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### MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The news media are full of dire forebodings for the human species: likely to commit atomic suicide; or more certainly, and horribly, overpopulation suicide; or by our exhausted soils (phosphate deposits of fertilizer are being rapidly mined out); polluted waters, insecticides, etc. Even our immense atmosphere, some five thousand million million tons despite its almost weightless lightness, is becoming dangerously polluted, and oxygen is being used faster than disappearing vegetation can renew it.

But these problems are all of our own making. They can be solved by more knowledge and its wider diffusion through education. NOT more knowledge about these problems - we know enough about them. We desperately need more knowledge about the people who insist on making these problems - ourselves! And over 99% of the informing history of man is ARCHAEOLOGICAL. This adds tremendously to OUR archaeological possibilities, and OBLIGATIONS.

EDUCATING ARCHAEOLOGISTS, especially the hosts of amateurs, becomes a main root of our problem. As an important "semester" in this education, I wish to recommend highly the book "MOUNDS FOR THE DEAD" by Dr. Don W. Dragoo. (Address Publications Secretary, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15231, \$6.25) It is a summary, and exceptionally definitive recent study, of the Adena Culture, main parent of Hopewell - the great early burial mound cultures of North America. If you want to put Adena in your pocket of knowledge, and painlessly, this is your book.

And there are still greater lessons in it. Of most tragic magnitude, you will read that at last, ONE MOUND out of thousands & thousands was found which had not been ruined by "digging collectors". TEN THOUSAND of these mounds rich in grave goods were once surveyed and reported in a book, in Minnesota alone! The book was used as a guide for destruction! But ONE family was INTELLIGENT and RESPONSIBLE enough to save ONE mound for modern excavation.

Another inspiring and important lesson: Dr. Dragoo credits initial intervention and later cooperation to AMATEURS - and names amateur greats of the West Virginia Society, such as Delf Norona, Sigfus Olafson, Clifford Lewis. They made the greatest contribution amateurs can make - discovery, and the overcoming of practical obstacles, and the procurement of Dr. Dragoo, Adena specialist since his graduate thesis, eminently qualified to excavate and interpret FACTS. There is a lesson, too, in the exacting complexity which makes "excavating" so very, very different from "digging" - you can actually see this in the many photos and drawings. This ONE MODERN excavation of ONE UN-DISTURBED mound considerably revised what we thought we knew about Adena.

A most practical lesson, which we are learning in Alabama, is that the public at large, especially our remarkable American industry, must be informed, interested, enlisted! The Hanna Coal Company made this physically possible, providing equipment, full-time loan of 4 college graduates, & additional labor as required. May that tribe increase!

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Of specific archaeological results, I would rate most important Dr. Dragoo's convincing evidence that American burial mounds BEGAN and EVOLVED right here IN AMERICA. This disputes one of the most persistent assumptions of the "diffusionists" that almost nothing originated in America. To my mind, this fixed opinion has done great damage to the progress of American archaeology, especially to an unbiased approach to man's antiquity in America. If you are building a really solid archaeological library, you will want Dr. Dragoo's definitive (and understandable) "MOUNDS FOR THE DEAD".

Dr. A. G. Long Jr., President

### THE TALKING STONES

There was once a great book - Oh, a fabulous, an incredible, an entirely unbelievable book! In dimensions, in interest and in basic worth to mankind it was greater than all the books on earth and all the books ever written & lost. Oh - the books of books!

You see, it was the history of MAN HIMSELF - the cleverest product of atoms, and evolution, and God - as you may wish to say it. The creature as fabulous as this book of his history, destined to rule the earth, all of the animal, vegetable and mineral kingdoms.....all, that is, except himself. For himself man devised at least half a dozen methods of self-extinction, and continually fought his own kind, and became his own greatest enemy - greater than all the harsh forces of nature had ever imposed upon him .....because, though he sought to understand all other things, even unto the end of the universe, he never made the effort to read his own book - to UNDERSTAND HIMSELF.

Oh yes, millions of people saw the great book. And they were fascinated by it indeed. Each demanded a word or paragraph of it. Not just the moron mob - the greater the man, the more he wanted. Napoleon deployed an army to rape Egypt's past - after raping its present. Men of great wealth raped the book to house broken fragments of it in what they called "museums" - thus invoking the 9 Greek Goddesses of culture, the Muses, to excuse their making a mere public spectacle of fragments torn rudely from the BOOK.....which only experts can decipher.

In this series on THE AMATEUR PROBLEM (which we think our Society can help to remedy) we first quoted the sad, unsolved aspects of amateur destruction as the professionals lament it.....but, too, their hopes to educate the amateurs and realize their vast potential for good. We next stated what we might call "the creed of anthropology" - the respect, the admiration, the high hopes for MAN which man in the mass has never attained.....mostly, he would destroy his own species for his own particular little mess of porridge.

This chapter is about YOUR own worst problem as an amateur - COLLECTORITIS. This is the motivating disease which has torn the above book asunder, word by word, paragraph by paragraph, tens of thousands of tons of it.....and scattered the undeciphered fragments to the winds where no man may now ever read. Collectoritis is a strange psychosis - it deranges minds sound in every other respect, and educated and responsible in other ways. "Ah, a fragment of man's past!" - and feverishly they mutilate the page, tear it out of context, make it forever meaningless.....to put it on the mantel, or in an expensive showcase, or just in an old shoebox! Oh, it is an insidious disease, with no known natural immunity - it requires repeated inoculations of indoctrination.

Yet, to add to our problems, we dare not eradicate it entirely.....it is the motivating force, the almost instinctive urge, which energizes both the professional and amateur archaeologist! Happily, though, we need not destroy it - we can employ it! In fact, we can become collectors on 2 counts - we can collect the FACTS with the ARTIFACTS. It is as simple as that - destruction becomes construction. And the thin ranks of professionals need us badly, and welcome us with open arms. And instead of diminishing, or merely doubling, our pleasures, our double dose of collectoritis multiplies them a hundred times over - and our own names go indelibly into the great books - a Kleine Site, a Stanfield-Worley Shelter. We shall talk about collecting the FACTS in future issues.....how to make your STONES TALK.



## MAN ALIVE! --- THIS '65!

Last month we had occasion to squeal with delight that donations were coming in BEFORE even announcing our '65 FUND DRIVE for another of our famous professional-amateur summer projects (which are writing new chapters in American archaeology). We no sooner "went to press" than Albert Fisher M.D., then the John P. Knudsens (Betty Ann & Pete) were pressing (via their donations) for our '65 drive to get going. Shortly, from Galva, Ill., Dr. C. J. Maginel, who joined us last year, sent in his vote (monetary) to resume "the only annual fund drive in archaeology". Feb. 1, despite the weather, brightened with a check from the Harold K. Kleine's (Hal & Jo), who, by the way, now retired, are really living it up. Then Estalee Sherrod (Mrs. Patrick) Sandlin, whose name (and adopted "Sherry") we liked when she joined our crusade last year, sent with her donation a nice letter saying she had joined daughter Scott (who might go into anthropology) up for a Life Membership, and also joined up an Aunt's grandson! And Mrs. Jessie Eleanor S. Dilworth, the lady with the distinguished handwriting which we admire anew each year (and could you forgive us, this once, for making that "S" initial an "I" in the donor list last November?). Our geologist, Randy Gray, turned in a fine donation from a newcomer - no less than Joseph H. Woodward - whose interest we did our best to make permanent. American History Relic Museum, William R. Armistead, Curator, forwards through Rodger Schaefer our ONLY "donating museum" check - of which we are pretty proud. And Bill says "members of the Maubilla Chapter have been very helpful by loaning us items to exhibit" - you will want to see this Museum at Alabama Port, near Dauphin Island. Col. W. J. "Bill" Given, our California member who astonished us a couple of years ago with a very convincing "surround the Mauvilla problem then charge" plan of discovery, also (through Rodger) sends his check again. Bill, remember, wants a job in Alabama so he can come "back home" - and we sure would like to have him here to participate in archaeology, and sure do recommend him for any position you have open. He has an excellent position in California, but would be willing to fare more modestly to get back to Alabama - write him & decide for yourself (1018 Lincoln, Orange, Calif.). Rodger L. Schaefer, our "marathon Secretary" and now again also our Treasurer (well, we wouldn't swap him for any 2 people), sent in to Bill Spencer the half-share of the proceeds of the Stanfield-Worley report sales which goes into our dig fund - current proceeds \$7.50. That was Jan. 13 - and Rodger sent another \$7.50 Feb. 8 (dates are for actual bank deposits). Our 1962 publication, mind you, still doing that well - as our work becomes more & more important, we just might move out of the red and into the black side of the ledger!

You just can't know how nice it is, good folks, to see the "pressure in reverse" put upon the solicitors for a change. But we do enjoy our brief annual rests from soliciting - it sure runs into work. However, we promise to open the DRIVE FOR '65 next month, and to try to keep it interesting reading, and especially to try to put some razzle-dazzle into it & complete it in a hurry - we do have a big surprise for you.

## HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY

To keep you informed on the most satisfactory progress to date in the sale of our fine publication, we are happy to report total cash sales are now in excess of 700 copies! (And this in less than 3 months of availability) More than 200 copies have now been sold in 33 States (other than Alabama) & Canada, including more than 70 in Tennessee, 14 in Georgia, 13 in Texas, 10 in North Carolina and 6 in Florida. As more copies get distributed nationwide, and other State Societies find the book worthy of review and recommendation in their Newsletters (like the excellent review which appeared in the most recent Tennessee Society Newsletter), we shall keep you posted on the State by State coverage.

So, if you happen to be one of the few readers of this Newsletter who hasn't ordered your own personal copy, or if in showing the book to a friend you have managed to find us another interested owner, or if you are unable to get your copy or replacement thru an officer of your local chapter, you may still get one by making out your check for



\$5.25 to the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., and mailing it to Mr. D. L. DeJarnette at P. O. Box 6126, University, Ala. 35486. As of now, we can still promise prompt mailing.

Quoting from the Tennessee Archaeological Society Newsletter: "This is the most extensive book yet published in America on the urgent problem of classifying types of projectile points, containing 115 illustrated types...While local examples were used for the illustrations, few if any of these types are restricted to Alabama. From Canada to Mexico you will find many familiar point types (Washita, Lerma, etc.), often extending the known distribution. Many types are shown which have never been made available in a single publication." Doesn't that make you itch to become an owner, and now?

#### U.S. AND WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY NOTES, HAPPENINGS AND ABSTRACTS

WESTERN ARCHAEOLOGISTS PUH-LEEZ NOTE: "In the Piedmont the nature of the topography is such that the great majority of sites are situated on knolls, ridges or terraces and have been subjected to continuous erosion. This condition has resulted in the remains of all prior occupations being kept on or near the surface." This we quote from Dr. Joffre L. Coe's "FORMATIVE CULTURES OF THE CAROLINA PIEDMONT", 1964, American Philosophical Society, \$3.50. For years, off and on, we've tried to explain this situation to western archaeologists, and how a shallow plow-out, like their deep blow-outs, can reduce 10,000 years to a common level. But we still see them mystified that our cultures can all be mixed together on one site - we sure recommend you read Dr. Coe.

EASTERN ARCHAEOLOGISTS PUH-LEEZ NOTE: "The work at these sites demonstrated 2 important things...stratified sites of depth and antiquity do exist in the alluvial flood plains...the usual hodgepodge of projectile points are (sic) not found..." - from Coe as above. We have often heard eastern archaeologists remark that Paleo "is not found on the rivers" - as if it could somehow emerge from 20 feet of alluvial deposit! This we have kussed a bit too, and recommend Coe - and also that excavations should not be discontinued when "sterile" soil is hit. Go to unmistakable subsoil or solid rock.

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Denton, Texas, includes the following items among others in the February, 1965, issue, being Volume 12, Number 2:

"CANOE: There is a type of canoe which is found in only two places in the world: on the interior lakes of the Kootenays in Canada and on a small lake in Siberia. Any connection? Incidentally the only example of a Kootenay canoe in existence in Canada was taken to the national museum where it was hung from the ceiling without any application of preservatives or attention otherwise. One morning the caretaker found it fallen to the floor and broken into many pieces. (Hansard)"

"BLOOD GROUP AND DISEASE: Research is being carried on, particularly in Stockholm but elsewhere as well, regarding the possibility that certain blood groups are more susceptible to certain diseases than are persons of other blood groups. The Scandinavian experiments were with influenza types and the results were inconclusive except that there was a vague possibility that O type might be more susceptible to influenza B. The reason for including this item? We reach for any straw which might help to explain the 80 to 100% O group found in most of the aboriginal populations of the Americas while NE Asia is preponderately B. We have a healthy respect for "genetic drift" but are puzzled by the direction of drift."

"COWA: The Committee on World Archaeology is currently operating on a National Science Foundation grant. However, it has a very common problem. This is to get archaeologists to send in information. This is one of the world's most important publications in the field of archaeology and the contributors, when they contribute, are almost entirely professionals. Thus, how can we persuade amateurs to write up their findings when the professionals are so procrastinating? We realize that the professionals are busy and bedeviled but also they have an obligation to their colleagues and to the scholars of the world."

"TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST: Vol.XX:2. Autumn 1964. One interesting and profusely illustrated article is: "Surface Material from Maury County, Tennessee". This is a discussion of material surface-collected over a 90-year period. There are 1254 stone artifacts, a selection of which is illustrated. These include Paleo through Mississippian examples. Author Dr. Harry C. Yeatman. Another paper by Douglas H. McKenzie discusses 22 house patterns from the Moundville Site in Alabama. Orientation, size, construction, interior features and use are analyzed. The excavation was done during the 1930's so it is nice to see the information finally made generally available although it was included in Dr. McKenzie's dissertation."

"MAMMOTH: One of these animals, or, of course, the osseous remains, was found recently near the city of Kyle, Saskatchewan, Canada. The tale of its discovery, excavation and preservation is fascinatingly told in the Saskatchewan Archaeology Newsletter, No. 8, December 1964. Dr. Thomas F. Kehoe, F.I.I., Editor. Actually, as in so many cases, no artifacts were found in association with the remains of the beastie but more than 20,000 people viewed the remains. Hearteningly, the discovery of the bones by a highway contractor was promptly reported to the proper authorities who got on their steeds and galloped off, not in all directions, but straight to the site where the excavation and salvage took place. Some of the bones will be exhibited in a simulated "in situ" in the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural history in Regina. Congratulations to all concerned. If you want to read the whole story write Dr. Kehoe for a copy of the newsletter (at the Museum) and send a dollar bill for expenses - they'll likely send the newsletter regularly."

"PALEO-INDIAN TRADITIONS: We are in receipt of a reprint of a paper of this title by Dr. George A. Agogino, F.I.I. and Irwin Rovner, published in Archaeology, V.17:4, Winter 1964. pp.237-243. This is an excellent paper though the same men have published a lot of the same material elsewhere. We do wish to make a point. Many people are writing currently in the area of Paleo Man in the Americas. We are frequently annoyed by such statements as "Man was certainly in the Americas before 10,000 years ago". Agogino states that "There is as yet no single discovery which gives positive evidence of man in the New World earlier than 15,000 years ago". We assume that there is no single discovery BY AGOGINO which proves this. Lewisville with many C-14 dates of "more than 38,000" and recently "more than 40,000", Santa Rosa Island, the Abelson dating of Mexican artifacts at c.30,000, Santa Rosa, etc., etc. attest to man's presence in the Americas very long ago. And we doubt that the men who reached the tip of South America c.10,000 years ago got there by Trans-World Airways. Come now, Brahmans, let's get a little more realistic about these things. Kids are listening."

THE IROQUOIS RIDE AGAIN: When Benjamin West, the American painter, saw the fine figure of the Belvidere in the Vatican, he exclaimed: "By God, a Mohawk!" - one of the 6 tribes of the Iroquois Nation. We read Cooper's Leatherstocking Tales too, and Washington Irving's more accurate biography of George Washington wherein the clever Iroquois joined the highest bidder of presents (French, English, Americans) then switched sides to get more presents. And on an insane youthful jaunt across country blistered feet were forgotten at Braddock's grim obelisk circled with dark conifers, and one somber evening when ghosts stalked abroad we came upon Bloody Pond. Our hackles rose once again the other day to hear that through his mother Churchill boasted Iroquois blood - quite an old Mohawk.

HEAVEN AXES: "On the Welch Border it was formerly the custom to bury so-called 'thunderbolts' beneath the hearth stone. They were prehistoric stone axe-heads, hammers and other tools and are still found from time to time when an old cottage is demolished. In the remote past they may have been used as propitiatory offerings to the thunder-god, more recently just as luck charms. I have seen a stone weapon hanging from the rail at the foot of a 4-poster bed, and been told that the wife put it there when she was young to bring luck to the marriage bed". Before amateur archaeologist Jacques Boucher de Crevecoeur de Perthes finally convinced the scientists in 1859 that Paleolithic hand-axes were man-made and very old, they were "heaven axes" left over



from "the war between God and Satan". Emperors exchanged these "miracle workers". (The first quote is from "The Countryman" summer 1963, by Lilian Haywood, Shropshire. Thanks to Margaret Smith.)

#### CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. John W. Cottier presented an excellent discourse at the February meeting on "Salvage Archaeology in the Alabama River Area", with slides showing the finds on the Liddell Site in Wilcox County near Camden, including urn burials, pit burials and bundle burials, mostly undisturbed. At the March meeting, Joe Benthall will speak on "Excavations at Holt Lock & Dam". The Chapter made 2 field trips in February, each cut short by cold weather. Call Randy Gray at 871-3356 regarding a field trip in St. Clair County to a site shortly to be inundated when Logan-Martin Dam is completed.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University. No report received.

The Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Court House Annex, (Elks Bldg.) No report received.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Oyster House, Guntersville. At the February meeting, Tom Cornell of the Huntsville Chapter, gave a very informative program on the Madison #10 Site which was excavated some time ago by professionals. Several artifacts from this famous site were displayed.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. A roundtable discussion was held at the January meeting on the subject of the Amateur versus Professional problem as related to archaeology. The speaker originally scheduled for January was re-scheduled for February - Mr. Frank Sellers, amateur geologist, who will show & discuss his collection of rocks & southwestern Indian artifacts.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. No report received.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the City Electric Auditorium, Decatur. At the February meeting, Jack Cambron spoke to the Chapter members on the subject "Ethics of Archaeology".

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3, Florence State College. At the January meeting, many very fine collections were displayed and discussed by members. The February meeting will be addressed by Mr. Spencer Waters, of Moulton, Ala.

The Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Gadsden Public Library. At the February meeting, Chapter Member W. J. Barker reported on a field trip he made to Florence, Ala., displaying about 90 artifacts found, including some he classified as Big Sandy, Morrow Mountain, Clovis & others. At the March meeting, Mrs. Sidney Worthington will discuss "DeSoto's Travels". She has spent much time in study and research on the subject. A field survey trip is planned as a group project each month, the first to be held February 20.

The Selma Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Meadowview Christian Church. The program for the February meeting was a talk on "Geology and Cave Exploration" by Mr. & Mrs. William L. Grenoble Jr., new Chapter members from Craig Field and experienced spelunkers, who, with artifacts and color slides, pointed out the relationship between surface archaeology and cave archaeology finds.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Room 24, Martin ten Hoor Hall, University of Alabama. The March meeting of the Chapter is to be entertained by Mr. James G. Smith, who will speak to those present on the subject: "Historical Changes Among The Ojibwa".

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR FEBRUARY: (Welcome! And may you always treasure your membership!)

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BAD ADDRESSES: (We will appreciate your help on these!)

Jerry Martin Honeycutt, 114 D Seminole Drive, Huntsville, Ala. (formerly)  
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YOUR 1965 STATE SOCIETY DUES: If you should happen to be one of the rapidly reducing total of members who have delayed forwarding your check for some good reason, we are obliged to remind you that our constitutional deadline for payment of 1965 dues is the 15th of March, and that date is about to arrive. So if you put your reminder aside and it has become lost, use the back page of this Newsletter to get your remittance off to our good Treasurer right away, and before we become obliged to cut you off our mailing list for Newsletters and Journals, both of which we have assurances will be published right on schedule during 1965. And you will want to keep abreast of the plans and accomplishments of our State Society this eventful year.

DAN JOSSELYN'S HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP: Unanimously favorable votes are still piling in which will eventually permit this aim of your State Society to become a reality. At present, we plan to announce the final total in the April Newsletter, and if you haven't registered your opinion on this matter, there is still time to do so.

PEOPLE: Arthur Dunning, archaeologist gone geologist, has not deserted us entirely: "Visited the Hog Mountain gold mine with Emil Dahlen, found the site of one of the old assay offices...bone charcoal cupels, crucible fragments, assay slag, lead assay buttons...circa 1913" - golly, we thought we knew most of the things one might find on a site! Ron Miller, Secretary of the Guild of American Prehistorians (for the improvement of amateur archaeology), writes of the "mystery holes" in rocks with which R. A.



and J. R. Humbard are stirring up so much interest via our JOURNAL: "I propose the slightly unfounded theory that the game of tiddly-winks originated in your area-which I will staunchly defend against all comers, including proponents of Viking mooring hole theories!" - a refreshing switch! Fred Layton, our member who has developed Kymulga Cave, sent 2 complimentary tickets we are unable to take advantage of - would like to pass along to the first lucky applicants who will give us a report on the cave since its dark secrets have been made accessible. If you want to know who to blame for the national blizzards and frozen gizzards, meteorologist Milt Harris predicted dourly just before he and Bea went down to Florida for shelling that something catastrophic would happen to the weather - "always did" - and still done it! (Hope Bea won another ribbon in the Naples Shell Show, anyhow) H. R. McPherson, President, Northwest Arkansas Archaeological Society (Route 8, Fayetteville, Ark.), writes that he reviews STONES & BONES regularly - but never notes "any comment whatsoever about this Society". Mac, you sure got us there! And lots of Chapters and folks right in our own Society probably feel the same way you do. Once in a while we try to "delegate" a teeney-weeny bit of this Newsletter to disperse the load - but no doubt you know how that turns out - "George" has to do it again. But we have courage, if not faith, and hereby delegate a member to join your amazing Society (710 members!) and excerpt your literature for us (only \$3.00). And we sincerely hope this works better than it always hasn't! (We admit our national DIS-ASSOCIATION is one of the big archaeological problems, and wish like the very dickens we'd start a national amateur newsletter with a genius of an editor with 5 heads and 10 hands.) And speaking of editors, Edward C. Boss is fortunately back in the business, this time with the quarterly newsletter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Anthropology - after winning fame for one newsletter, we'll expect it again. And speaking of newsletters, which our own does leave a minute now & then to glance through, we note in the Tennessee Archaeological Society issue of November-December 1964 that a Dr. Thomison, Vanderbilt School of Medicine, wants to start a chapter of the T.A.S. in Nashville, and the editor hopes they may be chartered "Soon so that they may join in the battle against malice and wanton destruction of archaeological material in the Nashville area" - the same old tragic story of "down the drain" for man's history! Evolved, do we boast? - we never heard of monkeys doing that. We hope the T.A.S. gets a fine new chapter - doubly so, after that fine plug they gave the Cambron-Hulse book on projectile point types! Claud Thornhill, historian & professor, is "doing a jam" up job on locating a number of shelters", Ed Mahan writes - Ed and Doc Long (or our Mr. President!) have rounded up 25 new shelters for Dave to look at, test some, dig those few choice ones we can finance. (Thanks, Prof. - we saw your photo, out in the snow, to prove it.) (P.S. - "it has all the earmarks of the Shangri-La of the Pleistocene" Ed writes of one of the shelters!) George R. Mead, Manhattan Beach, Calif., was provoked by "Drills or End Scrapers?" in our Journal to write that Dan Josselyn should procure "PREHISTORIC TECHNOLOGY", S. A. Semenov, Barnes & Noble 1964, "...result of 20 years of microscopic research on prehistoric stone and bone tools, which shed a flood of light on their methods of manufacture and use". That from the book, and Mr. Mead says: "The book is most thorough and I feel that if Dan Josselyn wants to go deeper into wear use on artifacts that this book will prove quite valuable..." Bea Harris - we are a bit worried about that blue-eyed gal and wonder if shelling on the beach is a little - well, you know. For she writes: "It's not a nudibranch you want, it's a tectibranch...specifically, Aplysia wilcoxi pervirdis - Pilsbry." (See what we mean? Gennie Lindsey was most pleased to get "a nice letter from Sigfus Olafson about the Cooper Farm Report" - gosh yes, just the President of the ESAF! Dr. Carl B. Compton is doing "3 tape-slide lectures on Mexican subjects" which will be available for any member of the Guild of American Prehistorians. Spencer A. Waters sent Dave DeJarnette photos of rare Cult-symbol petroglyphs (with comments by Steve Wimberly), and of a galena ball weighing 6½ pounds - an Alabama record? In the we-thought-we-had-heard-everything department, Ron Miller is "ready for socialized veterinary medicine - a stray bitch just had a litter of pups". Anne (Mrs. John) Faulk Jr. is excavating - family genealogy - sure hope she doesn't



run into any skeletons in that closet! Like such as John's 1447 ancestor poaching the King's hunting preserves! President Pate, Selma Chapter, we note in the minutes, distributed and explained Site Survey Sheets - how about your Chapter?

EAST ALABAMA CHAPTER is working on that memorial collection of books for their late Dr. Smith. Dave DeJarnette sent Alabama Museum Papers dealing with archaeology. Have you any spares? Incidentally, wouldn't a project like this be fine for your Chapter?

WINS FREAK AWARD: And this had to happen, of all people, to our Bea Harris. We read it in the Collier County (Naples, Fla.) Daily News. We admittedly do not understand the slingo they dish out with their blue ribbons at the big annual conchologist (to us, shells) shows, but we are inclined to resent this and hope it can be cleared up to our satisfaction. But Bea was also first in "Albinos", whatever that is and which she isn't, and second in "Sea Life" - your guess is as good as ours. And Milt, by golly, came up with a blue ribbon for "Self-collected Beach Shells" and "top prize for the Most Outstanding Florida Beach Shell for a Golden Banded Cone" - which we don't know about either but it sounds like a fluted point with a bit of Paleo Man still adhering (in archaeological talk). We hope the Milt'n'Bea HARRISES are still talking with plain people behind all those blue ribbons. (Associate editors' note: And WHAT ribbon holder would hesitate to explain - at length? So - Albinos - just like with the rabbits, only with the sea shells. Sea Life - like with the Australians, whole pots and fluted Daltons - them fascinating things from DOWN UNDER. Freaks - like with the conchologists & amateur archaeologists, only with the body and/or shells, as opposed to the brain. Dig??? Oh, well, it's one way of getting back to Archaeology!)

SPEAKING OF BOOKS: For a good, and also readable, introduction to physical anthropology, we definitely recommend THE HUMAN SPECIES by Dr. Frederick S. Hulse (any relation to David Hulse?), Random House, 1963, \$7.95 - 500 interesting pages about what we is, & what we ain't, & what everyone ought to know about himself and the people he has to get along with - without mayhem. Mail check to Random House, The College Department, 501 Madison Ave., New York 22, N.Y.

HOW IT HAPPENED TO DAN: We learn from Dan's brother Roland: "It is no wonder that Dan is interested in MAN, as the Josselyn lifeline goes way, way back to the 800s and perhaps further. The name as we know it comes from a town in France, Jocelyn, where the ancestral castle still stands. The English line came from a French Jocelyn who went to England with William the Conqueror. The first Joslin to come to America was Thomas, who came in 1636 and settled in Watertown, Mass. Hats off to Dan, who has done a good job!" Now we better understand Dan's dedication to our "ologies"!

Mr. & Mrs. Wm. E. Meyerson, Forest Hills, N.Y. ("Clarice & Bill to our many kinfolks & friends in Ala. & Ga.") write Secy. Rodger: "My husband felt left out of things, so make this year's membership joint...For Christmas we gave each other books, among them SUN CIRCLES & HUMAN HANDS and HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY - are enjoying them very much - they have helped us to classify & catalogue our collection of points...found in Ala. & Ga. - have some exciting finds & can't wait for our vacation this summer...Enjoy STONES & BONES, & look forward to reading it each month & am pleased with our progress". Isn't it good to hear from such nice folks? Thanks for writing!

Billy Royal, now at Auburn, Ala., flatters Secy. Rodger: "I have been a member of the Society for almost a year & cannot really express how more engrossed in archaeology I have become. With such dedication from men, as yourself, and many others, there is no doubt the Society will become a 'Great Society'...The sponsoring of projects, which advance homo sapien's early life into written history from mere bits of charcoal or flakes of stone, is truly a remarkable & stunning feat...I suppose you have often been told of what a wonderful & ingenious bit of literary art the Stones & Bones Newsletter is. But let me build your ego just a little more. This publication is one of the few I look forward to reading & learning all I can from. It's just fabulous!" Nice, eh?





## EDUCATIONAL PAGE

### ARCHAEOLOGY IN RELATION TO ANTHROPOLOGY

Archaeology can be defined as the systematic and scientific study of the material remains of the culture of a people. Appreciation of these remains is the simple realization that each piece of archaeological material is a bit of the history of man, and the bits and pieces assembled in a logical fashion shed light on the history of men closely related to ourselves and on a civilization not unlike our own.

Much concern has been expressed over the contributions that archaeology has and can make to the general field of anthropology. Anthropology is a much broader and much more complex subject than archaeology. It encompasses the scientific study of man in relation to physical character, distribution, origin, classification, and relationship of races, environmental and social relations, and culture.

With the advances in modern archaeological methodology and special attention on cultural processes, archaeologists and anthropologists have formed a permanent coalition in order to relate the whole story of man. Archaeologists are providing the material evidence and logical development sequences of man's art and industry, while the anthropologists are making use of this knowledge in providing links between modern man and his cultural ancestors. The results of such a combination of efforts are phenomenal. We are finally realizing that the way people act, and probably have always acted, is not simply inherent human nature, but rather that man's social life is determined by his cultural inheritance rather than by his biological constitution.

On other fronts, archaeologists have provided the factual evidence of the presence of man and his early mastering of crude stone tools, while anthropologists have used this evidence in determining man's inheritance of social organization and verbal communication.

Even though the date and place of man's origin is not yet clear, archaeologists and anthropologists have, through their combined efforts, concluded, with reasonable confidence, much about man: Man was here a long time ago, as an individual he survived the forces of nature but recognized the benefits of communal spirit and began to cooperate with his neighbor in pursuit of common goals, he organized great societies and established great civilizations, his social and economic evolution is a never ending process, he is presently experimenting with more complex social organization, and he is on the brink of establishing a world governing body.

If man is to predict, with any certainty at all, where he is going, he must know where he has been. Man must, if he is to avoid the catastrophes of his ancestors, understand the causes and effects of decayed civilizations.

Hurrah for the combined efforts of archaeologists and anthropologists to help us chart our course to the future by providing a map of the past!

Robert B. Clem, Huntsville Chapter





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