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## STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER

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MEMBER OF THE EASTERN STATES ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEDERATION

### !!!! DON'T MISS THE 1963 ANNUAL MEETING !!!!

John W. Griffin, Regional Archaeologist, Southeast Region, National Park Service, will talk to our meeting on "Excavations at Russell Cave National Monument", especially covering the second excavation of Russell Cave during the summer and fall of 1962 conducted by the National Park Service, and the results as known to date. This should be "right down our alley", and greatly enjoyed by all who can be present.

Mr. Griffin writes Dave: "The occupation of Russell Cave apparently began shortly after the time of the lower, Dalton, zone at Stanfield-Worley. The entire Archaic range from about 6,500 B.C. to 500 B.C. is represented in Russell Cave in a series of stratigraphic units. Early and Middle Woodland cultures are also abundantly represented.

That "series of stratigraphic units" on Archaic should be one of the great additions to archaeological knowledge. Our "Archaic" has always been a rather indefinite term, covering a long time period in which there were undoubtedly distinct developments which we have lumped together rather meaninglessly. If we can break it up into distinct and meaningful segments, we shall make an enormous stride forward. Our shell mound excavations were often deep, but stratigraphy was very difficult to interpret. With the very deep "series of stratigraphic units" in Russell Cave it seems as if we should begin to make sense of the long "Archaic" interval.

You certainly will want to be at the Birmingham Museum of Art, 2000 - 8th Avenue North, in Birmingham, on Sunday, December 1st, 1963. Repeating the information given in the November Newsletter, registration, at a small charge, will take place between 12:00 noon and 1:00 P.M., at which time you can also view the exhibits of materials brought in for display by our various Chapters, and get reacquainted with old and new friends from over the State. The business meeting will run from 1:00 to 2:30 P.M., and after a short break, the formal program will commence. You'll be glad you came!!!

### ANOTHER FIRST ????

Some boys hunting a lost dog whose barks emanated from a hole in the earth led to the discovery of the famous painted Cave of Lascaux in France. The first pre-sapiens (Neanderthal) skull was recovered from a gravel pit operation. A Swedish geologist showed a Canadian physician 2 strange human teeth, which led to the discovery of the primitive Peking Man. Australopithecus, the "ape man" of South Africa, came to the attention of Dart because of the curiosity of a quarryman, and was brought to scientific acceptance by Broom, a retired physician who did not enter anthropology until the age of 70. In America, a talkative cowboy who bragged about some large bones led to the discovery of the Folsom point and final acceptance of man's antiquity in this country. In Alabama, Dan Josselyn happened to receive some publicity which came to the attention of Harold Kleine, and thus was identified the first Paleo site reported here. The antiquity of

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man, the only animal supposed to be sapient, is thus the result of a series of lucky happenstances. Should it be left to chance?

We are therefore very proud to announce that we seem to be establishing another "first" in Alabama. Dave DeJarnette, cooperating so thoroughly with our over-size amateur ambitions, has now made himself available to supervise and evaluate CONTINUING EXPLORATION. Mere "chance" has at last been eliminated. The object is to discover the BEST site or sites for further exploration next summer. By "best" we of course mean the sites of greatest SCIENTIFIC IMPORTANCE. And in Alabama this means "breakthrough" archaeology - especially the dating of the very ancient projectile point types which have never been dated anywhere. We have dated the Dalton, may date a divergent type from our work this past summer, and shall definitely date Morrow Mountain - brag enough for any group of amateurs. But shuckins, you haven't seen anything yet! We are now embarking, for the first time that we have heard of, on a program of continuing scientific exploration and evaluation - no longer leaving the great history of man to vagrant chance. And here we are blessed with a most remarkable series of ancient projectile point types, can date them and solve their genetic evolution - give American archaeology a dozen or more breakthroughs.

We ask YOUR active assistance. Report all promising early sites, and all cave and shelter sites, to David L. DeJarnette, Curator, Mound State Monument, Moundville, Ala. 35474. Ask your speleological, your hunting, your fishing, your camping and other outdoor friends about out-of-the-way caves and shelters they may have run across - and look them up and inform Dave. This is your golden opportunity to get YOUR site evaluated - and maybe make archaeological history. Remember that professionals are notoriously overworked, so discovery is an AMATEUR specialty. Charles Nash of Chucalissa estimates that fully 80% of the great discoveries have been amateur. And now the amateurs have a PLAN, and an opportunity to get professional EVALUATION. We never had it so good! Great galumphing dinosaurs, what might we excavate next summer???

So get on the ball, you guys! And you gals, we don't recall a great discovery made by your wonderful sex - wouldn't that be something! And you young folks who do "get around" and have so much exploratory curiosity - remember the boys and Lascaux Cave. So write to Dave and become famous!

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THE WEDNESDAY STUDY CLUB, Albertville, Mrs. M. G. Couch, Treasurer, joins our own very "exclusive" club of donors. This was the result of Ed Mahan giving the Club a talk on archaeology, following which Mrs. Couch wrote him that these good ladies wished to give "a donation to your Archaeological Society" in appreciation. Did you ever stop to think that communication is the weakest link in archaeology? We have not given adequate information to the public. "We the people" seem to be the only ones who will do anything intelligent about Alabama's amazing and neglected archaeology - but the people must be told, and sold. So thanks indeed to Ed for the educational service, and to the good ladies of the Wednesday Study Club for responding.

"Ye Editor" has been working for his "free lunches" again, and we receive a check from Mrs. Hunter Brown, 2736 Abingdon Road, Birmingham, "In appreciation for the most interesting talk Mr. Brittain Thompson made to the Amaranth Club". How very nice indeed of these ladies to be interested in our archaeology, and of Mrs. Brown to send a check - and Britt to be interested in "free lunches". And don't you like that name - Amaranth Club? In poetic usage the amaranth is an imaginary unfading flower, so we shall be lyric and wish that the Amaranth Club may never fade.

R. W. Weaver, a generous Charter Member of our "donor club", and every year since, we are very pleased to say now makes it a "perfect score" by sending his 1963 donation. Although one of our earliest Life Members, we have never had the opportunity to get up to Henagar and meet Mr. Weaver, and have never been able to tell you anything about



him...except that he backs up Alabama archaeology 100%. Do you know something? If one Alabamian in a thousand were as interested in archaeology as Mr. Weaver, we wouldn't have to run a fund drive but once every 15 years or so! Man alive, we really do need to educate folks, or at least one in a thousand.

NOW TAKE A BOW! No less than Dr. Alex D. Krieger himself writes us all the way from the University of Washington, Seattle: "The Stanfield-Worley publication is a fine job, and the excavation photos show splendid field control. Congratulations to all of you."

From the discoverer, the instigators, the planners, the promoters, the solicitors, the donors, the directors, the diggers, the hosts of cooperators in general, to the final authors and financiers of the publication, "all of you" takes in a lot of people. It was one of those extremely rare COOPERATIVE EFFORTS which show what great things we can accomplish TOGETHER. "I" can do almost nothing; "we" can do almost anything we determine to do. Although so rarely done, there is a simple key to getting together and moving mountains - the great traditional American "fund drive" which enables us to pool our interests, energies and resources effectively. Yet this simple key to accomplishment, and name and fame, is so rarely used that we still have THE ONLY ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IN ARCHAEOLOGY. How strange, and how sad, but how fine that there is at least ONE. So we think it not only very handsome, but also very appropriate, that Dr. Krieger sends "Congratulations to all of you".

#### U.S. AND WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY NOTES, HAPPENINGS AND ABSTRACTS

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Denton, Texas, is the source of these bits of interesting information:

"BULLETIN of the International Committee on Urgent Anthropological Research, Nos. 4 & 5, are now available. No. 4 is rather thin but No. 5 balances this out. This very valuable publication should be in the hands of any really serious anthropologist. The reports are more than simple indications of areas in need of study; they are actually preliminary studies in themselves. They are free. Just write the Committee at Universitätsstrasse 7, Vienna 1, Austria."

"BANNERSTONES: Quarterly Bulletin, Archaeological Soc. of Virginia. Vol 18:1. September 1963. "The Mystery of Bannerstones and a Possible Solution" by Horace P. Hobbs, Jr. is, for us the most intriguing paper in this issue. He demonstrates that bannerstones were atl-atl weights and even diagrams a "super atl-atl" which he constructed and used. Hobbs proves that the use of an atl-atl more than doubles the distance of dart flight over the best hand-thrown flight. However, as the average distance achieved even with the super atl-atl was only 120 feet we must conclude that Hobbs is either not very skillful or is a mite puny."

"SCIENCE IN ARCHAEOLOGY: Ed. by Don Brothwell & Eric Higgs. 603 pp. 97 photos; 95 line drawings; 66 tables. Basic Books, Inc. 404 Park Ave. South, New York, N.Y. 10016. \$17.50. 1963. 55 authorities write on such subjects as methods of dating, study of past relationships between man and his environment, the examination of human remains, the analysis of artifacts, methods of discovering sites, etc. To judge by the table of contents this will be the most complete and authoritative book of its kind ever written. It would be of great value to any archaeologist and would be invaluable for the amateur archaeological society."

TRAGEDY AT NATURAL BRIDGE: You might be surprised to peek into our mail box and note how widely the Alabama Archaeological Society is becoming known. We get mail from "Timbuctu to Kalamazoo", and people who are interested in archaeology are invariably interesting people. Robert L. Updike of Norfolk, Va., wrote us an especially interesting letter, requesting our HUNTING AMERICA'S "MISSING LINK" IN ALABAMA (which we are most happy to send to anyone interested) and adding: "Just in case you have not seen it, may I quote a sad story from River Basin Survey Papers, Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin #172, Dr. Frank H. H. Roberts, Editor, p. 297: 'Several years ago, while excavating a foundation for a motel, a multiple burial was uncovered in the vicinity of

Natural Bridge, Virginia. Twelve skeletons were uncovered. They were placed extended in two rows, lying on their right sides, their right hands tucked under their heads, their left arms down by their sides and heads pointed to the north. Associated with them were two fluted points whose configurations resemble well-known Clovis types. The points were salvaged but later misplaced. The motel owner took rough measurements of the skeletons in situ and upon his chart he indicated the position of the two points and then had the skeletal remains shoved into a low spot over which the motel was later built. Later, while digging for a septic tank he came across a hearth area 8 feet below the present surface in which was a mass of charcoal, found in association with the burials. Alongside the hearth were small heaps of stone chips of the same material as the points were made of. Neither the charcoal nor the chips were saved for examination. Thus was lost to science one of the most important finds of Early Man in Virginia and the eastern United States. As far as the writer knows this is the only known burial of makers of Eden-like projectile points in the east or elsewhere."

No, we had not run across this "sad story", as Mr. Updike so deservedly calls it, and are very glad to get it as another example of what archaeology needs. These needs include more public education. Had the motel owner possessed the archaeological perspicacity of C. H. Worley, that site would have been turned in for scientific investigation - and added new chapters to Early Man in America. And this need for wider education spotlights the need for publications, and for getting them to a wide audience - that is to say, the need for us to reach out for new members to be indoctrinated. Only we, the numerous amateur archaeologists, can save American archaeology for science. And we are really going to have to put our backs into it! We are greatly indebted to Mr. Updike for the moral of this "sad story" of archaeological ignorance, WHICH CONVERTED THE MOST IMPORTANT FIND IN AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY TO JUST SOME ROTTEN OLD BONES. Science is the greatest thing man ever discovered - the tragedy is that so few have yet discovered it!

#### RUNES:

We've read the runes about the trips  
Of pre-Columbian Viking ships  
That reached our fair America.  
But were these tales apocryphia?  
The Minnesota runic stone  
And other hoaxes we have known.  
But New York Times, November six,  
Should now convert the heretics.  
A Dr. Ingstad's tireless pains  
In Newfoundland have found remains  
Of Viking houses numbering nine.  
Both Dr. Collins, Bird, opine  
"Without a doubt Norse origin" -  
So seems we're not being "taken in".  
Such new, important finds as those  
Should first be weighed in careful prose,  
But Viking ghosts will make a rune  
And sing their triumph to the moon.  
(This news from Sigfus Olafson,  
In whom good Viking blood must run.)

PALEO-INDIANS OF OHIO, Prufer & Baby, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio. Sigfus Olafson, with his usual devotion to all that pertains to archaeology and the spread of information, thoughtfully sends us this book - which all students of Paleo will want. It is a summation and analysis based on the Survey of Ohio Fluted Points, already the subject of 6 publications. They have tentatively established 6 fluted "types" in Ohio, though with the cautious qualification that "the true significance of type variations is not fully understood". We were glad to see this qualification, as their 6 types appear to grade imperceptibly into each other in Alabama. We were also very glad to see an attempt to include technology along with morphology in setting up criteria for

"types", though we also feel that there is much yet to be learned and observed in this neglected field. This is a fine publication, good photographs and drawings, and Alabama could well plan such a study of our greater abundance of fluted points.

#### CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the November meeting, Mr. Erasmo R. Ambrosio, a former member of the Cuban National Commission of Archaeology, and Cuban Geographical Society, defined the prehistoric culture periods of Cuba as well as the migration of certain Indians from South America into the southeastern U.S. via the Antilles & Cuba. Further plans were made for the State Meeting, and for salvage work at a site soon to be destroyed by expressway construction.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University. At the November meeting, Dr. H. O. Beals, Auburn School of Forestry, spoke on "Fossilization of Wood in the Tuskegee National Forest".

The Madison-Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the First Methodist Church, Huntsville. At the September meeting, 57 members & guests enjoyed a very fine display of point boards, points & tools and a discussion of many of the artifacts. At the October meeting, 52 members & guests were treated to a fine talk by Jack Cambron on "Point Typography", illustrated by Dr. A. G. Long's excellent photos of most point types. Dr. Long also made photos of fluted points brought in by various members. The chapter is adding new members at every meeting, and now has a total of 71!

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant, Guntersville. At the November meeting, Mr. E. C. Mahan, showing color slides, gave a program covering Early Man material from some major sites including the Sloop Site, Quad Site, Pinetree Site & others. Much discussion developed as to the current names of these points, and in particular the difference between some of the Quads and Daltons. At the December meeting, 1964 officers will be elected.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the October meeting, Mr. Jack C. Gallalee discussed the life of Andrew Ellicott, surveyor (1754-1820), including the surveying of the Washington, D.C. boundary, and his travels & activities after being commissioned by the U.S. to determine the Southern boundary (31st Parallel) between the U.S. & Spanish possessions as provided by the Treaty of 1795. At the November meeting, Dr. Ellis W. Nollon Jr., Prof. of Philosophy & English at Mobile College, will speak on "Recent Trends in Biblical Archaeology".

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. No report received.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the Electric Auditorium, Decatur. At the November meeting, Dr. A. G. Long of the Guntersville Chapter spoke on the subject of photography of projectile points in color.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. At the October meeting, Dr. A. G. Long of Guntersville, gave informative pointers on photographing artifacts, illustrated by interesting slides showing faults and their correction in photography. At the November meeting, officers for 1964 will be elected by the Chapter.

The Nocalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the November meeting, Dr. A. G. Long, Guntersville, spoke on "The Pitfalls of Photography", giving the rules for good photos, illustrated by good & poor pictures, also showing a preview of points to be included in the point book being prepared by Cambron & Hulso. The membership is getting anxious to hit the fields, especially since the recent rains in northeast Alabama.



The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Room 25, Social Science Building, University of Alabama. No report received.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR NOVEMBER: (We are so proud to add you to our rolls!)

Dr. & Mrs. Hyman W. Abrahamer, 100 Pecan St., Fairhope, Ala. 36532  
Donald J. Beer, 233 Wood St., Mansfield, Ohio  
Carnegie Museum Library, 4400 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh 13, Penna.  
George B. Gorman Jr., 2107 Hillside Circle, Birmingham 9, Ala.  
Frank M. Jones, P. O. Box 7375, Mountain Brook Branch, Birmingham, Ala. 35223  
Dr. Vernon Leslie, Dir., Pa. Inst. of Anthropology, R D 1, Honesdale, Pa. 18431  
Mr. & Mrs. Allen M. Northington, 1949 Florence Blvd., Florence, Ala.  
John D. Veitch, 1515 - 19th Ave. S.E., Apt. 206, Decatur, Ala.  
Paul Whaley II, 406 Dallas Ave., Selma, Ala.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS: (Glad it was possible to locate you)

Lt. Tandy Key Bozeman, P. O. Box 55, Laredo AFB, Laredo, Texas  
John R. Humbard, 1504 Melrose Place, Birmingham, Ala. 35209  
Mrs. Forrest Kirkland, 1803 Rose, Sweetwater, Texas  
George R. Mead, 20029 Burin, Torrance, Calif.  
Prof. Wm. B. Roosa, Dept. Socio. & Anthropol., Univ. of Ill., Navy Pier, Chicago, Ill.

BAD ADDRESS: (Help, anyone?)

Charles M. Hubbert, 2606 Shepard Dr. N.W., Huntsville, Ala. (formerly)

Edward C. Mahan and Dr. A. G. Long Jr. can now add the initials "FII" to their signatures - and framed certificates to their study walls - as Fellows of the Instituto Interamericano (Interamerican Institute in Norte Americano). This is a coveted honor - for both professionals and amateurs. One might call it a certificate of devotion to archaeology and sound, scientific work in its behalf. We have known Ed for many years and have never known him to do anything destructive. He has always sought professional guidance (Steve Wimberly and Dave DeJarnette), never exceeding his qualifications and always following the best techniques, and making all of his work available to science. He has in particular done a major service in proving Alabama Paleo. Dr. Long came into archaeology much later, but brought to it the fine ethics and scientific methods of his profession. He has an immense eagerness to get all the books, know all the facts, and apply them soundly to the solution of our Early Man problems in particular. In his amazing approach, he has already done important pioneering work in artifact photography - we hope to get a paper from him to help standardize good photography. We predict great contributions from Dr. Long - archaeology has become a major part of his life. He has bought a truck to facilitate exploration, under the guidance of Dave DeJarnette, and, as Ed has done in the past, we expect he will in time wear out 2 trucks in such activities - with every turn of the wheels in behalf of the SCIENCE of archaeology. In short, those who know them well will agree that their honor is merited by their ethics, their devotion and their contributions. To understand the honor, it is necessary to know something about Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director of the Instituto Interamericano. Dr. Carl "works for a living" as a professor. The Instituto is a dedicated work of love, inadequately financed by the Interam Foundation. It reaches far beyond the Americas, and into all branches of anthropology - stimulating, educating, coordinating, assisting, encouraging. Dr. Carl has enough academic credits for about 3 doctorates, has taught history, sociology and art in addition to anthropology, translates some 7 languages, is widely traveled and "knows everybody". And he wasn't handed this on a silver platter of opportunity, but earned it himself. Yet despite this impressive background, Dr. Carl can recognize and appreciate a good amateur - as in the case of Mahan & Long (who are now working on special assignments for our own very progressive Dave DeJarnette). Dr. Carl's coveted Fellowships are unique and valuable ways to express

appreciation for the "serious" amateur, encourage him in the value of his work, and provide him with a certificate of approval - something we need in the amateur field.

Mr. & Mrs. Jack D. McSpadden are back from a European trip, where they seem to have tried to see as much as possible in as short a time as possible - and there is nothing quite so strenuous. Yet Mr. McSpadden managed to write letters back to the "Dear Gang" - the hundreds of employees at Liberty National Life Insurance Co. We were privileged to read these letters, and found them fascinating - we read them in one sitting, about 10,000 words! Big though Liberty National is, these letters deserve a far wider audience. And we thought it an uncommonly nice thing to do - the busy Executive Vice President of a tremendous Company sharing his travels with the "Dear Gang" despite the fatigues and diversions of a first European tour. We are proud to count such people among our members, and such a Company as Liberty National among our supporters.

Dr. Frank Today, the first President of the Alabama Archaeological Society, writes a nice letter to Rodger Schaefer. Dr. Frank is a "human dynamo", but is so busy that hearing from him is a rare occasion. He writes:

"Dear Rodge: I appreciated the recent note I received from you and my intentions are of the best - just as soon as we can get our household materials moved down from Chicago I plan to start writing some articles for submission to the Alabama Journal.

You and your associates have done a wonderful thing - building in a few short years the finest archaeological group in the country, one universally known and respected. And all this by the best of all possible methods - good hard work intelligently applied.

I am sorry that I have been so busy that I have been out of touch with you in the Tennessee Valley. The Stanfield-Worley dig had been underway for 2 years before I knew anything about it, and I am only now catching up on all of the very important work you have been doing in the 5 years I have been away from the Valley.

I am on the road most of the time in my work in developing chemical projects and I tend to get out of touch with things....

If you are in this neighborhood at any time, please pay us a visit. Both Myrtle and I would like to see you. Please remember me to your family and to Roy, Jack and my other friends.

P.S. I am getting together the material on the Paleo report which Jack and I worked on so long before I left Decatur, and I hope to have it in shape for publication before too long."

This report was a monumental survey of our Paleo material at that time, and Rodger appends a note to Dr. Frank's letter: "No better place to publish than in the Alabama Journal - gets the best coverage and keeps more up to date than (we hope) any other Society Journal."

Dave DeJarnette has fitted into the picture so perfectly that we find ourselves taking him for granted - until another occasion reminds us how fortunate we are to have a professional like Dave to make our archaeological work possible. To show you what we mean, we quote a letter from busy Dave to Mr. R. G. Galbreath, Springville, Ala.:

"Your daughter Glenda, who has a course in our Department in anthropology, was visiting with us at Moundville yesterday and told us of your interest in archaeology. She said that you had a group of people who had formed an archaeology club and were interested in finding out about our State Archaeological Society.

If you care to do so, we would be happy to have someone meet with you and explain some of the advantages of belonging to our State organization. We would like very much to have another chapter of the Society located in Springville. We are holding our annual meeting in Birmingham at the Birmingham Museum of Art on Sunday, December the 1st and we would like to have you and any members of your group visit with us that day. I will be in Birmingham and would like very much to talk with you concerning your group's affiliation with the State Society."

See what we mean - Dave is always in there pitching!

\*\*\*\*\* We are extremely sorry to learn that Mr. Knudsen (former member of  
\* J. J. Knudsen \* our State Society and the designer of our present membership card)  
\*\*\*\*\* passed away in Atlanta, Ga., on November 11th. He is the father of  
J. P. Knudsen, now of Raleigh, N.C., former editor of our Alabama Journal.

URGENT LETTER TO THE EDITORS: Dear Editors: Mrs. Dr. E. M. Lindsey's letter in your November issue, elaborating a suggestion made by Al Beinlich for the preservation of archaeology, seems to me one of the most urgent things you have ever published - worthy of starting a "major operation" on Alabama archaeology.

In reply to your request for ideas, I wonder if it would be practical to get our local County Sheriffs to deputize Chapter members (with badge or other insignia) as guardians of archaeology. We have laws, but no enforcing officers. By warning destroyers, attempting to educate them and make good members of them, reporting if necessary, we might accomplish a great deal.

But I also suggest that we members be given more assistance in our own efforts to preserve archaeology. We join - you get our 4 bucks - and that is the last we hear - until dues are due again! How about an official printed CODE OF ETHICS and methods for all members, spelling out exactly and simply what we can do constructively - and must NOT do, destructively? I should be happy to have, and to subscribe to, such a code - and suggest you might publish the names of all who do subscribe.

Another suggestion: A member who has been working at archaeology for 20 years, studies the books, has much field experience with professionals, has authenticated his ethics and abilities by never doing a single destructive thing, and publishes his findings - he is qualified to do more in archaeology than a beginner. We cannot make best use of his abilities if he is held rigidly to the qualifications of a beginner. Could we not have a BOARD OF CERTIFICATION to permit and authenticate work within our qualifications? This would of course require thorough examination, consideration, perhaps further instruction. But let us discover any ability we have, and not waste it.

Finally, how about a BOARD OF ASSISTANCE - in every Chapter if possible? Suppose one surface collects properly, numbering all sites on a topo map and marking all artifacts with site number. Now, if he just buries these artifacts again in his basement, he has only destroyed the information which might be derived from them - despite his careful field work and good intentions. Yet many of us do not feel competent to report on our field work - a tremendous amount of which therefore goes to waste and is actual destruction. Why can't we have BOARDS OF ASSISTANCE to help us REPORT, to PRESERVE the vast amount of archaeology we are innocently and ignorantly destroying, and give it to science rather than to oblivion?

I am proud to say that our Alabama Archaeological Society has a growing reputation for good work. But we could do much better. And I think our many members would take great pride in becoming, individually, a part of this good work. Are we helping them as much as we could? Do they not join to get assistance, to learn how to pursue their hobby the RIGHT way, to make real scientific contributions, and to gain deserved RECOGNITION for their devotion? Are we not now big enough, and blessed with enough know-how and sources of consultation, to give all members that assistance?

Sincerely,

An Interested Member Needing Assistance.

Dr. Vernon Leslie, who visited Alabama last summer, was so impressed by our work that he has joined our State Society. This is something of a compliment, as Dr. Leslie has little patience with do-nothing and destructive amateur groups. He is Director of the Pennsylvania Institute of Anthropology, a unique organization open, by invitation only, to professionals and serious amateurs only, and insisting that members be taught proper methods and ethics. This is, we fear, a merited rebuke for some amateur societies which are little more than organized collectors, well trained only in the destruction of sites. It is good to see the Alabama Society rated above that. Dr. Leslie is also the American Editor of a new Journal, New World Antiquity, which also has a progressive outlook and Dr. Carl B. Compton says in his November Newsletter "is fast becoming a very important publication". Papers are solicited, and a forthcoming issue devoted



entirely to regional aspects of Paleo archaeology will be of unusual interest. Address Dr. Vernon Leslie, R. D. 1, Honesdale, Penna. 18431, \$3.00 annually (which brings you 6 issues).

"The Margaret", as Francis C. Smith refers to his better half, reports a mystery suggestive of a sinister influence of Indian ghosts upon collectors who destroy the archaeological Indian record. Having sent a sketch of a fine large elbow pipe to Dave, he requested a photograph for the Journal. The Smiths went back to photograph and "found pipe and its owner long gone. Just disappeared off the face of the earth, enormous farm deserted, house vacant, well caved in...neighbors reluctant to tell anything." B-b-b-b - beware, all "collectors"!

UNUSUAL!!! One Al Goodwin called Dave DeJarnette to tell him Ferril Goodwin, his brother, had found a burial in a basket on a ledge along a river! Dave got on the ball, of course, and is trying to make arrangements to see this basket burial - the first of its kind we have heard of in Alabama. Our thanks indeed to the Goodwin brothers for bringing this to professional attention. One of our aims should be to educate the public, as far as possible to do this sort of thing. The Goodwin brothers are of course most unusual - and we congratulate them on their intelligence, and thank them again in the name of archaeologists all over the world. Literally tens of thousands of interesting finds have NOT been brought to professional attention.

ESAF ECHO: Elwood S. Wilkins Jr., Minguannan Chapter, Arch. Society of Delaware, writes Dave: "Again, I want to tell you how much I enjoyed your talk at the ESAF Meeting". And....Mr. Wilkins joins the Alabama Society and purchases a copy of our Stanfield-Worley Report. It reminds us that GETTING CURRENT ARCHAEOLOGY INTO CIRCULATION IMMEDIATELY is one of the important functions of any Society. When shall we amateurs graduate to a national Journal, AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES, so our right hand will know what our left is doing? And thanks to Mr. Wilkins, and to Dave for making that strenuous trip to Philadelphia as our Representative.

Flossie (Mrs. James Donald) Wilkinson is losing all her daughters - or shall we say gaining sons? We have just received the announcement that little Martha Fay (as we remember her) will be Mrs. Barnard Dickinson McElroy after Nov. 23rd. Martha we remember as an almost translucent little girl, with big, limpid eyes that won hearts all over the place. You will read this after the event, but not too late to send your very best to 1600 Mims St. S.W., Birmingham, Ala. 35211.

Our Joe Dale, who left so many devoted friends in Alabama when he moved to Atlanta, we see by an Atlanta paper has been nominated for the North Side Hall of Fame. An extensive write-up tells us that Joe has "won friends and influenced people" over there just as he did here - and we don't wonder - Joe is a real guy. In fact, we hereby nominate him for the "Alabama-Georgia Hall of Fame" - and we might even let Florida in, as his famous restaurants are now serving delicious food down there too.

Dr. Charles R. McGimsey III, in his October (Arkansas) Newsletter, reviews "Archaeological Techniques for Amateurs", Philip C. Hammond, rather critically, with such firm statements as "simply is not true" and "asinine". In view of the fact that the amateur movement has achieved perhaps not more than 1% of its vast potential, it seems obvious that THE book for amateurs has never been written. We think such a book would have to be written by a whale of a good writer, who was also a good amateur and familiar with both amateur and archaeological problems, and would have to be more inspirational than anything else. In short, we think that anyone who is really inspired can and will find ways to promote soundly the cause of archaeology - we have seen a few do it.

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