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EDITOR'S PAGE

Publication of the 2011 issue of the *SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO HISTORICAL REVIEW* marks the end of a year of transition. In the spring of 2010 our long-time editor, Dr. Rick Hendricks, became New Mexico's State Historian. Although Santa Fe now serves as his base of operations, he remains a steadfast champion of Southern New Mexico's place in the fabric of our state's history. Martha Shipman Andrews, University Archivist at New Mexico State University, has taken the helm with the hope of continuing Rick's tradition of presenting articles of outstanding scholarship by both renowned veterans and young historians exploring fresh and exciting new "angles" to our regional history with all the tools afforded by electronic delivery. Our newly adopted electronic format has greatly expanded our audience for what continues to be exceptional articles illuminating the rich history and cultural heritage of the Southwestern Border Region. We hope our readership enjoys, as well, the larger number of high resolution photographs and maps made possible by electronic formatting.

Just as the *REVIEW* has been on a figurative journey of re-definition, traveling constitutes a kind of theme among our articles in this issue. Dr. Richard Melzer, Professor of History at the University of New Mexico, Belen, explores the origins of the state's travel and hospitality industry, providing us with a behind-the-scenes look at the operation of the famous Harvey Houses. Rick Hendricks finds us a seat aboard Special Car Number 705 as indefatigable travel writer John Lewis Thomas visits Fort Wingate in 1885. Cary Osborne, Political Papers Archivist for the New Mexico State University Library, examines the correspondence of two prominent citizens following New Mexico's path from Territory to State. Dr. Terry Reynolds, former Curator of the New Mexico State University's museum, writes of the cultural journeys of two native groups as they attempted to adapt to Spanish rule and colonial society. Frequent contributor to the *Review*, Walter Hines, Albuquerque resident and member of NMSU's Class of 1966, has discovered and edited a lively account of the years when the athletics department of "State College" was a force to be reckoned with. The 1935 Aggies football team's post-season travel to the first-ever Sun Bowl proved brief but unforgettable. We conclude with another figurative journey—a history of the Crescent Club of Anthony by Hazel Milliken, edited and annotated by Charles B. Stanford, Processing Archivist for the Rio Grande Historical Collections of the New Mexico State University Library.

We can guarantee you a safe and enjoyable journey as you make your way through these fascinating tales of Southern New Mexico's history. Our Book Review section will provide you with further recommendations for arm-chair traveling. Bon voyage! And, as always, we welcome all our readers' comments and suggestions.

Martha Shipman Andrews, Editor
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