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### REAL NEW SITE - REAL OLD STUFF

Thomas D. "Dan" Hagood is like a lot of persons presently involved in archaeology. He got the bug young. As a youth exploring up and down the many creeks in the vicinity of his home in Albertville, Alabama, he came across many shelters and particularly remembered one. Working in the local cotton gin gave him an unusual opportunity to locate sites (he quizzed the cotton pickers who had game-stones rather than plain rocks in their cotton). Many things of importance in our youth escape us, and then later we try to recover them. Dan Hagood was successful. One of his searches led him to the Rockhouse Shelter. He subsequently lost track of where it was until after the war years, when he renewed his interest in local archaeology.

Dan and A. E. Chiles searched the area around the shelter carefully, primarily to confirm whether it was worth a test pit. Ed Mahan, Secretary, A. B. Hocner III, President, and Dr. A. C. Long, Past President, all of the Marshall County Chapter, started a sample post-hole-digger test in front of the shelter, bringing up flint artifacts of an Archaic type, and so a proper 5' square was immediately staked out. Friends and neighborhood boys contributed more and more to the digging and sifting in this one carefully worked test square. The test pit unofficially turned out the following: a wide variety of pottery culture from 1 to 24", heavy stemmed points from 24 to 32", and from 32 to 52" - Lerma, Cumberland, Morrow Mountain, Fluted Dalton, Greenbriar Dalton, Big Sandy and a Quad fragment.

All of those involved in the test being most interested in giving scientific validity to the site, Ed Mahan called a number of other members of the State Society, including Dave DeJarnette, our favorite professional who was supervising part of the State Society's dig over at Nitrate City. Sunday, August 12th, saw a gathering of the clans. An examination and preliminary check was made of the carefully bagged and marked finds from the test pit. Dave, in spite of having seen one or two arrow points in his career, was not alone in being somewhat enthusiastic about the findings. As a result, the week of August 20th has seen the moving of the majority of the college-student diggers from Nitrate City to the Hagood-Mahan Rockhouse Shelter, to take advantage of the last week of the State Society's Second Annual Dig. Dave was most fortunate in being able to do this due to the fact that Mrs. R. B. Andridge and Mrs. C. M. Rider had, on August 10th, again brought 18 of the most charming and lovely Girl Scouts collectable (from the Deep South Girl Scout Council headquartered in Mobile) to work at the Nitrate City site. A further report of the summer's activities will appear in the next Newsletter, including latest developments at the Rockhouse Shelter located near Asbury, Ala.

### SUPPLEMENTARY PRELIMINARY REPORT ON 1962 DIG

On August 11th, excavation of a 100' trench was begun at a pre-ceramic site which was designated Ct 131 and located in Colbert County near Nitrate City, Ala. Midden here proved sparse with the exception of great quantities of flint chips. Only 2 potsherds (fiber and limestone tempered) have been found. The point types seem to indicate a very heavy Archaic occupation. An unusually large number of biface knives were found both on

the surface and in the excavation. The earliest point types represent an Early Archaic time period and are ground and stemmed. Three of these are definitely Decatur points.

The site is in an especially interesting area because of the abundance of fluted pieces found on knolls. This and adjacent sites seem to have been situated on the edge of an old swamp. Possibly such swamps were ideal pounding situations for large game animals.

### THE FUN & GLORY OF AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGY

Our title may sound a bit anomalous, but our achievements in the last 2 years may well be called that. We began something new, important, "impossible": an ANNUAL FUND DRIVE to raise money by POPULAR SUBSCRIPTION to employ PROFESSIONAL SUPERVISION and to COORDINATE & UTILIZE ALL ARCHAEOLOGICAL INTERESTS in a CONCERTED SEARCH for our mysterious EARLY MAN IN AMERICA. Our members, persons & firms of Alabama, persons in other States and even a number of professional archaeologists, have helped. Our July 1961 Newsletter reported the amazing donation of EIGHT THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS - - ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR DOLLARS over our budget of \$6,800.00.

Our first dig, established the OLDEST CARBON 14 DATE FOR HUMAN HABITATION IN ALABAMA, discovered the FIRST MORROW MOUNTAIN SKELETONS, and proved to be the FIRST CLEARLY TRANSITIONAL SITE linking the so-called "Paleo" and "Archaic" cultures - once supposedly separated by 4,000 years of an uninhabited America! Finance, fame and archaeological breakthroughs - what more could we ask? Yet now, as we end our second annual dig, donations are only FOUR THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED SIXTY FIVE DOLLARS!

Perhaps we have not understood the great, even INDISPENSABLE, role of amateurs in archaeology. In SCOUTING, amateurs have usually been far ahead of professionals. While amateurs were scouting Early Man evidence in Alabama, some professionals had decided there was none East of the Mississippi, and even predicted that no evidence of Early Man would ever be found in Alabama. Amateurs were even then finding more here than any others were reporting finding elsewhere!

It has been much this way all over America for over a century. As early as 1839, amateur A. K. Koch reported artifacts associated with bones of the long-extinct mastodon. But under the leadership of the late Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, this and many similar amateur discoveries were consistently derided in favor of the tenacious dogma that man had been in America only some 4,000 years. It was not until the 1926 discovery of the striking Folsom point associated with bones of an extinct species of bison that these earlier dogma began to crumble - a discovery made by amateur George McJunkin. It took Dr. Libby's radio-carbon method of dating to topple the walls of resistance entirely.

This has been the amateur story across the world. The cave paintings of France were mostly discovered by amateurs - who long suffered character assassination at the hands of professionals for insisting that they were ancient. It was amateur Boucher de Perthes, just over a hundred years ago, who originally gave man any antiquity at all - working at it for a long lifetime before he convinced professional "authority", which has been often guilty of its own book-burning. Neanderthal, Java Man, Peking Man, Australopithecus, Swanscombe Man, are among the world-shaking discoveries made by AMATEURS. Dubois, discoverer of Java Man, the first convincing evidence that man had evolved from lower primates, was so attacked by both science and religion that he locked away this most significant find in the history of man for 30 years. As late as 1925, when Dart reported his "missing link" Australopithecus, professional skepticism was the norm, and it required many years of devotion by Broom, another amateur, to get this skeleton into the scientific closet.

Amateur discoveries are usually the earliest tactile of archaeological progress. Getting scientific acceptance of uncontrolled amateur discoveries has been most difficult, AND IT SHOULD BE. But we have PLANNED study of Early Man sites in Alabama, and PROFESSIONALLY SUPERVISED EXCAVATIONS TO AUTHENTICATE OUR DISCOVERIES. State Parks Archaeologist Charles H. Nash, Chucalissa Indian Museum, Memphis, wrote us in generous professional appreciation of our remarkable innovation: "I think it should be more generally recognized that perhaps as high as 80% of the important recorded archaeological finds of the world have been made by amateurs". But he also reminded us how incredibly many more amateur discoveries there would have been "if all 'finders' had been able to recognize the value of their



finds and had also been 'recorders!' - amen! And we also have an answer to that immense problem in our organized Alabama Archaeological Society. We can now educate and indoctrinate the avid and energetic "collector instinct" of destruction into constructive discovery and reporting - and multiply the amateur value by the hundreds.

Thus we really have added to THE FUN & GLORY OF AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGY. But all this is dependent upon modest financing - perhaps 25% of the usual cost of excavations, discovery and reporting. And here in our triumphant second year of the GREATEST THING THAT EVER HIT AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGY, we have slumped a bit in donations from our enthusiastic first year of \$8,644 to \$4,165. The only reasonable explanation is that we have not realized THE GREAT ROLE OF AMATEURS and WHAT WE HAVE ADDED. We want to continue on this theme, with the spotlight on what Alabama amateurs have done and can do, in reporting August's:

\$\$\$ HONOR ROLL OF DONORS \$\$\$

Harold K. Kleine, our own famous pioneering amateur, banged on our door at midnight, after putting in a hard day's work on the late shift at the TCI Tin Mill - this was a dozen years ago, B.E.P. (before Eastern Paleo). He bragged he'd back us down on driving up to Franklin County (from Birmingham) to arrive at what has become the famous Kleine Site at dawn, have all day to search every square inch on hands and knees. Back us down! The heck he would! - Dawn hunting was delight, but the day matured into the hottest and longest in 900 years. Hal's driving home - well, that was the only time we ever saw a car stagger. But after several years of this kind of devotion to the site, Dr. T. M. N. Lewis, a professional somewhat ahead of his time, published Hal's report in the Autumn 1953 issue of the Tennessee Archaeologist - the same time that Dr. Haag was predicting we'd never find any Paleo evidence in Alabama. This was the first reported Early Man site in Alabama, only 9 years ago, but Dr. Lewis was not afraid of Hal's title: A REMARKABLE PALEO-INDIAN SITE IN ALABAMA. (This historic issue may still be available for \$1.00 from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.)

Hal knocked on the door again the other day, as soon as he read the need for more contributions in 1962 in the August Newsletter. He had already donated this year, but he brought a big fat check as his vote for continuation in 1963.

Ed Mahan is a power horse. He sent in 8 new Alabama memberships (to the Tennessee Society) recently. "How in the world he has time to earn a living is more than I can understand. He has a determination that is quite amazing", our also amazing Dr. Tom Lewis wrote from the University of Tennessee July 9, 1954. Ed had taken fire like a lightwood knot on the trail of Early Man. He was mapping hundreds of sites, collecting collectors who didn't know what they had, filling the pages of the Tennessee Archaeologist with photographs of Paleo points, astounding a Paleo conference in Illinois, lecturing all over with his remarkable color slides of thousands of projectile points - carrying his torch everywhere and firing a lot of other tinder. Ed was also making a host of friends and having a wonderful time - an inspiration is never a chore nor bore. On trips up in the isolated hill country, he carried fruit and nuts and such for the kids - Ed is that wonderful kind of a fellow.

Thus it was a few crazy amateurs like Hal and Ed, missing their sleep, driving tens of thousands of miles, sweating blood in summer, wading creeks in winter, slogging a million long miles up and down furrows, mud-and-slushing where a jackass couldn't go or at least would have sense enough not to go - it was that kind of amateur spirit and devotion that finally got Early Man into the East and into Alabama. We are talking dollars now to finance the exploration of our Early Man archaeology - but dollars won't be worth a damn if we lose the blood and guts of amateur inspiration. It was Charles H. Worley, age 70, goat-climbing the hills, pushing through tick-infested thickets, in a dry County carrying his "snake medicine" in fake binoculars, who finally put us in business with his now-famous shelter. His discovery took human habitation in Alabama back about 4,000 years earlier, for a cost of \$6,800, than the few million professional dollars spent on Tennessee River archaeology in the same area.

Ed has been troubled with considerable illness lately (and has been back in the hospital this month), but his amateur soul isn't sick. Last month we reported Ed's multiple donations and solicitations - enough to enable us to dig for 4 years if all members did as well. Following the August "bad news" issue, Ed staggered our postman bowlegged again with ELEVEN more donations he rounded up:

Dr. T. E. Dilworth, Huntsville, Ala.

Mrs. W. D. Cosden, Route 1, Grant, Ala.

Lillian Sauter, Guntersville, Ala.

Dr. Asa Dodd, Guntersville, Ala.

Miss Katie Stimecz, City Hospital, Guntersville, Ala.

Elizabeth Stimecz Swafford, City Hospital, Guntersville, Ala.

Mary Stimecz Mahan, City Hospital, Guntersville, Ala. - all non-members who have been ignited by the torch of inspiration. Mary is of course Mrs. Ed herself, an exceptional person, and the distribution of donations suggests that she is helping Ed to carry that torch. And that entire Stimecz family is most exceptional - the kinds of people you'd expect to join in, and the kinds we are proud to have. Also, from the Marshall County Chapter, Ed sends donations from:

Mr. & Mrs. E. Leon Kennamer, Jr., P. O. Box 7, Guntersville, Ala., good donors of last year back with us.

Dr. A. G. Long, P. O. Box 68, Guntersville, Ala., also back with us again, and one of our newer crop of amateurs already attracting attention with his reporting and fine photographs. We also understand he is donating labor at the Rockhouse Shelter.

Ed R. Neely, P. O. Box 68, Guntersville, Ala., and welcome to another of our many new supporters, one of the more encouraging things about this year.

Claude H. Smith, P. O. Box 192, Guntersville, Ala., has us wondering if he is identical with C. H. Smith, donor of last year, then of Mars Hill Road, Florence. With 9 wonderful Smith families donating last year, we could easily get confused.

James W. Cambron, better known as Jack, 211 - 7th Ave., N.W., Decatur, Ala., is one of a fine new generation of amateur archaeologists, picking up the ball where the failing old generation had to lay it down. Jack has particularly gone in for typology. We have some 30 old projectile point types in Alabama, beyond our former range of even speculation. Which are actual types, what shall we name them, where do they presently seem to fit, temporally and culturally, and with which types known elsewhere do they correspond? There is a heartbreaking amount of such work to be done before we can interpret our new evidence meaningfully, and Jack is not afraid to tackle it. Among other things, he is gradually typing all of our amateur collections so we can have a State map of aboriginal occupations down through the ages. We also don't know how Jack finds time to make a living, and we can't pay him the professional wages he deserves. And Jack sends in his donation "vote for '63", and also rounds up donations from some of the good fellows working with him on the DECATUR DAILY. We previously announced the donation by the Editor, B. C. Shelton, who also donated us excellent publicity last year:

Paul Peete

Lee Deal

Bernard Schmidtke

Herman Free

James Davis

} - all c/o Decatur Daily, P. O. Box 1006, Decatur, Ala.

Mrs. C. van den Berg, 3266 Dell Road, Birmingham 13, Ala., spotlights our major breakthrough in FINANCING archaeology - our fund drive offering ALL THE PEOPLE a way to pitch in and help support archaeological research. Mrs. van den Berg, despite her very generous donation, may know little and care less about archaeology per se. But she was nevertheless interested to the point of financial participation by her sister, Bea (Mrs. E. M. Harris). And we might ask where people of the caliber of our invaluable Milt and Bea Harris suddenly acquired their enthusiasm for archaeology - as well as the McCarys and Spencers, the Jack McSpaddens and Phil Jacksons, and great business concerns like Southern Life & Health, Liberty National, W. B. Leedy, and persons a thousand miles away, Alice De Lamar, Leon Salter & Sigfus Olafson. Piddling around at archaeology never attracted their like - it took a BIG PROJECT to attract BIG INTERESTS. Our fund drive has proven the best way ever devised to arouse both important community interest and support.

The Huntsville Grotto of the National Speleological Society Inc., donates again this year through their Chairman, Verne H. Reckmeyer, 2318 Poincianna St., S.W., Huntsville, Ala. Verne furnishes us with another good example of the indispensable ways in which amateurs can make archaeology possible doing things you can't hire. Verne sent out delightful mimeographed invitations and instructions to round up and schedule volunteer workers for our



dig last year. Dave praised the results highly. But gosh-darn our luck, Verne was all tied up giving his talents to speleology this year - and our volunteer program fell pretty flat. However, we are pleased to have these modern "cave men" interested in archaeology, and scouting for us, for if skeletal Early Man in America is ever found, it may well be in an Alabama cave.

Mrs. Kathryn T. Windham (Mrs. Amasa B. on our membership list), 2004 Royal St., Selma, Ala., sent a note to Dave along with her donation: "We (including Ben and Ann) learned a great deal - and I hope our presence wasn't too disrupting". Dave's reply includes: "We are indebted to you, Ben and Ann for helping us so much on the dig. We are not getting the volunteer help which we got last summer, and it sure shows up in what we get done." We got an unexpected blessing in Dave's genius for using volunteers. And there just isn't anything like a dig to instruct, indoctrinate, interest. Having a professionally supervised dig every year can be of tremendous importance in building up a great pyramid of interest and support - a block at a time. If we quit having such digs, we fail the future as well as the present.

Frank C. Watson, Watson Drug Store, P. O. Box 308, Piedmont, Ala., sends in a nice donation, joins our Society and asks how to contact our Nocalula Chapter some 15 miles away in Gadsden. Dr. Watson is an example of our perimeter interests which are more and more within easy reach of our 10 Chapters, so that a splendid organization is now within our grasp. (And, Frank, you might add a bit of archaeological advice to your prescriptions - lots of folks need fun, friends, interests, exercise, so add "Rx archaeology".)

Mrs. Lee J. Clayton Jr., is on a segment of our even wider perimeter, still 100 miles from the nearest Chapter in Montgomery. But from the nice things Milt and Bea Harris said about these Eufaula folks, they have the makings of a Chapter of their own - and a rich archaeological area. But even without a Chapter, Mrs. Clayton joined our Society and now donates, attesting the growing length of our reach since we have become "important". P. O. Box 353, Eufaula, Ala.

James W. Fuller, 931 Felder Ave., Montgomery 5, Ala.

Tony Bulger, 266 S. Gay St., Auburn, Ala.

Brian Butler, 520 Windsor St., Florence, Ala. - all 3 of these fine people highlight our expanding possibilities, being first-donor members. We have grown by kangaroo hops, and no doubt many new members are not yet well aware of what we are doing. But they are now within reach of education and will become more eager to participate in AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGY AT ITS BEST!

Orville H. Peets, R. D. 1, Millsboro, Delaware - and what do you know about that! Our first Delaware donation, and while it may be called one of the smallest of our States, to us it is bigger than Alaska - which hasn't donated. Mr. Peets is a past archery champion of his State, and now has taken up the atlatl seriously (see his experimental study in American Antiquity, July 1960). He was "solicited" by the very nice notice LeBaron W. Pahmeyer, President of the Tennessee Archaeological Society, gave our project and fund drive in his August Newsletter. We now have donations this year from Alabama, California, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Germany, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Puerto Rico, Tennessee - and don't you other States want to be on the archaeological map?

Mr. C. van den Berg, 3266 Dell Road, Birmingham 13, Ala., - golly, are we seeing double? We thought we got this generous check several days ago - but no, that was Mrs. C. van den Berg. Well, isn't that nice? And this gives us SEVEN MORE new donors this year than repeat donors! We thought we had "delivered the goods" in a big way, but apparently some 250 "dissatisfied customers" are going to drop out this year - and take \$4,000 with them! Wha' happen'? But for our blessed "new customers", our dig would cave in on us.

Rodger L. Schaefer, 1414 - 15 Ave., S.E., Decatur, Ala., and

Brian K. Polk, P. O. Box 23, Decatur, Ala., seeing lightning about to strike in the last Newsletter, both sent in their SECOND donations this year, bless them, but it doesn't seem fair they should have to. Adding our surplus from last year to this year's donation we now have:

\$5,194.85 - - - 74% OF GOAL - - - \$1,808.15 YET TO GET

In explanation, we weren't really ribbing the professionals back on Pages 2 & 3 - in no other discipline are they so generous to and cooperative with amateurs - and certainly they have been grand to us. The microscopic few of them know better than we, how much they need the amateurs - good amateurs. And we need their know-how and guidance even more than they need us - for we can degenerate into destructive termites. But, for a fact, amateurs do sometimes get an "inferiority complex", and in stressing our superiority as scouts, we were only trying to show how DOGGONE IMPORTANT WE CAN BE. Right now, all of those who have not yet done so, could add to their personal importance to our Society by making use of the slip at the bottom of the last page of this Newsletter, to help bring our fund for this year up to our goal.

--- D. W. Josselyn

#### CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. Next meeting to be held in September.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 110, Auburn University. Next meeting to be held in September.

The Madison-Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas Church in Huntsville. At the August meeting, Mr. Ed Mahan of Grant, Ala., is to talk to the Chapter, and the many members who have participated in the Colbert County digs, will report on what they saw and did there.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Utilities Bldg., Albertville. At the last meeting, collections, maps and sites were studied for Early Man artifacts or possible migration routes. The Chapter is making an all-out effort to find an Early Man site with stratified deposits. At the next meeting, the Chapter will make an evaluation of artifacts from test pits at various sites.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the last meeting, the President and members exchanged ideas and ways and means of increasing group activities and public services. At the next meeting, Mr. John Young and Mr. Robert Slater from Washington County, Ala., both of whom are amateur archaeologists, will present and discuss their artifact collections from sites in Washington County.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Cloverdale Community Center. No report received.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the City Hall, Decatur. No report received.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. At the last meeting, the session was devoted entirely to the Chapter's test dig, and recording, cataloguing, marking of artifacts, etc., were discussed. See "Announcements - State News" for further reports.

The Nockalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the last meeting, Mr. Ross Morrell of the University of Alabama spoke on "Indians Along The Coosa", and invited the Chapter to participate in the salvage dig he is supervising on Woods Island. Plans were made for the group to commence August 4th.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Comer Hall at the University of Alabama. No report received.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR JULY & AUGUST: As stated in the August Newsletter, our State Secretary, Rodger Schaefer, was vacationing in July, and we again apologize for the delay in listing new members who joined that month, prior to now. Welcome to our ranks!!!

Mr. & Mrs. Clyde C. Coppock, Route 5, Russellville, Ala.

Norman Davis, 718 Cherry St., Talladega, Ala.

Elam Y. Guernsey, 2401 Indian River Drive, Cocoa, Fla.

K. F. Hardin, 3419 - 18th St. N., Birmingham 7, Ala.

Mr. & Mrs. Fred L. Ingate, 1564 Old Shell Road, Mobile, Ala.



Junior Archaeological Society of Louisiana, 2007 Cloverdale Ave., Baton Rouge, La.  
Paul King, Leighton, Ala.  
Larry Lewiski, 2201 Forrest Ave., Gadsden, Ala.  
Bobby McCoy, Val Monte, Guntersville, Ala.  
Dr. Alice McNeal, 3148 Pine Ridge Road, Birmingham 13, Ala.  
Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Mainwaring, 1228 S. 50th Place, Birmingham 12, Ala.  
Thomas Dow Mitchell, 1211 Atlanta Ave, Sheffield, Ala.  
William Glen Roberts, 321 Trade St., Florence, Ala.  
Fred D. Taylor, 1405 - 28th St., Sheffield, Ala.  
Frank C. Watson, Watson Drug Store, P. O. Box 208, Piedmont, Ala.  
Charles Wielchowsky Jr., 607 Laurel Circle, Selma, Ala.  
Don Wildman, Route 1, Box 218, Calera, Ala.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS: (OR, Tandy's gone again)

Tandy Key Bozeman, 2019 - 5th St., Lubbock, Tex.  
Miss Italyne Hardwick, 301 E. Hickory St., Hartselle, Ala.  
Dewey McGee, Route 7, Florence, Ala.  
James B. McKoy, P. O. Box 17, Cottage Hill, Fla.  
Prof. Nat Macon, c/o S. C. Welch, Bryson City, N.C.  
Miss Annette Otts, 144 Seminole Circle, Birmingham, Ala.  
Robert E. Slater, Route 1, McIntosh, Ala. (after September 1)  
William S. Steele, 756 - 29th St. S.W., Birmingham 11, Ala.  
Donald Studdard, P.O. Box 756, Winfield, Ala.

BAD ADDRESS:

Adrian A. Wilson Jr., Florence State College, P. O. Box 221, Florence, Ala.

HUNTSVILLE PUBLICITY: Readers of the HUNTSVILLE TIMES for Sunday, August 19th, were treated to a fine article, well illustrated, on Page B-6, regarding the Hagood-Mahan-Rockhouse Shelter, written by Bob Taber of the Times Staff.

ALBERTVILLE PUBLICITY: We are also happy to report that THE SAND MOUNTAIN REPORTER, of Albertville-Boaz carried in its Sunday, August 19th issue, on the front page, with illustrations on Pages 1 & 3, a splendid article on the Hagood-Mahan Rockhouse Shelter.

PICNIC: On Wednesday afternoon, August 1, the Muscle Shoals Chapter entertained Mr. Dave DeJarnette and his group of student diggers working in Franklin & Colbert Counties to a picnic held at the Chapter's "test dig", so that the crew could observe shell mound archaeology. A number of Chapter members participating in the "test dig" displayed artifacts that had been found up to that date. Some 45 persons enjoyed the fine food prepared by the wives and women members of the Chapter.

MUSCLE SHOALS CHAPTER "TEST DIG": Early this year the members of the Muscle Shoals Chapter decided to undertake a project to create interest and to obtain new members. A committee was appointed to recommend an archaeological site for "digging". A number of sites were considered and it was recommended by the Committee that the large shell mound on the Tennessee River immediately downstream from the mouth of Cypress Creek should be investigated. This mound was being rapidly destroyed by "pot-hunters". It was the intention of the Committee and Chapter members that accepted archaeological principles would be used in carrying out this work. The group also wanted to comply with State laws. A permit was duly obtained from the Tennessee Valley Authority, which specified that digging would not be tolerated in the wooded area along the river bank or on the bank itself. The group took out a liability insurance policy and fenced an area for the "test dig". A base line was established and actual digging was started on July 4th, since which date the work has progressed favorably.

PAPERS NEEDED: Repeating the call which went out in the August 1962 Newsletter, the Editor of our Journals asks once again that any member who has material for a paper to be published in the Journal, get it to him promptly, for the 2nd issue for this year.

LISTINGS OF "DIGGERS": In the Newsletter next month, we hope to have listings of all who participated in the Society's digs this year in Franklin, Colbert & Marshall Counties, including students, volunteers, girl scouts and any others, now that the "official" Society dig has been concluded after a long, dry, hot, dirt-flying summer.

## LETTERS

Junior Archaeological Society of Louisiana, J. Ashley Sibley Jr., Co-Sponsor, writes most complimentarily, and in explanation of their desire to join our State Society, as follows: "Please bill us for membership in the Alabama Archaeological Society and send your newsletter Stones and Bones and journals to me at the above address. We want to keep informed about Alabama archaeology.

The Junior Archaeological Society is in its fourth year of operation and is a scientific organization for above average students between the sixth and twelfth grades who want to better understand and appreciate man through the study of archaeology, anthropology and related subjects. Thus members carry out their motto of "Knowing the Past - Better the Future".

We are most honored and happy to add such an organization to our membership, and sincerely hope our publications will be of benefit to these archaeologists of the future.

Elam Y. Guernsey, writing on the letterhead of the Florida Anthropological Society, asks and states the following in his letter to our Secretary: "Will you please enter me as a subscriber to your "Journal" and as a member of your Alabama Society.... This writer, who is the founder and director of our "Indian River Chapter", has just returned from meetings with several Kentucky groups around Louisville and the Ohio Falls, the Falls area representing (I have long believed) one of the largest and oldest concentrations of prehistoric and Ethno peoples in the United States. In fact I have devoted around fifty years to the study and exploration of this area, which we are finding had land and water communication with peoples of your own area.

I am depositing a great lot of manuscript, drawings, maps and photos accrued from this research with the Filson Club Library, at Louisville, and I am hopeful we may be able to share some of these with your group.

If you should see my friend Brittain Thompson would you please tell him that I shall get in touch with him re sharing with him a very recently revised manuscript intended to accompany the "Indian Map" I prepared for the Indian Department of Conservation, a copy of which map I wished on him at our joint meeting at Fort Walton some months ago? I want to write him soon, but we are so swamped with salvage operations in this important "Nova" area that we are running circles."

It goes without saying that the addition of such an active and persistent archaeologist to our ranks, greatly inflates our ego.

New Jersey relatives of your Associate Editors sent us the following clipping from the August 13th issue of THE ATLANTIC CITY DAILY PRESS, headed "Archaeology Award": Charles F. Kier Jr.,... has been named recipient of the "Archey", an annual award bestowed by the Pennsylvania Society of Archaeology to archaeologists who, even though they work on an amateur basis, make an outstanding contribution in that field. Kier has been an amateur archaeologist for the past 20 years. He and Fred Calverley of Pitman have collaborated for the past 3 years digging on weekends and holidays at Raccoon Creek on the Delaware River. They have uncovered thousands of Indian artifacts which have been carefully identified and catalogued. Kier prepared a paper on the findings. The site gives up artifacts that date back thousands of years."

In talking with Mr. Kier over the telephone, it was learned that he was an acquaintance of our Dr. Frank J. Soday, fondly remembered here as the motivating organizer and first President of our State Society, but who left us several years ago and now pursues his archaeological hobby elsewhere, living at 5301 Carolina, Western Springs, Ill.

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A GLOSSARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL TERMS

This Glossary was originally published in Volume IV, No. 1, of the Tennessee Archaeologist, by Prof. T. M. N. Lewis. Parts 1, 2 & 3 appeared in the March, April & July 1962 Newsletters. This is Part 4, and others will follow:

**GROUND STONE ARTIFACTS** - Objects with smoothly ground and often polished surfaces.

**HACHURE** - A decorating technique using short, parallel lines.

**HAFT** - A handle; to provide with a handle.

**HAMMER-STONE** - A hard pebble showing battering from use as a hammer.

**HEMATITE** - Red iron oxide. Soft, earthy masses of oxide are called ochre.

**INCISING** - A pottery decoration technique in which incisions are made in the vessel wall with a pointed tool before the clay has dried.

**IN SITU** - In place.

**INTRUSIVE** - Archaeological evidence of a later period which has intruded into an earlier deposit.

**LABRET** - A spool-shaped ornament worn in a lip perforation.

**LANCEOLATE** - Applied to leaf-shaped blades which taper to a point at both ends.

**LIMONITE** - A form of iron oxide which produces a yellow pigment when ground to a powder.

**LITHIC** - Pertaining to stone.

**MANO** - A stone used to crush and grind hard foods on a milling stone or flat mortar.

**MASK GORGET** - An oval-shaped, marine shell ornament with human facial features engraved upon the convex surface; eyes are represented by perforations. It was probably worn suspended from the neck.

**MEDITHERMAL** - A climatic stage that followed the Altithermal at about 3,000 years ago and still continues. It is an age of moderate temperatures.

**MESOLITHIC** - A term applied to the Intermediate Stone Age in the Old World, the period between the Paleolithic and Neolithic.

**MICROLITHS** - Very small tools made from prismatic flakes. Some were set in rows in slots cut into wood or bone, while others were hafted individually.

**MICROBLADE** - A small, prismatic, parallel-sided blade struck from a prepared core.

**MIDDEN** - The deposit of refuse generally present on a village site.

**MISSISSIPPIAN CULTURE** - The culture that appeared in the Southeast around 1,000 years ago. Shows strong Mexican influences, and is associated with many groups ancestral to the historic Muskogean speaking tribes of the Southeast.

**MONGOLOID** - A major racial division of mankind characterized by narrow, slanting eyelid openings, low nasal bridges, straight, coarse black hair, sparse body hair, yellow to yellowish brown skin, broad cheek bones, shovel-shaped incisor teeth, and predominantly broad round heads.

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