

THE CHESTER D. TRIPP ENDOWMENT FUND

UNDER THE terms of the will of Mr. Tripp, who died in 1974, an endowment fund was established to support various programs of the Oriental Institute. During 1977/78, income from the fund helped support the following projects:

- ❖ excavations at Umm al-Hafriyat, plus the developing and printing of the field negatives from the campaign;
- ❖ purchase of pottery vessels and other grave equipment from two Early Bronze Age tombs from the Bab edh-Dhra excava-

tions (courtesy of the American Schools of Oriental Research and the Jordanian Department of Antiquities); archeological expedition to Chogha Mish;

- ❖ purchase of special typewriters for the Publications Office;
- ❖ cleaning and partial repainting of the lobby, museum offices, and outer administrative offices;
- ❖ installation of new wiring and fixtures in the south storeroom of the basement;
- ❖ sponsorship of special public exhibits: A Photographer's World (Ursula Schneider), Artists in Egypt 1920–1935, and Coptic Art.

THE MAURICE D. AND LOIS B. SCHWARTZ ENDOWMENT FUND

ON THE OCCASION of Mr. Schwartz's retirement from business last year, Mr. and Mrs. Schwartz gave a most generous donation to the Institute to start an endowment fund to support Institute activities. Besides the Schwartzes' usual underwriting of expenses connected with the Chogha Mish excavations, the fund enabled the Institute to sponsor a lecture by Mr. T. G. H. James, Keeper of the Department of Egyptian Antiquities, British Museum, who spoke to the members in April on the topic "The Shrine That Never Was: An Egyptological Mystery."

SPECIAL REQUESTS

F U N D S A R E needed to support the following:

- ❖ reconnaissance for the Archeological Salvage Project in Turkey to excavate sites to be submerged by the new dam on the Euphrates;
- ❖ air-fare for Robert Biggs to participate in the British dig at Abū Ṣalābīkh (Iraq) in autumn 1979 (\$2000);
- ❖ book purchases for the Research Archives, the Institute's library;
- ❖ air-fare for five Oriental Institute graduate students to excavate at Carthage in spring 1979 (final season).