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### YOUR NEWSLETTER

"I have a complete set of STONES & BONES except for the first 3 volumes. I think it the best publication of its type in the country. I have my set bound up to date. If it is possible at this late date to get the first 3 volumes, I would be happy to pay the costs involved as it would be nice to have a complete set."

The above is a partial quote from a letter from one of America's really great archaeologists, his name widely familiar to laymen, and famous around the world. We made the opportunity to meet him once while in Washington, D.C., and sought his advice on our Stones & Bones ETV Program. We never met a more kind, more gracious gentleman. We hesitate, of course, to put his name on record as "playing favorites" with such very, very kind remarks. But we should like to thank Dr. X publicly in these pages - and of course let you know that your Alabama Archaeological Society currently enjoys a high rating on several counts. It appears that we shall have to try to live up some very generous estimates - so let's do it!

### OUR FUND DRIVE FOR '65 ONE OF MAN'S INTELLIGENT WORKS

We hear that Walter Sullivan has written another of his interesting and informative popularizations of science, this time on outer space matters. Probably he kicks around the absorbing question of the probability of intelligent life on the hundreds of millions of other livable planets in the universe. But with a stroke of sheer genius he titles his final chapter "IS THERE INTELLIGENT LIFE ON EARTH?"

That is rather devastating in its implications, isn't it? We could hardly document an affirmative from the ramshackles of history, the world situation today, the troubled outlook for the future. We may be "clever" enough to reach the moon - but we have never proved intelligent enough to manage and guide mankind wisely.

The N.Y. Times quotes Rev. Duncan Howlett of Washington D.C. as saying: "In the last 10 years we have increased human hunger by feeding the hungry. We have increased human suffering by healing the sick. We have increased human want by giving to the needy...The truth of it comes as a shocking discovery, for we have all been brought up in the Christian tradition in which caring for the least of our brethren has been counted the highest virtue...If we are to export life-giving goods and knowledge, we have the moral obligation to export the population-controlling knowledge."

Yes, even our "do-gooders" in their mercy thus ineptly tackle the problems of mankind (not to mention the politicians, agitators, beatniks). We cut death rates in half, double the length of life, around the world - and quadruple man's greatest problem - OVERPOPULATION - and in large measure the root of most of his other problems. We promise "equality" and "freedom" and damn them to inequality and make them slaves to

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the worst of all tyrants - human stupidity. And all for want of a better BASIC UNDERSTANDING OF MAN!

Intelligence breaks down into little pieces, one for each of us - unfortunately, sweeping edicts, laws, tyrannical or beneficent governments, have never sufficed. So we take unusual pride in the fact that the INDIVIDUALS of the Alabama Archaeological Society, of their own free will and intelligence and generosity have taken the most intelligent step ever devised toward the solution of our archaeological problems - financing the highest type of scientific archaeology based on year-around exploration for the MOST IMPORTANT archaeological sites. We are the first, the only - and we are writing entire new chapters in American archaeology.

Man, you know, was a hopeless idiot insofar as self-understanding was concerned as long as fist hatchets were "heaven axes", and man had no knowledge of his antiquity, or of the fundamentals of his nature thinly smeared over by the veneer of "civilizations". But, as our many problems remind us, we have much more basic knowledge to acquire. And one of our most puzzling and important "missing links" is Early Man in America - a field in which there well may be unexpected breakthroughs, and they may well be made in Alabama - AND BY US.

Besides being our fund-drive page, this is also presented as another in our series on that troublesome "AMATEUR PROBLEM". Not the least of the results of our fund drive is the opportunity it affords us to be GOOD AMATEURS. At long last, any amateur, or anyone interested in man and his future, is provided a simple way to do something big to advance our understanding of the troubled human race. No longer need anyone wring his hands in despair and lament "But what can little I do!" You have your answer - simply DONATE - and thereby join a most unusual group and effort, trying to improve the prospects for "intelligent life on earth".

James B. Whitehead - sir, we were tardily making out a report (life got ahead of us) and found we had not reported your check of March 5, 1965, in the Newsletter! We had reported your last-minute '64 donation in the February issue, and it is somewhat rarer than hens' teeth to get checks so close together - before the old pocketbook can recuperate. But we keep exact records for those good folks who allow us tax-deductible status for our donors, and thus discover our oversights. Then we send our apologies along with our thanks - will you accept both, please?

E. D. Burwell Sr., joins us again for his FIFTH year - to our thanks we add the boast that we have a lot of "satisfied customers".

Horace J. Holland, who also contributed so grandly to archaeology in his Colbert Co. High School Science Classes, and is now enjoying retirement, proves our contention by coming back for his SIXTH year!

Russell E. Murray, of Anniston, joins us with heartening proof that we have many recent members who have a real interest in archaeology.

Frank C. Watson, Watson Drug Store, Piedmont, Ala., reminds us for the THIRD time that we are increasingly getting the support of smart business men - one of the most encouraging facets of our enterprise.

Harold S. Biggs, of Bynum, who joined us last year, UPS his donation this year - most welcome indeed!

Crawford Badham (Attic Insulation Co. Inc., Birmingham) was one of our few first-year donors who made that difficult beginning possible, but since has been perhaps too busy making homes much more livable with attic insulation. Sir, it is good to have you back with us - and now a Life Member on whom we shall count. And Mr. Badham also writes a nice note to encourage our labors: "Keep up the good work. Sure enjoy the Newsletter."

Bill & Nancy Warren Jr. discovered us in '61, and attended the unique classes in ar-



chaeology which Jim McCary sparked at the Country Club. They learned their lessons well, and furnish substantial proof that "education pays" as the schools boast - for these good people have been our good supporters ever since! Bill is with Southern Life & Health Ins. Co. which has contributed really indispensable volunteers to our cause as well as patronage.

Elizabeth W. Cline, who has contributed tremendously in volunteer services to Alabama archaeology, despite an unusually busy life, also keeps her score perfect as a 6-times donor - despite the expenses of acquiring a college degree for teaching in the public schools, an expensive teen-age family, etc. With a true realization of the needs and the potentials of Alabama's amazing archaeology, Elizabeth has found a will, and a way. SO MUCH depends on OUR WORK. Dr. Don W. Dragoo, Carnegie Museum, writes us: "The amount of early materials in these areas is fantastic when compared to the West. If we can only have a breakthrough in dating, then maybe we could get somewhere." Yes, then at last we could capture major interest and do major work in the southeast. So let us remember that WE have a most unusual, a most necessary, a most promising continuing search for that BREAKTHROUGH DATE on Early Man in America! Our small contributions may well make the GREATEST CONTRIBUTION to American archaeology!

A. J. Powers, who also discovered us in 1961, has never once failed to donate since then - despite living in Sylacauga where we have no Chapter to keep up his enthusiasm. That is indeed devotion to a cause! And Mr. Powers invariably sends us a note, this time telling us that "Mr. James Edwards of Childersburg & myself visited Mr. Fred Layton up at Kymulga Cave and saw the partly uncovered skeleton he had found" - another reason you will want to visit this now-developed cave. Dave DeJarnette has been notified of this discovery, which is very interesting. The cave was originally accessible only from a small hole in the roof, and one "shinnied" down a sapling ladder. Traditionally, the Creeks hid their families in the cave during Jackson's extermination".

Alice De Lamar, as we go to press, sends her splendid annual donation from Palm Beach. It was 10 years ago, before the Alabama Archaeological Society was born, that Alabama archaeology received its first donation - to the Birmingham Anthropological Society - from Miss De Lamar. For the first time we had a BANK ACCOUNT, and following Miss De Lamar's hint concerning the importance of having a publication, our Newsletter was born in January 1956. So that our members may fully appreciate what Alabama archaeology owes to a most unusual non-member, a thousand miles distant, we feel that we should reveal that over the years Miss De Lamar has donated over FOUR THOUSAND DOLLARS - without which we wouldn't have any Alabama archaeology. This is surely one of the great works in archaeological history - and something to live up to by doing our part! The only possible way to express our thanks adequately is to make that crucial, that all-important "BREAKTHROUGH ON DATING" that Dr. Dragoo mentioned.

Dan Josselyn, our fund-drive secretary and in closest touch with the total picture, gives us very substantial assurance of WONDERFUL prospects for this year in our TWO projects, summer & winter. Last fall an emergency arose and he advanced toward this year "what he thought he could afford" in his retirement. But, throwing financial caution to the winds, this month he DOUBLES his previous '65 donation. & "money talks!"

And please DON'T FORGET YOUR DIGGING DONATIONS. Dave DeJarnette could have used to advantage a lot more volunteers last year. Digging donations help us to do a big job on a little budget. And they provide members with archaeological education, and wonderful outings in the best of company.

Mrs. Jack D. McSpadden closes this column for us on a very, very nice note - she wishes to know what she donated last year so she can make an appropriate increase for our winter project. Isn't that nice? And we can tell you this exciting news about our winter project: The artifacts involved have been examined MOST favorably by no less than Dr. H. M. Wormington, and the great European authorities Professor & Madame Francois Bordes, and will be by Dr. Desmond Clark - and by Dr. L. S. B. Leakey of Zinjanthropus fame. So you will not have to take our word for their extreme importance - you will

have the word of all the best experts in the world! You just can't beat that - nor Alabama archaeology!

THE F-A-S-C-I-N-A-T-I-O-N OF ARCHAEOLOGY  
Message From Our President

Reading the COWA SURVEYS & BIBLIOGRAPHIES of current world archaeology which arrive every 6 months, one is surprised and gratified that there are dedicated people everywhere attempting to work out the great STORY OF MAN, and one is fascinated to read the bits & pieces emerging.

K. V. Soundara Rajan, India, in a detailed discussion of Paleolithic tools, "sees a great parallelism in tool evolution and techniques between the Pleistocene and early Holocene in India & Africa". In North China the first discovery has been made of "Paleolithic implements from deposits underlying the Middle Pleistocene Reddish Clay", and at another site an "Australopithecus-like mandible". These all suggest a wider dispersion of very Early Man than we have been considering. This encourages those of us who have been holding the door open for a possible "earlier than orthodox" entry of man into America. And Hsin-Chih Wu, in a study "On the racial types of the Upper Cave Man of Choukoutien" considers that they show "close relation to...the Amerindians".

Shen-Shui Chang has made a "comprehensive classification of 5897 pieces of stone implements found at the Peking Man site, their comparative study and their stratigraphy." If this is, for once, a really adequate study to enable one to understand these tools, we do hope it will be published in English.

Two sites in Maharashtra, India, amazingly and invaluable "provide in situ series from the pebble-chopper stage to microliths". Later "chopping tools" are said to "grow progressively smaller". In 2 considerable series of burials in India the feet were "always missing" - oh, well, those wings! We noted with interest Chalcolithic housing in India indicated by "large lumps of clay mixed with hay and bearing impressions of bamboo" - reminiscent of the cane-impressed "wattle" we find locally except that our smart Indians had learned to "make bricks without straw".

Pakistan is engaged in "intensive and extensive" investigation of the great early Indus civilization, a main root of subsequent cultures and even modern religions. An immense "religious center" extends for 8 miles. The Indus seaport of Lothal had a dockyard of brick 710x120 feet, with an outlet channel cut into bedrock and lined with brick, plus an 800-foot loading platform. Though some of these Indus seaports are now as much as 30 miles from the seacoast, this one was "devastated by a flood", suggesting an earthquake area - and possibly a root of our own flood myth. Even in pre-Indus investigations a site has been found in association with a "massive stone dam". A "major review of the evidence" blames the decline and fall of the great Indus civilization on "a gradual extinction of flora & fauna coupled with a rapidly increasing population" - and we may ask if history need REPEAT ITS MISTAKES. With such ports, and "a well established sea-faring tradition", it seems a wonder we have not seen an "Indus discovery of America" added to the many fanciful claims.

But it is depressing to see poor and often "backward" countries forging so far ahead of rich, proud, boastfully educated America: Pakistan has a "Department of Archaeology"; in Communist China the "Bureau of Culture" sends archaeologists out with construction crews to see what might be in danger of destruction; India has a "Director-General of Archaeology" and Pakistan has also; Ceylon has a "Director of National Museums"; Sweden has a law requiring industrial expansions to finance sites they destroy, and is entering 390,000 sites on Geological Survey maps.

Dr. A. G. Long Jr., President

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

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton,



Director, Denton, Texas, is the source of the following excerpts, from the April 1965 issue, being Volume 12, Number 4, of this most valuable contribution to archaeology:

"STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST: Delaware now has a State Archaeologist and a full-fledged Archaeological Board. Ronald A. Thomas is the Archaeologist. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and needs only his thesis for a Master's degree from the University of Arkansas. He has had several seasons of field experience. The Delaware group seems to be very pleased with Thomas' work thus far and are predicting that as soon as the weather permits activity will burgeon."

"There are many arguments pro & con regarding the "modern world" and "progress" but the vast increase of automobiles has practically eliminated horse stealing."

"NEW WORLD ANTIQUITY: Vol.11:11/12. November-December 1964. Though late, this is an outstanding issue. The issue comprises an editorial: "A Statistical Approach to Archaeology" by Robert H. Johnson, Chairman, Art. Dept., Lock Haven State College, Pennsylvania; 2 excellent short articles by the late Arthur George Smith, F.I.I., M. Arch.; and a paper on "The Cody Complex" by Dr. George A. Agogino, F.I.I., Director, Paleo Indian Institute, Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, New Mexico. All sound, thoughtful and worthwhile papers."

"SCIENCE OF MAN: Through the courtesy of Mr. Dan MacLachlan, publisher of this excellent journal no longer being printed, we have the remainder of the undistributed copies. We have a fairly large number of all issues except Vol.1, No.1 of which we have a few available on a first come first served basis. The numbers are as follows: December 1960; February 1961; April 1961; June 1961; August 1961; October 1961; December 1961. We have decided to make these available for \$1 for the whole set. After Vol.1:1 is exhausted this will mean 6 issues. The journal was priced at 75¢ per copy at the newsstands. There are many interesting articles of lasting interest in these issues."

"BLACKWATER DRAW: The Paleo Indian Institute of Eastern New Mexico Institute will conduct a summer school offering courses on both undergraduate and graduate level at this famous archaeological site. It is located near the campus. The tuition will be roughly \$100.00 and the field school will operate from June 15 for a period of 8 weeks. All interested contact Dr. George A. Agogino at the Institute at Portales, New Mexico. This is a "hot" site and a real opportunity."

"SHELL RINGS: The Smithsonian is studying some shell rings which were "constructed" by Indians some 4000 years ago at Hilton Head Island (no kin to Conrad), South Carolina. They think these large rings were simply garbage dumps but they are a bit puzzled by a monkey tooth found on Hilton Head. This monkey was only very indirectly related to some of the monkeys who will probably show up at the site after the newspaper article. There is one double ring which is similar to one on Sapelo Island, an isolated islet off the Georgia coast. (AP) Thanks MPS."

AMATEURS TO THE RESCUE: One would hardly think it could be disturbing news when a State Legislature speedily passes a bill to provide a State Archaeologist - but so it was in Arkansas. It provided an inadequate salary alone! - no office space, no laboratory, no staff, no operating expenses, no equipment, no supplies! Just an inadequately paid, hence inadequately qualified, State Archaeologist - in a vacuum! Furthermore, in troublesome duplication of the program already established, by the Legislature, at the University of Arkansas under the very able management (but underfinanced) of Dr. McGimsey. But we are happy to report that Pete Shiras, President of the Arkansas Archaeological Society, and the Executive Committee (Clevenger, Hale, Robinson, McPherson), exerted tremendous efforts in behalf of sound archaeology - and the Board of Directors of the Northwest Arkansas Archaeological Society met and concurred and sent a telegram to the Governor - who subsequently answered the letter sent by Pete Shiras: "In accordance with your recommendation, and with the consent of the author, I have vetoed..." In this increasingly political world, Archaeological Societies must grow strong enough to help educate and guide political shenanigans - and our heartfelt congratulations to the amateurs of Arkansas. And they haven't quit - they are appointing a Legislative Committee to work with the University and with the Legislature "toward

the achievement of an adequate state-supported archaeological problem for Arkansas". Alabama could well take a hint from that - but we doubt there will ever be a time when government agencies can equal the complete scientific and archaeological freedom which has enabled us, with our fund drive, to achieve such remarkable results - and we know they can never equal our economy of operation.

C-14 ICE AGE DATES: Dr. Karl Hoelzl, Austria, offers C-14 dates on the Wurm or last European glaciation (our Wisconsin) determined from Danube terraces. Final Wurm +/- 10,000 to 17,000 B.C.; Middle or Main Wurm 17,000 to 30,000 B.C. (incorporating the Paudorf W 2/3 Stadial "Paudorf Loam" 23,000 to 27,000; Main Wurm Interstadial Complex, Gottweig, 30,000 to 40,000/50,000 B.C.; Early Wurm 40,000/50,000 B.C. (C-14) to 80,000 B.C. (Protaktinium date). Associated cultures are also given. (COWA Surveys and Bibliographies, Central Europe, 1964, p. 1.)

Edward C. Boss, we are glad to note, is the new Editor of the P. I. A. NEWSLETTER (Pa. Institute of Anthropology) - and doing the fine job one would expect of this famous Editor. One column you are going to hear more about: "WHAT CAN AMATEURS DO?" Is that not pertinent to our amateur problem? We are so often told only what we ARE NOT equipped to do - leaving a vacuum in which we ask: "Well, what the heck CAN we do!" Editor Boss tells us he could give us "half a dozen jobs around the editorial office alone...The stack of work to be done reaches the very heavens - and it would be heaven to get it done!" And how! And that man Boss - he wrote us a few years ago, taking on his first editorial job, that he knew nothing about it. Now he is famous, doing most needed work, developing his hidden talents, getting all kinds of recompense out of it, helping archaeology and people too - and allowing the world to meet a heck of a nice fellow - and not forgetting "my wonderful wife", Evelyn, as we noted in a recent issue. "Between the lines" perhaps Ed best reminds us we humans can be really nice folks!

ELEPHANTS, HISTORY AND MAYBE EARLY MAN: Elephants were the "tanks" of ancient warfare, clothed in armor and well fortified with wine. Any charging elephant is a formidable projectile, and an "elephant on a drunk" - ! When Carthage was reduced to famine and disorder by the Roman army under Atilus Regulus, and only impossible conditions of surrender were offered, the Carthaginians were forced to sally forth in a do-or-die effort against Roman professionals - who were the best trained fighters the world has ever seen. But they had never encountered charging elephants - cavalry and infantry fled in wild disorder, and the 25,000 were almost entirely exterminated. Smart as elephants are, we have often wondered how their first cousins, mammoths and mastodons, in archaeological experience so often got bogged down in the mud of ponds where they were vulnerable to Early Man. We read in "The Elephants" (Georges Blond, MacMillan, very readable) that to this day elephants are driven into muddy ponds in southeast Asia. "Buffalo jumps" - and "mammoth muds"?

CLEANING THE AUGEAN STABLES? Augeas, King of Elis, had 3,000 oxen and their stalls had not been cleaned for 30 years. It was one of the "labors of Hercules" to do so - he diverted the rivers Alpheus and Pencus and cleaned them in a day. The "ashmounds" of India have been identified as huge accumulations of burnt cattle dung. F. R. Allchin, who excavated the Utnur site, distinguishes 5 periods separated by 4 major burnings at one of these mounds, and maintains that they were Neolithic cattlepens.

GOOD IDEA - BUT: A dictionary of Hungarian technical terms for the Paleolithic has been prepared. In America we fear such a laudable undertaking would resemble the fumblings of the U.N. - which for 14 years has been trying unsuccessfully to define "aggression"! (Which reminds us that during the early Spanish colonization of America: "Among the various regulations made for the infant colony (Darien), it was ordained that no lawyers should be admitted, it having been found at Hispaniola and elsewhere that they were detrimental to the welfare by fomenting disputes and litigations." Washington Irving.)

ISLE OF BLISS: Sweden is undertaking an enormous archaeological operation on Bjorko in Lake Malaren, the site of the Viking town of Birka with town wall, fort hill, and



some 2,000 mounds. The entire landscape is being made "characteristic" of Sweden". (Any spare space to bury old and frustrated archaeologists?)

SURPRISED ARCHAEOLOGIST? At Helgo, Ekero parish, province Uppland (Sweden), archaeologists excavated "a bronze statuette of Buddha enthroned upon a lotus flower."

FLINT MINES: A recent find reported from North Jutland is 8 flint mine shafts 5,000 years old.

JAPAN (or America?): "...the frightening number of type names has made generalizers of scholars of all regions but their own..." (But think of China: "Shan-hsi Feng-hsiang Nan-ku-ch'eng-ts'un yi-chih shih-chueh chi.")

#### CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. An unfortunately small attendance was treated to a beautifully illustrated and charmingly described tour of North Alabama by Ed Mahan, Marshall County Chapter, covering sites he and Dr. Long have investigated during the past several years as prospective locations for digs this coming summer and in the future.

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 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Oyster House, Guntersville. William T. Ryan, Huntsville Chapter, entertained the April meeting with a fine color slide presentation and description of "Temple Mounds of Mexico". Special guests were Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Turner of Johnstown, Pa., with whom A. B. Hooper III had been corresponding since they wrote for a set of silhouette drawings.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Art Gallery. A business session was held at the March meeting when the planned speakers were unable to be present. At the April meeting, Nicholas H. Holmes will give the chapter "A Lesson on Archaeological Techniques" covering classification of artifacts and recording of archaeological field work.

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

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Decatur Electric Auditorium. The April lecture by Sam Mosley developed the various cultures of North America from the wandering hunter up to contact time with white man. At the May meeting, Jack Cambron will discuss the various artifacts used by the different cultures, and how the different artifacts were used.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3, Florence State College. At the March meeting, Joe Benthall, graduate student at the University of Alabama, very interestingly covered the excavation of 2 sites on the Warrior River, in salvage work for the Holt Lock and Dam. The April meeting will be addressed by Mrs. Heil on "Archaeology and Mexico".

The Nocalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Gadsden Public Library. Joe Benthall, graduate student at the University of Alabama, spoke to the April meeting on "Association Between Projectile Points and Pottery" showing colorful slides of pottery sherds and projectile points. A business session is planned for the May meeting in preparation for the "Art on the Rocks Show". An all day surface survey was planned for April 17th, with the group assembling at 8:00 A.M.

The Selma Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Meadowview Christian Church. No report received.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Room 24, Martin ten Hoor Hall, University of Alabama. The speaker for the March meeting was Prof. James G. E. Smith, Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology, who gave a very interesting talk on "Historical Changes Among the Ojibwa", pointing out how the archaeologist could be of specific help in solving problems dealing with Indian culture change following European contact. At the April meeting, Joseph F. Watkins, Birmingham Chapter, will speak on "The Maya Indians of Yucatan and Guatemala".

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

##### NEW MEMBERS DURING APRIL: (Welcome!!!)

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University of Alabama, Main Library, University, Ala.

##### CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

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RAYMOND L. BURELL - MISSING PERSON! Last seen at Annual Meeting, Tuscaloosa, where family dues were paid for 1965. Home address not furnished. Newsletters are being saved. CAN'T SOMEONE HELP US LOCATE THIS GOOD MEMBER - please?

BLUSH-BLUSH: As Time, and its various ravages, overtake one, it is good indeed to belong to an organization through which he can still make use of the hard-won skills acquired over the years - an organization to make our helpless individual efforts effective. So when that organization accords one a high honor, it seems more fittingly to belong to the organization itself which both makes possible and magnifies individual contributions. This was my first thought on learning, via our Newsletter, that I had been voted the first Honorary Life Membership in the Alabama Archaeological Society - which has flowered so amazingly, and contributed so greatly to American Archaeology. And one is humbled, too, thinking of the MANY dedicated members who have made our Society possible. The honor belongs to the Alabama Archaeological Society as a whole - and to that most difficult of all things to achieve, "working together" so that we can be individually effective. It is indeed an honor to receive such generous recognition from such a group, and to have been nominated for that honor by so dedicated a worker as Rodger L. Schaefer, and voted that honor by as fine a bunch of folks as we ever knew. Thanks!

Dan Josselyn

HOW TO BUY BOOKS: Dr. Long thought one of the books we mentioned some time ago was a "mighty good buy for a dollar", so sent for a dozen, sold 10 in no time - an excellent



Col. Bill Given - bless us - we have him back in Alabama - where he wanted to be and where we wanted him! And here is your opportunity - you fishermen, you boaters, you vacationists, you have-a-wonderful-timers: Bill is now with the Frances G. Mallory Agency, Real Estate - and at the up-and-comingest Gulf resort, Gulf Shores - where a buy is not only a pleasure, but also an investment. And knowing Bill, as we feel we do through his most unusual correspondence, he will be posted on when & where the "big ones" are breaking lines, the weather prospects and all the things a vacationer needs to know. Bill's address is Box C-7, Gulf Shores, Ala. 36542 (and Bill, send us that Mallory Agency 'phone number so folks can contact you in a "vacation hurry" for inside dope). And you folks in the Mauvilla Chapter, get Bill's talents and push behind Alabama archaeology - he is a good man to have back home. Welcome, Bill! (And he finds "the sea food tasting wonderful" - try it!)

Johnny Waters - man, that boy is living with all his might - and that is the only way. Last year, remember, he was winning scientific honors in Archaeology. This year he went a whole lot further back in pre-history with a Science Fair Project on the "Paleontology of North Alabama" - fossils to us! And won first place in its class in county-wide competition! So he just tackled the North Alabama Science Fair and came off with Third Place Ribbon, a Bronze Medal and a Certificate of Merit! When a boy begins breaking records he apparently doesn't know where to quit, so Johnny broke a leg in spring football practice, and not satisfied with that he is trying for another record by having to have the leg set 3 times! But "He is in good spirits and still hopes to be able to come home in about 2 weeks", Spence writes, with no mention of how he and Betty Ann are standing up under so much record breaking. But we bet they are taking it in their stride - a number of readers wrote us about "that nice Waters family" following our May '64 issue.

David L. DeJarnette, our most capable professional archaeological backbone, very modestly writes us: "I have just returned from Florence where I attended the 42nd annual meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science. I was elected President Elect which means I must devote a good deal of my time to that organization during the academic year of 1966-67. The annual meeting that year (April 67) will be held for the first time in Huntsville and should be the largest meeting on record." Our sincerest congratulations, Dave! Recognition of your talents by other organizations really pleases us.

Rev. Hollis M. French, our good Grantham, New Hampshire, member, very flatteringly and interestingly writes Rodger in remitting his 1965 dues: "...I have so greatly enjoyed and profited by the publications of the Alabama Society that I would not be without them...I wish that I might contribute to your funding for the summer and winter programs, but I am retired, trying to live on a miniscule ministerial pension, in the face of all manner of taxes for the support of the New Society. LBJ has yet to discover that there is Poverty in New Hampshire as well as in Texas and West Virginia. Since I am too old and lame to dig any more, although I retain my active membership in the N.H. Arch. Soc., I derive the more pleasure in following accounts of the work of others, and no other source brings as much interest to me as the Alabama Society publications." Nice words are sometimes better than money, except if you're hungry, and will spur us on to greater effort to justify faith in our ambitious projects.

Edgar S. Greer Jr., energetic member who lives near Jasper, Ala., has discovered a cache of conch shells in his section of the State, quite remote from any seashore or salt water source, and is preparing an article on the shells for future publication in our Journal. If they were whelks, your Editor could hardly wait to see the article!

CENTER OF DISPERSION? "...in Bihar & Bengal...microliths were definitely of great antiquity..." (A.H.Dani, "Prehistory & Protohistory of Eastern India", Calcutta, 1960.)

OWSKI, ELSKI, EWSKI, CZYNSKI, ANSKI, ONSKI, OLSKI, INSKI, IRSKI, AWSKI: Could someone "parse", in a general way, the meaning of such terminals so prominent in the bibliographies - before we go madski?





## EDUCATIONAL PAGE

In almost any field one soon discovers that the more he learns the less he knows. This is certainly true for the amateur as well as the professional archaeologist. In my case, as an amateur, it seems that at a certain point, learning becomes much harder and slower. I often ask myself, after certain periods of activity: "What have I learned?" How can I tie this in - where is "the handle"? "The handle" has become a favorite expression for me and I know that I use it too often: for instance, when and after reading various reports and studies I'm constantly looking for answers - "the handle". I do this knowing well that it is the purpose of most reports to give facts, figures, diagrams, pictures, percentages, etc., and to leave most of the conclusions for the reader to assume. This searching apparently does create slow learning as we seek to learn from others as well as from our own doings.

The effort to assimilate through this slow process of learning into general facts and knowledge, plus our non-perfect retention of what we read, can often tend to discourage a student of archaeology.

In order to overcome this discouragement and to create a feeling of accomplishment, one must do whatever he can to teach others what he knows or has an ability to do through such media as reports and activities. He must participate in as many of the related activities as he can afford and especially he must take it upon himself to create one or more worthwhile projects in which everyone can benefit as well as the producer. There are many fields of projects that may well serve us all.

As an example of creating a worthwhile project, I would like to see someone prepare a rather complete collection of all named types of lithic material of which artifacts are made; then as a fund raising project offer for sale these collections of named chips, etc., to the archaeological field. This is a much needed tool that has apparently been neglected and seems almost as, if not more, important than a common standard of named projectile point types. A further project would be to contribute some sort of distribution charts or tables by states, zones or areas. The project may be instigated by a learned individual, much more competent than I, and must surely need the necessary help of many others. Push and enthusiasm are, however, the main ingredients.

There are many simpler projects that we should read of in our newsletters and publications as they tend to be creators of more interest and knowledge. Send your ideas in for publication and worthwhile wit sharpening for all our chapters.

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