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IN MEMORY OF RODGER SCHAEFER

How rare and wonderful it is to have known for many years a "special person" such as Rodger Schaefer.

Rodger Schaefer was a man of many talents. In his field of work, his knowledge, his many patents and his sheer ability made him a "special person" at Chemstrand.

For all of his years in Decatur, he was a strong supporter of his church, as a willing worker, as treasurer and as an outstanding example of a fine husband and father.

As an early member of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Rodger carried his share by presenting the best facets of amateur archaeology. He always properly marked the pieces in his collection, he published in the Tennessee Archaeologist and the Alabama Journal of Archaeology, and he contributed to many significant Alabama archaeological efforts.

Early in the 30-year history of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Rodger became the Treasurer. He was always doing his share and more. His smile warmed all of us who knew him. He had the three most important things a man can earn - our trust, our respect and our affection.

We were favored to have known him.

Britt Thompson
Birmingham

A. A. S. ANNUAL MEETING

The Coosa Valley Chapter, Jacksonville State University, and the Anniston Museum of Natural History would like to invite the Alabama Archaeological Society members to the annual winter meeting to be held on Saturday, November 19, 1983, at the Anniston Museum of Natural History; Anniston, Alabama. The focus of this year's program will be centered on archaeological investigation in northeastern Alabama and northwestern Georgia. We are proud to announce

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Dr. John A. Walthall, author of Prehistoric Indians of the Southeast, Alabama and the Middle South, will be our guest speaker. In addition, Dr. Lewis Lawson of West Georgia College, famous for his scholarly work with the Etowah Mound Complex, and Dr. David Halley of the University of Georgia, renowned for his work with the Barnett Phase of Northwestern Georgia, will also participate in this year's program. Additional speakers will include Mr. Mc Brooms (Alabama Historical Commission), Mr. Ray Clark (Environmental Officer, Ft. McClellan), Mr. Eugene Futato (O.A.R.), Dr. Harry Holstein (Jacksonville State), Mr. Vernon Knight (O.A.R.), Mr. Keith Little, Mr. Robert Morgan (Auburn), Mr. Tim Mistovich (O.A.R.), Dr. Roger Nance (U.A.B.), Mr. Carey Oakley (O.A.R.), and Mr. Michael Ray (Anniston Museum of Natural History).

Tentative topics to be discussed include a wide range of subjects, including prehistoric fish weirs, Spanish contact sites, and military versus archaeological land management.

In addition to the program of speakers, museum classrooms will be made available for members to display artifacts. Also the Anniston Museum facility may be visited throughout the day. The museum is an impressive new structure nestled in a forested section of Calhoun County. It has an informative 3/4-mile nature trail, landscaped grounds, picnic facilities, and a museum shop. Society members will have the opportunity to see the African Hall, Ornithology Hall, Egyptian mummies, a life-size walk-through replica of a northeast Alabama cave, prehistoric animals, and much more. An Alabama Craftsmen show will be in the main lobby, and the annual Christmas dollhouse display will be in one of the main galleries. In other words, there will be plenty to see and do this fall at the November 19 meeting. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 19, 1983, and plan to attend the Alabama Archaeological Society meeting to be held at the Anniston Museum of Natural History; Anniston, Alabama.

For further information please contact Dr. Harry O. Holstein, program chairman, Department of Sociology, Jacksonville State University - Phone 205/435-9820, Extension 656.

Harry Holstein
Jacksonville

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FORT MITCHELL

Hope for preserving historic Fort Mitchell suffered a setback when the Veterans Administration agreed to locate a military cemetery there - but declined to accept the actual fort site. But officials aren't willing to give up the idea. With the V.A. ruled out, they are now looking for another source of funds to restore Fort Mitchell - believed to be the starting point of the "Trail of Tears" - and turn it into a public park. Recently the Russell County Commission authorized applying to the Office of State Planning and Federal Programs for a \$350,000 grant. The grant would be used to develop the old fort site into an 80-acre park adjacent to the proposed V.A. cemetery, about six miles south of Phenix City.

In a related development it has been announced that all unauthorized persons who set foot on the proposed National Cemetery at Fort Mitchell will be charged with criminal trespassing. That's the word from the Russell County Commission, which cast a unanimous vote recently to have the historic site posted. The action came after county engineer James McGill asked the County Commission to "deny entry to anyone", unless they have consent from the County Commission or "my office". Recently, he said, "we've had looters digging up Indian artifacts and other burial objects. This destroys the site from any further historical study". Trespassers on the 300-acre site will be criminally prosecuted, with punishment at the judge's discretion. McGill said the area will be patrolled by the sheriff's department and the game warden.

(From "Chattahoochee Tracings", Newsletter of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission, Volume 11, Summer 1983)

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Views from the Fort Toulouse/Fort Jackson Summer Dig—July 16, 1983.

(Photos by A. J. Wright)



Views of summer dig continued. (Photos by A. J. Wright)

CHAPTER NEWS

Cullman Chapter

The last chapter meeting for the summer was a picnic, held at Sportsman Lake on June 27.

Huntsville Chapter

The chapter met on July 19; the speaker was Roy Blair, Jr., whose topic was "Some Reflections on Skeletal Remains from LU 25". Roy is a professional archaeologist who has been active in this area for some time. He has participated in many archaeological projects, including the "dig" at Fort Tombekbe which constituted the A.A.S. summer activity in July 1980.

Rather than focusing on a point type, the "Point-of-the-Month" segment of the July chapter meeting dealt with ceramics. Roy Blair spoke briefly about ceramic cataloging and brought samples of different types of tempering material. He told the chapter how to recognize pottery types by the tempering agent which was used in its manufacture.

The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Arts Council Conference Room, Von Braun Civic Center. For more information call Program Chairman Roy Blair, Jr., at 534-9663.

MUSCLE SHOALS CHAPTER

The Muscle Shoals Chapter held its June meeting on the 27th. Mary-Eliza Moore brought the chapter a lecture on southwestern pottery making and showed examples of her work.

TUSCALOOSA CHAPTER

The Tuscaloosa Chapter's July meeting was held at the Archaeological Research Lab in Moundville, Alabama. Mr. Eugene Futato conducted the tour of the research lab, museum, and park mounds. The chapter's August meeting was held at the town library in Tuscaloosa, on Monday, August 1.

BOOK REVIEWS

Volume II: Gainesville Lake Area Ceramic Description and Chronology. By Ned J. Jenkins. Report of Investigations #12, Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama, October 1981. Four-hundred forty-five pages and numerous tables and illustrations.

The report is extensive and thorough in its coverage of ceramics in the Gainesville Basin. After the preliminary introduction, Chapter 4 covers the excavated sites (five sites in Greene and Pickens Counties). Chapter 5 covers the ceramic chronology of the Gulf Formational Stage, Woodland Stage

and the Mississippian Stage. Chapter 6 (which covers 112 pages) breaks down the ceramic descriptions - shell-tempered, mixed shell- and grog-tempered, mixed limestone- and grog-tempered, bone-tempered and fiber-tempered. Tables and illustrations account for 271 pages of the volume. The chronology covers some 2,500 years of ceramic descriptions and is an outstanding contribution to the ceramic knowledge of the Tombigbee Basin.

Footnote: Grog is the term used to describe crushed sherds as temper. This is a continuing series on the five volumes of the Gainesville Basin. Volume 3 will appear in a future issue of Stones & Bones.

"A New Look at the Dinosaurs". By Alan Charig, Curator of Fossils at the British Museum of Natural History, 1983. One hundred sixty pages with many illustrations and charts. Available for \$15.95 (postage included) from Facts On File; 460 Park Avenue South; New York, New York 10016.

This book contains the latest thinking and information on dinosaurs as to their origin, cold-blooded - warm-blooded, their long evolutionary process, their dominance of all other animals and finally their sudden disappearance. This book is superbly written and simplified for understanding by the layman - yet it does not seem to leave anything out by this simplicity. For the person who wants to know most everything about dinosaurs, this is the book.

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PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

The Antarctic - remote, harshly cold, removed from the ebb and flow of civilization - is a beautiful region with a rich variety of unusual life forms. In Antarctic Wildlife (publication date: February 1983, \$22.95), internationally-acclaimed wildlife photographer Eric Hosking captures the essence of this land and its creatures with his camera. With over 150 color and black-and-white photos, this remarkable region is brought to life on each page.

Byron Sage, who has written the text, is an expert on the Antarctic region, and his detailed account of the general topography and ecology of the area includes not only the Antarctic continent, but also the islands around the Subantarctic convergence.

The book is available from Facts On File, Inc.; 460 Park Avenue South; New York, New York 10016.

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Available issues of <i>Journal of Alabama Archaeology</i> Vol. 13-18, each issue	\$1.00 pp
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