

Alabama Archaeological Society

Associate Editors
Bart Henson
Dorothy Luke



Editor
Amos J. Wright
2602 Green Mountain Rd.
Huntsville, Alabama 35803

Volume 23

MEMBER OF THE EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION

Number 2

MEMBERSHIP DUES

A renewal form is enclosed with this issue of the "STONES & BONES Newsletter" for the convenience of Society members who would like to pay their 1981 dues. If members will use this form to send in their 1981 dues now, it will save the Society the cost of a first-class mailing later to remind you that you are delinquent and your membership has expired.

The Editors

JOURNAL NEWS

The Journal Editor, Eugene Futato, reports that revisions to some articles scheduled for the December 1980 Journal have required more time than anticipated, but are progressing satisfactorily. The December 1980 issue will be mailed soon, and work has begun on the June 1981 issue. Short articles from the membership for inclusion in the June or December 1981 issues are invited. Submit articles directly to the Editor.

The Editors

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, in Birmingham. Members of the Board will be receiving an agenda and further information in the mail soon.

The Editors

MEETING

The 58th annual meeting of the Alabama Academy of Science will be hosted by Auburn University on April 1, 2, 3 and 4, 1981. The Committee for Local Arrangements is hard at work and, if the intensity of their efforts is any indication, this year's meeting should be one of the best yet.

John F. Pritchett
Secretary, Alabama
Academy of Science

February 1981



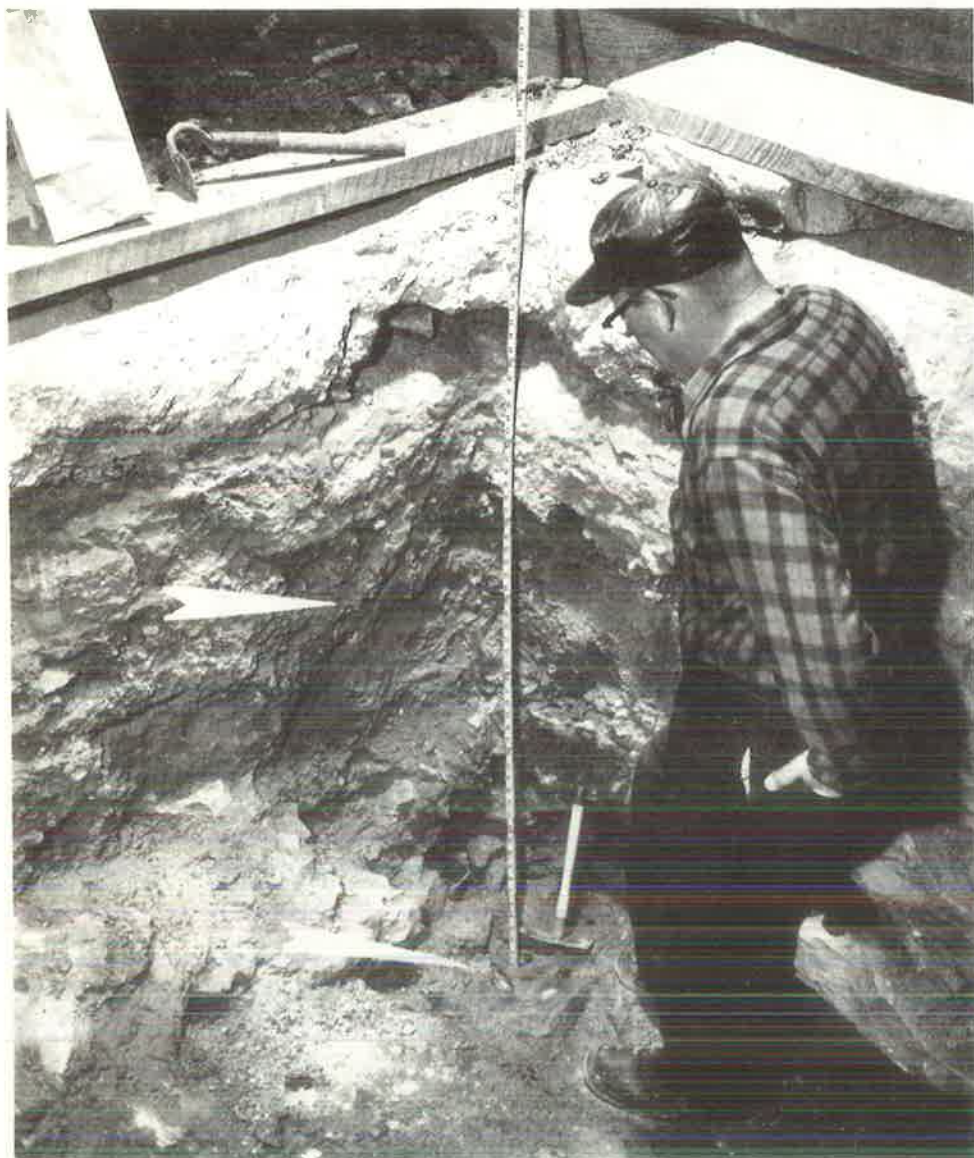
Entrance to Cathedral Caverns as seen in the early days after its discovery. Some of the underbrush and trees had been removed and a rough road bulldozed to the entrance. Winter 1953. Aerial photo by J. Gurley.



Just inside the entrance of Cathedral Caverns, archaeological exploration was carried on for several winters by Ed Mahan, Jay Gurley, Dr. A.G. Long and others. In the foreground is Robin Gurley, at the screen is Jackie Hodges and in the staked off area is Ed Mahan. 1956. Photo by J. Gurley.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCENES FROM AN ALABAMA CAVE

In the 1950's a large cave complex near Grant, Alabama, was being developed as a tourist attraction. This cave, named Cathedral Caverns, was up until that time known only to local residents and caving enthusiasts, but was to later become a major attraction in North Alabama. The huge entrance room of the cavern is one of the largest in the Southeast. Its archaeological potential was, and still is, tremendous. For several years, I coordinated a small scale archaeological investigation for Cathedral Caverns. Artifactual material recovered remained at the site for public display. The accompanying photographs are of scenes from this early work.



Ed Mahan
Guntersville, Alabama

Test pit at Cathedral Caverns. Lower arrow points to a Lerma type spear point recovered at the five foot level. Ed Mahan in pit. Photo by A. G. Long. 1957.

MEMBERSHIP FORM

☐ New Address

☐ Dr.
☐ Mr.
☐ Ms.
☐ Mrs.
☐ Miss

STREET OR RURAL ROUTE

PHONE

<input type="checkbox"/> Life (Individual)	\$180.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate	\$ 7.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Joint Life*	\$250.00	(under 18 years of age)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual (Individual)	\$ 9.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining-Individual	\$ 15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Family	\$ 12.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining-Joint*	\$ 20.00
(Husband and Wife, Children		<input type="checkbox"/> Annual-Institutional	\$ 13.00
Children under 18 years of age)		<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution (Income)	\$
		(Tax Deductible)	

(Residents of Foreign Countries Memberships are \$1.00 extra).

NOTE: Membership in the Alabama Archaeological Society entitles a member to receive 12 issues of the monthly newsletter “Stones and Bones”; plus 2 issues of the *Journal of Alabama Archaeology*. Also, the Society has two annual meetings — summer and winter — for the benefit of its members.



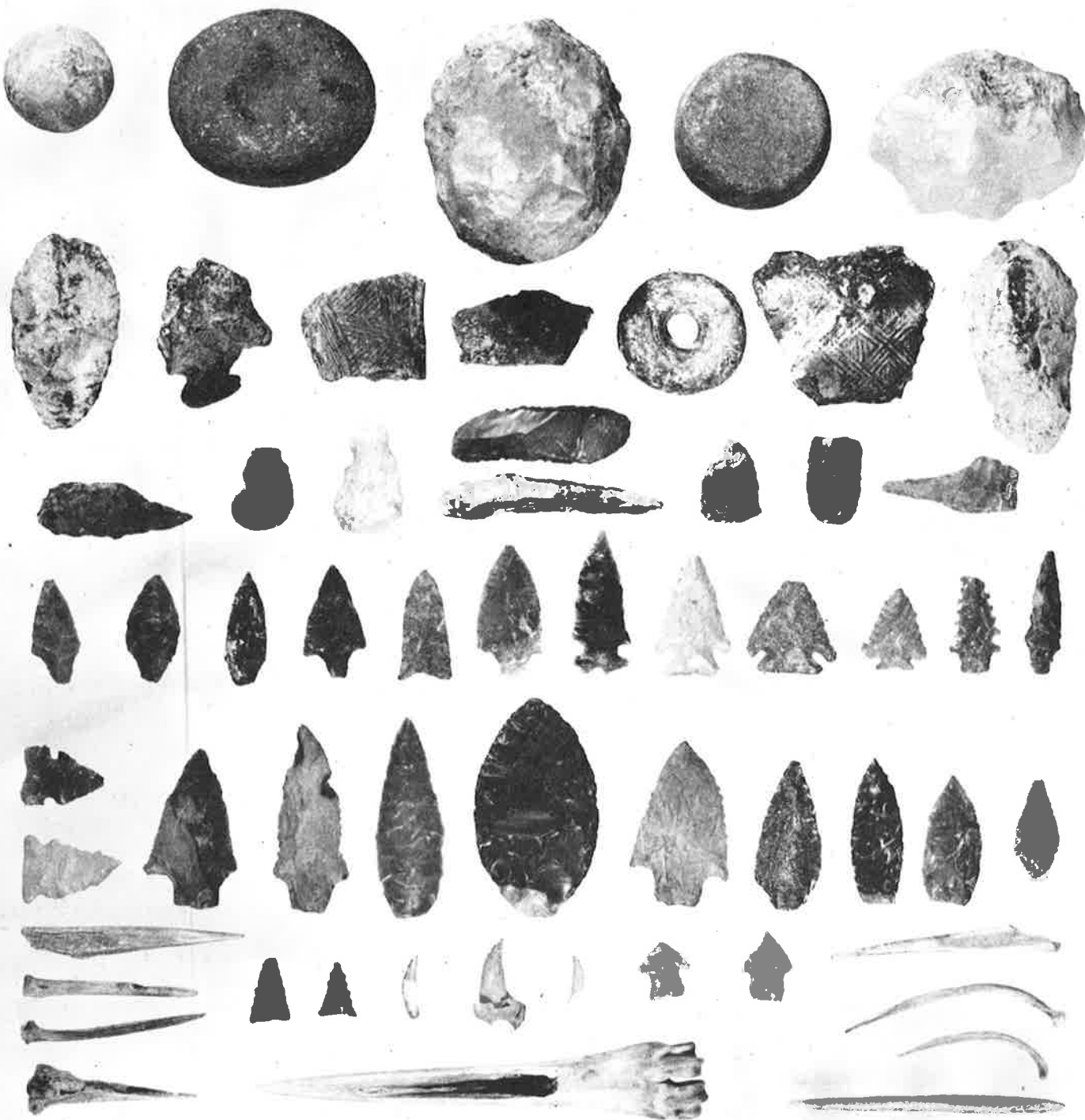
RETURN ADDRESS

ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
Mrs. Bettye T. Henson, Secretary-Treasurer
7608 Teal Drive S.W.
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

First Fold

Second Fold

Third Fold



Some of the artifacts recovered from Cathedral Caverns explorations. 1956 and 1957. Photo by J. Gurley.

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter

The Birmingham Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the Red Mountain Museum. Call Tom Hutto for further information at 956-1895.

Cullman Chapter

Officers who were nominated and elected at the November meeting were: President: Dewitt Coleman; First Vice President: Ronald Morrow; Second Vice President: Howard King; Secretary/Treasurer: Eulis King; Newsletter Editor: Linda Moss. The speaker at the January 1981 meeting was Bart Henson from the Huntsville Chapter. Bart presented a slide-illustrated program on "Indian Rock Art of North Alabama", with comparisons with native rock art in Africa, Australia, Europe and the western United States. Approximately 40 books and papers were displayed to indicate the range of motif, style and technique throughout the world. Alabama rock art apparently has many traits in common with rock art in other parts of the world.

East Alabama Chapter

The Chapter meets on the First Thursday of each month in Thach Auditorium, Auburn University, at 7:30. For information call Dru McGowen at 821-2595.

Huntsville Chapter

Charles Moore of the Muscle Shoals Chapter was the speaker at the January 20 meeting. Charles gave a very interesting slide presentation entitled "Mounds and Other Sites in Ohio". He brought samples of Flint Ridge chert, a distinctive material from which many southern Ohio artifacts were made, for Chapter members to examine.

The Huntsville Chapter Executive Committee met in January to formulate plans for the coming year. Projects include field trips to museums and other places of interest to Chapter members. Watch for details in future Chapter newsletters.

The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Arts Council Conference Room, north end of the Von Braun Civic Center, at 7 p.m.

Muscle Shoals Chapter

The January meeting was held at the Florence Museum at the Temple Mound, with Amos Wright of Huntsville presenting a slide program on Mounds of the Southeast. The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets the second Monday of each month at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence at 7:15.

BOOK REVIEW

ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE TECHNOLOGY ON THE SOUTHEASTERN COASTAL PLAIN DURING THE LATE PREHISTORIC PERIOD - by Lewis H. Larson. University Presses of Florida; 15 N. W. 15th Street; Gainesville, Florida 32603. Price: \$20 + \$.85 postage.

Don't let the title of this book turn you off as just being another "dry" report on archaeology dealing with the southeast. This book by Lewis H. Larson, Professor of Anthropology at West Georgia College and a long-time specialist in southeastern archaeology, reflects the results of a well-researched effort dealing with a subject not often addressed by archaeologists, except in an occasional site report. The narrative flows easily and is very descriptive and interesting reading. It will become a standard reference on Indian subsistence for the coastal regions of Georgia, Florida and Alabama including the "pine barrens". The food used by the Indian - from shellfish, fish, reptiles, sea mammals and land mammals to plants, fruit, berries and foods cultivated - all have their place and influence on Indian life, hardly suspected until reading Larson's account of their effects on daily Indian activity and consequently their culture. For those interested in southeastern archaeology and subsistence patterns, this book is highly recommended.

The Editors

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Historic Chattahoochee Commission's sixth publication, THE CHATTACHOOCHEE COUNTRY OF ALABAMA AND GEORGIA, by Mark Fretwell, is now available. Mr. Fretwell's absorbing chronicle marks the first time that anyone has ever attempted to write an overview of the people, events and places that shaped the history of this region. Copies of this 370-page illustrated, hardbound volume may be purchased by sending a check or money order in the amount of \$14.50 to the Historic Chattahoochee Commission; P. O. Box 33; Eufala, Alabama 36027. Add \$1 to the price for postage and handling per copy. Alabama residents should add 4 percent sales tax to the total amount of each order.

The Editors

ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN THE LITTLE BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR, by Carey B. Oakley and Eugene M. Futato. Research Series No. 1, Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama, 314 pages plus 18 figures, 37 tables, 79 plates. Available only from Mapping Services Branch, TVA; 200 Haney Building; Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401.

The Editors

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Available issues of <i>Journal of Alabama Archaeology</i> Vol. 13-18	\$1.00 pp
Vol. 20-24 (\$2.50 to Members)	\$4.00 pp
<i>Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter Excavations</i> (Journal of Alabama Archaeology)	
Vol. VIII Nos. 1 & 2 - Reprint)	\$5.00 pp
Special Publication 1 — Fort Mitchell	\$2.00 pp
Special Publication 2 — <i>The Archaeological Sequence at</i>	
<i>Durant Bend, Dallas County, Alabama</i>	\$4.50 pp
Special Publication 3 — <i>Archaeological Investigations at Horseshoe Bend</i>	\$6.50 pp
<i>Handbook of Alabama Archaeology Part I, Point Types</i>	\$7.35 pp
Lively, Long, Josselyn - <i>Pebble Too! Paper</i>	\$3.00 pp
<i>Investigations in Russell Cave</i> , published by the National Parks Service	\$5.00 pp
CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY	
MAIL CHECKS TO: MR. EUGENE FUTATO, Office of Archaeological Research	
1 Mound State Monument, Moundville, Alabama 35474	

MEMBERSHIP

The coupon below may be used EITHER to APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP in the Society, or for the PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES. Please be sure that your name and address are CLEARLY entered, and that appropriate boxes are checked.

TO: **THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, for**

☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐ PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES ☐ REPORTING OF NEW ADDRESS

MAIL TO:
MRS. BETTYE T. HENSON
SECRETARY AND TREASURER
 7806 Teal Drive, S.W.
 Huntsville, Alabama 35802

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(Residents of Foreign Countries, including Canada & Mexico: \$1.00 additional for Regular, Associate or Institutional Membership,
 \$10.00 additional for Individual Life and \$15.00 additional for Joint Life Membership)

<input type="checkbox"/> Life (Individual)	\$180.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate (Students under age 22)	\$ 7.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Joint Life (husband & wife)	250.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (individual)	15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual (individual)	9.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining (husband & wife)	20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Annual, Family (husband, wife and children under age 18)	12.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Annual (institutional)	13.00
		<input type="checkbox"/> Contribution (tax deductible)	\$ _____

Alabama Archaeological Society

Mr. Amos J. Wright
 2602 Green Mountain Road SE
 Huntsville, Alabama 35803



Non Profit Org.
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
 PERMIT NO. 197
 HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID L. DEJARNETTE-JS

BOX 307

ORANGE BEACH, ALABAMA 36561