


 during his general survey was the ancient port of Aqaba, on the head of the Red Sea Gulf. There he identified the ancient and medieval town-site and began major excavations, about which a report is given above. He took six weeks "off" from his work in Jordan to put in two test trenches in what is left of the Roman and medieval town mound just outside Luxor Temple in Luxor, Egypt; a report on this work is also included elsewhere.



DONALD WHITCOMB spent most of the past year in Jordan, having received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities through the American Schools of Oriental Research to do a survey of Islamic archaeology in Jordan. He spent much of his time visiting Islamic sites and evaluating their dates of occupation based on both the architectural remains and the pottery sherds littering the site. While he was there, he excavated a small mosque at the site of Lahun as part of a Belgian mission under the direction of Denise Homès-Fredericq and he completed an article re-evaluating the ceramic chronology from the excavations of Khirbet al-Mafjar. Among the sites which he studied