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!*** HEAR YE---HEAR YE---HEAR YE ***!
??? 1965 PROSPECTUS ???

"when he poured out on the sofa a cigar box
of fluted points, Beaver Lakes, Daltons, Quads...!"

Edward C. Mahan - than whom archaeology has never had a more devoted disciple - down the long years always striving to serve archaeology the BEST way in which he could - devoting his retired years to prospecting for archaeology, the most important, the most neglected, aspect which has been almost entirely a matter of "happy accident".

One of lovable Ed's great assets is his ability to make friends. There are doubtless millions of people who "know where a site is" but do not know how to evaluate its importance - do not dream the importance of reporting it. So Ed prospects People as well as Paleo.

A most unusual gentleman, whose name we shall blaze upon the great tomes of archaeology in due time, "a gentleman farmer and a raiser of fine horses", poured out this amazing archaeology on the sofa. "I was again astonished", Ed writes, "when he handed me the basal half of a Clovis from a shelter...He knew where there were several large bluff shelters, one of which had been vandalized by an acquaintance of his and produced the basal half of a Clovis point...there is a concentration of fluted points in his area... He invited me to come and look for 'Ice Age Man'...he said any of his farm equipment was at my disposal to make tests. He has a tractor with a hole-digging attachment where we could prospect likely old terraces that have not eroded...A little elderly lady said: 'If you can find a stratified deposit older than 10,000 years in our County we will finance the \$7,000'...I'm planning a thorough search and evaluation."

Ed has surely excavated some wonderful people - it would be a fitting reward if "their County" could produce that "stratified deposit older than 10,000 years". But, by golly, we can guarantee they won't have to finance it alone!!!

??? WORLEY SHELTER NUMBER TWO ???

American Paleo archaeology began in 1926 with the discovery of the Folsom fluted point. In the same year, amateur archaeologists organized in Birmingham, Alabama - the state which seems to have the most Paleo evidence. After 34 years of unrealized potential, in our Feb. 1960 issue we titled a plea: "SOMETHING MUST BE DONE" - a shot destined to be heard literally "around the world". It began the ONLY ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IN ARCHAEOLOGY to finance the ONLY CONCENTRATED CONTINUING SEARCH FOR EARLY MAN. Our very first year made 4 major archaeological breakthroughs - a contrast stressing the tragedy of our previous 34 years!

Charles H. Worley sparked this "atomic" explosion by reporting a shelter site which electrified, challenged, inspired. If we couldn't do something intelligent about THIS

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OPPORTUNITY - well, it seemed to be now or never! Results were so remarkable that our CRUSADE is now in its FIFTH year. Archaeology owes CHARLES H. WORLEY an immense debt of gratitude - who in his 74th year now writes:

"The time is fast approaching when Ticks and snakes have gone to roost,
Then I'll find another shelter To give the A.A.S. a boost.
I have some very good prospects But haven't made a test;
When I do I'll let you know Then you can do the rest.
I'll ramble till I find one Where you can plainly see
What the Dalton Boys were doing Twelve thousand years B. G.
There'll be no brightly colored tools They used to maim and slaughter -
For everything was dull and drab All the years Before Goldwater."

We venture that the most double-dyed democrat would welcome a WORLEY SHELTER NUMBER 2.

\$ 6,602.64 CLOSING OUR 1964 FUND DRIVE 6,602.64 \$
(Complete List of Donors Next Month)

DEAR DONORS: Had the tuberculosis death rate remained what it was when the FIRST fund drive began, the Christmas Seal fund drive, some 12 million of us who are enjoying life would be dead, millions more unborn as our prospective parents would have succumbed to tuberculosis. Pooling our pennies can accomplish incredible things! Yet who doesn't complain, now and then, about "these fund drives"? It is tremendously, and frighteningly, difficult for people to pull together cooperatively.

We are finding it so in our fund drive for archaeology. In its FIFTH year, when breakthrough archaeological results and swollen membership should have given our drive self-propelling momentum, the secretarial load remains enormous. Every effort has to be made to educate, to win new friends for archaeology. My secretarial letter wordage this year exceeds 350,000 - about 4 average book lengths. So probably I have complained more than anyone about our own fund drive.

Nevertheless, I've tried to do a good job, for you few who have developed a true interest in the fate of Alabama's amazing archaeology. For who can say that our pioneer effort, the FIRST ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IN ARCHAEOLOGY, may not spread to other areas - and some day do for archaeology what Christmas Seals did about TB? There is a tremendous latent, uneducated, undirected interest in archaeology which through public education (the greatest value of fund drives) could be taught the one way to make it self effective - EVERYBODY DONATING A LITTLE. If EVERY American donated only a dollar, each STATE would have \$3,600,000!!! We, the people, have that awesome power - unused!

Besides which, in my old age and illness I am in a position to realize how fortunate I am, at long last, to have a way to serve in my small individual capacity. For 25 years, alone I could not "find a handle" to amateur archaeology to make my interest effective. Then our FIRST COOPERATIVE, FUND-SUPPORTED, AMATEUR-PROFESSIONAL excavation made FOUR major breakthroughs which 40 years of American archaeology had missed, and very badly needed! My God, that quarter century I piddled away! And so many ways, now, in which we can serve! If even a broken-down old writer and his typewriter can be of service - well, this is for us!

WE HAVE FOUND THE BEST ANSWER YET, if we really are interested in amateur archaeology - truly "a milestone in the history of American archaeology", as Dr. E. Mott Davis hailed it that first year. Personally, I wouldn't have missed it - it has been one of the most satisfactory adventures of an unusually varied and satisfactory life, from vaudeville strong-man to writer of books. To be an EFFECTIVE part of science, which has enabled man to accomplish more in his last 100 years than his first million; to make IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS to that science of sciences, the study of MAN himself - is there a greater need, a greater reward?

To you who have made this possible, prominent archaeologists all over the country have eloquently expressed the immense gratitude of archaeology. For having made it possible for me to participate in such a remarkable enterprise, I wish to add my own everlasting thanks.

Your fund drive secretary,

Dan Josselyn

Robert O. Craig, we blush to admit, should have been reported 2 months ago! What wool our wits have been gathering all this time, we dread to think. To make our oversight even worse, Bob also bought one of the 50-specimen sets of Alabama Minerals donated by Arthur Dunning (which proved immensely popular). We'd be even more remissus (we like to strut our 3 or 4 Latin words) but for the sharp blue editorial eye of Bea Harris which beacons our mistakes. Our apologies, along with our thanks, to Bob.

Janet Martin joins our fund described as "a young high-school girl...a sincere, rather sober, beautiful red-haired girl, who does her surface hunting with a seriousness that is most interesting. She has been helping Joe Benthall of the Moundville Staff site-surveying in our area". We are proud of Janet. And may we not be a bit proud that our Society helps to arouse such interests in young people, and to make these educational opportunities available? Thanks, beautiful! (Selma Chapter product.)

Mr. & Mrs. Percy H. Whiting, of very "deep South" Montrose, and no doubt our Mauvilla Chapter, also join us as fine NEW donors. We might call new donors "new hopes", for they are a measure of our ability to grow. Nothing stands still in this fleeting world, so we must continue to regenerate our lost parts like a "glass snake" that loses its brittle tail (really a lizard, as it has eyelids and ears).

NOCCALULA MEMBERS do their Chapter proud with a batch of checks:

W. J. (Bill) & Hazel Barker we perhaps (?) have to thank also for inspiring the Hazel'n Bill cartoon in BRUSH & TROWEL.

T. L. (Tom) Clontz - the members thought highly enough of him to honor him with the office of President.

J. W. Hawkins, from what we hear, must be one of those prized "working members".

Dr. & Mrs. E. M. Lindsey (Dr. Mike & Gennie) - say, this is their SECOND donation this year! (And they have 4 in the nest to bring goodies, clothe, TRY to keep in shoes - Dr. Mike probably does not allow bubble gum.)

Jess Raley edits the Chapter Newsletter, BRUSH & TROWEL, a good job of communication (one of the things most needed in archaeology) which we often find quotable - as you have noted.

Mrs. Sydney Worthington we don't seem to have a bit of information on, except that she & Jess give us 2 more of those NEW donors we are constantly wishing for. Thanks to these fine go-alongers of this very promising Chapter. (And to Secy. Hazel, who sends in this batch.)

R. W. Weaver, long-time Life Member, started on the "ground floor" of our fund and has added a generous story every year since - now 5 stories tall. He writes that he "went to some 35 foreign countries while in the navy" and doesn't think he saw anywhere as old an undisturbed surface of the earth as the Sand Mountain area up Henagar way. Yes, our Appalachian Mountains go way back to the Cambrian - the worn-down remnants of a once-great chain, some 8,000 feet having eroded off the Birmingham area. But Roy, we are still coming up with new ideas, and that is what counts - and we are glad you didn't stop over in any of those 35 countries!

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Boudreaux & Scott Boudreaux write: "Sorry this is late - put it to work anyway!" It is never too late to pay our debts! We have a fine arrangement with the University of Alabama, with whom we contract to do our excavating, making it academic, scientific and fully authenticated for the professional world. They allow us to pay the bill after the work is complete - which most fortunately allows us all summer to get our fund together. And we could hardly count the Boudreauxs as late. We listed them as new members in our March issue, so their interest and education are coming along fast. We are very pleased to welcome them to this remarkable hobby which allows us to make MAJOR and SCIENTIFIC archaeological discoveries. And Scott reminds us that with our younger generation we have a fine opportunity to build a long future, and a better future, for amateur archaeology in Alabama. (The Birmingham donations have now soared to 45, which must be an alltime Chapter record!)

Mr. & Mrs. Joe A. Searcy Jr., of Tuscaloosa, were new members in our September issue of last year, joining in August - but even with that late start DONATED and DUG with us last year! Their second generous donation reminds us of a most unusual circumstance - they appear to be a record-breaking family. The circumstance is this: looking through the ESAF 1964 Directory, we were astonished to note that the President of our Tuscaloosa Chapter is Mrs. Joe Searcy! Is this the first time we have turned to the distaff side for a President? As Secretaries, the ladies have so often done exceptional jobs, involving a great deal of work, that we think our Tuscaloosa Chapter is pioneering fertile soil. When your male line of Presidents begins to slow down, to lapse and lag, why not give them a bit of feminine competition?

Mr. & Mrs. Brittain Thompson's check provokes us to give a "case history" for the benefit of those who often ask us: "What can I do" in amateur archaeology. You may get some ideas. Way back, we recall when Britt, in one of his travels, excavated the Walum Olum on film; and again presented a surprising paper on the lost DeSoto route. By such degrees he "worked his way up" to President of the Birmingham Anthropological Society, and the Alabama Archaeological Society. For 5 long years he emceed a popular weekly archaeological ETV program, and no sooner had ducked that under protest than by popular demand he became one of our leading public speakers. He has published a number of excellent booklets, and been prominent in the formation of new Chapters - just to mention a few of his multifarious activities. Presently he is editing our Newsletter, and an extremely important book to appear shortly. And, working with Hayes International, his life runs like this: "Where's my toothbrush - I have to be in Baltimore in an hour and 20". Unfortunately, we do not know exactly how much credit is due Margaret for his meteoric rise, but we have our suspicions. Britt is one of the few lesser halves we often hear remark of his better half: "I'll get Margaret's opinion - she's a smart gal!" We express our collective Society gratitude for past, present and we hope many future services from these fine folks.

Francis M. Randall not only joins us from Siluria, but wants to "spread the word on Stones & Bones", and bought a set of Arthur Dunning's donated Alabama minerals. Mr. Randall (who joined in our February issue) sounds like good medicine for the Siluria area, where we need to stir up interest. In thanking him for joining "the only fund drive in archaeology", we also sent our "Missing Link" booklet to tell him more about it, and can spare some more if he needs them to "spread the word" - and thanks. (Rt. 1 Box 86, Siluria, if you would like to invite him to a meeting.)

Tom Cornell sends from Huntsville the checks of Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Sneed and E. D. Burwell, Sr., with a good suggestion. Tom thinks there might be some regular donors who may have forgotten, and wouldn't want to be left off the list. Well, we'll be publishing a full list next month, and hope everyone will look for his or her name - and remedy the matter if he or she turns up missing. We surely would have missed the Sneys, who joined our crusade last year, and Mr. Burwell, who has been a constant donor since our first full summer excavation - and thanks for not forgetting.

H. D. Williams of our enterprising Nockalula Chapter at Gadsden joins us as another of our NEW donors, adding to the encouraging proof we have had in this our FIFTH year that we still do not "have our growth". How many others are waiting for us to find them, and tell them? Incidentally, Mr. Williams, we have on our past donor lists a J. A., a J. D., and a J. L. Williams - very obviously, sir, you belong to a fine old archaeological family - the kind we like!

Arthur Dunning's fine donation of identified sets of 50 Alabama Minerals is sold out! Margaret Clayton (Mrs. Lee J. Jr.) sent for TWO sets, and wrote praising the quality. William R. Armistead, Curator, American History Relic Museum (Bayou La Batre), added a set to his exhibits. Secy. Rodger L. Schaefer, even with his geological background, got interested. Mrs. W. P. Lamar, of our Springville friends, sent for a set. (And, Mr. Craig & Mr. Randall above.) It is good to see so much geological interest - this has been a fine donation in many ways. (Arthur's business, ALABAMA MINERALS, is pri-

marily wholesale, and he does such a good job he seems to have about all he can handle. But perhaps he could make an exception for disappointed members. His address: 2333 - 26th St. W., Birmingham 8, Ala.

BLOUNT COUNTY JUNIOR HISTORICAL SOCIETY - our very first JUNIOR Society of any kind! Ed Mahan (archaeology as usual!) gave a talk to the combined Blountsville Historical and Junior Historical Societies - who proved most interested. After the talk the President of the Junior Society "arose to his feet and passed the hat" (unfortunately, we do not have his name). The Secretary, Gail Layfield, then wrote a check for the surprising total! How's that for a fine bunch of teen-agers? You know, it just makes us wonder what a JUNIOR Chapter might do for us!

FOR ARCHAEOLOGY, we wish to thank all the people who have enabled this unique project to endure for FIVE years - as no one dreamed it could. It was called "impossible"! And no one dreamed we would get such major results, turn up so much NEW archaeology that the years had missed. But we are still "breaking new ground" in this unusual enterprise. We are still learning how to make a specialty of DISCOVERY, including the discovery of people who are really interested. We have really just begun, and we think our future will far exceed our past. We hope, indeed, that such will be your reward.

CHAPTER NEWS

Since it seems that a number of chapters did not meet during the outdoor and vacation month of August, we are only listing those Chapters which submitted reports this month:

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. The September meeting was most interestedly entertained by a splendidly prepared and presented history of the Birmingham Anthropological Society, by Martin Hurlender. Those not present missed a real treat.

The Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Epworth Methodist Church. The September meeting was devoted to discussion on ways to improve members', Chapter's and community's knowledge of the historical value and significance of the local archaeological heritage, by establishing an archaeological display in the local museum with full descriptive explanations of artifacts on exhibit, and conducting a membership educational program on archaeological procedures including field work.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant in Guntersville. An archaeological bull-session made the September meeting outstanding with everyone present discussing and expounding on their collecting sites, points and just about everything else.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. The August program was a joint effort by each member. Recent finds and sites were discussed and a general roundtable discussion entered into.

The Nockalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Gadsden Public Library. Those who attended the September meeting were rewarded by a most interesting discussion on the subject of "Rocks" by Mrs. Ray Arnott. The Chapter is continuing efforts to supplement its donations to the State summer dig (see page 3).

The Selma Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Meadowview Christian Church. The September meeting received a report on the progress being made toward the display the Chapter is sponsoring at the Sturdevant Museum. Mr. John Cottier of the Moundville Staff presented a program on the Liddel Site in Wilcox County, where 4 cultural levels were excavated and a large quantity of Archaic material found.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Mr. & Mrs. James D. Byrd, 9032 Craigmont Road S.W., Huntsville, Ala. 35802
Charles Leonard Cargile, Route 1 Box 135, Prattville, Ala.

J. O. Carlisle, West Main St., Manchester, Ga.
Mrs. Leah V. Hall, 516 - 5th Ave., Oneonta, Ala.
W. P. Kytte, Horseshoe Bend Motel, Alexander City, Ala.
Prof. Terrance L. Myers, Troy State College, Troy, Ala.
Serials Dept., General Library, Univ. of Calif., Berkeley, Calif. 94720

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Bill E. Ash, 42 Stovall St., Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. 30742
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Robert L. Tucker, RFD #2, Huntsville, Ala.

BAD ADDRESSES:

Lt.Col. Richard A. Plumley, 328 Combat Support Group, Richards-Gebaur AFB, Mo.
O. Paul Walker, Selma, Ala. (Need street address or box number)

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS: Your State Society is most happy to report that as of Sept. 15, 1964, the total membership has reached to 500, and is distributed over 28 states and 2 foreign countries. The types of membership are as follows:

Regular, Annual	- - 302	Institutional, Annual	- 15
Family, Annual	- - - 104	Sustaining, Annual	- - 21
Associate, Annual	- 38	Life Members	- - - - 20

ESAF ANNUAL MEETING: Reminding you that the Eastern States Archaeological Federation meets November 7-8 in Attleboro, Mass., and we are most anxious for our State Society to be represented both by PAPERS and PERSONS.

TAS ANNUAL MEETING: For the benefit of those who may be in the vicinity, the annual meeting of the Tennessee Archaeological Society is to be held October 3-4 at the National Guard Armory in Camden, Tenn., with the Kentucky Lake Chapter as host.

SECOND CONFERENCE ON UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY: To be held April 15-16-17, 1965 at the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada, with the Council of Underwater Archaeology as co-sponsor. Further information can be obtained from Dave DeJarnette.

Mahan - again - Not Ed, but his late Aunt, Adelaide Mahan, 1874-1959. Her paintings - said to be of an art era from which little is now available - are on exhibit in Birmingham at Art Originals, 1922 - 12th Ave. S., (Five Points area - behind St. Mary's Church) for 2 weeks commencing September 21, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Well worth seeing, we understand.

Leon J. Salter "excavated" (from his library of 10,000 volumes!) for us the inspiring memory of a great amateur: "William Smith (1769-1839) was a surveyor who, early in life, had developed an interest in rocks and fossils. Although he had little formal education, it was he, not any of the many well-educated and even brilliant men who had previously taken an interest in the physical nature of the earth, that produced the fundamental concept of historical geology...not being burdened with the theoretical dogma of the day, he was able to make fresh and uninhibited observations...that the different strata were characterized by unique assemblages of fossils, and that, even though the physical character of the succession of strata might alter, the succession of fossil assemblages remained constant...in 1815 he was able to publish a geological map of England and Wales, with a list of the strata from oldest to youngest...first geologic map of a large area...opened a completely new vista to science...the basis for a chronology, a calendar, of that history" (of life preserved in rocks). ("History of the Earth", Bernhard Kummel) There is still plenty of room, 150 years later, for amateurs to do good work by applying the great scientific principle.

Dave Chase, Curator, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, writes good news: "I have been in contact with the Ozark bunch who have advised their intention to 'get with it' in the formation of a SE Ala. Chapter. Margaret Clayton, Sr. ('Little Margaret's' mother) of Eufaula, is also 'pushing' for such a Chapter."

The Ozark-Dothan-Eufaula triangle, bracketing the headwaters of the Choctawhatchee and adjacent to the Apalachicola, would add an immense coverage in an important and neglected area. We especially need reporting on Paleo in the southern half of Alabama - where negative evidence has led to unfortunate negative thinking. Matters are picking up in this department, however. Anne Faulk's Minutes of the 8th meeting of the Selma Chapter tell us that John Cottier reported on FOUR cultural levels from his salvage work at the Liddel Site, Wilcox County, Millers Ferry area - with DALTON and BIG SANDY points in the lowest level! We do not know the exact location of the site, but Millers Ferry is some 30 miles SE of Selma - to our knowledge the furthest south anything so old has been excavated, in Alabama. But Bill Lazarus, President of the Florida Anthropological Society, writes from Fort Walton Beach that down there "we have ample evidence of early human occupation...Daltons, Quads and Lermas...also Big Sandy I and Plevnas...Also in adjacent Walton County we have teeth of the extinct Columbian Mammoth." So do "get with it", folks, and help to write that big new chapter on PALEO IN SOUTHERN ALABAMA.

Sigfus Olafson, our ESAF President Elect, writes us some fine news. You may recall that Sig was for long President of the West Virginia Society, and that they schemed and agitated until they got a State Archaeologist at liberty to work entirely with the amateurs, Dr. McMichael. Then a short time ago a fine assistant joined the staff, Bettye Broyles (a speaker at our fine Tri-City annual meeting, remember?). These years and years and years of amateur striving are now paying off! They have accomplished the first complete excavation of a stockaded Fort Ancient site - plaza, post-mold outlines of houses and large council houses, the enclosing stockade, tons of artifacts, about 500 skeletons - the works!

Another site - get this - judging by core drillings may have nicely stratified occupational levels to a depth of over 30 feet! Down about half way, they have a level with only Kirk Serrated points (dated at 8,000 years by Coe in North Carolina). Above that was a clear horizon with only the bifurcated LeCroy point. Sig writes: "Bettye is confirming what Coe found in North Carolina, that where there is sensitive stratigraphy there is only one projectile point type in each horizon". That coincides with some of our small-shelter digs this summer, where we were finding different types of points in adjacent shelters.

Sig suggests "a race between West Virginia and Alabama as to which could dig through the whole Archaic, transitional and Paleo sequence first!" They have the advantage, with 2 professionals entirely free to work with the amateurs, but let's take them on! So REPORT all good shelter sites!

SELMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, Minutes Sept. 8: "Rev. Mr. Walker gave a report from the Museum Committee on the progress to date toward preparing the displays to be used. The Sturdevant Museum has made available to the Archaeological Society the amount of \$200 with which museum cases are being made...Understanding has been reached with the Sturdevant Museum that groups of school children from the area will be allowed to study the displays without charge as part of our effort to educate and develop an appreciation for historical items of archaeological significance." Don't those Selma folks sound nice, and competent? And to think about the archaeological education of the school kids - ! Alabama amateur archaeology is really getting started.

BRUSH & TROWEL, Jess Raley, Editor (Noccalula Chapter), reports Chapter members in New York, North Carolina, Florida, Texas - and Anthony Helms in Germany! Gennie Lindsey "has been much too quiet this summer" - maybe it was that Anthropology course, the study of Man, women left out! At the July meeting Carey Oakley (who dug with Dave while still in high school) talked on the Green Farm dig, and Bennet Graham narrated while Dr. Mike (Lindsey) showed Costa Rica color slides - even a tarantula! We liked

some other things in BRUSH & TROWEL too, but Jess, please clean your type so we can read everything, and we preferred "Hazel" in her former "pleasingly plump" state. Bad game year?

Dr. Edward Wenk Jr. - may be a friend in need? Librarian of Congress L. Quincy Mumford has appointed Dr. Wenk Chief of a newly created Science Policy Research Division in the Legislative Reference Service at the Library, and Special Adviser to the Librarian in Science and Engineering. One of his duties will be to serve "as a Congressional consultant in scientific and technological developments that affect public policy". Since Elizabeth Cline, our Birmingham Chapter Secretary, is Dr. Wenk's sister, we naturally began immediately to wonder what archaeological plots we could hatch to enlighten the "public policy" of Congress! Elizabeth, by the way, who graduated at Howard this spring, is already teaching in the Jefferson County schools, and has a class in Alabama History - the kids are of course getting an unusually good introduction to Alabama archaeology.

Dr. Carl B. Compton writes: "The 'Stones & Bones' came and I read it this morning". Knowing Dr. Carl's Newsletter, which we often pirate, we take it as a "fluted" compliment that he reads ours. We miss his during the summer months, but try to remember that 105-110-degree temperature in the Interamerican office.

Rodger L. Schaefer - a fine letter arrived this morning about the Schaefer's western trip. "Driving to California today in an air-conditioned car...is a far cry from your leaving California by Stage Coach." (Since we really are that old, name withheld!) "We visited Montezuma Castle, Tuzigoot National Monument, Walnut Canyon (cliff dwellings), Meteor Crater, Mupathi National Monument, Bryce Canyon, Zion National Park, Las Vegas, Yosemite, Fresno Valley during the fruit-picking season, San Francisco, Solvang (every house & store is built in Danish style & all the occupants are Danish), California, Los Angeles (my daughter lives in South Pasadena), Palm Springs, Indio during the date-picking season, Jerome, Arizona (largest real ghost town...clinging to the steep side of Mingus Mountain), Oak Creek Canyon, Monument Valley, Mesa Verde, Durango with the narrow-gauge passenger train, Santa Fe, New Mexico (the site of many famous Pueblos)." Special highlights were "sharing the happiness of my daughter, a mathematician in the math section of the Jet Propulsion Lab. at Cal. Tech Univ...they put Ranger 7 on the moon (and got pictures this time) while I was there. She was also on the team that put the satellite near Venus & brought back the desired information...taking my granddaughter (2 years old) on the cable car at San Francisco and making 4 trips before she was willing to get off...a visit to a rock shop with the best collection of Folsom & Clovis points that I ever saw." Talking about moon-shots!

BACK ISSUES OF OUR NEWSLETTERS WANTED: As reported in our August issue, page 11, we attempted to place a complete file in the State of Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, also including the forerunner of STONES & BONES, THE BIRMINGHAM INQUIRER. Thanks to Elizabeth Cline, who apparently stripped her own files, we have furnished everything except the following:

THE BIRMINGHAM INQUIRER - Vol. I, Issue 2, February 1956

STONES & BONES - January through April 1958, and August 1958

One of the organizers of the Alabama Archaeological Society, Dr. Frank J. Soday, now of Tulsa, Oklahoma, writes that he is trying to complete his file of our publications, and is missing:

STONES & BONES - March 1958 and August 1960

Should anyone have available any of the above issues, and would want to part with them, please get in touch with the Associate Editors of the Newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: One of the items on the agenda for the State Society's Board of Directors' meeting to be held September 25th is to fix the date for our Annual Meeting at Tuscaloosa in December. So make your plans accordingly - details of the Board Meeting with dates and other information will appear in the next issue of the Newsletter.

JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY: Repeating the appeal in our August issue, papers for the #2 Journal for 1964 are still needed, and your Editor hopes a sufficient number will be forthcoming during October to enable him to publish before the end of the year and thus get our Journals "on the beam" again. Thanks for some sudden cooperation!

EXCAVATING ITEMS for the Newsletter, we may add, runs into a bit of work. Any "prefabricated" items from readers will be appreciated.

"TAILS" OF EXTERMINATION: "My chase was more protracted, but at length I ran close to the bull (bison) and killed him with my pistols. Cutting off the tails of our victims by way of trophy, we rejoined the party in about a quarter of an hour." Old Oregon Trail, Francis Parkman.

EXCAVATION AT CARLSBAD CAVERNS: Over 100,000 tons of bat guano have been excavated for fertilizer. We doubt it was screened for artifacts.

THE CHESOPIEAN issue of August is 29 pages! It looks as if that "splinter" Chesopiean Archaeological Association is out to prove its point, and maybe will. We especially enjoyed Floyd Painter's valiant battle with UPPOWOC - we adapted the West Indian Carib "tobacco" for English usage. Floyd suggests it may be a sly Indian invention for killing off the Pale Face - eventually. But Floyd has "successfully switched" to the Indian method of addiction to this "filthie noveltie" as King James condemned it - that is, to the pipe. The "statistical studies", at least, jump mostly on the Pale Face method of wrapping the noxious weed in paper. Having successfully "wrestled with Up-powoc", Floyd feels "definitely superior" and "a philosopher of sorts". (For those who have not wrestled, statistics are a lot easier to come by than facts. Our medical Journal, GERIATRICS, reporting on 989 autopsies, says: "The incidence of myocardial infarction was only slightly higher in heavy smokers of cigarettes than in nonsmokers". Lung disorders, however, did not come off so lightly.)

WE TAKE IT AS A COMPLIMENT: Carlyle J. Morris joined us in April, paid Life dues in May, wrote Rodger for back Newsletters, Milt & Bea out of town delayed matters. Mr. Morris thereupon sent a not-too-patient reminder from Cleveland. With our apologies we did mention that we are dependent upon the "spare time" of volunteers. Received a very nice apology in return "but at 73 you can't wait". Sir, we really were not complaining - your request for back issues "puffed us up" - and when you had to have them "now" you really put the compliment in italics! Editors' dreams do not come true every day. And if you are not "just bragging" about your age, which we find difficult to believe, we wish to compliment your alert, interested mind and clean-cut handwriting.

GATHERING SEASON: Just as Early Man made good use of this season of the year to roam the hills for his winter's supply of nuts, now that cotton is about to be picked and corn laid by, as soon as the fall rains begin to come, we can commence in earnest to resume our search for artifacts in the fields. Everywhere over the state are sites never before properly worked, mapped or reported. With the hibernation of snakes and chiggers (as certified by Mr. Worley in rhyme on Page 2), it should also be possible to safely probe coves and ravines not too far from running water or springs where unmarked shelters lie undisturbed awaiting investigation and disclosure of untold history. Since Society facilities are now available to eventually look into each and every one of these probable haunts of Early Man, get information about your finds to your local chapter officers or direct to the State Society. Somewhere here in this State is another Stanfield-Worley shelter in size, but with a much older occupational stratification of midden, and YOU could be the discoverer by using only spare time, and some old clothes your wife wouldn't mind becoming snagged beyond repair.

Brother, will you spare the effort?

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