

# WHERE WOMEN SMOKE & BANANA TREES GROW NO FRUIT



# Anthropologists at Work Interests



„Prof. Jensen at work in Camp Banna“ (Je 6-32a)

Often the anthropologists worked in their own camps, to which they invited informants. In the expedition report Pauli describes a working day of Jensen:

“In the meanwhile Jensen has started with interviewing and began, of course, with clans and the marriage rules. The whole day it goes “they can marry, they cannot marry”. The Ts’amakko agonize, how Sejum realized, what the white man wants and they have found it out: he wants to find out which clan he himself belongs to and whom he is allowed to marry.”



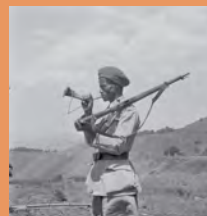
„A bride sits on the right side with her head heavily smeared with butter“ (Wd 35-1)

Participant observation was also part of their methodology. The team took part in celebrations, observed the daily work involved in farming, herding or craftsmanship.



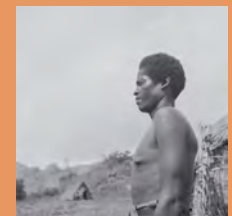
„Hamar customers inside the workshop of a blacksmith“ (Pa 47-5)

“Most of the time a number of customers sat around, Hamar people, which brought along a goat as a payment and also Amhara from town. The business seemed to thrive.”  
(from expedition report)



„The same policeman, he calls together local workers by a horn“ (Wd 30-10)

As a consequence of the supporting letter from Haile Selassie, the expedition was assisted by administrators, local headmen and the police.



„Anthropological measurements“ (Wd 60-3)

The fields of interest to the expedition were diverse: material culture, kinship, rituals and festivities, economy, myths, but also biological anthropology.