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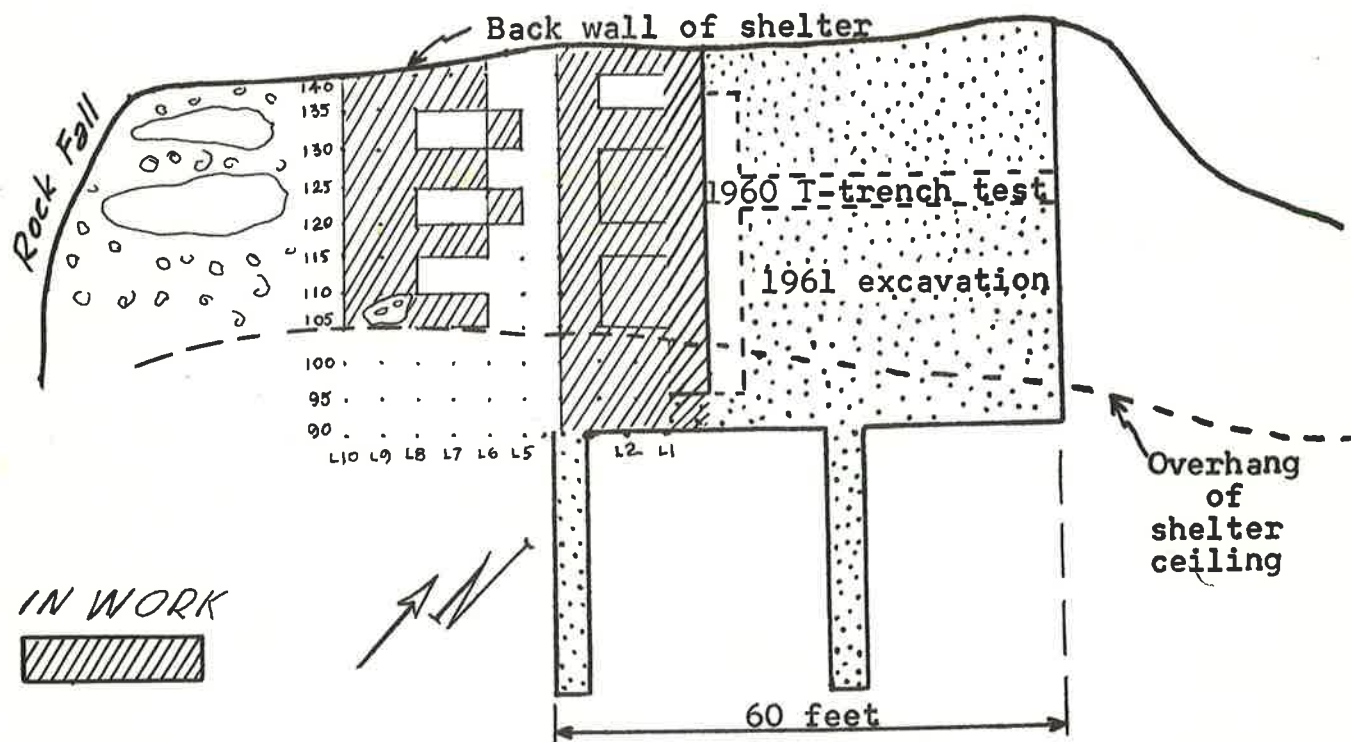
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PROGRESS MAP, STANFIELD-WORLEY DIG, 1963

Ground Plan of Shelter

(as of July 18)



As shown on the map above, considerable progress has been made since the last Newsletter was published. As of July 18th, the first half of the '63 field work was completed, and the second half student crew has now moved in. An additional 15' has been staked, and excavated, to the left (facing into the shelter) of the stakes shown previously. Still farther to the left and past the rockfall, another small area has been cleaned off and is in process of being staked for excavation. It is contemplated that a portion of the area to the right of the '61 dig will be excavated if time permits.

Four 10' control blocks were isolated in the right-hand half of this summer's dig, to enable closer observation and control of the stratigraphy. Three more 10' blocks are in process of being isolated at present in the left-hand portion.

As to some of the material which has been found - 8 burials have been uncovered to date, of which 2 were associated as an adult and infant. Another appeared to have a dog burial associated with it. The majority of these burials are probably Woodland, with the possible exception of one Archaic. Seventeen features have been discovered, consisting

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mainly of hearths, fire pits and occupational floor levels. The projectile point sequence found this summer ranges from Madison to Big Sandy and Dalton. All the expected pottery tempers have been found, with Woodland limestone (Mulberry Creek Plain, Flint River Cord Marked, Long Branch Fabric Marked, etc.) comprising the majority.

The stratigraphy varies slightly from that of the '61 excavations; but, overall, the levels coincide and appear as expected.

FLUTED DALTON

The most outstanding find of the 2 years' excavation to date was the fluted Dalton found by Bea Harris in Block 14OL3, from a depth of 27 inches. There is no doubt that it is a Dalton, and that it is fluted. There is a possibility, however, that some Dalton Man picked up a fluted point such as a Cumberland or Clovis and reworked it to a Dalton shape, but this is a remote possibility. Reworking on this particular type of flint could not be demonstrated, because there was no patination.

The process which is normally used on the Dalton point is to thin the base, and fluting is a form of thinning. During the first season's excavation, several Daltons were found with an extra large thinning scar that had been struck from the base, which resembled rudimentary fluting, but this was never on both sides of the same specimen, and the channels were not as long and as well directed. The fluted point just recovered in the excavation this summer has well defined channels, and on both sides of the point.

SUMMER WORKSHOP MEETING

The summer Workshop Meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society took place Saturday & Sunday, July 13 & 14, at the Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter. Society members began arriving early in the morning on Saturday, and the workshop began officially with a welcome delivered by Archaeologist-in-Charge David L. DeJarnette at 1:00 p.m. Rainy weather did not dampen the spirits of those in attendance, as a large crowd had gathered by the time Dave commenced his demonstration of archaeological field and laboratory methods.

As part of the workshop meeting, members of the student digging crew instructed visitors in various facets of field archaeology. Bennett Graham, Graduate Assistant, explained archaeological techniques and answered questions about the layout of the site. Another Graduate Assistant, Joe Benthall, informed visitors about the determination of stratigraphy and the proper method of recording it. Betsy Shepard gave a demonstration of the use of the plane table and alidade in archaeology while Randy Luxenberg explained the sorting of materials after excavation. Jewel Green explained the cataloging and recording of artifacts. Steve Wright entertained with a facetious display of "new" rock types discovered at the shelter, among which were "Neolithic Sock Rocks" and "North Alabama Chunking Stones".

Saturday night, approximately 65 people gathered for dinner at the Holiday Inn in Florence. After dinner, a brief meeting was held and State Society President Jack Cambron addressed the group. Dave DeJarnette reported on the progress of the dig and commented on the recent finding of a fluted Dalton point. Ross Morrell spoke briefly on the work he is supervising along the Coosa River.

Sunday morning, a large number of Society members joined the regular student crew in digging at the shelter, and after a picnic lunch, the very successful workshop meeting terminated.

Space does not permit listing the names of all those who participated, but as well as it is possible to determine from the registration book, the following cities were represented, and by the number of people shown: ALABAMA - Anniston 3, Berry 1, Birmingham 29, Cherokee 2, Childersburg 2, Decatur 6, Florence 5, Gadsden 1, Guntersville 2, Killen 2, Lacey's Spring 2, Leighton 2, Maxwell Air Force Base 6, Midland City 1, Mobile 5, Montgomery 7, Moundville 2, Mt. Meigs 2, Ozark 3, Red Bay 1, Sheffield 1, Standing Rock 2, Trussville 2, Tuscaloosa 6, Tuscumbia 1; GEORGIA - Atlanta 2 (the Francis Smiths); MISSISSIPPI - Jackson 3; TENNESSEE - Knoxville 2.

Verne Reckmeyer, though he had already donated, comes up a 2nd time with about the cutest trick: "We usually contribute to a cause on Memorial Day, rather than buy flowers for the cemetery. Part of the money goes to the Dig this year, and I can think of no better way to invest it." A memorial to Paleo Man - how about that! These "first Americans" no doubt lived and died the hard and heroic way, yet down all these undetermined thousands of years Verne is probably the first to remember them on Memorial Day.

Sara Banks Wingate sends us a check again this year from the HILL & DALE GARDEN CLUB, a nice bunch of girls who departed from flowers last year to hear our archaeological story. We hope we may enjoy the pleasure of their company at the dig this year - the Wingates dug with us last year and are immortalized in the Journal Report, p. 123.

Rodger Schaefer, our hard-working Secretary, sends 4 donors. Federico Davila, our engineer member and friend in Puerto Rico, again sends his donation from those distant shores - he was our first out-of-the-States donor way back in '61. Frank C. Watson, our good druggist friend who discovered us and joined last year, again donates this year. When in Piedmont, Ala., be sure to stop at Watson's Drug Store to chew the archaeological rag with Frank. J. P. Knudsen, better known as Pete, sends his donation to add North Carolina to our list of States this year - but nary a word of gossip about the archaeology up there! And J. B. Work - that would be Barney, Dr. Bob's brother, donates again all the way from Chicago.

Nicholas H. Holmes Jr., Architect, and Vasco R. Geer, Engineer, of HOLMES & GEER, very active members in our Mauvilla (Mobile) Chapter, send their good donations for the 3rd year in a row. We recall that Mr. & Mrs. Holmes put their '61 vacation into the Stanfield-Worley, and Dave was highly pleased with their work. Engineer Geer would likely come in handy this year, what with a few big rocks to move.

Bion W. Duncan, one of our many steady Huntsville supporters, is also a 3rd year donor. We recall his photograph in the DECATUR DAILY, digging at the Stanfield-Worley in '61, and hope he can donate some "dig" this year, too.

Tom Cornell (that Huntsville gang is doing itself proud this year) sends his SECOND '63 donation (also a 3 year donor). And he includes other donations, one from the HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER with this notation: "Dave DeJarnette gave us a fine program on the Stanfield-Worley Dig which was enjoyed by more than 100 at our June Chapter meeting. He would not accept any expense money so the Chapter is giving in his name." How very nice - and that fine turnout for Dave's talk must itself have been compensating. Georgia Dunn, another of our good 3 year donors, gives us a very generous "raise" this year - bless her heart. We note that Georgia also belongs to the Arkansas Society - a good organization with a good Newsletter. Tom also sends a NEW donor, "Mr. Charles Sneed, one of our fine members" - and welcome indeed to our famous little gang. Finally, Tom sent for a third batch of promotional booklets, 90 now distributed to educate the multitudes - and suppose all 10 Chapters did that!

Mr. & Mrs. U. G. Roberts Jr., also of Huntsville, are back with us again this year. And we hear they are doing good field work - Mr. Roberts is the brother of our Bea Harris, so he would hardly dare to slip into the "collector" class! He also includes another check from his employers, G. W. Jones & Sons, Consulting Engineers, Huntsville - one of our so-prized "business accounts". This is fine and generous support - how about YOUR employer?

Dan & Phyllis Morse, 2 of our PROFESSIONAL donors, remember us again this year - and with the wonderful "moral support" and endorsement that professional support implies. And Phyllis writes us a nice note: "Hope you-all get down to the Clovis level this year! Dan is out on a 6 week dig in the Cordell Hull reservoir. I am teaching 2 introductory anthro. courses at U-T this summer...The McClung museum had its formal opening June 1st - hope you can come by to see it sometime." When in Knoxville, by all means DON'T MISS IT - our friend and mentor, Tom Lewis, spent many years gathering that remarkable collection.

Alvin V. Walls, one of our brave little pioneer band of 34 Charter Donors, now retired and living in Bremen, Ala., still writes: "It is a pleasure to contribute...In my opinion the Alabama Archaeological Society made the correct decision when it determined to work the Stanfield-Worley Site exhaustively this year." Agreed! For the hyenas had been digging their carrion in the shelter again - "carrion" because this destructive "collector" digging for artifacts rather than facts gets only dead and meaningless rocks. Besides, their nefarious activities have a distinct odor. We need far more "salvage" archaeology to save important sites from the hyenas.

A. B. Hooper III, Insurance, still another 3rd-year donor, also sends FIVE more NEW donors. They are all from Albertville, Ala., where there is so much archaeological interest, but we have no personal information on these good donors: Jack Phillips, William S. Roden, L. M. Whitten, Winston Walker Jr. and Walter Decker. Welcome & thanks!

Mrs. W. D. Robinson is a mysterious NEW donor from Grant Park, Ill. - without a word to tell how she found us. But it is nice to know our news is spreading, and finding nice folks like Mrs. Robinson.

Wm. R. Armistead, a generous NEW donor, puts Coden, Ala. on the archaeological map, some 20 miles south of Mobile right on the gulf. But his letterhead is CENTRAL DRUG CO., 6367 Highway 90 Drive, Mobile - you can't miss it. Mr. Armistead must belong to our Mauvilla Chapter, we have no list by Chapters - perhaps we should publish the names & addresses of the members of a Chapter per month, catching up with the turnover each 10 months, so we can keep in touch. And welcome & thanks to Mr. Armistead.

Spencer A. Waters (family), forgive us and send their donation again - we somehow left their name out of the Stanfield-Worley report! Maybe we just "took them for granted", knowing they rank in the top echelons of amateurs. Spence & Betty Ann were actually publishing at least as early as the Autumn '56 TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST - their monumental work on petroglyphs. Cambron & Waters also published on pictographs in the '59, Issue 2, of our Journal, and on the highly important Flint Creek Rock Shelter in the Autumn '59 T.A. Spence published on an excellent Dalton site in our '59 Journal, Issue 3. The Waters have carved their name on the hall of fame of amateur archaeology where our own forgetfulness will do it no damage - but again we tender our apologies.

TALLADEGA INSURANCE AGENCY, 221 W. North St. - ANOTHER "business account", and we think our first business account from Talladega. It was mailed in to Milt Harris with no word of explanation, and we are not sure of the distinctive flourish of the signature on the check. But we do like these kinds of mysteries!

William T. Dupes Jr., sends in - brother! - ELEVEN donations, including his own, and a new membership! And he chalks up ANOTHER victory for that Huntsville gang! Oh-oh, he writes: "Hearing so much about the 'will' of the people to give toward this great cause of science, I actually tried my selling qualities during lunch hour on the job. Later, I found out it wasn't permitted at our company, so, enclosed is...money from people that didn't know company policy, like me." Well, where ignorance is bliss - ! But Bill certainly proved his point, and thanks to Brown Engineering Co. for not informing him beforehand! Also, we offer Mr. Brown et al our big Society apologies. Here is our amazing bunch of NEW donors: William I. Dupes Jr., Richard R. Rostas, Jack W. Pope, Leroy Dedmon, William N. Fitch, Alton B. Overstreet, Jim Speegle, Jack Franks, Henry Conn, J. R. Holton and Paul Bullock, who also joins the State Society - and he has a very alive Chapter up there. We certainly thank Bill Dupes and all these fine fellows - and that Huntsville determination expressed some months ago to go after the donations this year. That is what it takes. (And, in thanking these gentlemen, we note that William N. Fitch brings us a new donating State for this year - he lives on Leesville Road, Lynchburg, VIRGINIA.)

Mr. & Mrs. Britt Thompson (Britt & Margaret) toss their good check into the ring.

George Russell, whose donation we reported last month (and don't fail to see his remarkable displays of point types), sends in a fine NEW donor, Jack Cornelius, Mgr., Blountsville Cotton Warehouse, Blountsville, Ala. Furthermore, Mr. Cornelius was also interested to JOIN our Society. We envy him the not-too-distant availability of the meetings at Gadsden, Guntersville, Huntsville & Decatur, and do hope he makes the rounds and meets all these nice folks - we guarantee them, and his welcome.

Mr. & Mrs. A. W. "Al" Beinlich Jr., not at all discouraged by being mislaid in the S/W report, send in their check again. The more we think about omissions, the more confused we get about it. Great Galloping glyptodonts, Al is our immediate past President. How forgetful can we get? Al, we'll have a lot harder time living this down than you will. And thanks indeed for forgiving us, and overlooking our fuzzy wits.

HAYES INTERNATIONAL FOR ARCHAEOLOGY is still growing in membership with gentle administrations of Britt Thompson (wish he'd share his secret around), adding 3 more donors to bring the total up to 32, and a healthy wad of cash money indeed. Unfortunately we get no biographical material on these good folks, but can add to the rostrum of fame the names of Charles Scott, John F. Davenport and B. J. Cook.

Mr. & Mrs. C. van den Berg, as we understand it, are not "all steamed up" over archaeology. But they donate very generously again this year out of the goodness of their hearts and the depth of their understanding. How many of us are able to appreciate causes in which we are not interested? We may add that Mrs. van den Berg (and we love that original spelling) is the sister of Bea Harris, so that along with U. G. Roberts, we are lucky to have so many of that family aboard.

A. J. Powers - Yes, we know he was in our financial report last month, but this is not an error - he sends in his SECOND donation this year. AND a letter this time. He has found, southwest of the Sylacauga waterworks, an iron axe or tomahawk with the name CROSIER, though difficult to decipher because of rust, on it in 3 places. Can anyone tell us anything about this? In association there was a fragment of a pocket knife, 2 iron hoes, deer bones & antler, a large potsherd of a shallow bowl, large bone of fowl which might be chicken, 4 inches of the butt end of a rifle barrel and several other potsherds. We'll pass Mr. Powers' interesting letter along to Dave, who might like to investigate this rich historic site. When a huge site was destroyed to get dirt to build the Sylacauga waterworks dam, Mississippian material from Moundville type to rather recent white contact was found - meaning that the site went back to the DeSoto period. One of our great needs is to find a DeSoto site.

Dan Josselyn again spares his promised monthly stipend, and for "personal reasons", among others, hopes we can wind up this drive next month!

Mr. & Mrs. J. Henry McCary, and Mr. & Mrs. William M. Spencer - we have intentionally reserved in this report for a final tidbit, and to make our bow of acknowledgement for fine service to archaeology. Back in '60, when Jim McCary got "ants in his pants" over the prospect of financing the Stanfield-Worley, he arranged a meeting at his father's home. Henry McCary, his father, and Bill Spencer, being business man and lawyer, respectively, didn't know about the "can't-do-it" problem of archaeology. Their crisp proposal was to set up a tax-exempt corporation and raise funds! "Fine idea", those of us who knew it couldn't be done agreed - looking like a bad case of toothache with tongue-in-cheek. But danged if they didn't do it - and it worked! And the entire archaeological world joined Dr. E. Mott Davis in being "absolutely flabbergasted". Thank goodness McCary and Spencer were as innocent as lambs in archaeology - but lent it their business and legal brains. And Mr. McCary as a real working President, and Mr. Spencer as a real working Treasurer and legal adviser of our fund-raising arm, the ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA, INC., have done more services for archaeology than we can count. Add to these many services their very generous donations for the FOURTH year in a row, in which Mrs. McCary and Mrs. Spencer generously join, and we have the keystone of the arch of the only annual fund drive in archaeology - and we think the best invention yet in amateur archaeology. Both history and gratitude often get lost in the shuffle, so we take this annual opportunity to recapitulate, and express the thanks of the entire archaeological world.

Yes, we have ONLY \$311 to go to make our \$7,000 quota - we are GOING TO DO IT AGAIN! That is wonderful - more wonderful than we perhaps realize, for after all this is the only annual fund drive in archaeology! We should be able to complete this easily next month - there are still a lot of names we should like to see on our list, a very real honor roll. We shall publish a final listing of donors alphabetically next month, so we do hope Alabama members who have not yet contributed will do so AT ONCE. There is still a little time. - don't let your State down!

CHAPTER NEWS

The Madison-Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas Church in Huntsville. At the June meeting, David L. DeJarnette, Archaeologist-in-charge at the Stanfield-Worley dig, talked to more than 100 chapter members and guests on the Society's excavation this summer. Because of the number of folks in attendance, it was necessary to move the meeting place, and all were thrilled to have been present.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant in Guntersville. At the July meeting, there was a general discussion of archaeological activities including reports of the Stanfield-Worley dig. The Chapter is in great need of programs and/or speakers. If anyone can help, please get in touch with Secretary A. B. Hooper III, P. O. Box 216, Albertville, Ala.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the June meeting, Mr. John Marston talked to the members on "Pre-Columbian Zapotec Civilization of Middle America". At the July meeting, Mr. Nicholas Holmes Jr., past President of the chapter, and who recently visited Yucatan, will speak on "Mayan Archaeology as Exemplified by Architectural Ruins". New Officers just elected are: Mr. Jack Friend, President; Mr. Earl Getchell, Vice-President; Mr. Bert O. Yerkes, Secy-Treas.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the June meeting, Mr. David Chase discussed recent excavations along the Chattahoochee River, illustrated by colored slides and maps of the area. At the July meeting, Mr. Kent Reilly will talk on "Middle American Archaeology". The Chapter made several field trips in recent weeks, and surface collections were very fruitful. There will be no Chapter meeting in August.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the Electric Auditorium, Decatur. At the July meeting, Mr. Jack Cambron will speak to the membership on "Archaeological Methods", and all are urged to attend, especially new members.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. At the June meeting, Rodger L. Schaefer, State Society Secretary, gave a very interesting program showing slides of San Francisco, Hawaii and Japan. At the July meeting, Graduate Student in Archaeology from the Univ. of Ala., and Assistant to D. L. DeJarnette at the Stanfield-Worley dig this summer, will talk on archaeology in general.
Bennett Graham

The Nockalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the July meeting, Dr. E. M. Lindsey was the speaker. Salvage work by chapter members is continuing on a site being destroyed by road construction, and several burials have been uncovered. All materials found indicate Historic occupation, and the Chapter is corresponding with authorities on such artifacts. An article for the Society's Journal is now in process of being written on this site.

The Birmingham, East Alabama and Tuscaloosa Chapters are not meeting during the summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR JULY: A hot weather welcome to the longest list in months!

Rev. Alvie Bishop, 47 - 5th Ave., Athens, Ala.
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Joe B. Chapman, 314 Massey Building, Birmingham 3, Ala.
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Ernie A. Heckler, Route 4 Box 100, Decatur, Ala.
Frank K. Reilly III, 3678 Berkley Drive, Montgomery, Ala.

NOTICE TO VOLUNTEER DIGGERS: During the balance of the dig at the Stanfield-Worley Shelter this year, neither Dave DeJarnette nor the full student crew will be working on Mondays. Two persons will, however, be on hand at the dig each Monday to greet volunteers who can only come that day, or who come to camp over an extended weekend.

PROJECT ARCHY: On July 14th, 20 sweet, young and energetic girls arrived at the dig, to work under the direction of Mrs. Mary Louise Andridge and Mrs. Marian Rider, this being the 1963 edition of this wonderful project sponsored by the Deep South Girl Scout Council of Mobile, Ala. There will be much more on this subject in the next issue, as we are very proud of our mutual association.

CORRECTION!!! Regarding the item headed "FREEWAY" appearing on page 11 of the July '63 Newsletter, Al W. Beinlich writes: "I would like to clarify a statement in the last Newsletter. Bob Lacks, Colbert County Road Commissioner John G. Burns and Mr. Stanfield should receive all of the credit for the fine road to the Stanfield-Worley shelter. Bob Lacks worked right along with the road crew for several days prior to the start of the dig. Al Beinlich graciously accepts no credit for the road project." We are happy to set the record straight, and again acknowledge our gratitude for the really fine job that was done.

BILL SPENCER sends us a card, airmail from London: "I gave a copy of our excavation report to the head of the Dept. of Ethnography of the British Museum; he was pleased to have the same which he complimented highly. Hope that the excavation this summer will be as splendid a success as was that of 1961." British Museum yet! And we must always remember that it is not archaeology until we SPREAD IT AROUND WHERE IT CAN BE USED.

GEORGE G. BROWNELL, (Brownell Tours), forthwith sends \$3.00 for a copy of the Stanfield-Worley report. Remember that this is also the best thing yet published on our many Alabama projectile point types - drawings and photographs and local names. Archaeologists everywhere need this - we must get away from our narrow "area" approach. ARCHAEOLOGICAL EDUCATION BEST SERVES ARCHAEOLOGY. Mr. Brownell also joins our Society as a Contributing Member. We feel sure that all this was to get his charming daughter Suzanne smartened up since she is one of the student crew for the second half, and was a "many days" volunteer last year & the "archy" bug must be chronic.

FRANCIS & MARGARET SMITH don't miss a trick (including attendance at our Workshop Meeting). There is another "cussed dam" going up in Georgia. There is some archaeological work going on but, as usual, without an adequate survey of the possibilities. So the Smiths informed the powers that be of a rock wall 1,500 feet long and 5 feet high. Also of a cave where the d. diggers got so busy that the owner sealed it up - apparently to prevent annoyance rather than destruction.

SIGFUS OLAFSON, now of New York but long the President of the West Virginia Society, spent a week in W. Va. and says "archaeology is going great guns". That Society spent years getting a professional, Dr. McMichael, free to work largely with the amateurs - which is amateur heaven! Now the legislature has authorized the employment of an assistant for Dr. McMichael - who is well liked - and no less than Bettye Broyles. Two digs are going, and 2 Society members located a new site, a washout in the bank of the Kanawha River with about a 20' vertical profile. Hopewellian pottery 4' below surface, grit temper sherds below that, about 9' further down fire hearths and Archaic points - and then it got dark! We can hardly wait for the sequel. Those West Virginia boys and girls are really AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGISTS, and no apologies.

PAST PRESIDENT A. W. BEINLICH JR., member of the Muscle Shoals Chapter, has joined the newly formed Tennessee Valley Art Association, whose goal is a museum for the Tri-Cities area. Al is making every effort to assure a place for Indian Art in the plans for the future museum.

HEY, TURN ON YOUR TELEVISION WEDNESDAYS AT 9:00 P.M. Educational TV Channels 2, 7, 10 and 26 are presenting every Wednesday night at 9:00 an archaeological quiz game titled "What in the World?". Dr. Froelich Rainey, Director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum, who has an engaging personality and also a distinguished career in archaeology, is host for "What in the World?"; and he and Dr. Carleton Coon, an Anthropologist, Author and authority on Middle East Culture, are always on hand. Items are brought to the program from Museums all around the country, and the panel, based on experience and knowledge, endeavor to determine where the objects were made, when, by whom and what they were used for. Pictures, films and maps are utilized to further enlighten the audience about the identified objects. The two additional guest panelists change each week. The program for the next five weeks is as follows:

July 31st - Guests: Dr. Alfred Kidder II, an authority on the cultures of Peru and Ecuador; and Dr. Bernard V. Bothmer, associate curator of the Department of Ancient Art, Brooklyn Museum, New York, and an authority on Near Eastern Archaeology.

August 7th - Guests: Dr. Gordon Ekholm, curator of Mexican archaeology, American Museum of Natural History, New York, and an authority on the archaeology of Mexico and Central America; and David Crownover, manager of exhibitions at the University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia, who has done archaeological work in Turkey and Libya and written numerous articles on the art of Africa and the islands of the Pacific.

August 14th - Guest: Dr. Mathew Stirling, Director of the Bureau of American Ethnology, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., and well-known archaeologist and ethnologist.

August 21st - Mrs. Webster Plass, Research Associate in the University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia, and an authority on the African people; and Dr. Gordon Ekholm, curator of Mexican archaeology, American Museum of Natural History, New York, and an authority on the archaeology of Mexico and Central America.

August 28th - Guests: David Crownover, Manager of exhibitions at the University of Pennsylvania Museum, Philadelphia, who has done archaeological work in Turkey and Libya and written numerous articles on the art of Africa and the islands of the Pacific; and Dr. Gordon Ekholm, curator of Mexican archaeology, American Museum of Natural History, New York, and an authority on the archaeology of Mexico and Central America.

SHOULD WE PROTEST?

"It is unfortunately the Paleolithic and Mesolithic sites which are subject to the depredations of amateur archaeologists, while the professional archaeologists unfortunately seem disinterested in these periods." This from the current Council for Old World Archaeology Surveys, Belgium section.

Should we begin to protest the use of "amateur archaeologists" where the plain implication is "destructive collectors"? We are building a superior knowledge, and better code of ethics, to represent amateur archaeology. Recognition of this, and use of terms accordingly, might encourage more to be true amateur ARCHAEOLOGISTS - collectors nix.

But we might agree that COLLECTORS here too greatly endanger the old sites, and that there seems to be a lot of less important archaeology going on. Should we not enlarge "salvage" archaeology to include sites endangered by dams as well as dunes?

COMMENTARY ON STANFIELD-WORLEY SIGNIFICANCE

The Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter excavation has aroused considerable archaeological interest due to the shelter's containing a well-defined Dalton Complex (pre-pottery) in the lower levels of the midden; however, the finds made in the upper levels of the excavation are also significant.

The pottery study contained in the published report on the excavations (Journal of Alabama Archaeology, Volume VIII, Numbers 1 & 2) corroborates succinctly the finds made in the multitudinous pottery studies for the Tennessee River Valley Region. The excavations of hundreds of archaeological sites in the Wheeler, Pickwick and Gunterville Basins gave us a general picture of the history of Indian pottery development and change in the Tennessee River Valley Region. This history took place over a period of 3,000 years or so, but if the Stanfield-Worley excavation had been conducted 25 years ago, we would have known the path to follow in reconstructing the pottery picture of the region.

Specifically, if we had excavated this single site at that time, we would have known with assurance in the 1930's, for instance, that fiber-tempered pottery was the earliest pottery in this region and that shell-tempered pottery was the latest pottery, and we could have concentrated on refining our pottery studies in determining minor developments and changes which took place over the years, which is the crux of historical reconstruction. We therefore could have developed a much more thorough picture of what took place in aboriginal times.

During the past 25 years, through the efforts of many conscientious workers, we have been able to develop a general chronology for Southeastern archaeology, and it is our obligation now to refine this picture into as many facets as possible. This is the prime purpose and goal of the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc.; to designate archaeological sites for examination which will most likely provide detailed information to refine the archaeological picture.

For instance, in the excavation of Tchefuncte Period sites in Louisiana, it was not enough to know that certain pottery decorative features were present during the Tchefuncte Period, but James Ford and Gordon Willey refined their pottery study to demonstrate that "wedge" shaped podal supports (feet) appeared on the scene earlier than mammiform (teat-shaped) supports.

Since the prehistoric American Indians left us NO written history, we all know that we can rely only on archaeological research to reconstruct their history. A recent visit with David L. DeJarnette at the Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter excavations discloses that he is planning to probe for detailed information on the pottery changes which took place at the shelter even though the pottery bearing level at the site has been considerably disturbed by aboriginal digging and erosion. Good luck, DeJarnette!!!

--- Steve B. Wimberly

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