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### PEBBLE TOOLS IN CURRENT LITERATURE

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Dr. Carl B. Compton loaned us AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL STUDY OF THE PERALTA COMPLEX, Dr. Geo. E. Fay, Museum of Anthropology, Colorado State College, Greeley 80631, \$3.00; and EL AMPAJANGUENSE, Pub. No. 5, Instituto de Anthropologia, Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Argentina, Dr. Eduardo Mario Cigliano, Director - which exercised our rusty Spanish. Dr. Fay simplifies the frequently confusing presentation with an "Artifact Sheet" of description, a page of face drawings, a page of edge drawings and a fourth page of photographs of artifacts - fool-proof! Dr. Cigliano also simplifies with 62 pages describing numbered artifacts, followed by 69 pages of photographs - simple as a dictionary. Unlike most reports, these publications fill page after page with the "crude" tools which archaeology has for some reason found uninteresting. These include some tools worked on pebbles, but not an assemblage of pebble tools constituting a "complex". Dr. Fay says of his study: "There is no relationship to the Lively material" which he "has followed with interest" and of which he remarks: "Its Stone Age characteristics certainly have raised many interesting problems regarding the antiquity of Early Man in America." Students of pebble tools, and of Mexican archaeology, and all scholars, will want Dr. Fay's book. Dr. Cigliano's report also includes unifaces worked on split pebbles, but is concerned mostly with very large biface tools from a high terrace above terraces with the more familiar American artifacts. This, too, is a very interesting and mysteriously neglected American lithic technology. It is beginning to be reported abundantly in Alabama, from the southeast to the northwest extremities. We have as yet "no names" for these tools and were sympathetic with Argentina's problems of "vocabulario...es necesario recalcar lo inconveniente que resulta transplantar a America las denominaciones utilizada in la terminologia europea". We were pleased to see the use of "hachas de mano" - which we intend to do here, as we do have the European equivalents, to be explored and explained rather than evaded. (Dr. Fay dedicates his study to Dr. Compton "for his years of encouragement, patience and generous assistance" - which many receive.)

Roger Nance, our new Alabama archaeologist with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, loaned us several books which included various crude and pebble tools: CENTIPEDE & DAMP CAVES, Jeremiah Epstein; THE DEVIL'S MOUTH SITE, LeRoy Johnson (\$1.50, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas, Austin 78712, contains 100 named point photos with extensive descriptions which typologists will want); and 3 Annual Reports, 1960-62, of the good Archaeological Surveys, University of California, Los Angeles 90024. It is good to see "crude tools" reported so well - for lack of reporting we do not know what is in context with familiar cultures. But, again, these publications showed no assemblage of pebble tools which would constitute a "complex" such as our Lively Complex. Epstein says of the crude tools "found in every zone" at both of his sites: "This grouping is truly a residual category, and probably includes cores, rejected bifacials, experiments and other assorted by-products of tool production". And Johnson says of the crude tools at his site: "A total of 62 cores, which

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served originally as a source of flakes for the manufacture of small lithic tools, show evidence, in the form of crude cutting edges, of secondary use as artifacts". No one could possibly interpret the Lively Complex pebble tools as either a "residual category" of odds and ends or as cores with a "secondary use as artifacts". (We were very interested to note, in the 1960-61 Annual Report, that Robert J. Fitzwater avoided naming or absolute typing of projectile points, cautiously listing for each illustrated point "comparable types", as: Bennyhoff 1956; Fig. 4, 5; Types B1, C1; Gifford and Schenk 1926; 80-81, Types NAB2, NAB3, NBA - plus SIX other references to 9 other examples relative to a single point type!)

???      1968 FUND-DRIVE CONSPIRACY      ???

We thought we had closed the 1967, and had not opened the 1968, fund drive. We had also wondered, last year, if donors were getting a bit discouraged that the "gamble" of excavation is against long odds. Then, in defiance of all laws of fund-raising gravity, in quick succession:

Harman A. Ladwig, Utica, N.Y. member, joined our crusade as a NEW as well as out-of-state donor - we grow more "national" annually!

Faye (Mrs. George Donnell) Axford, whose book on old Alabama houses we await impatiently, sent our fund her annual "Christmas present".

J. Andrew Douglas, whose family history we have enjoyed sketching annually (though his major donations belie his Scotch ancestry!), sent his NINTH!

Mr. & Mrs. Philip C. Jackson Jr. (Phil, with Jackson Securities, drafted by the federal government for international work, etc.) made their MAJOR annual donation.

Fred L. Ingate, though pushing for "PUBLIC FUNDS FOR ARCHAEOLOGY" like Arkansas (July Newsletter), again accepts his INDIVIDUAL responsibility.

Ralph Griffeth, new member (April Newsletter), joins us as our second NEW and out-of-state 1968 donor! (Fitts Cotton Goods Co., Atlanta.)

Major Porter R. Frady, retiring from the military and removing from Redstone Arsenal to Black Mountain, N.C., writes Rodger Schaefer that he "pores over" our Society literature "as soon as received" to "keep in touch" - and makes that interest "stick" with our THIRD, NEW, OUT-OF-STATE donation!

Rodger Schaefer, our wonderful "hardy perennial" Secretary-Treasurer, our indispensable Rodger, forwarding Major Frady's letter in Xerox along with the donation, encloses a note to the effect: "Maybe I better get my own in too" - the fine annual check which he and Credith have been "sharing with archaeology" every year, beginning away back in 1961!

Dan Josselyn, Secretary of our Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc., which dreamed, inspired and manages our fund drives, was fired up by this "pre-drive conspiracy" to pledge again his monthly donations.

Well, we give up, we capitulate, we plan Newsletter space, we flex our muscles for the considerable work involved - our hand was forced - THE 1968 FUND DRIVE IS ON - the 9th year, proving "NINE LIVES". We do admit that we have been working like 60 to MAKE A 1968 FUND DRIVE WORTH WHILE. Seasoned Alabama archaeologist (now in industry) Steve B. Wimberly, seasoned Alabama geologist Randy Gray, and graduate student Read Stowe who is eager-beaver to see what his uncle Matt Lively's pebble tools may mean, have teamed up as an ideal exploratory trio looking for THE IMPORTANT site to excavate in the Franklin County Bear Creek drainage. They have also made excellent contacts with TVA personnel who have surveyed the area, and local people acquainted with it since boyhood. This is a rich Paleo (fluted point) area, and some 3 dozen pebble tool sites have been reported by A. B. Hooper III. To date, or get definitive stratification, on either Paleo or pebble tools, would be a BREAKTHROUGH.

We also think it might be best to split our fund this year - for a half-summer excavation plus a really adequate and impressive publication on the FIRST ALABAMA PEBBLE TOOL EXCAVATIONS, 1966. Our major obligation is to inform and alert AMERICAN archae-



ology - we have no monopoly on pebble tools, and certainly lack the facilities to do the entire job. Drs. Krieger, Wormington, Desmond Clark, Dragoo in the U.S., Leakey in Africa, Muller-Beck in Switzerland, Vertes in Hungary, Bordes in France, Menghin in Argentina, Borden in Canada (who has a pure pebble tool site), are among the world authorities most competent to speak on pebble tools, and are unanimous that we MUST determine what they MEAN. A really fine publication, profusely illustrated, would alert the nation, and world - and do our donors and unique fund drive proud indeed. We hope we can make this a banner year, both for us and for archaeology.

#### AN ASTONISHING SITE

Ja-la UGR, a site in Jackson County, Alabama, surface collected by U. G. Roberts Jr. and Milt Harris, is a good example of the archaeological value of lithic material which collectors fortunately do not collect. Of 192 fragments which appear to represent projectile points, and 202 fragments judged to represent biface "blades", many show adaptations to tool use. Among more crude biface pieces (which could easily be judged as abortive, cores, etc.), SIXTY CATEGORIES of tools were classified! And THIRTY-EIGHT CATEGORIES of tools were classified in the numerous flakes! In addition, 79 large, thick, "crude" pieces have tool edges of various kinds WORKED ON THEM without relation to their general shape. It is often necessary to rub graphite on old, weathered, beat-up edges in order to see fine edge working or use wear. In fact, final determination may not be possible without resorting to the stereomicroscope. ("Now I see what Dr. Epstein was talking about", our Dr. A. G. Long Jr. exclaimed when he examined burins through the stereomicroscope.) The really astonishing thing about this is that it is such a neglected field - lithic "classification" is often little more than counting familiar artifacts.

That this could be a rewarding field everywhere is suggested by the chips from his Mexican excavation which Roger Nance brought over for microscopic examination. The rather lusterless black material is difficult to see. And it is apparently brittle, as the chips are small, averaging perhaps no larger than a dime. Microscopic examination is slow at best, but we slow it still more by oohing and ahing over the multiple tiny tools worked on a tiny chip, and insisting: "You must see this one". Roger is attempting the difficult task of establishing very exact categories for these variously worked and used chip tools, in order to determine if there are stratigraphic differences as in other lithic artifacts. This is something we have wanted to see done for a long time. One might suggest the designation "scavenger archaeology" for this neglected field of study, and predict that it will become more and more valuable as the "pretty arrowheads" vanish into collector oblivion.

Dan Josselyn

#### EXCHANGE INFORMATION

ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY has an "annual dinner meeting". We note in the December issue that Dr. J. Norman Emerson has "118 loose-leaf binders of 200 pages each" of notes on his current excavation, only 1/10th dug! "Transferring a site to paper" so that excavation does not destroy is a major part of the work, and requires more know-how than excavating. Ontario also reminds us pungently that "In archaeological circles a person's reputation can be likened to an egg: once shattered, no amount of effort can ever put it together again quite like it was before." Though there is much honor in spending a lifetime trying to repair it.

SASKATCHEWAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY works in close cooperation with professionals. A survey team from the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, visiting reported sites, recovered "a good selection of large chopping tools made from split cobbles" at a bison kill site - where they were common butchering tools, and not to be confused with a full pebble tool assemblage. And could anyone tell us what a "buffalo rubbing stone" may be? Herbert Hlady reports finding a fluted point nearly 4 inches long in a blow-out where Eden points had been found previously.

OKLAHOMA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY asks exchange organizations to note the new address of the editor, Isabelle R. Lobdell, P O Box 10245, Fort Worth, TEXAS 76114 - mighty co-operative of Texas. We note the welcome news that "Special Bulletin #3 (projectile points) will be available in just a couple of months." Gregory Perino wrote us about some of our Alabama named types.

IOWA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY President George L. Miller calls for a broader educational program so that members "may be able to lay claim to the title 'amateur archaeologist'". A site "acquired specifically for preservation" in Clinton, Iowa, was allowed to be partly destroyed by the City Park Board for levee construction - though other nearby material had been offered to the city. Ed Yenger found a 3/4 grooved axe weighing 13 pounds! Dr. David M. Gradwohl, doing reservoir salvage excavations, invites volunteer diggers to "eat meals with the crew at \$1.50 per day" - a bargain - IF they eat! Dr. H. P. Field reports the first known "pop-eyed birdstone" found in Iowa. We paused in appreciation of "a Mr. Wesley, an elderly gentleman who voluntarily cares for the mounds at Toolesboro" - so many ways to serve! Sandia points are claimed for Iowa (but Dr. Wormington, examining some of our single-shouldered points, stressed the problem of identifying this little-known type, in our March 1963 issue). Dr. Marshall McKusic uses a "resistivity surveying device for locating archaeological features prior to excavation". Early in 1967, President Miller asked members to let him know what they "were interested in learning or doing, so that assistance and direction could be made available." In their December issue, he reported "The response has been awe-inspiring. Not so much as a postcard has reached this office". Welcome to the club! With 9 professionals in the State, begging for assistance, that was a sad result indeed. President Miller made a fine statement for amateur society activities, along the lines of "I think it is time that the Society membership began to demonstrate the ability to think of archaeology as the study of artifacts rather than the collection of artifacts", Amen to that, everywhere!

TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY President E. L. Griggs Jr. urges "advancement for archaeological activity in Tennessee...A good start has been made by Mr. T. W. Binion Jr. and members of the Coffee-Franklin Chapter, who have volunteered to get up each issue of the Newsletter". Bravo! And we do agree that "Communication is the essence of man's relationship to man...To be useful, information must be disseminated...Particularly in a science as young, as unknown, as groping as North American Archaeology." And we were very interested in the news that "the Congress of the U.S. has directed the National Park Service to inventory and prepare a register of the significant archaeological sites in the U.S." TAS will cooperate - can't we?

#### U.S. AND WORLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTES

ANNUAL MEETING, SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY, Santa Fe, New Mexico, May 9-11, altitude 7,000 feet (at which there may be "a debilitating effect on those accustomed to drinking at sea level" John Campbell and Stewart Peckham advise. If we may be technical, both the "a's" produce the same effect, a third "a", medically known as "anoxia". So we deduce that you will get "2 for the price of 1".) If you have never seen the vastness of the grandeur of the WEST, you just haven't lived, and you'll never have a better excuse to take in some of it, along with this most inspiring annual meeting.

NOT "another Piltdown": We published on the Harvard release re excavation at Valsewillo, Puebla, Mexico; then J. L. Lorenzo's claim of "hoax, artifact evidence planted by workmen". Since this site suggests some 40,000 years of age, this question is of great importance, and we are happy to be able to clear it up. Dr. Cynthia Irwin-Williams sent us her very detailed and documented reply to Lorenzo (published by the Paleoindian Institute of Eastern New Mexico University). Without doubt, Lorenzo was misinformed or otherwise misguided. Dr. Cynthia "personally excavated almost all the artifacts recovered" from in situ discovery, from matrix which "often has the quality of concrete" which would defy "planting" without obvious signs of disturbance, and using



instruments as small as dental tools. This was recorded by "literally hundreds of closeup photographs" of the operations. Because of the importance of establishing absolute authenticity, TWO BLOCKS CONTAINING ARTIFACTS AND FOSSIL REMAINS IN ASSOCIATION were removed intact for permanent exhibit (so this would not merely add to the "controversial" sites for which great antiquity has been suspected). For unexplained reasons, these blocks were dismantled, destroying the permanent evidence, by Lorenzo himself. Specialists in Pleistocene geology, paleontology and volcanic ash correlation attest further to the careful nature of this field work. Dr. Cynthia was working in full cooperation with Juan Armenta Camacho, University of Puebla (who has studied the area for years), and in conformity to international regulations, and of course has firmly established her fine reputation for both archaeological competence and ethics. This is an unfortunate mix-up which puzzles us. Yet, as we wrote Dr. Cynthia, it has added newsy pungency to archaeological reading, and will bring her and her site such immense publicity as to confer certain advantages. (We call special apecial attention of all amateurs, and of professionals too, to the great care taken to AUTHENTICATE this site - we have far too many near-misses where great antiquity may be involved.)

Gregory Perino, Thomas Gilcrease Institute, threatens to do a "guide just on Dalton types" in Oklahoma where they have "variations you never dreamed of" - and "up to 11½ inches long"!

#### CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets on the first Wednesday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. Members attending the January meeting greatly enjoyed a learned discourse on pottery by Steve B. Wimberly with illustrative sherds being freely passed around.

Choctawhatchee Chapter, which meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at Houston Memorial Library, Dothan, reports 1968 Officers elected: President, Robert D. Wheat; Vice-President, Arthur Joiner; and Secretary, Mrs. Sam Wexler.

Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at City Hall Auditorium, Cullman. At the December meeting, President Eulis King continued his November topic: "The American Indian", covering migration of the different cultures into the North American continent and their development. Officers elected for 1968 are: President, Eulis King; 1st V.P., Don Wilbanks; 2nd V.P., Dale White; Secy-Treas, Michael Wells; Editor, Danny Claire Gray. New Officers will be installed at the January Meeting, and Joe Watkins Jr., Birmingham Chapter, will give the program. Much chapter activity by various members and groups reported by this really active membership.

Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Madison County Court House. Dr. Walter B. Jones, former State Geologist, spoke to the January meeting on "Final Report of the DeSoto Commission", of which he was Secretary and spent 3 years studying the most likely route DeSoto traveled through the Southeastern U.S. At the February meeting, Thomas F. Moebes Sr., Decatur Chapter, will discuss "Artifacts of the Tennessee Valley", using his outstanding collection as illustration. The Program Chairman has other fine speakers and programs planned for future months.

Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Long Building in Guntersville. The January meeting comprised a general discussion and plans for the year 1968, with the idea in mind of expanding membership and interest.

Mauvilla Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Phoenix Restored Fire Station, Mobile. At the January Meeting, Mrs. R. B. Andridge gave the 2nd portion of her program on "Archaeological Definitions and Terminology". At the February meeting, Chapter members will attempt to classify Indian artifacts that have been in possession of the City of Mobile for a number of decades.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at Decatur City Hall. Jack Cambron talked to the January meeting on "Relation of Artifact Assemblages and

their Corresponding Cultures". At the February meeting, Bob Tucker, Huntsville Chapter, will give the program: "An Introduction to Archaeology".

Montgomery Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the January meeting, President Dave Chase gave the 2nd in a current series on "Field Procedures", discussing methods of controls and interpretation of finds.

Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. Jess Raley addressed the January meeting on "Intermediate Man", discussing Albright's report on digs, and skeletons found in Caesarea on Jordanian Coast. Work is continuing under "Coosa Time Tunnel" Chairman Dr. E. M. Lindsey toward this now annual event to be held on June 26 through July 4, 1968. The Chapter has an interesting artifact exhibit in the Art Museum in the basement of Gadsden Convention Hall.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING JANUARY: (Welcome to our ranks!) (And may there be many others!)

The Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah 84601 (1967 AND 1968)  
Indiana University Library, Bloomington, Ind. 47401 (1967 AND 1968)  
Scottsboro Public Library, 1002 S. Broad St., Scottsboro, Ala. 35768  
Jim Conner, 144 Browder St., Eufaula, Ala. 36027  
Barbara Daigre, 1111 Berry St., Grenada, Miss. 38901  
John T. Dowd, 210 Lucky Drive, Nashville, Tenn. 37211  
William F. Richardson, 4012 Medford Drive S.E., Huntsville, Ala. 35802 (Family)

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS: As you were forewarned in the November issue, the 2nd printing of the HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, PART I, POINT TYPES, is now sold out completely. Between the Educational Page and the back sheet of this issue will be found an up-to-date copy of our State Society's Constitution. Please be gently reminded that if you haven't yet sent in your 1968 State Society dues, you can use the inside back cover of the Newsletter for that purpose. And if you do mail in your dues during the next several weeks, it may be a short time before you receive your Membership Card as Secretary Schaefer, recently a new Grandfather, will shortly be heading for the West Coast to do a bit of baby-ogling. We understand the supply of the HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, PART II, UNIFACE BLADE & FLAKE TOOLS, is still ample, and can be obtained at \$2.25 each, postpaid, from the co-author & publisher, James W. Cambron, 211 - 7th Ave. N.W., Decatur, Ala. 35601. We hear rumors about the possible organization of a new Chapter of the State Society in Anniston, and sincerely hope to shortly welcome it as our 14th. This will be the last month your Newsletter will be mailed with a 14¢ pre-cancelled stamp (although the cost is actually greater under the new postal rates which became effective January 7th) - and incidentally, since the new rates also increase the cost of returned Newsletters from 8¢ to FIFTEEN CENTS (and we are obliged to include the return directions and pay the fee) PLEASE make it light on your State Society and use the inside back cover to notify the State Secretary when your address changes - PLEASE. Our good Standing Rock member Marjorie Gay informs us about a punchless binder for plain or punched paper which she found in a Kress Store for 39¢, manufactured by Stac Specialty Corp., and named "Stac" Punchless Binder, each one of which will hold a full 12 issues of STONES & BONES or similar publications. On Page 7 of the December issue, several Leakey paperbacks were mentioned as "Publication Bargains" with directions for purchasing; and we are now indebted to our Marshall County Chapter for the information that WHITE AFRICAN is now available, but the other 2 will not be published until this coming Spring. You will be happy to know the December 1967 JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY is rapidly nearing the mailing stage. In the March issue of the Newsletter we hope to include an up-to-date listing of not only presently available back issues of our JOURNAL, but also of Alabama Geological Survey Bulletins dealing with archaeology, together with prices and full information as to where obtainable. Now you can take a breath!

Dr. Osvaldo F. A. Menghin, Universidad de Buenos Aires, who was pushing for more at-



tention to "crude tools" as early as 1930, sends us his latest: RELACIONES TRANSPACIFICAS DE AMERICA PRECOLUMBINA, reprint from RUNA, Vol. X, Parts 1 & 2. It is good to see these exciting new interests stirring American archaeological "slumber".

Leon J. Salter, our N.Y. member and friend, ordered 6 more copies of the pebble tool publication, a valuable service to archaeological communication. Have you a friend or contact who would be interested in this lavishly illustrated publication, obtainable at \$3.00 from D. W. Josselyn, 408 Broadway, Birmingham, Ala. 35209?

PERU ORDER for Lively Complex pebble tool publication - Donald V. Peru, Grand Rapids, Mich. - ha, ha! Also University of California at Berkeley and N.Y. Public Library. (The 300 illustrations of pebble tools are filling a bad omission gap & a real need.)

"The Margaret" sends us a newspaper clipping quoting Dr. A. R. Kelly as saying: "The State of Arkansas has recently passed an Antiquities Act which the State of Georgia could well copy". And Alabama! We regret to hear that Tammy, the Scottie, "has rheumatism in her legs" which is limiting her field work. And re Arthur Dunning's interesting Educational Page on copper artifacts and sources, Margaret informs us that there is a privately printed book on PREHISTORIC COPPER MINING IN THE LAKE SUPERIOR REGION by Prof. Roy W. Drier (715 Pine St., Calumet, Mich.) and Octave J. Du Temple.

Pete & Betty Ann Knudsen sent us their usual exciting "annual report" on the family this Christmas. Karen is outgrowing her clothes, riding horses, and progressing rapidly on her birthday piano. Karl and Erik, away at school, Karl swimming and basketball, Erik enthusiastic over cross country running on the track team. Pete sunk in new products development. Betty Ann, after her trip around the world and seeing everything, is the "most traveled" member of this interesting family long removed from Alabama but "still enjoying STONES & BONES".

DIVIDED MIND: That is, we don't quite know whether to blush or strut (so we are doing both!) Among our new members listed in our January issue of last year were Dr. Carl H. Chapman, University of Missouri, Mrs. Bonnie M. Jones, Jefferson State Junior College at Birmingham, Montgomery Public Library and Pennsylvania State University Library. And we could continue to excavate our new-member department and brag about the State University of N.Y., University of Chicago Library, University of Waterloo (Ontario) Library, University of Alberta Library, etc., who "discovered" us last year. Now, there are a lot of institutions interested in communicating. But "who publishes what, and where", is an immensely complicated problem. We really should give some thought to discovering those institutions which would like to discover us. We'd be glad to send a sample copy to your library, university, college, museum or even pokey. Last month we began 1968 with no less than the Cornell University Library membership and are adding 3 more institutions this month. Let's help that trend along this year.

Dr. Frank J. Soday, when he came to Alabama, said: "Let's set up an Alabama Archaeological Society" - there was then only the Birmingham Anthropological Society. Now in Oklahoma (5709 E. 61st Ct., Tulsa 74135), when not on his business trips to Japan, Korea, Philippines, Australia, etc., Frank has lost none of his archaeological vigor. He writes: "I have formalized my archaeological work by the establishment of a personal research foundation". And how about that! As far as we know, it is another really fine "first"!!!!

Spencer Waters, after considerable effort, has located an extremely interesting story about the Chickasaws in north Alabama. Entitled "Ittaloknah" (Battle of Indian Tomb Hollow), and written by an unknown author and published in an 1856 issue of the MOULTON DEMOCRAT, the story as told by a tribal elder takes place about 9 miles southwest of Moulton, Ala. The area remains untouched to this day. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy of this 15 page article may do so by sending \$1.25 to Frank Hiserodt, 811 Sherman Street S.E., Decatur, Ala. 35601.

WE RESPECTFULLY REFER YOU TO ARTICLE VI, 2 & 3, PAGE 3, OF THE ENCLOSED CONSTITUTION

## EDUCATIONAL PAGE

### A LOOK AT SOUTHEAST ALABAMA

Located in the southeast corner of Alabama, you'll find an area fertile in Indian lore and relics. This land is primarily agricultural and much of it has been kept in family hands since the time of the early white settlers of this region. Consequently, many farmers can remember tales of early Indian inhabitants of their land. This naturally is of great benefit to the amateur archaeologist, especially when said farmer can prove the tales by providing directions to the old village sites.

The general topography of the area consists mainly of essentially flat land; the soil of which is primarily sandy loam. The locale is riddled with large creeks, many draining into the great Chattahoochee River, which is well known as an Indian trade route to and from the Florida Gulf Coast and the northern states.

Another interesting feature of the land is the numerous outcroppings of chert in great quantity, such as the Tumbleton flint quarry.

Aside from just being an area prolific in artifacts, this area has released relics of such early dates as Quad, Big Sandy and Dalton points from prehistoric sites. Some sites similar to these show long term occupation from early into historic times; for instance, Staffordshire and Delft pottery sherds are found along with fiber-tempered pottery and even pre-pottery artifacts.

The Choctawhatchee Chapter as it now appears, took the name of an earlier group organized in Ozark, and primarily composed of people affiliated with Ft. Rucker. It was floundering after most members were transferred, and so last January a couple of members who lived in Dothan and had commuted to the meetings, found new blood in the Dothan area and the group was promptly relocated and reorganized with an almost completely new membership composed of former "pot-grabbers" who wanted to become more scientific in approach and more knowledgeable in history. We were long on ignorance and interest, as well as private collections; and were waiting for - and short on - direction and knowledge.

After organization, we approached Dave Chase to speak to us. He came and gave us encouragement as well as pointers on what to do next. He inspected several sites and gave us tips on collecting, cataloging, analyzing and establishing a systematic survey of sites and artifacts. Most of the year was spent in surface collecting and cataloging our finds. Some of us have specialized in pottery type and point type classification.

Another interesting and informative speaker was Mrs. Yulee Lazarus, Curator of the Fort Walton (Fla.) Museum. Her program was particularly pertinent to us because of the close similarity between artifacts found on Florida sites and our area. For this reason also, we have been in contact with the Anthropology Department of Florida State University at Tallahassee.

We feel we have learned some of the fundamentals of technique and have had our theory that we had a fertile and relatively pure area confirmed by professionals. We anticipate another full and interesting year in amateur archaeology.

Joyia Spann, Choctawhatchee Chapter



CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
(Revisions through December 10, 1967)

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II - Objects

1. The objects of the Alabama Archaeological Society shall be: to promote the study of the archaeology of Alabama and of neighboring states, to encourage careful scientific archaeological research and excavation, to discourage careless digging without records, to promote the conservation of important archaeological sites and artifacts and to favor the passage of laws prescribing such, to oppose the manufacture and sale of fraudulent antiquities, to encourage the establishment of local archaeological museums and societies, to promote the spread of archaeological knowledge by means of publications and meetings, to develop a better understanding of the archaeology of the state by making systematic surface surveys and collections, and to serve as a bond between the individual archaeologists in the State, both non-professional and professional.

2. The traffic in archaeological objects for the sole purpose of financial profit, and the collecting of artifacts without proper record-keeping and cataloging, are contrary to the ideals of the Society.

ARTICLE III - Membership

1. The membership shall consist of 9 classes: Honorary, Life, Joint Life, Sustaining, Joint Sustaining, Annual, Family, Associate and Institutional.

2. Any person or institution in sympathy with the ideals and objectives of the Society may, upon formal application and payment of the required dues, become a member. Those under age 18 shall not be entitled to vote or hold office. Dues-paid members shall be entitled to receive all numbers of the Society's publications for the fiscal year to which their dues are applied.

3. The Honorary Membership shall consist of (1) those non-residents of the State who shall have made noteworthy contributions to its archaeological knowledge, and (2) any person who shall have given outstanding aid to the welfare of the Society. They shall be exempt from payment of dues. The total number of living Honorary Members shall not exceed 10. A favorable vote of three-quarters of the members returning mail ballots shall be required, following a favorable recommendation by the Board of Directors.

4. The Life Membership shall consist of individuals who pay dues as prescribed and shall be entitled to all privileges of membership for the balance of their natural lives. Joint Life Membership shall include a husband and wife who pay dues as prescribed and both shall be entitled to all privileges of membership for the balance of either or both of their natural lives. They shall receive only 1 copy of each of the Society's publications.

5. The Sustaining Membership shall consist of those who wish to provide financial support over and above that required of Annual Members, by paying yearly dues as prescribed. Joint Sustaining Membership shall include a husband and wife who pay dues as prescribed and both shall be entitled to vote and hold office, and any children in the family under age 18. They shall receive only 1 copy of each of the Society's publications.

6. The Annual Membership shall consist of: (a) Regular Annual Members, who

shall pay yearly dues as prescribed and be entitled to membership privileges as individuals; (b) Family Members, which shall include a husband and wife, each entitled to vote and hold office, and any children in the family under age 18. They shall pay yearly dues as prescribed and shall receive 1 copy of each of the Society's yearly publications.

7. Institutional Members shall consist of libraries and similar organizations, subscribing to the Society's publications. They may not become Life Members. They shall be entitled to send 1 voting representative to meetings.

8. The Associate Membership shall be limited to students age 21 or younger. Yearly dues shall be as prescribed and the term of Associate Membership shall not exceed 5 years.

9. Membership dues, payable January 1 and delinquent after March 31, shall be as follows:

	<u>Residents of the U.S., its Territories and Possessions</u>	<u>Residents of Foreign Countries, Including Canada and Mexico</u>
Life, Individual	\$50.00	\$60.00
Joint Life	60.00	75.00
Sustaining, Individual	7.50 yearly	7.50 yearly
Joint Sustaining	10.00 yearly	10.00 yearly
Regular Annual	4.00 yearly	5.00 yearly
Family Annual	5.00 yearly	5.00 yearly
Associate	2.00 yearly	3.00 yearly
Institutional	4.00 yearly	5.00 yearly

10. Membership in the Society shall terminate under any of the following conditions: (a) Written resignation; (b) By expulsion for cause. Written charges, signed by at least 5 members, may be brought against any member for actions deleterious to the welfare of the Society. Such charges shall be included in the notice of the next regular meeting, at which time the charges shall be considered. A three-quarters majority vote of all members returning mail ballots shall be required for expulsion. Reinstatement can similarly be obtained by three-quarters majority vote of all members returning mail ballots.

#### ARTICLE IV - Officers

1. The officers shall consist of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and a minimum of 3 Directors. The Ex-Officio President shall be a Director. There shall be 1 Director from each chapter and 1 Director at Large for each 35 members of the Society.

2. The administration of the Society shall be entrusted to the Board of Directors subject to instructions and ratification of their acts by the Society at regular meetings.

3. The Directors shall be elected each year for a term of 3 years. The number elected each year shall be approximately one-third of the total number of Directors.

4. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined and held by the same person.

5. Officers shall be elected for 1 year by majority vote of the members present at the Annual Meeting. They shall assume office at the beginning of the next fiscal year and serve until their successors are installed.



6. Not less than 3 months before the Annual Meeting the President shall appoint a Nominating Committee which shall prepare a slate of nominations for office for the ensuing year. The Chairman shall advise the Secretary of the nominations, and the Secretary shall send the slate to all members not less than 15 days before the Annual Meeting. Additional nominations may then be sent to the Secretary, signed by not less than 5 members. In case of competition for any office, voting at the meeting shall be by unsigned ballot.

7. If a vacancy occurs in the Board for any reason, the line of succession shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer. The remaining members of the Board shall have power to fill any vacancy not covered by succession until the next election, or until the installation of a legally qualified successor.

8. The Nominating, Auditing and such other committees as shall be established by the Board shall be appointed by the President by and with the consent and approval of the Board.

9. The Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and Chairman of committees shall present written reports at the Annual Meeting, at which time a committee shall be appointed by the President to audit the accounts of the Treasurer.

#### ARTICLE V - Meetings

1. An Annual Meeting shall be held at such time and place as the Board of Directors shall designate, at which time the election of officers shall be held, reports of the officers and Board of Directors given, and the business of the Society transacted. The members present shall constitute a quorum.

2. Semiannual, quarterly or other meetings may be held at the call of the President or the Board of Directors.

3. Notices of all meetings shall be sent to all members at least 2 weeks in advance.

4. The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held immediately preceding the Annual Meeting, and other Board meetings should be held before other meetings. Forty percent of the Board members shall constitute a quorum.

5. Between meetings, the business of the Board may be transacted by correspondence, in which case a majority of the Board voting shall be required for action.

#### ARTICLE VI - Finances

1. The Treasurer, with the cooperation of the President and/or a Budget Committee shall prepare an annual budget which shall be presented and approved at the Annual Meeting.

2. The fiscal year shall commence on January 1 when dues shall become payable, dues notices having been sent to members during the preceding 3 months. Dues shall be considered delinquent after March 31.

3. Members 3 months in arrears for dues shall not be entitled to vote, hold office, or receive publications.

4. Orders on the Treasurer for the payment of valid and subsisting obligations of the Society shall be drawn and signed by the Secretary, and signed also by the President or First Vice-President. Such orders shall be sufficient warrant for the disbursement by the Treasurer and the amount specified, but the Treasurer shall also take

proper receipt or voucher for same.

5. Payments received for Life Memberships and such other moneys as may from time to time be designated for such purpose shall constitute a Permanent Fund which shall be invested in the name of the Society. The income from annual dues, investments, sale of publications and similar sources shall constitute the Working Fund, available for publication of the Journal and other current expense, in accord with the annual budget. Any surplus from the Working Fund may be transferred to the Permanent Fund by the Board of Directors who may, in emergencies, direct the transfer of funds from the Permanent to the Working Fund, provided that the total of the Permanent Fund is never reduced below the total of all sums which must remain in the Permanent Fund by the terms under which they were received.

#### ARTICLE VII - Publications

1. The Society shall publish a journal which shall be sent free to all members not in arrears for dues, and which shall be devoted to articles on the archaeology of Alabama and the neighboring states, related subjects, and to news and business of the Society.

2. Other publications may be issued as the Board of Directors may direct.

3. All publications shall be under the control of the Editor, subject to directives of the Board of Directors through the President.

#### ARTICLE VIII - Chapters and Affiliations

1. Subsidiary autonomous regional chapters of the Society may be established. Their policies must be in accord with those of this Society. Non-members of this Society may be permitted to join chapters as Associate Members, but may not vote or hold office.

2. A petition for the establishment of such a Chapter signed by at least half of the members in good standing of the Society in the area prescribed and accompanied by a proposed constitution shall be submitted to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall act upon a duly submitted petition within 3 months from date of receipt.

3. The Society may upon a two-thirds vote of the members returning mail ballots affiliate with other State Archaeological Societies on a regional or national basis.

#### ARTICLE IX - Amendments

1. Proposed amendments to this Constitution shall be submitted to the Board of Directors in writing, signed by not less than 5 members. The Board shall then direct the Secretary to submit the proposed amendment to the members, together with their decision of approval or disapproval. It shall be voted upon by mail ballot. If approved by the Board, a majority of those voting shall be required for adoption.

2. The provisions of this Constitution as adopted on December 21, 1954, shall take effect immediately and shall supersede and nullify all previous Constitutional enactments and by-laws in conflict therewith, including all amendments.



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, studying and especially reporting; to promote more and support professionally directed excavations and discourage unsupervised "digging"; to oppose the sale 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 important, 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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