

considered it better to go into the field and then go to Piteu at the end of my field work when I did not have use of the car. This Brown outfit is amusing.

He is the practical business man of the organization.

His partner is a rich play-boy, very dumb but money to finance the business. The third member is an engineer & geologist who does all the field work. Brown and his rich dumb-head can be found at any time at the Pan-American Hotel where they are entertaining one or two gents around the tables in the lobby. This is their business office. One afternoon Ibarra and I interrupted Brown conversation with ex-mayor La Guardia of New York at the table! To find out if the plane was ready for Piteu! I think that Brown has entertained every minister in Guad. City. Ibarra thinks him a fine man but I judge the bunch as purely off color operators. They <sup>ex</sup> appreciate their important and financial backing - for instance Brown said that it costs \$50. to call New Orleans and Miami but I happen to know that it is considerably less. They live in a second rate hotel and the last that I heard he had left the hotel without paying his rent! I hope La Guardia didn't get gipped in worthless oil stock.

I have my first criminal record - driving the car without permit. I had returned from one of my field trips 2 days after my permit had expired (each month you have to renew the permit) and one of the policemen picked me up, took me to the police station - booked me and impounded the car. I went to the head of the Departamento de Tránsito and in short order the poor policeman was sentenced to several days <sup>for inconveniencing an American scientist</sup> suspension, and the judge cancelled my fine. It is good to have friends in