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### PROGRESS REPORT - 1967 SUMMER DIG

The 2 major purposes of this year's Alabama Archaeological Society - University of Alabama dig are to obtain more information on the "Lively Complex", and to salvage archaeological information from sites in the Bear Creek Watershed area which will be inundated by 4 proposed TVA dams.

Site Fr 310 is located near the junction of Cedar and Lick Creeks in the Belgreen area about 12 miles west of Russellville, Ala., in Franklin County. The surface of Fr 310 is littered with flint chips, "Lively Complex" tools on yellow jasper and conglomerate, projectile points, pottery sherds and various types of flaked tools.

Excavation began at this site on June 7th with a student crew of 9 from the University of Alabama. An area 50' by 50' was staked out in 5' squares, and excavation begun using arbitrary 4" levels. The material was screened through a mechanical shaker table. After establishing stratigraphy at the site, it was possible to utilize zones for level control. Zone A (the plowed level) is from 6" to 8" deep and contains material from Transitional Paleo - Early Archaic to projectile points and pottery belonging to the Mississippian period. Zone B (8" to 32") is composed of black, highly organic soil. This zone contains middle to late Archaic material, and at this time, 5 "round grave" sitting burials are being excavated. Zone C (below 32") is yellowish clay. A test pit within the site has been excavated to a depth of 8' and no earlier occupational material has been encountered.

Directions to the present and future digs can be obtained at the Colonial Inn Motel on US Highway 43 Bypass in Russellville. All visitors are welcome.

(This site, which was being destroyed by cultivation, was thoughtfully brought to the attention of the Society by Mr. Bedford of Russellville, and was given much publicity in the Russellville press. In giving it proper archaeological attention we therefore contribute valuably to the archaeological education of an entire area. This is one of the most pressing needs of archaeology - Editor's note).

### 1967 SUMMER ANNUAL MEETING & WORKSHOP JULY 8-9

As announced last month, the meeting will be held Saturday, July 8th and Sunday, July 9th, at Russellville, Ala., near the summer dig sites. Dig Headquarters are maintained at the Colonial Inn Motel located on US Highway 43 Bypass at Russellville. The Motel contains 36 units and reservations should be made in advance to assure available accommodations. The dinner meeting will commence at 6:30 PM on Saturday, July 8th, at which time a roast beef dinner will be served at a cost of \$2.00 per person. Following dinner, there will be a detailed report on results obtained at sites being excavated, together with discussion. A Board of Directors meeting will be held following the dinner meeting.

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It is hoped not only that as many as possible of our statewide membership will be present for the dinner meeting, but that a considerable portion of those will bring along work clothes and contribute volunteer labor at the dig site both Saturday and Sunday. For those who do not wish to participate actively, a demonstration of excavation techniques will be arranged at the site, which will be both instructive and enjoyable to everyone who attends.

The dinner meeting will be held at the Iron Gate Restaurant, adjacent to the Colonial Inn Motel. It is necessary that the Restaurant know in advance how many are to be served at the meeting. PLEASE, THEREFORE, USE THE SMALL SLIP AT THE BOTTOM OF PAGE 7 OF THIS NEWSLETTER TO INFORM MR. DEJARNETTE THAT YOU WILL BE PRESENT, GIVING THE NUMBER IN YOUR PARTY. MAIL THE SLIP TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, JULY 6TH, to Mr. D. L. DeJarnette, Colonial Inn Motel, Russellville, Ala. 35653.

#### 1967 FUND DRIVE BY POPULAR REQUEST

Well, our "donors' dollars are digging" now - under scientific university supervision - in an archaeologically important and unknown area soon to be deep beneath the waters of 4 dams. There are many volunteer movements and fund drives, for many fine causes, giving us such grand returns for our small investments, such as polio eradication. But it stirs our pride each month that Alabama continues to assume the rather exalted cultural responsibility for THE HISTORY OF MAN IN AMERICA, and inaugurate an annual fund drive in its behalf. May the scientific rewards be as great this year as this unique, intelligent and generous effort deserves! Here are this month's donors:

Mr. & Mrs. John P. Knudsen, Pete and Betty Ann, awakening memories of the "good old days", started the ball rolling this month with our TWELFTH out-of-state donation - we lost the Knudsens to North Carolina but they have never forgotten us. Pete is having to "batch" while Betty Ann "travels around the world to accompany her construction superintendent father home from his tour of duty building air fields, ports, etc. in Viet Nam...last letter from Greece says she 'climbed the Acropolis to stand in the middle of the Parthenon...I've tried not to miss any great ruins anywhere'". (Ah, to see that Temple of Athena, zenith of Greek Doric architecture, by Ictinus!) Pete hopes their donation will help "to shed a little light on the great 'pebble tool' mystery". Amen - we'd better, before we go daffy!

Jim C. Morris, Tallahassee, a new and out-of-state donor in April, makes good his promise "I will be sending more later", so now doubles up as again a new (TWELFTH) and out-of-state (THIRTEENTH) donor so far as 1967 is concerned - a mathematical puzzle but a nice record. We are reminded that it might have been "Morrisville" had not Josiah Morris declined the honor and suggested "Birmingham".

Tom and Helen Beck, from our astonishing Huntsville Chapter which must be leading in donors to date, send our THIRTEENTH new donation. It is no mere figure of speech to say our new members are "paying off", and we are most grateful for this interest in our unique effort to do big things.

Spencer A. Waters & Family - and what a family, one might say. Their vigorous, and mutual, and prize-winning interests contributing so much to science, we nominate as an answer to that "what's wrong with family life?" which we hear so often of late. And we suspect that raising children like that is the grandest "hobby" of all!

ANONYMOUS INDUSTRIAL - a very fine donation from a very fine Corporation, for the FOURTH consecutive year! And we might add that our thanks are also due to "contacts" for our "business accounts" which have been so important. The donor sends "best wishes during the coming year to your fine organization, and we are happy to be of assistance". Nice folks, and we are happy to have their assistance.

Mr. & Mrs. Houston Glover (Huntsville again!) send our FOURTEENTH new donation. And



they send another check for a Joint Sustaining membership. It is good to see the Sustaining memberships increasing - as we grow, and our work grows in importance, and more members write reports for our JOURNAL, we need this added income "to keep up with ourselves" in the matter of publication - that final archaeological function which gives worth to all the rest. Thanks.

Dr. John E. Wood, one of our prized medical members who joined us last year, is back again. Haleyville, betwixt and between the Lively Complex pebble tool type sites and A. B. Hooper's identical pebble tool sites, is an important and poorly known archaeological area. We'd like to see Dr. Wood gather the growing interest into a Haleyville Chapter, in keeping with the many remarkable medical contributions to archaeology.

LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, a fine friend of archaeology for a long time, sends their SEVENTH consecutive donation. We always feel that we get a sort of bonus with this generous donation, as Jack D. McSpadden, Executive Vice President, belongs to our Society and takes a personal interest. Of course, Liberty National is known for many good works, and as a fine organization. Frank Park Samford Sr., Chairman of the Board, has been the guiding hand in the astonishing growth of this great Company, and his personal reputation equals his business sagacity. It is good to see his name achieve permanence in our fine Samford University - which we hope will some day add a Department of Anthropology! (We'd be glad to donate a large surface collection from this immediate area, properly marked.)

William P. McClellan (MARTIN-McCLELLAN CO. INC., Builders-Contractors, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.) quite won our hearts with his donation letter in 1963, saying that his "digging" consisted of "reading and re-reading the pages of the monthly Newsletter. My congratulations to the wonderful people who are giving their time and talent to produce this interesting and informative publication". To our blushing way of thinking, that was about the most talented writing we ever read! So we were disappointed this year not to get another letter - until we looked at Mr. McClellan's check - a WHOPPER of a raise! All is forgiven, sir.

Larry Wright, now graduated up to Auburn, seems to have sustained the enthusiasm with which he discovered us last year. He writes: "I must say that after reading all the material sent me as a member of the Ala. Arch. Soc., I am convinced the Society has superior leadership and I consider what little I give as well spent. I regret not being able to participate at dig sites". (P.S. And we still like Larry, too!)

Paul Bullock, Cocoa Beach, Fla. - our FOURTEENTH out-of-state donation! Paul, however, was formerly one of our very active Huntsville group, so we are not surprised that he has not forgotten. In forwarding this donation, Secretary Rodger Schaefer remarks: "Sometime I feel that our out-of-state members are more interested in our Alabama digs than our own state members" - and there does seem to be a disproportion. (We have donations, over the years, from Ala., Ark., Cal., both Carolinas, Col., Conn., Del, Fla., Ga., Ill., Ky., La., Mass., Mich., Minn., Miss., Mo., N.H., N.J., N.M., N.Y., Ohio, Pa., R.I., Tenn., Va., W.Va., Wash., Wash. D.C., Germany, Ireland, Puerto Rico - 33! If YOUR state is missing, how about putting it on the map?)

MORGAN-LIMESTONE CHAPTER, however, comes to the defense of the home team with a SECOND donation this year, leaving "the bucket nearly dry. We hope to make up for this by a good membership turn-out at the dig June 24 and 25 to replace a few blistered hands and tired backs", writes Secy-Treas. John Gustafson, Decatur.

Arthur & Kate Dunning were donors in the April issue, and now comes the famous Dunning rock and mineral sets they have donated annually to sell for our fund. ALL THREE sets are now available - 75 Alabama specimens, the majority of which are unfamiliar to most of us. They are boxed, named, county of origin, commercial use - and fit for framing as a most unusual "picture of Alabama geology". \$4.50 postpaid, \$3.75 cash-and-carry. Set #3 still available separately, \$1.50 & \$1.25 as above. You can't learn your rocks



from a book alone! And DO put a full set in your school, public library or museum! Order from Dan Josselyn, 408 Broadway, Birmingham, Ala. 35209.

George E. Russell is one of those few people who can legitimately say "let George do it". And in his case, George is trying to do it. He donates the year around by providing a projectile point typing service in the Birmingham area, and by making a vigorous effort to improve our taxonomic method. George has also been a leader in urging SUSTAINING memberships to finance our Journal, in keeping with our growing importance. This effort is "paying off" and we hear that Dave DeJarnette is grateful.

Tom Cornell, our State President this year, and a WORKING President, sends along with his donation also the FIFTH donation of G. W. JONES & SONS, Consulting Engineers, Huntsville; and the FIFTH donation of U. G. Roberts Jr. Archaeologically, we have a sort of Jones & Sons & Roberts combination. Jones & Sons make their immense properties available to U.G. for archaeological exploration, and among the fluted point sites discovered there is at least one of unusual interest, on which U.G. will report. This, too, is of course a fine donation to archaeology by Jones & Sons & Roberts. Tom Cornell, in his nice letter, expressed some complaints of our up-and-coming Huntsville Chapter. We like that. Let's out with them - maybe a "Complaint Department" in our Newsletter. We understand complaints, and have as many as anybody if not more. Our "two-bit" attack on the immensity of Alabama archaeology leaves almost everything to be desired. We can only do our "best", and try to make it a little better.

Mr. & Mrs. C. van den Berg, sending their SIXTH fine donation, may be said to "point a moral", as it were. While they do take an interest in archaeological literature, they have never been "bitten by the bug" in a virulent form and have escaped the actual disease. But through association with Milt & Bea Harris (Mrs. van den Berg is Bea's sister) they have perceived the justice and worth of our efforts. If all of our members were "publicity agents", how many more such people might we discover with the intelligence to appreciate that Alabama archaeology merits and needs assistance? The van den Bergs should be a valuable reminder that our possibilities have not been completely "excavated" - and thanks to them.

J. Henry McCary & William M. Spencer, who as CHARTER and BENEFACTOR donors the first year, enabled us to test trench the Stanfield-Worley and prove its immense potential, thus became largely responsible for proving the potential of the fund-drive method and professional-amateur cooperation. As President and Treasurer, respectively, of our fund-raising arm, the Archaeological Research Assn. of Ala. Inc., they have donated the weight of their responsible standing in the business and social world. Their 8TH generous donations remind us again that we could not have succeeded without them. And this should remind the profession of the potential amateur sources eminently worth discovering. Mr. McCary is the retired President of the Southern Life & Health Ins. Co., and Mr. Spencer is a retired attorney. How many such people have YOU interested in YOUR community, and in YOUR State? Archaeology needs such people everywhere.

Dan Josselyn, still plugging away at his monthly donations, reminds us of the vast importance of the "little fellow with a big interest" - who may not think his donation would be worth sending in. Suppose 500 of our members were to donate just ONE DOLLAR a month. It would solve our problems financially. Better, it would indicate a true, a wonderful, a healthy INTEREST in archaeology which would insure a great future for our unique enterprise! Anybody want to start a "dollar-a-month" club?

SUCCESS - we now have received this year \$2,955 - insuring our \$3,000 contract with the University for 6 weeks. Shall we try for 12? Some 500 members still "have a vote!"

#### HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MAY 26 1967

President Cornell presided over meeting at Cullman with 23 present. Secretary-Treasurer Schaefer reported on membership statistics and bank balances.



E. M. Harris reported on crisis facing continued Newsletter publication and suggested solution was approved by Board vote.  
 Following discussion, J. W. Cambron moved that articles in Newsletter be signed by the author unless he objected. Approved by Board.  
 Following discussion, committee appointed to consider increasing Society Annual dues and price of back JOURNALS, to report findings to Summer Annual Meeting in July.  
 D. L. DeJarnette reported June JOURNAL in progress and papers needed for December JOURNAL. Board authorized increase in number of copies printed.  
 Brittain Thompson reported satisfactorily increasing donations to Research Association for summer dig, and that contract made with University for first half.  
 D. L. DeJarnette reported on summer dig arrangements and details.  
 J. W. Cambron reported progress toward completion of Part II of HANDBOOK.  
 Board approved participation in travelling museum sponsored by Huntsville Council of Arts which will include an archaeological exhibit.  
 Representatives of new Chapter being formed in Cullman were introduced.  
 Birmingham Chapter requested to make arrangements for Winter Annual Meeting to be held there in December of this year.

#### OUR NEWSLETTER COMES OF AGE

Our Newsletter began as a publication of the Birmingham Anthropological Society in January 1956. We had no money - dues were a dollar and members were few. But Miss Alice De Lamar, wintering at her Palm Beach estate, suddenly provided us with an impressive bank account - right "out of the blue" and for no provocation at all. And with it was the suggestion that societies prosper as they publish. Thus our Newsletter was born.

In November of 1958 this became the Newsletter of the Alabama Archaeological Society, with the Birmingham, Madison-Huntsville, Morgan-Limestone and Muscle Shoals Chapters. And Alabama archaeological interest, which had been at a standstill for 30 years, began to grow toward our present 12 Chapters (plus a Cullman Chapter apparently imminent). All the work on our publication is of course volunteer and free. And since our modest dues cannot possibly finance commercial printing, we owe thanks to those who down the years have made duplicating services available at no cost. But this and other problems multiplied with membership, exchange requests and the increasing complimentary copies our "name and fame" made advisable.

We were extended to a critical limit when our present Associate Editors took over the manifold problems of publishing and mailing, and inaugurated reforms and efficiencies: lower postage rates, printing on both faces of a sheet, purchasing paper on a million-sheet basis through a cooperative company, imposing upon a most generous company for the finest printing and collating services we ever had. We thus weathered the difficult years of rapidly growing adolescence.

But, as we grow larger and larger, we cannot continue to impose upon the kindness and generosity of others. We had reached a crucial point where publication prospects looked third-rate if not impossible. Inquiry proved the cost of commercial printing to be quite beyond our reach. In a chatty letter to Miss De Lamar, this situation was mentioned - as she has a "vested interest" in the publication she launched.

Well, this long-time benefactor of Alabama archaeology, though a thousand miles distant, wrote: "There must not be a stopping of publication" - and solved our problems by MAKING IT POSSIBLE FOR US TO DO OUR OWN PUBLISHING. This generous concern for the fortunes of Alabama archaeology leaves one with no adequate words. We hope that our efforts will bear fruit more expressive than words to thank Miss Alice De Lamar.

#### CHAPTER NEWS

THE PASTFINDERS, Ladies Auxiliary of the Birmingham Chapter, are planning to visit and



furnish volunteer labor at summer dig, and have voted a generous donation. The group will shortly see slides and hear a lecture on Cambodia by member Mary Alice Carmichael, also will tour wildflower gardens of member Mrs. Lindsay Smith. A trip to Talladega is planned for June to see old homes there. Field trips for surface collecting of artifacts and hunting wildflowers will be continued through the summer.

Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Long Building in Guntersville. At the June meeting, A. B. Hooper III led a discussion on the State Society's summer dig. Chapter meeting time changed to 7:30 PM for the summer.

Montgomery Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the June meeting, President Dave Chase will discuss "Pottery Identification - Part II, Decoration and Form" to further help members identify pottery as to its cultural origin in terms of features recognized in samples found in the field. The Chapter plans to explore the Billingsly Site (Au 52) on Swift Creek in Autauga County during the summer to obtain data for filling in the local prehistoric picture.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Decatur City Hall. At the June meeting, member Samuel A. Mosley reported on a 23 day West Coast vacation, only a little archaeology, but an extremely beautiful series of color slides. July meeting will be held at the Society's Summer Annual Meeting at Russellville with a large attendance anticipated. A large group of the membership is also planning to visit the summer dig on June 24th to furnish volunteer labor.

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3 Florence State College. At the April meeting, State President Tom Cornell spoke on: "The Whitesburg Bridge Site", which was excavated in 1939-40 by the WPA & TVA, 4,800 man-days of labor having been expended on the project. Artifacts from the site were displayed. At the May meeting, a 50 minute color and sound film "Highway Salvage Archaeology - New Mexico" was shown, produced by that State's Highway Department and the Bureau of Public Roads (U.S.) to show how the contractors and the State archaeologists cooperated to obtain as much data and material as possible from sites before and during road construction there.

Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at Etowah County Court House Gadsden. The June meeting concerned itself almost exclusively with reports and further planning for the "Coosa Valley Time Tunnel" project being sponsored jointly with the Historical Society on July 4th at the Gadsden Convention Hall. Ticket sales by both groups are encouraging, and a successful exhibition project is anticipated.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

##### NEW MEMBERS IN JUNE: (Welcome, one and all!)

University of Alberta Library, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Fred B. Cagle, Hanceville, Ala. 35077 (Family)  
Carlton Dilbeck, 2105 Hixon Ave., Florence, Ala. 35630  
W. J. Edwards Jr., 404 Lakehill Drive, Cullman, Ala. 35055 (Family)  
H. L. Estes, Route 7, Cullman, Ala. 35055  
Randy Hasenbein, Route 7, Convent Road, Cullman, Ala. 35055  
W. P. Oden, Route 1 Box 177-A, Eva, Ala. 35621 (Family)  
Herbert W. Rutherford, 3817 Arundel Drive, Birmingham, Ala. 35243 (Family)  
Forrest Rutledge, USS San Marcos (LSD-25) M Div., FPO New York, N.Y. 10001  
Edward Traughber, c/o P. H. Alexander, Route 1, Sheffield, Ala. 35660  
C. W. Wells, 219 Pinecrest Drive, Cullman, Ala. 35055 (Family)  
Michael C. Wells, 219 Pinecrest Drive, Cullman, Ala. 35055

BAD ADDRESS: William B. Stepp, formerly 4509 Triana Blvd., Box 9, Huntsville, Ala. 35890

Jim Spotswood, our friend on the staff of the BIRMINGHAM NEWS, has done an exceptional job of reporting archaeology ever since our fund drives began. This year he handled a hot one - our pebble tools - in the June 7 issue. And he properly stressed the MYS-



TERY of these large, crude stone tools in Alabama - so confusingly like the "first man" tools that Dr. & Mrs. Leakey are finding in Africa. What on earth are they doing here? We were able to give Jim no answers at all. Leakey and other notable authorities have verified them, but we do not yet know who made these pebble tools, or when. Technologically and typologically they are in sharp contrast with American archaeology as we have known it - in fact, in such contrast that we haven't been recognizing them. With many sites in Alabama now, some in other states, 2 excavations and much study, we at least know we DO HAVE SOMETHING. Whatever the answer may be, we do know it will be NEW, and therefore IMPORTANT. Thanks to Jim Spotswood for giving our "mystery tools" the publicity they deserve.

WATCH FOR THIS!!!! On July 11th at 5:30 PM, David L. DeJarnette, Curator of Mound State Monument, will present on STATEWIDE ETV a story of the reconstruction work underway at Moundville. The Staff at Moundville has been working during the past year on plans for the restoration of an Indian Temple on Mound B, the 57½' high Temple Mound in the Monument. Poles are already in place for the walls of the 30' by 40' structure. Last fall, sedge grass was cut and tied into 2,600 bundles which will be used for the roof thatching. A life-sized habitat group is being prepared for the exhibit inside the restored temple. During the program, Dave will show slides and explain the work in progress at Moundville. DON'T MISS IT!!! AND TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT IT!!!

EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING CALL: We are quoting verbatim the "Call for Papers" to be read at the 1967 meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. on November 3-5: "Contributed papers are needed for the ESAF 1967 meeting. It is hoped that someone from each of the member societies will be able to present a paper or encourage some member of your society to do so. Newsletter and journal editors are requested to run a notice of this call for papers in their publications. Please send titles and 300 word (or less) abstracts to the chairman of the Program Committee by August 1." Address Dr. James E. Fitting, Program Chairman, Museum of Anthropology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104. LET'S PARTICIPATE ON THIS!

WORKING PEOPLE: For the information of those going to our summer dig, and for the permanent record, the student roster (with home towns) for the first half follows: Boyce Driskell, Mobile; Tommy Heard, Cherokee; Tommy Jackson, Talladega; Regina Kinsaul, Tuscaloosa; Charlie Sealy, Tuscaloosa; Walter Turner, Northport; Dale White, Arley; & Judy Wiley, Birmingham. N. Read Stowe, Birmingham, is Field Supervisor; and, of course, David L. DeJarnette, University of Alabama, is "Boss".

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS: Perhaps some professionals have made no more effort to work with amateurs than some amateurs have made to work with professionals. We have a fine opportunity to impress Read Stowe with the value of amateur cooperation, and to give him training in using and developing our amateur services. Let's "put our best foot forward" on our dig visits. Read, though a graduate of Nathaniel Hawthorne, New Hampshire, is no "yankee". In addition to other illustrious southern ancestors, one was Commander of the 37th Alabama Volunteers - besides surgeon, Doctor of Laws, College President and member of the U.S. Congress.

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TO: Mr. David L. DeJarnette, Colonial Inn Motel, Russellville, Ala. 35653

PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR MY PARTY OF \_\_\_\_\_ AT THE DINNER MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE IRON GATE RESTAURANT IN RUSSELLVILLE AT 6:30 PM ON SATURDAY, JULY EIGHTH AS PART OF THE 1967 SUMMER ANNUAL MEETING & WORKSHOP OF THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. I WILL MAKE MY OVERNIGHT RESERVATION COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THIS REQUEST.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

## EDUCATIONAL PAGE

### PUBLIC FUNDS FOR ARCHAEOLOGY

The last 2 issues of STONES & BONES reported with restrained glee that the Arkansas Legislature had appropriated \$215,000 for archaeological work. Though ignorant of the facts in this case, my suspicion is that a candid presentation of them would illustrate a frequent statement of a friend, a shaman of a particular success cult. This man has often said: "If you want to be big, you gotta think big, act big and talk big."

The gist of what I am trying to say is that those who might wish to seek public funds for archaeology should learn the practical aspects of politics. One might make an interesting, but slightly cynical, start in this direction by reading Edwin O'Connor's novel THE LAST HURRAH.

A good first principle is never to ask a politician for a small amount of money, unless you have close ties with him. The request for a paltry sum may cause him to think that you and what you advocate are insignificant.

In demonstration of this point, some years ago a group appeared before a political board in a certain state to seek an expansion of some public recreational facilities. They first requested equipment estimated at \$15,000. The Board refused this on the grounds of insufficient funds; and they rejected the second plea, which was for paraphernalia at a calculated cost of only \$10,000, on the same basis as the first. The chief spokesman of the group then remarked loudly that it appeared useless to ask for what they really wanted. When one of the public officials inquired what that was, he learned that the whole list of desires added up to about \$350,000. Thereupon, the Board agreed to look into the matter. All the requested facilities, with one modification, were operating within 18 months, having cost more than the estimate.

The second guiding principle is that you should cultivate the friendship of elective officeholders, if you think that any activity you wish to promote may ever need political sponsorship. A few politicians may be crass and irresponsible, but most of them are intelligent, genial, communicative and conscientious. Their information about people in their own and other communities is often valuable. An example of this is that our local legislators last year helped a group, mostly women, who wanted the State to establish a bureau whose purpose would be to aid a cause somewhat akin to archaeology. They succeeded largely because they knew whom to contact in different parts of the state.

The timing of a request is also important in seeking a political favor.

Space and other factors keep this from being a comprehensive treatment of the subject. Nevertheless, my hope is to give others interested in archaeology something worth considering.

Frederick L. Ingate, Mauvilla Chapter



## THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Following are the objectives stated in our Constitution, slightly modified for emphasis: To promote informed interest in the study of Archaeology in Alabama and neighboring States; to encourage careful scientific archaeological research in such ways as surface scouting, mapping, marking, studying and especially reporting; to promote and support professionally directed excavations and discourage unsupervised "digging"; to promote the conservation of archaeological sites and to favor the passage of laws prescribing such; to oppose the sale of antiquities, and the manufacture and sale of fraudulent artifacts; to encourage and develop a better understanding of archaeology through providing Newsletters, Journals, Chapter and State meetings, helpful associates and good fellowship; to serve as a bond between individual archaeologists in the State, both non-professional and professional; and perhaps most importantly, to give everyone the opportunity to "do something about archaeology" through the accomplishment and enjoyment of these high aims.

The Society needs and welcomes as members, all persons whose ideals are in accord with the objectives set forth above. Active members receive the JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, devoted to articles on the archaeology of Alabama and nearby States, and also receive the STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER, published monthly, containing news of members and their activities, also State, national and worldwide events of archaeological importance.



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