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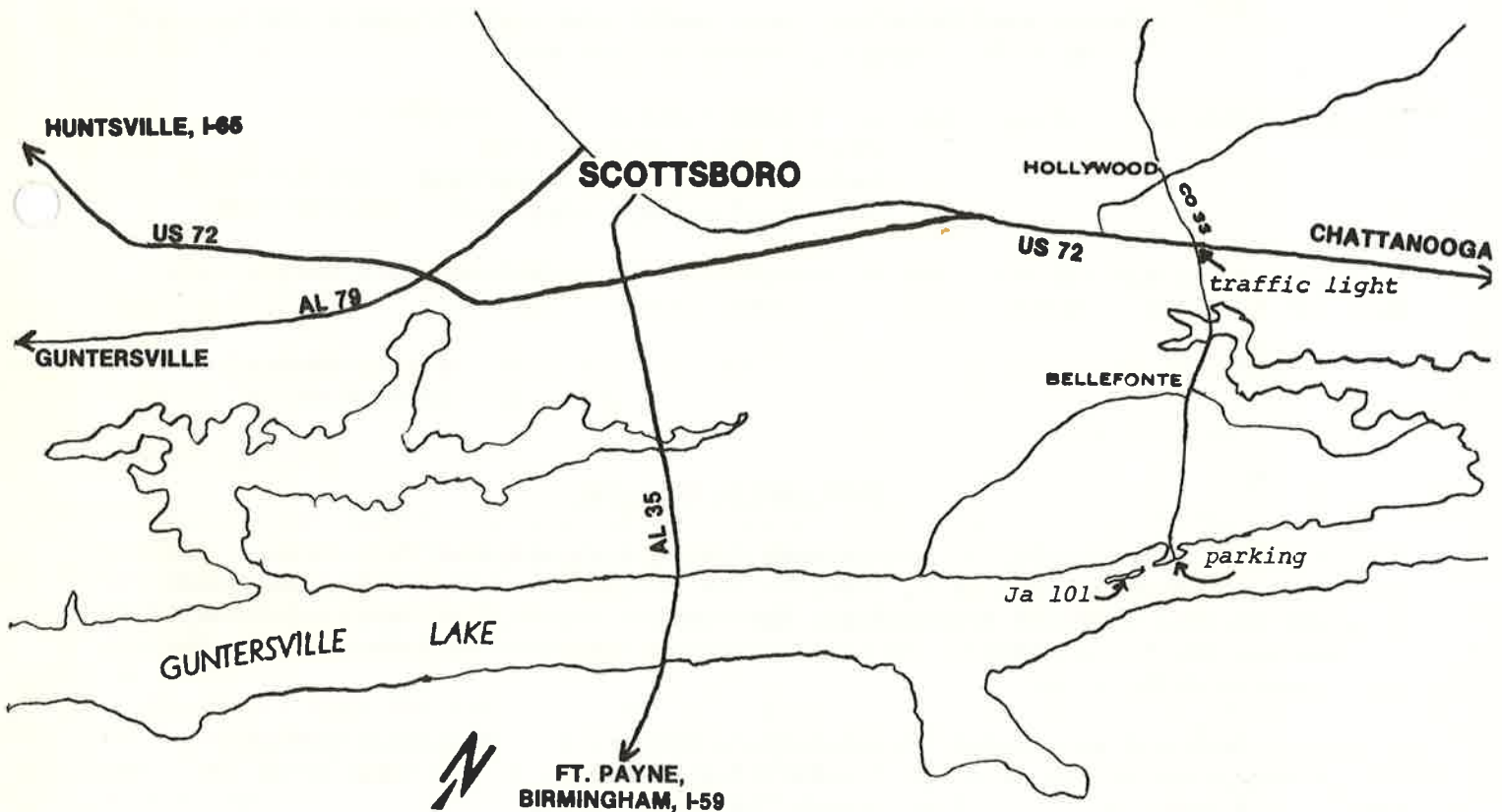
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### A. A. S. SUMMER MEETING



The summer meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society, hosted by the Office of Archaeological Research and the Scottsboro-Jackson Heritage Center, will be held Saturday, June 30, 1984 in Scottsboro. Directions to the location are shown on the accompanying map. Boat transportation from the parking facility to the site will be provided beginning at 9:00 a.m.

REMEMBER: Advance registration is required. (See registration form in the May issue of STONES & BONES.) Also, bring a picnic lunch and drinks for the day. In the evening there will be a barbeque and bonfire with a \$5 fee for the meal, payable at that time. In case of rain, the meeting will be held at the Scottsboro Recreation Center on South Broad Street next to Scottsboro City Hall.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS DURING THE WEEKEND:

Sunday, July 1 - ANNUAL HERITAGE CENTER JULY SOCIAL AND DINNER ON THE GROUNDS - featuring the world famous "Good Ol' Boy No-Run Run" - come challenge yourself on our taxing 10,000 mm (33') course - no jogging, no sore feet, no sweat - rest stops along the way - medical aid on site. Also, Cabbage Patch Doll Reunion and Beauty Contest, live entertainment, good food, homemade ice cream and lemonade. Location: Corner of Peachtree and Houston Streets, one block from square.

Sunday-Monday, July 1-2 - First Monday Trade Days - held on historic Jackson County Courthouse square - one of the south's oldest and largest trade days - bargain, browse or just visit.

Accommodations are available at: Scottsboro Holiday Inn - 205/574-1115  
Liberty Inn - 205/574-1730  
Jackson County Park Campground - 205/574-4719  
Goose Pond Colony Campground - 205/259-1808

You are responsible for your own reservations. For additional information call Mary Ann Cromeans - 205/259-2122 - or Olivia Brewer - 259-6801.

Olivia Brewer  
Scottsboro

ESAF ANNUAL MEETING

The 51st Annual Meeting of the Eastern States Archeological Federation will be held on November 2 to 4, 1984, at the Holiday Inn, Annapolis, Maryland. Sessions on Late Woodland Archaeology, the Contact Period, and Maryland Colonial Archaeology are being planned, as well as general sessions on both prehistoric and historic archaeology.

Avocational and vocational archaeologists are invited to propose papers for presentation at the meeting by submitting abstracts before June 30 to Ronald A. Thomas; P. O. Box 676; Newark, Delaware 19711.

The banquet speaker will be James Deetz, widely known for his work at Plimoth Plantation in Massachusetts and Flowerdew Hundred in Virginia, and author of the popular American Museum of Natural History books, "Invitation to Archeology" and "In Small Things Forgotten: The Archeology of Early American Life".

Marjorie Gay  
Standing Rock

## FRENCH COLONIAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

A session on "The French and Their Indian Neighbors in the old Southwest: Archaeological and Ethnohistorical Perspectives" was held at the 10th Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society on April 12 to 14 in Huntsville. This session was organized by Patricia Galloway (Mississippi Department of Archives and History), and the two presented papers on archaeology were:

James Parker (State of Alabama Highway Department): "Archaeological Evidence of European and Amerindian Interaction at the Fort Tombecbe and Fort Toulouse Sites".

Craig T. Sheldon, Jr., Gregory A. Waselkov, and John W. Cottier (Auburn University, Montgomery and Auburn University): "European Perceptions of Eastern Muskoghean Ethnicity".

Over the three-day meeting a rather wide range of papers were presented. Specific session topics ranged from "French Images of Amerindians" and "French Traders and Raiders among the Amerindians" to "Disease and Medicine in Upper Louisiana".

John Cottier  
Auburn

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Cullman Chapter

A chapter meeting was held May 21, 1984; it was an informal session with lots of "arrowhead" talking going on.

Howard King

### Huntsville Chapter

Charles and Mary-Eliza Moore of Florence presented the May Huntsville Chapter program. They spoke on various archaeological sites in the southwestern United States and illustrated their talk with slides they took on their several trips to this area. They also brought along examples of Indian pottery, textiles and other crafts to show the chapter members.

The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Arts Council Conference Room, Von Braun Civic Center. The speaker at the June 19 meeting will be Ms. Melinda Herzog, Director of Huntsville's Burritt Museum. Her topic will be Indian Pottery Methods and Decorative Motifs, including the Southwest. Ms. Herzog is herself a potter; she will bring with her samples of pottery and slides showing various pottery types. For more information call Program Chairman Ken Helms at 539-0939.

Dorothy Luke

### Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter met on May 14, 1984 at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Twenty-six members and guests were present. Doug Puckett led the discussion of the Point of the Month, which was the Dalton.

A poll was taken of those present to see how many had Indian blood. Nine of those present were part Indian. Tribes reported included the Choctaw, Cherokee, Seminole and Sauk. We wish to encourage more Indians and part-Indians to join the meetings so that we might all share our knowledge of Indians of historic and earlier times.

Charles and Mary-Eliza Moore presented a slide narration of the Batatakin, Inscription House and Keetseal sites in the Navajo National Monument in Arizona and the Acoma Pueblo in New Mexico.

The next meeting will be a picnic supper and program on June 11 beginning at 6 p.m. on top of the Indian Mound.

Charles Moore

#### Tuscaloosa Chapter

The Tuscaloosa Chapter's May meeting was held at the public library. The guest speaker was Dr. J. Vogel from The University of Alabama. Dr. Vogel spoke and showed a film on ancient African copper smelting. The next chapter meeting will be held at the town library on June 4, 1984.

Bill Adkison  
Tuscaloosa

#### NOTES FROM AN A.A.S. MEMBER

I have been working on my survival skills, making some atlatl spears and bow arrows. From my own experience with bows and arrows, I know arrows have to be true and round in order to shoot straight and accurately. First I tried to look for an easy way out, using a piece of dried cane reed as an arrow. But no matter how I tried to alter the reed, it wouldn't shoot straight and accurately enough. The joints in the reed bumped against the bow face and made the arrow shoot slightly to the left. Second, I tried using a narrow branch, and it didn't work either. This was because the branch was tapered and not the same circumference from one end to the other. Third, I tried cutting and drying a stick that I could work down to the same circumference. This didn't work either. I never could get it perfectly round, even though I tried rolling it on a flat surface to find out where the "lumpy" places were.

So after trying to figure out how the Indians made their arrows, I finally decided that they must have used some type of gauge. I came up with a solution: they used the holes in bannerstones. No matter how ridiculous it may sound, it did work. By sticking the end of the arrow in the hole of the bannerstone, I could tell where the arrow needed to be whittled or sanded down; and eventually I had created a perfect arrow which would slide through the hole in the bannerstone without difficulty. After I feathered the arrow and placed a small home-made glass arrowhead on the tip, it shot like a store-bought arrow. The Indians might have used the bannerstones for making fire sticks also.

I learned something else from all of this - from my own collection of bannerstones and that of a friend - all of the archaic bannerstones seem to be made of harder material than those of later cultures. Also, there are two different

size holes on different bannerstones. The archaic stones seem to have both sizes of holes, where the later-culture bannerstones only appear to have the smaller-size hole. The archaic people probably used two different-size atlatl spears for different-sized projectile points, and the later cultures used theirs for bow arrows.

Bill Adkison  
Tuscaloosa

EDITORS' NOTE:

Members' comments on their theories, research and experiments are always welcome. We would like to hear from more of our members.

AUM ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

Fort Toulouse, built at the junction of the Coosa and Tallapoosa Rivers, was the northeastern strong point of France's Louisiana Colony from 1717 to 1763. The overall location and dimensions of this fort and of the later fort built by Gen. Andrew Jackson in 1814 have been determined by previous excavations.

An unnamed site is situated six miles southeast of Fort Toulouse on the northern bank of the Tallapoosa River in Elmore County. Preliminary investigations have revealed that the location was occupied during the Woodland Period of A.D. 800-1200 and by a historic Creek community during the 18th and 19th centuries.

The Auburn University/Montgomery Field School will run from June 14 to August 16, 1984. Three weeks will be spent at Fort Toulouse, excavating and mapping part of the fort curtain wall and bastions. This information will be used in the ongoing reconstruction of Fort Toulouse. The remaining seven weeks will be spent at the unnamed site excavating a portion of the village area.

The ten-week session is designed to give students a comprehensive understanding of all phases of field methods by participation in excavation, surveying, photography, artifact analysis and lectures on local culture history.

COURSES:           ANT 470 - Applied Field Archaeology (10 quarter-hours)  
                  ANT 475 - Advanced Archaeological Field Methods (5 quarter-hours)

SCHEDULE:         ANT 470 - Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 8:00-3:30  
                  ANT 475 - Hours to be arranged

PREREQUISITE:     Consent of Instructor

FEES:             Resident: \$285.00; Non-resident: \$660.00  
                  (All students will pay a \$10 supply fee)

REGISTRATION:     June 11 and 12, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. (AUM)

INSTRUCTOR: Craig T. Sheldon, Jr., Associate Professor of Anthropology (AUM)

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Contact Craig T. Sheldon or Dan E. Harrison, Department of Sociology, Auburn University at Montgomery; Montgomery, Alabama 36193; Tel. 205/271-9402.

Craig T. Sheldon  
Montgomery

#### HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The most recent issue of HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY, the Journal of the Society for Historical Archaeology, contained some articles of possible interest to our readers. The most informative was the lead article by Charles Fairbanks on "The Plantation Archaeology of the Southeastern Coast". Dr. Fairbanks has been a leader in the archaeology of southern slave settlements, and in this article he presents a useful summary of such investigations and their contribution to the anthropological and historical literature. An additional article of possible interest is by Edward Staski on "Just What Can A 19th Century Bottle Tell Us?" Other Journal articles covered topics on nightsoil disposal practices, Spanish colonial ceramics, and the development of a portion of the New York waterfront.

Individuals interested in the Journal can join the society for \$20 annual dues by writing to THE SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY; P. O. Box 241; Glassboro, New Jersey 08028.

John Cottier  
Auburn

#### CERAMIC NOTES

Ceramic Notes No. 2, ready for distribution, is a monograph entitled "Ceramic Technology at a Weeden Island Period Archaeological Site in North Florida", by Ann S. Cordell. This monograph, which represents publication of Cordell's master's thesis in anthropology, is a technological analysis of pottery recovered from excavations into village and ceremonial contexts at the McKeithen site in Columbia County, Florida.

Ceramic Notes No. 2 is available from Dr. Prudence M. Rice; Ceramic Technology Laboratory; Florida State Museum; Gainesville, Florida 32611. 1984; xv + 248 pages; 18 figures, 40 tables, 22 appendices. \$8 (postage included).

The Editors

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