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### THE PLUVIAL PROBLEM

"During this time Saskatchewan was an area of small lakes with flora and fauna resembling Florida, with comparative temperatures" - Dennis Anderson's paper at the 5th Annual Meeting of the Saskatchewan Society on Glacial Lake Agassiz. It formed some 14,000 years ago, as did thousands of other lakes consequent to the tremendous melt of the massive glacial ice sheets and saturating pluvial. While the comings and goings of ice ages still are much involved in obscurities (and even more in theories!), by all logic the times must have been warmer than today. The 5-year French polar expedition study of the Greenland ice sheet (690,000 square miles, average thickness 4,960 feet) found snowfall so exceeding melt that were it not for the "ice rivers" draining 75 cubic miles of ice into the sea annually, the Greenland ice sheet would be growing - rapidly enough to cover an area the size of Ohio a mile deep in about 1,300 years! And scientists at widely separated stations on Antarctica during the IGY concluded that this great ice cap is presently growing - perhaps by some 300 cubic miles of ice a year.

It seems that a far greater warmth than today (Florida in Saskatchewan!) would have been required to defrost the Pleistocene refrigerator. That would necessarily result in far more evaporation than today. And what goes up as vapor comes down as rain - hence the "pluvial" or wet period. Rain and more rain - for weeks, for months, for years, for centuries - for thousands of years! The final melting and retreat of the Wisconsin glaciation took some 8,000 years to back up from the Detroit area and get out of the present Great Lakes region. The "small" Greenland ice cap contains some 2,565,964,160,000 tons. Many times that amount had to melt with the retreat of the Wisconsin - to run off, and to evaporate, and to rain and rain and rain. Streams with good fall must have gouged out the guts of the earth, and downstream the flooding must have smeared uncounted billions of tons of silt over the landscape. "Wet" caves must have become underground rivers. Hillsides, sodden to the core, must have slumped and slid and covered and erased. All erosive slopes must have lost much of their soil, bringing rock and artifact stratigraphy down to a common level - to mix with post-glacial artifacts.

The "controversial" Lewisville site, C-14 dated "over 40,000 years", was found when borrow pit operations removed some 20 feet of overburden. The recent Puebla sites reported by Harvard, with geological evidence of "over 40,000 years", were at depths as great as 26 meters - erosively exposed below strata of gravel, alluvium, volcanic ash, pumice, obsidian, stony rubble and layers of developed topsoil. The new Yukon site proposed by the National Museum of Canada as "older than the maximum of the Wisconsin glaciation" was found below the lacustrine deposit of an ice age lake where Old Crow River cut a channel 120 feet deep.

Whether or not any of these prove out, they hint that if we are ever to find really

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old archaeology in America we shall have to hunt where it OUGHT TO BE. And have we had enough interest (and belief) in America's antiquity to look there? Prior to the accidental discovery of the Folsom point did we believe it worth looking for - or snort at the idea? (Only 3 went to look when it was actually exposed in situ!) If we are to search for real antiquity, we shall have to learn to read and outwit the GEOLOGICAL PAST. In our area it would seem that we must decipher the results of the thousands of years of pluvial - rain and rain and rain, wash and slump and fill, caves flooded, shelters collapsed and covered, vast alluvial fans, flat lands silted to tremendous depths, erosive slopes denuded - the face of Alabama obliterated and reworked.

D. W. Josselyn

## HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY PART II - ~~UNIFACE~~ BLADE AND FLAKE TOOLS

This 27-page handbook, by James W. Cambron and David C. Hulse, is the second of a series of Handbooks of Alabama Archaeology. It deals with the blade and flake industries of early man in the state of Alabama and surrounding areas and with the utilization of some of these tool types by later cultural groups.

This handbook is the result of over 10 years of active study and research by the authors. It illustrates and defines culturally some 22 basic uniface tool types and combinations of these types. The handbook also contains an introduction, a glossary, a distribution chart by counties for the state of Alabama, a chart of dates for cultural periods in Alabama and a bibliography.

The HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY PART II can be obtained from James W. Cambron, 211 - 7th Ave. N.W., Decatur, Ala. 35601, at \$2.25, which includes mailing charge. Checks should be made payable to J. W. Cambron.

### CAMBRON-HULSE PUBLISH AGAIN

We so often see complaints in the literature about the scant attention paid to lithic tools that it is good to see an introduction to some of the more stylized flake tools which are especially common in north Alabama. It is devoutly to be hoped that this will prompt all of us to look closely for tools, all kinds of tools, many of which we have not yet seen in the literature, many on small chips commonly assigned to "lithic waste". It is amazing, for example, how seldom burins are seen or reported. And we definitely need to take "second looks". Since Krieger called our attention to the fact that "drills" so often are not drills, we have borrowed a number for a projected report and are amazed by the diversity of tools worked on this form - even some fine burins. Some 20 years ago, Steve Wimberly showed us a large carton full of large bi-face blades, commenting that they were oddly "always broken". Recently we examined a batch of these again - and concluded that at least some of them never had been completed as blades. This, again, appears to have been a popular form on which various tools were made - though this needs careful study. Microlithic tools are coming in which we could hardly certify without stereo-microscopic examination - actually needle points, etc. We are beginning to doubt if much more than 10% of the lithic tools have been presented in the literature. Several of our members have prepared papers illustrating many tools (Doc Long's fine photography), some of these on the neglected prismatic blades. This is a step in the right direction - let us see what you have! Many tools worked on random, shapeless pieces with no over-all stylization will have to be carefully stylized by the tool edge or protuberance. Irwin-Williams and Irwin have recently attempted stratigraphic separation of some less stylized tools based on minor variations, a welcome departure. We have a long, long way to go before we can make much taxonomic use of lithic tools. It is good to see a beginning.

Dan Josselyn

### 1967 FUND DRIVE BY POPULAR REQUEST

Our "books" (the mess we get lost in) are audited by Bea Harris, who somehow can untangle anything, and nice gal though she is, she would hang our hide on a thorn bush



for a mere \$1.25 (the year we had not yet sold a box of Arthur's rocks). And she is even more particular about people, and properly so. Now she tells us that we failed to express Newsletter thanks in the December 1966 issue for donations by Wilfred R. VanValkenburg and Mr. & Mrs. Houston Glover, and then when the Glovers donated again this year we listed them as "new" donors in our July issue. Gee Whiz, we're just agoin haywire - and gee whiz, we offer our red-faced apologies. And we'd like to give you a digest of Bea's statistics for the 1967 FUND DRIVE in our next issue, so if you wish to be a very "vital statistic" for the archaeological record, but have just "put it off", please put it on - your name on a check. Donors this month were:

Alvin ("Al") V. Walls, CHARTER and EVERY-YEAR donor, opened our month, and with the bonus of "It has always given me a great deal of satisfaction to be a member of a group who hold high aspirations and work to fulfill them". Isn't that a nice thought, and compliment? Al is one of us oldtimers who have seen worse archaeological times, and dreamed about "doing something" about them. Pleasantly retired at Bremen, he manages to keep his 4-acre estate mostly in lawn despite declining health. His major complaint is that "There have been a great many artifact collectors and despoilers of archaeology in this area" - and Al hopes the new Cullman Chapter will study its lessons and be a good influence. When we get to wondering if amateur archaeology has accomplished anything in Alabama, we are supported by memories of people like Alvin V. Walls.

Jean (Mrs. Tom) Fowler also reminds us that there is an encouraging new archaeological generation coming along. She is fortunate enough to have her own farm - with archaeological sites! When she can visit it she assiduously "collects everything" - and it is astonishing to see the many artifacts we used to miss (and many still do!). (She complains about despoilers trespassing on her property - ALWAYS GET PERMISSION.) And now with Jean publishing (page 64 of our June JOURNAL) we realize that the Alabama amateur of today has a better opportunity than we had, and will be a better archaeologist - thanks to ORGANIZATION.

Mr. & Mrs. Brittain Thompson, CHARTER and CONSTANT donors, remind us that "organization without pay" requires a lot of donated WORK - that's all they'll let me say.

Mr. & Mrs. Jess Raley, Family Sustaining members and double-donors in 1966, remind us of something else. Jess being a writer, we wonder why we have not received any Noccalula Chapter Newsletters lately. That publication is (or at least was) a fine idea - the State Society is entirely dependent upon the vim, vigor and vitamins of the Chapters. We'd like to see every Chapter with its own "group chat", and receive copies to cull for our State Newsletter - long time no hear from some of our "tentacles".

Dr. & Mrs. E. M. Lindsey - and a note from Gennie, who used to keep us well informed (hint), corrects a mistake we made last month: "The Cindy Lindsey of Girl Scouts was ours - of Gadsden" - we lost her in Chickasaw. Well, Cindy honey - and we missed you at the dig - wish you had corrected our regretted oversight - you must be "Miss Lindsey" by now. Tell you what, bring the entire family down for a "renewal" visit! And isn't that encouraging - giving Cindy some field experience! But of course we have found the Lindsey family a credit to the amateur movement from the beginning, and real nice folks, and WORKERS & DONORS!

Mr. & Mrs. E. Milton Harris, retiring early in life, added archaeology to their several interests, joining in 1961. They have been major, in fact indispensable, donors ever since. And yet we find ourselves almost forgetting that - in tribute, really, to qualities which overshadow even such urgent necessities. They joined at a time when we were trying to run the only archaeological fund drive, and growing from 4 Chapters to 13, immensely multiplying and complicating organizational work without bringing in any "old hands" to help. They took hold at once, and instituted the efficiencies required by big business - they had retired from Liberty National. And they immediately took hold of the "scientific handle" or archaeology, and the exacting ethics of science - concepts which so few ever master. Such people are few and far between, and



any going organization is dependent upon their likes. That is our dominant picture of Milt and Bea, and expression of our organizational debt.

Dan Josselyn fulfills his monthly promise again, and says he will continue it next month if anybody else donates - serve him right if you take him up on that. And you can be one of those interesting things with which one can do almost anything - even archaeology - a statistic.

### THE PASSING OF BILL STEELE

Bill, as usual, had brought along a bag of candies for his "little chillen" on the remote rural site, and shared a caramel with another of his friends, the "houn dawg" - who forthwith got it stuck in his teeth. That brought on quite a conversation between Bill and dawg. Man or beast, Bill communicated. And everybody was Bill's friend. In fact, if Bill had to he would bypass Adam and go back to Neanderthal to prove you were a distant relation. Over the many years of field trips, Bill got to know, and like, everybody along the archaeological backroads. Or, "If I don't, they'll know me" he once replied when we asked if he knew the people whose property we hoped to explore. Recently a young fellow who had visited a relative at the McCalla nursing home exclaimed admiringly: "Say, there's an old fellow down there - he's really the life of the party - name of Steele". Yep, that was Bill - all over. He was a perpetual source of merriment on our field trips, and if his tales got a bit tall at times he could take all the ribbing we could give, and laugh louder than any of us. And he was a talking history - knew the story of every house we passed, and the people in it, and the people who had been in it. Too bad you archaeological youngsters never got to go on field trips with Bill. But Bill was buried on September 9th. Matt Lively called us to tell about the funeral - and we were laughing and joking over the 'phone, visiting with Bill back over the years. Bill just wasn't the sort of person one would feel sorry for or sad about - he did justice to life. And at 76 he had about lived it up - and seen all the artifacts. He did take something of the clean air and sunshine of the "good old days" which the modern world can never recapture. But we think Bill would prefer that we announce the passing of Bill Steele in the cheerful way that he lived, and "artifacted". It will mark a major event of archaeological history to a host of people who will never forget Bill - and that monument of friendship is the kind he would want.

### CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library, AT 7:30 P.M. hereafter. Mr. Bernard Smith spoke to the September meeting on "Pre-history of Southern Idaho", illustrating his talk with slides and artifacts from his many years of active archaeological interest there. Former member Kenneth Dennis and wife, Carol, visited from Texas, displaying many interesting artifacts. State President Tom Cornell will speak at the October meeting, on "The Archaic Shell Mound Site Ma-10", with colored slides and artifacts.

THE PASTFINDERS, Birmingham Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary, at a recent meeting, were entertained by Fay Axford, who spoke on "Historical Homes of Alabama" and showed beautiful colored slides. President Tom Cornell from Huntsville, will address the September meeting on "The Whitesburg Site".

Choctawhatchee Chapter, at their July meeting in Houston Memorial Library, Dothan, on July 27, listened to a talk by Dave Chase, Montgomery Chapter, on "Role of Amateur in Archaeology". He also showed slides of work of Montgomery Chapter and visited sites in Houston County. At the September meeting on the 14th, President Gordon Willis spoke on a field trip to a mound site in S.W. Houston County.

Montgomery Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the September meeting, Harold A. Huscher described his present work at Burnt Village in the West Point Dam Reservoir, showing filmstrips of the work being done there. Ralph Allen will address the October meeting.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Decatur City Hall. Spencer A. Waters addressed the September meeting on "White Contact Period", giving an interesting glimpse of the historic period in North Alabama. Particularly interesting was a saddle bag reportedly obtained from Geronimo and presently willed to the Smithsonian. The October meeting will be held on the FIRST MONDAY, on a trial basis, and A. W. Beinlich Jr., Muscle Shoals Chapter, will speak on 2 subjects, "A Shell Mound Excavation" and "Contemporary American Indian Art"; Mr. Beinlich being a leading archaeological educator in North Alabama. The Chapter is entering a display at the Morgan County Fair, finding this a wonderful source of new members for the Chapter.

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3 Florence State College. Mr. Byron Bower spoke to the August meeting on "Indian Mound in Florence", mentioning the development of a Museum at the base of the mound, the erection of concrete steps for easier access to the summit. The chapter is requested to help in setting up and arranging exhibits. Other local organizations are cooperating in the development of the mound as a tourist attraction.

Cullman County Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the City Auditorium. At the August meeting, Dr. A. G. Long Jr., Marshall County Chapter, gave a most interesting program, showing slides and artifacts from our Sand Mountain excavations. (See other news item regarding this new Chapter's activities.)

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

##### NEW MEMBERS DURING SEPTEMBER:

Dennis E. Borden, 1219 Arklow Road, Weaver, Ala. 36277  
Mary B. McBride, 9416 - D, Redstone Park, Huntsville, Ala. 35803  
Jimmie D. Macrander, Lot 5, Postil Point Trailer Park, Eglin AFB, Fla. 32542  
Muscle Shoals Regional Library, P O Box 160, Florence, Ala. 35630

##### BAD ADDRESSES: (Huntsville Chapter or anyone else please help us!)

Robert M. Heath - formerly 4407-C, Dyshell Drive, Huntsville, Ala.  
James L. Tilzey - formerly 4214 B Boxwood Court, Huntsville, Ala.

STATE SOCIETY WINTER ANNUAL MEETING: The date has now been fixed as December 10th, a Sunday, and the place as the Birmingham Museum of Art. So make your plans accordingly. Further details will be published as soon as available.

STATE SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: To be held on Saturday, October 14 at the Charcoal Steak House, 2223 - 4th Avenue N., Birmingham, at 1:00 P.M. promptly. Rodger will notify directors and officers separately, furnishing agenda & other information.

EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING: This is to remind you of this meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. on November 3-5. The usual formal announcement which includes a reservation form will reach us (we hope) in time to be mailed to each of you along with the Federation's Annual Bulletin we understand is now enroute to us.

Rodger Schaefer forwarded a fine letter from Mrs. Danny Claire Gray, Editor and Librarian of the Cullman County Chapter - we are delighted to see this new group starting from scratch with both Editor and Librarian - learning is our first and always foremost problem and opportunity. And in other ways the Cullman Chapter is getting off to a good start: engaging the interest of the CULLMAN TIMES and CULLMAN TRIBUNE; adding new members at every meeting (and guests); arousing the interest of Scout and PTA groups; already planning a Fair Booth, for which Mr. Eulis King, President, has secured "an excellently located booth". And we like best of all Mrs. Gray's ADMISSION, as it were, "so many of us are new at this matter of amateur archaeology", and her urgent invitation to older members to visit with them and "come prepared...they probably will find themselves inundated with questions". And they need speakers, so until such time as we all get better acquainted, offer your services! (See Chapter News above.)



OUR STATE LAWS: At the present time, Alabama has 6 statutes on its books in regard to archaeological sites and material. So that you may become acquainted with them, and also determine for yourselves the extent to which they should be changed to provide enforcement, they are now as follows:

"Article 2 - Aboriginal Mounds and Antiquities Preserved.

Title 55, Sections 272-277, Code of Alabama, 1940:

Section 272. Aboriginal mounds, etc., right of state to explore, excavate and survey. - The State of Alabama reserves to itself the exclusive right and privilege of exploring, excavation, or surveying, through its authorized officers, agents, or employees, all aboriginal mounds and other antiquities, earthworks, ancient or historical forts, and burial sites within the State of Alabama, subject to the rights of the owner of the land upon which such antiquities are situated, for agriculture, domestic or industrial purposes; and the ownership of the state is hereby expressly declared in any and all objects whatsoever which may be found or located therein.

Section 273. Nonresidents shall not explore or excavate. - No person not a resident of the State of Alabama, either by himself personally, or through any agent or employee, or any one else acting for such person, shall explore or excavate any of the remains described in the preceding section, or carry or send away from the state any objects which may be discovered therein, or which may be taken therefrom, or found in the vicinity thereof.

Section 274. Explorations not made without consent of owner of land. - No explorations or excavations shall be made in any of such remains without the consent of the owner of the land first had and obtained, and without such work is done in such way as not to injure any crops, houses or improvements on the land adjacent to or forming a part of such remains.

Section 275. Explorations shall not deface or injure remains. - No explorations or excavations shall be made, which will destroy, deface, or permanently injure such remains; and after any such explorations or excavations they shall be restored to the same or like condition as before such explorations or excavations were made.

Section 276. Objects not sold or disposed of outside of state. - No objects taken from such remains shall be sold or disposed of out of the state, but when removed therefrom, the objects so gathered shall be retained in state custody, and either placed in the collections of the department of archives and history, or in the museums or in the libraries of the educational or other institutions of the state, or they may be exchanged for similar or other objects from other states, museums, libraries or individuals.

Section 277. Exploring or excavating ancient mounds, earthworks, etc. - Any person who shall explore or excavate any of the aboriginal mounds, earthworks, or other antiquities of this state contrary to the laws of this state, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not exceeding \$100.00 for each offense."

John R. Humbard is home from the war, safe and sound, with bales of slides - shells splashing to starboard, and so on. Our news services have not been giving us quite all the story - it ain't no "police action"! We hope we can get John to make some talks and narrate some of his slides - select, as all of them take 4 or 5 hours to show! It would give us an excellent and informative cross section of "anthropology" in one of its major phases - yesterday, today and tomorrow - WAR.

SPLIT PERSONALITY: Being of a somewhat inquiring, or at least adventurous, mind, we were reading an issue of the NATION (Feb.) SEVERAL NEWS the other day - about the fun of watching live mollusks, and how Heliconia corona lays eggs in strings, about a thousand eggs per production, and the hatched-out young require no parental training. That sort of thing. Then we came to a paper by one E. Milton Harris. The name seemed familiar - and was identified by the rather straddling title "CONCHOLOGY AND ARCHAEOLOGY". Milt sure wasn't playing any favorites. Of course we "knew him when", but risked reading it anyhow. And we thought Milt did a real good job of pointing the analogies between these 2 fascinating hobbies, and how the hosts of amateurs have the greatest op-

opportunities to make new discoveries, and how we all can develop one of the million-fold facets in these fields where learning is endless - and how we can become amateur scientists, making our own contributions, and making our hobbies really worthwhile and really rewarding.

CHEAPER C-14 DATING? We note in the OKLAHOMA NEWSLETTER, Vol. 14, No. 8 that Don G. Wyckoff, Oklahoma River Basin Survey, refers to one of his C-14 determinations as made by the Gakushuin University, Tokyo. (We note elsewhere that other foreign laboratories are dating to 60,000 years. Are we falling behind?) (We note, too, as further problems are discovered, that some are cautiously saying "radiocarbon years".) (We further note the law in Oklahoma: in order to excavate, one must pass a scientific fitness test and pay a fee of \$50 to cover the cost of "investigation as to the purpose, place and condition of the proposed excavations". Congratulations!)

SHELL "ROUND": "A giant circle of oyster shells on the South Carolina coast" - fort, ceremonial? This has long been a puz-zle! "The Margaret", our unfailing Atlanta correspondent, sends us a clipping saying Dr. Wm. E. Edwards, State Archaeologist, after excavating a bit decided this was a giant fish trap. The fish came in twice a day, with the tide. The gate was closed, or netted, and the outgoing tide left the fish. But this answer creates another mystery: why did man ever surrender the soft aboriginal life of "fish on the waters"?

LIFE BEGINS AT FORTY, or so suggests Joe Watkins' Presidential circular vigorously opening the fall season of the Birmingham Anthropological Society - now 40 years old. And "What can we do?", he asks. "Be active in BAS activities". If you stay at home on meeting nights and groan about how the society is going the way of the mammoth and saber teeth - well, it will. With the advent of more invigorating weather, we suggest to all Chapters: A FULL HOUSE EVERY MEETING NIGHT, friends and fun, participation and programs, displays and discussions, ideas and inventions, plans for papers, and visitors for vacant chairs. A full house - it is a darned good poker hand if you want to win.

SCIENTISTS WHO CAN WRITE, and with more than "test-tube maturity", possibly rank as our greatest need in an age perhaps more subject to the evils than the potential miracles of science. So we are delighted to note that Dr. Marston Bates, Department of Zoology, University of Michigan, long a favorite of ours, now has a regular column - and write-what-you-please column - in NATURAL HISTORY, the Journal of the American Museum of Natural History. And we positively beamed on receiving a note from Dr. Bates.

That Carl Compton!: "...went through Tequila, Jalisco...sort of a shrine of mine for years. Smallish town where nearly everyone works for Sauza Tequila."

IN GOOD COMPANY: "Do you want to be bothered with a load of junk?" Barbara (Mrs. Phil) Jackson asked apologetically - proving our point that our newly discovered "crude tools" are difficult to see. For 120 of the large "hunks" proved to be nice tools, only 24 waste. But then Leakey tells how Prof. Hans Reck, the paleontologist who had hunted fossils in Olduvai gorge, insisted there were no lithic implements, although "he had searched diligently for Stone Age implements" - where Leakey found dozens as soon as he examined the site. And the great Abbe Breuil himself couldn't swallow pebble tools on his first visit to South Africa. Never mind, Barbara, you are in mighty good company!

AWARDS OF MERIT: We are pleased to note in the International Memo of the GUILD OF AMERICAN PREHISTORIANS, Ron Miller, Executive Secretary, that 2 more Master Archaeologist awards have been merited and bestowed: to Robert F. W. Meader, New York, and Frank H. Watt, Texas. And we are equally pleased that the tokens of "official recognition" are now playing an important part in encouraging amateur archaeologists to be ARCHAEOLOGISTS. More and more are doing real professional work - for no pay! Framing those "diplomas" - well, they are most decorative on any wall!



## EDUCATIONAL PAGE

### ARCHAEOLOGY AND YOUTH

In spite of headlines screaming that the younger generation is going to the dogs, today's youth is for the most part the best educated, the most intellectually curious and the most interested in his fellow man of any generation recorded in history. By and large, the youngster of that much maligned age group would really like to know some answers about what makes man "tick". This is also the age of idealism during which the actions of his elders and respect which these actions attain can influence the future of the teenager. With the recent popular interest in archaeology as a hobby, and the collaboration between professional and amateur on the rise not only in Alabama but in many parts of the nation and the world, there lies before us an opportunity to enroll youth in an adventure into the past - one which can challenge his skills, motivate his search for knowledge, teach him the integrity of scientific ethics, school him in the patience of the scholar, and begin his journey toward understanding of man's existence.

Hardly has there been an American boy or girl whose ears have not been alert for tales of Indian treasure, whose eyes have not been searching for a glimpse of something real from the heritage of the past nor who has not thrilled to the anticipation of discovery. Alabama and all of America has hidden in its rocks and hills, its purple mountains and golden plains the story of the past. To the teacher, the scientist, the responsible citizen, the historian, the sociologist, this heritage and its safekeeping represents a responsibility to the future. The future lies in the hands of youth. Should we not take challenge, fling it to the ready minds of the young, join them and guide them in this search for knowledge?

From the President's daughter to the farmer's son the plea to "teach me, show me" comes to professional and amateur archaeologist both. The enthusiasm, strength and stamina of youthful zeal needs only the wisdom, patience and sanction of age to channel these assets into a force which can safeguard and study this heritage before it is destroyed by the bulldozer and the exploiter. Let us as a group in the Alabama Archaeological Society accept the opportunity, and enjoy the privilege of urging tomorrow's men and women to help in the job to be accomplished today.

The acceptance of this challenge is no easy task for without guidance and supervision enthusiasm can run rampant and become exploitation. A revitalization of the local society with a close contact with professional archaeologist and historian can combine with youth to make a team of researchers with definite goals, proper orientation to purpose and action which could lead to real discovery and most certainly to the safekeeping of Alabama's rich heritage of the past. Who among you dares to take the lead in this opportunity?

Mrs. Mary Louise Andridge, Mauvilla (Mobile) 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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