the Harvard Club. Our out-of-pocket expenses were as follows: my round trip ticket was \$149, Father's \$185 (such are the vagueries of airline ticketing). We had \$51 in taxi expenses to and from the airports in Washington and Boston.

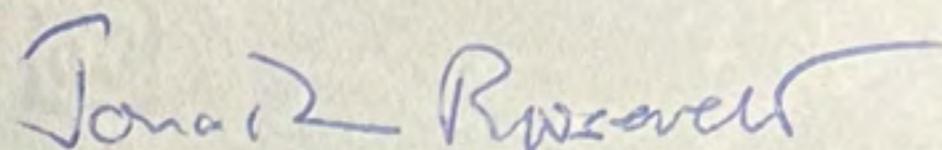
We would like to return to a Club meeting, particularly if we could by chance select one that was less of an organizational chore for you so that we would have a chance to talk to you. The 700th sounds a long time away but who knows? You did an excellent job of handling the one hundred twenty-five or so people who showed up on the 13th of November -- I only wonder what you did with all the leftover cheese.

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Mr. Robert P. Stephenson  
27 November 1984  
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Once again, thank you very much on behalf of both of  
us.

Sincerely,



Jonathan Roosevelt

Enclosures



Transcript of the Secretary's Minutes Relative to the Talk of  
Theodore Roosevelt to the Harvard Travellers Club, December 12, 1911.

There were 200 members present at the dinner. After dinner Col. Roosevelt talked without slides. He gave a most interesting and amusing account, from Bombasa to Nairobi desert, the wild zoological part through which the train passed through which carried him up country.

The most salient points brought out by the speaker was the valuable information which could and should be brought out by hunter naturalists. Especially observations in regard to the habits and coloration of various animals.

Wm. Lord Smith

Secretary

By H.E.O.\*

Harold E. Orendorff, who was retained by the Club for clerical help.

(The above suggests that the present era is not alone in witnessing faulty grammar and syntax!)

Transcript of a  
news clipping in  
an unidentified  
Boston newspaper.  
December 13, 1911.



### COL. ROOSEVELT HERE / TALKS LION HUNTING / AND BARS POLITICS

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who arrived in Boston yesterday to talk to members of the Harvard Travelers' Club, made it very plain in short order that he intended to confine himself to his text very closely.

In answer to the repeated requests of newspapermen he said he had come over to attend this function, which was held last night at the Exchange Club, and that today he would attend a meeting of the board of overseers of Harvard University, and that was the sum total of his intentions.

He was not talking politics, he said, and was not going to talk them, and that the newspapermen might as well give over.

Later, when he went to dinner at the Exchange Club, he doubly barricaded himself from possible interviewers, leaving word with the doorman that he was not to be seen, that he was not to receive any cards or messages of any sort. In this way he secured immunity.

He expects to return to New York this afternoon.

*Whitney*

600th Meeting November 13, 1984

*John Decker  
Gaustruberg*

"I speak of Africa and Golden Joys."

*Tom Jones  
Patricia Moore*

*Patty Page  
L. B. [unclear]*

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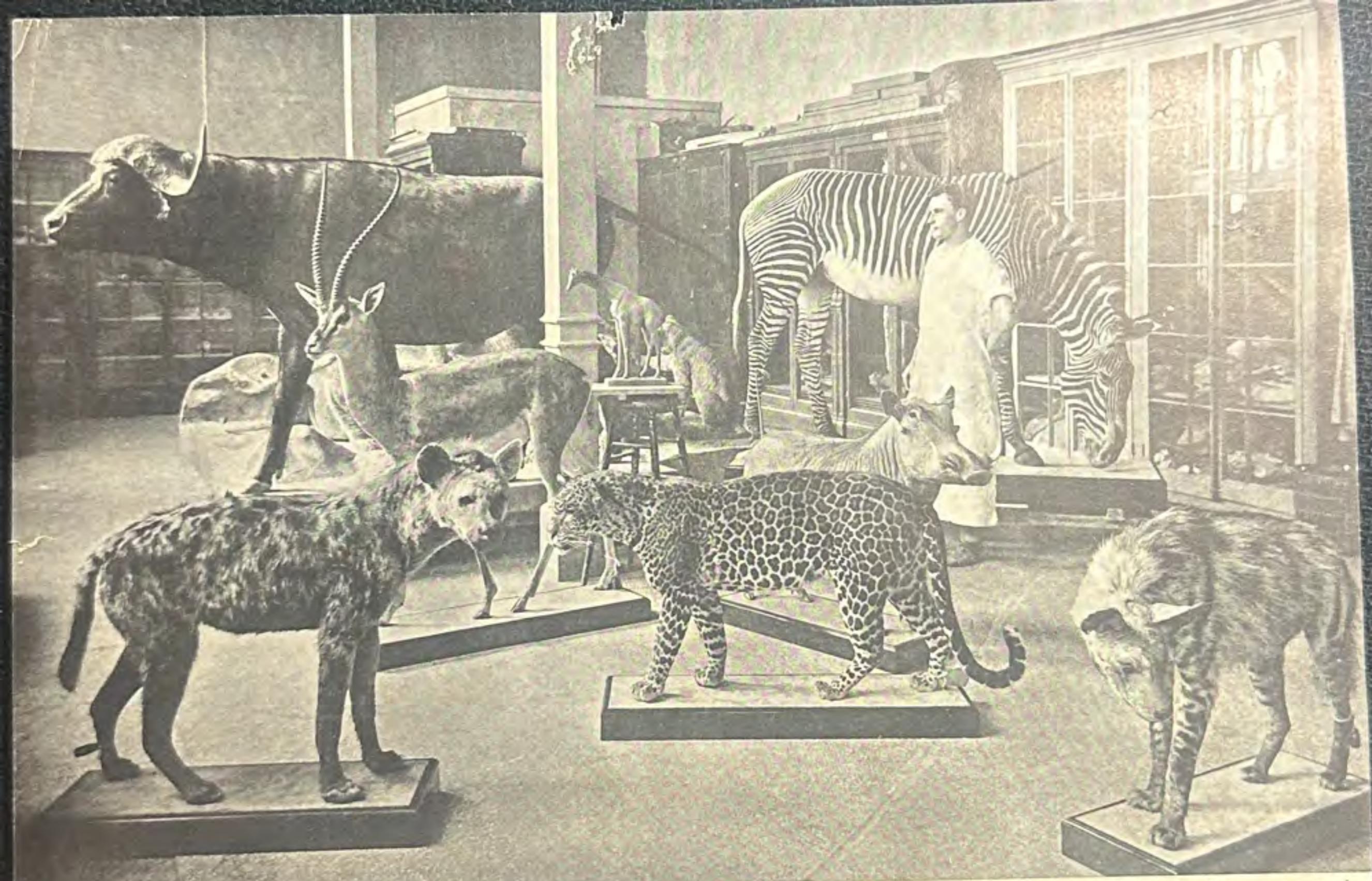


Fig. 5. Individual specimens collected by various members of the party. The buffalo, Grant's gazelle, wart hog and striped hyena were shot by Colonel Roosevelt; the zebra by Kermit Roosevelt; the spotted hyena (left) by J. A. Loring, and the leopard by Edmund Heller.

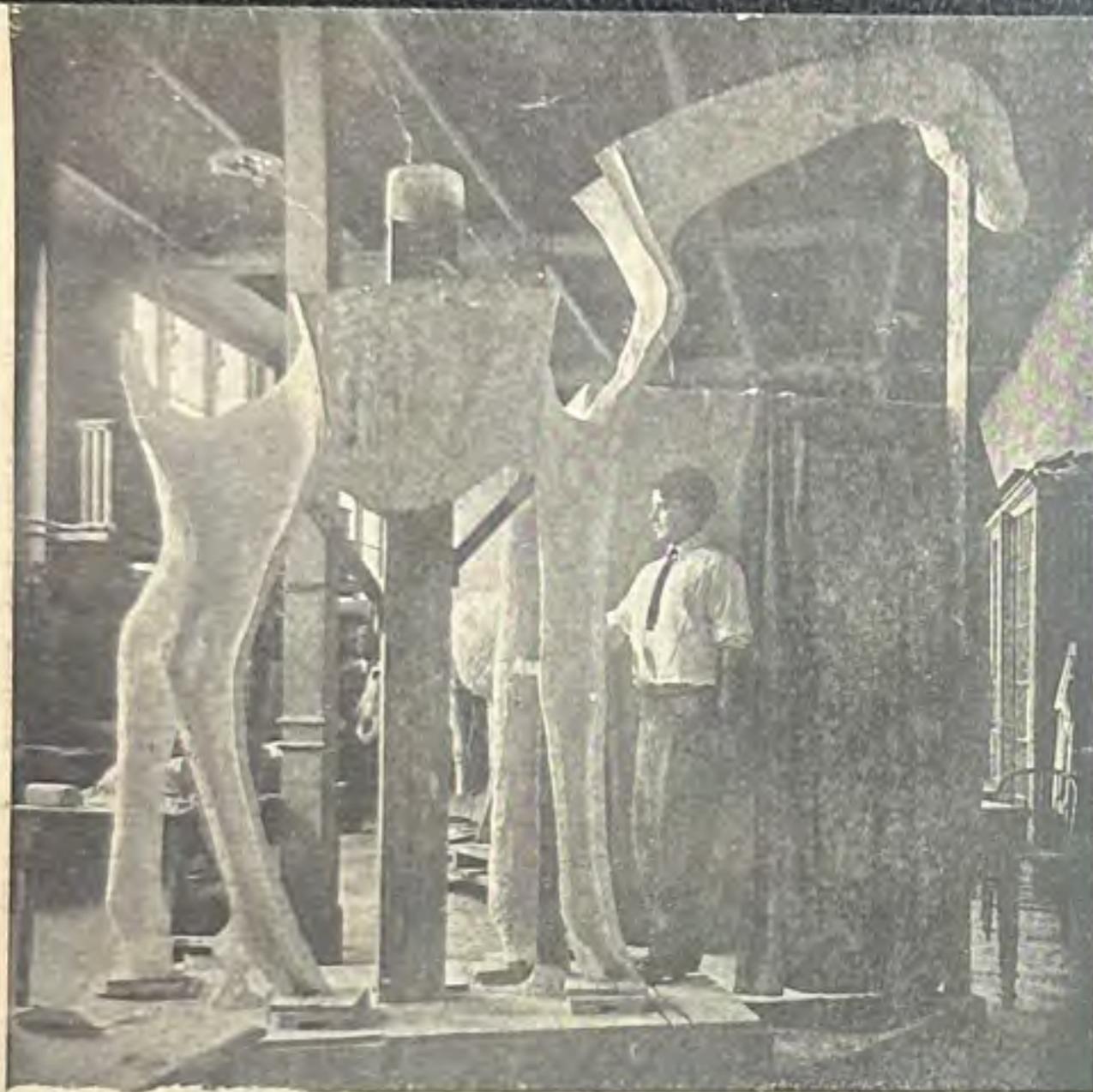


Fig. 7. Mould for the mannikin of a giraffe shot by Colonel Roosevelt.



A great deal of time was unavoidably consumed in the tanning of skins, as much of the work was done outside of the Museum. Several of the best equipped and fireproof tanneries in the country were employed to do this, and, to ensure certainty of subsequent identification, special labels had to be manufactured that would stand the wear and tear of the hands. Further precautions were taken by engraving the numbers to the specimens on the hoofs and other parts—in fact but few are aware how much time and pains are required to carry out the details of identification, classification and preservation of such a collection as this one. Moreover, a great deal of time was spent in selecting and employing a number of the best scientific taxidermists to reinforce those permanently attached to the Museum.

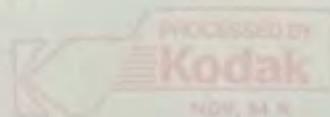
Good taxidermists are extremely difficult to find, as the training for this profession demands a course of study including nearly everything that can be mastered by the comparative anatomist, the sculptor, the artist, and the all-round mechanic. Scientific taxidermy as a calling has long ago ceased to be a mere trade; it now stands quite abreast of any one of the so-called fine arts—indeed, it requires a longer training, a wider knowledge and a greater skill to scientifically mount a zebra, than it does to chisel one of stone. To appreciate this fact, one has but to read a chapter on the mounting of mammals in any authoritative work on modern scientific taxidermy. At the National Museum, the taxidermical department is one of the highest order and efficiency in the world, and some of the finest groups of birds and mammals have not their equal in any institution in this country or abroad. This is entirely due to the discrimination shown on the part of the Museum authorities in the matter of appointments, and the careful expenditure of the funds devoted to that branch of the Museum work, which latter, unfortunately, are often altogether too limited. George B. Turner has charge of the mammal section with an able corps of assistants, while the birds are attended to by Nelson R. Wood. It would be superfluous to say a word in regard to the work done, or being done, by these gentlemen; its unrivaled excellence is known to every museum in the world.

It will require from two to three years—maybe four—before these African mammals, collected by the Smithsonian African Expedition, will all be mounted—that is, those which have been selected to be preserved in this way. No collection that the U. S. National Museum has ever received has had the continuous and skilful work done upon it that this one has, and when it is completed, its history will form a most important chapter in the record of such achievements.

In an official communication dated September 8, 1911, Dr. Richard R. Bun, Assistant Secretary in charge of the National Museum, granted the present writer permission to make photographs of all the mounted or other specimens of this collection for the purpose of illustrating this article. Four days thereafter advantage was taken of this, and, through the marked courtesy and the extending of every possible facility on the part of the Museum authorities concerned, the writer made the series of photographs here reproduced. In this connection, special thanks are due for the inter-



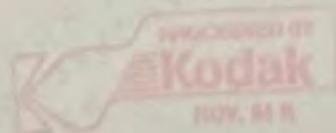
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Jonathan + Kermit Roosevelt, Dick Estes.  
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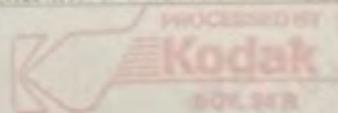
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Kermit Roosevelt  
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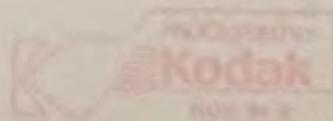
Tom Coburn at podium.  
Kermit Roosevelt to his right.  
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