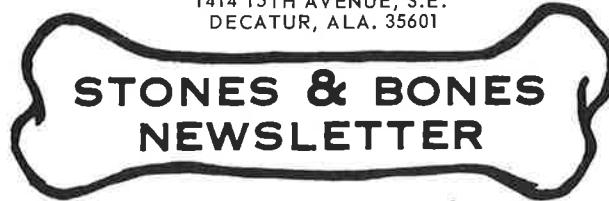


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## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

Marjorie Gay, president, called the meeting to order at 2:00pm, with 17 present.

Rodger Schaefer gave a report on the 1975 membership as of June 30 and the Treasurer's Report as of June 30, 1975. It was noted that we have had an increase in postage for the Journal and newsletter and an increase in first class mail is forthcoming. If printing costs do not increase too much, the \$7.00 membership fee will be satisfactory for 1976.

Britt Thompson gave the newsletter report and made a plea for more short and long articles for the newsletter.

Christine Wimberly reported that John Brooks has invited the Society to hold the Winter Annual Meeting in Montgomery on November 22 and 23. The Downtowner would be the headquarters with a visit to the Archives on Saturday and a trip to Fort Toulouse on Sunday. It was moved and seconded that we accept the invitation. Motion passed. It was reported that the main speaker this year will probably be Dr. James B. Griffin and his talk will cover the Crude Tool situation.

Rodger Schaefer read a report by James Cambron, chairman of the Committee to Select an Outstanding Archaeologist of the Year in Alabama. Motion was made and seconded that the report be received, with minor changes. The following criteria and procedures have been established and passed by the Board. The Committee to select an Outstanding Member of the Alabama Archaeological Society will be composed of three members, each with a three year term which is staggered. The president will appoint a new member each year. The senior member each year will be chairman, following approval by the Board, which will provide continuity, but no one could succeed himself. Each chapter should submit at least one nominee from the state society, living in Alabama. Nominations should be in the hands of the Committee by September 15 of each year. The Committee will select 1 to 4 members from their list and present these names and qualifications to the Board at the Winter Meeting for the final selection. If the Committee does not feel that any of the nominees are worthy of the award, then no Outstanding Member will be chosen for that year.

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Bart Henson reported that the Nominating Committee has been active, but that they do not have a complete slate of officers for 1976 at this time.

Rodger Schaefer read the report of the Archives Committee which stated that all the publications of the Society have been gathered and bound and work is beginning on the History of the Alabama Archaeological Society.

Ned Jenkins, chairman of the Special Publications Committee, reported that they have some 12 manuscripts on hand which could be published. It was suggested that papers covering the same cultures be grouped together and that the committee give the Board definite titles and probable cost at the Fall Meeting.

Steve Wimberly, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, reported that there is a resolution before the State Legislature to create a council of Alabama Archaeologists, each representing a four year state institution of higher learning with archaeological academic programs and a representative of Mound State Monument. The chairman of this council will be a voting member of the Alabama Historical Commission. Also to be created by this resolution is an Alabama Archaeological Advisory Committee to work with and advise the Alabama Historical Commission on matters relating to archaeology. Steve also stated that the Ways and Means Committee should commence suggesting legislation concerning Underwater Archaeology in an effort to salvage and preserve the archaeological information beneath both coastal waters and navigable streams.

Marjorie Gay appointed Bart Henson and Rodger Schaefer to review the By-Laws and present any necessary changes at the next meeting.

Rodger Schaefer read a report from David L. DeJarnette, Editor of the Journal of Alabama Archaeology, which stated that the June 1975 issue had been mailed to the membership on May 29, 1975 and that work was beginning on the December issue. As of June 30 we had 90 copies of the Ten Years book on hand and 291 copies of Fort Mitchell.

#### NEW PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Investigations in Russell Cave by John W. Griffin is now available. This report is concerned with the excavations conducted in 1962 by the National Park Service in Russell Cave, one of the major archaeological sites in Alabama. The report contains chapters on material culture, vertebrate and invertebrate fauna, human skeletal remains and geology in addition to a reconstruction of life in the cave. This report, NPS Publications in Archaeology 13, may be ordered from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC. At \$2.05 it's one of the best buys around.

(Eugene Futato, Tuscaloosa Chapter)

#### AND SPEAKING OF BUYS...

the Ten Years Book is expected to be out of print by December, so order your copy now. Complete instructions are on the back cover of this newsletter.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Thompson:

The call for QUESTIONS in the June issue kicked a question to life that has long bothered me. A long time ago I read somewhere that Alabama was discovered by a group of Welshmen in the 12th Century A.D. Was this one of the brain-children of the old Tuskaloosa Historical Society? Now just the other day, I was again jolted to see that Newsweek Magazine notes that Alabama was discovered by a Welsh Prince named Madoc Ap Owain Gwynedd. Further I noted that the good people of Mobile have commemorated this historical fact with a monument. Surely such an auspicious event in Alabama history has or deserves archaeological or historical documentation? Will anyone help educate me on this one?

James H. Rives

Dear Friend Rives:

Nearly 20 years ago, while digging into both the Walum Clum and DeSoto's journey, I bumped into Madoc. Our local main library had (in its cellar stacks) a book written in the mid-1800's which contained the pro and con of the legend of Madoc, as argued by two very prominent scholars of the day, both of course were Welsh. To most simply "educate" you, per your plea, I suggest that you start with Richard Deacon's "Madoc and the Discovery of America" which was published in 1967. This is probably no favor to you since you may become enchanted and entrapped by the old prince. There are bits and pieces of Madoc tales which come to me regarding the Madoc stories. In Philadelphia - early 1800's - a Welsh captain in a tavern overheard two Indians conversing in nearly pure Welsh. The Natchez Indians had a four halved Sun God which originated through Madoc. The Mandans had many blue-eyed members. Madoc killed someone and was banished - because of his kinship he wasn't killed - and he and some loyal friends and a bishop went to sea. He was supposed to have landed in Alabama and gone up river. However, Henry's, Early Maps of America, do not show any journey of Madoc. I am not personally familiar with any Welsh writings, like the Eddas...and Beowulf is no help. Pleasant tracking!

Britt Thompson, Editor

### THE GULF COAST HISTORY AND HUMANITIES CONFERENCE

The meeting will be held in Pensacola, Florida at the Sheraton Inn on October 2 - 3, 1975. The theme of the conference will be "The Cultural Legacy of the Gulf Coast, 1870-1940." On Saturday, October 4th, a tour is planned of Pensacola's historic districts which will include a box lunch at the Dorr House. The Banquet speaker on Thursday evening will be Theodore Rosengarten, author of "All God's Dangers: The Life of Nate Shaw," and recipient of the 1974 National Book Award. Registration, which includes a copy of the proceedings, is \$10.00. The Thursday banquet is \$7.00 and the Saturday tour, including the box lunch, is \$4.00. Registration forms and information are available from Professor Lucius F. Ellsworth, Chairman, Gulf Coast History and Humanities Conference, John C. Pace Library, University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida 32504.

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

QUOTE FROM PRESERVATION NEWS, JULY 1975

Publish or Perish! We should firmly adopt the principle of preservation through "ink and paper." This is one of the governing reasons behind the National Trust move to establish the Preservation Press, which was announced during Preservation Week in May.

Clarence Day, author of "Life With Father" and one of the founders of the Yale University Press wrote, "The World of books is the most remarkable creation of man. Nothing else that he builds ever lasts. Monuments fall; nations perish; civilizations grow old and die out; and after an era of darkness, new races build others. But in the world of books are volumes that have seen this happen again and again, and yet live on, still young, still fresh as the day they were written, still telling men's hearts of the hearts of men centuries dead." (Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH ACTIVITY

The final report of excavations in the Little Bear Creek Reservoir, Northwest Alabama, was completed in June and submitted to the Tennessee Valley Authority. The report is largely concerned with the extensive excavation of three burial mounds and two habitation sites, and the limited excavation of several other habitation areas. When this report becomes available, a more detailed notice will appear in the Stones and Bones.

Laboratory analysis of material from test excavations in Upper Bear Creek Reservoir is complete. Sites located by a 1972 archaeological survey were tested to determine the need for salvage pending reservoir construction. Additional sites were also located and tested. Most of the sites were small bluff shelters and testing revealed that their occupation was usually very brief, and cultural material was sparse. One large shelter located in 1972 did contain several feet of deposits with relatively more cultural material including well preserved bone and shell. Unfortunately, this site has been very badly damaged by pot-hunters since the 1972 survey - - apparently within the last couple of months prior to this year's testing project.

For the past few months work here at the lab has concentrated on the processing of material from the excavation of 1Ja300, near Scottsboro. At the present time all primary sorting and cleaning is complete except the cleaning of the human skeletal material. Site 1Ja300 is a multi-component site with the major portion of its occupation being during Woodland times. Mississippian and Archaic occupations are also represented. The site produced a number of burials, pits and features, including one small structure pattern. Bone preservation is excellent and a great deal of faunal material was recovered, along with a number of bone and shell artifacts. The analysis of the cultural material and records from 1Ja300 will hopefully provide considerable new information on the aboriginal occupation of northeast Alabama.

(Eugene Futato, Tuscaloosa Chapter)



## CALENDAR OF BICENTENNIAL EVENTS

The Government Printing Office has two publications for sale which list the thousands of events and projects which will be taking place all over the United States during 1976, our 200th anniversary. The calendars are arranged so that you may easily find the State or date in which you are interested. They will prove invaluable aids in planning your trips during the next year.

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(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

## WHY DO WE BELONG TO AN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY?

Sometimes when I talk to people who have an interest in archaeology, I ask if they belong to a local chapter, or to a historical society, or whatever. Usually the answer is that they have been intending to go to a meeting but for some reason or another just didn't make it there. Apparently their interest is archaeology is only "skin deep." They are only interested because of the pretty little "arrow-heads" and only occasionally does the thought of its origin enter their minds. It appears that there are a good many people like this in the world today.

However, if you are a person who can look beyond the mere surface and ask questions, then you are a genuine searcher for the truth. When I find a small flint chip or a hammerstone, I can't help but imagine what kind of human being utilized these? What motives did they have? What kind of life did they have? The answers are left mostly to our imagination, but if you have at one time or another thought about these and other questions, then you should be a member of a society which promotes the preservation of sites and artifacts that hold the key to our heritage. We need more people who have respect for the past. (Taken from the Muscle Shoals Chapter Newsletter for July 1975)

## THE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION APPRECIATES...

the fine contributions received during the month of August and sincerely hope that more donations will be sent during September. It is getting close to time to pay the bill and more people are needed to help share the expense of preserving Alabama's past.

## ARCHAEOLOGIST OF THE YEAR

David L. DeJarnette, curator of Mound State Monument, has received the Distinguished Service Award from the Alabama Historical Commission as Archaeologist of the Year for his 40 year archaeological career and contributions in Alabama.

The award was presented July 19 at the state agency's eighth annual state-wide preservation conference at the Capitol in Montgomery where preservationists and historians from over Alabama attended the two-day meeting.

"The Distinguished Service Award is the highest recognition that the State of Alabama can confer in the field of historic preservation," said W. Warner Floyd, executive director of the Alabama Historical Commission.

DeJarnette, associate professor of anthropology at the University of Alabama, is also curator of the 350 acre Mound State Monument which he helped plan and develop. It is one of the three major mound sites in the United States.

The Alabama archaeologist directed Tennessee Valley excavations before the area was flooded by TVA and has led numerous salvage projects on the Coosa, Chattahoochee and Alabama rivers. The author of more than 20 books and articles, DeJarnette is also past president of the Alabama Academy of Science.

Other Distinguished Service Awards went to the University of Montevallo; Robertson Banking Company of Demopolis; the General Services Administration; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Rice of Huntsville; the City of Mobile; Drs. Mike and Linda Mahan of Montebrier; E. Walter Burkhardt of Auburn; and Mrs. Nancy N. Holmes of Mobile.

(Cathy Donelson, AHC, Montgomery)

(Editor's Note: Sincere Congratulations to long time society members, Mrs. Holmes and Mr. DeJarnette, for their well deserved awards!)

## MONTGOMERY MEMBERS TAKE NOTE!

Anyone interested in reestablishing the Montgomery Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society should contact Mack Brooms at 716 Pinkston Street, Montgomery 36109. Brooms is interested in starting up the chapter again if enough interested parties wish to join him in the undertaking. Send him a letter concerning your interest, date you wish to meet, number and age of family members interested in attending the meetings, your address and telephone number and any opinions and recommendations you may have.

(Mack Brooms, Montgomery)

## ARTICLES NEEDED

Next month this newsletter may contain a number of blank pages if our readers don't contribute a few articles. They don't have to be long, nor must they be typed, they just need to be written and sent to us. Think about it.

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

The month of July saw the end of the second field season in the Harris Reservoir. Excavations during June and the first half of July were concentrated on sites 1Ra28 and 1Ra29. The tremendous amount of rainfall in the area made for extra work for the crew, in an effort to complete excavations before the rising waters of the river flooded the trenches. Most of these efforts proved unsuccessful. Towards the end of June, a 1 by 1-meter test was laid out at the base of the monolith near the mouth of the shelter at 1Ra28, in an attempt to determine when and how it was erected. The base of the monolith was found to extend 0.5 meters below the present ground surface and was not found to have been set in a discernible pit, although the Lamar zone appeared to have been deposited around the schist monolith. Since July 15th, laboratory work on the excavated materials in preparation for the final report has been in progress.

Excavations along Interstate 65 in Jefferson County ended August 8th and work is beginning on the final report. The amount of Archaic material recovered during this season may prove particularly interesting. Archaic material accounts for 95% of all cultural data collected including Late Archaic points, the presence of a Dalton point and a basally bifurcated serrated point similar to the LeCroy type. A hearth which contained fire cracked cobbles and charcoal may date the occupation of the shelter.

The final report on the Gainesville and Demopolis lakes navigation channels was completed during August and is presently being edited prior to the final typing.

(Judith Nielsen, Mound State Monument)

### SIXTEENTH ANNUAL DIG FUND DRIVE

After several months of being able to report an encouraging number of donations to our excavation-supporting fund for 1975, we were a bit disappointed to have received fewer last month. If you have not yet made your contribution this year, may we suggest that you re-read the article on the front page of the August Newsletter, and then get out your checkbook? Those who responded this month are:

ANONYMOUS BUSINESS DONOR #2, Birmingham, their TWELFTH consecutive check.

Lively-Long-Josselyn Pebble Tool Papers, their THIRD this year.

Dr. Albert Fisher, Decatur, Charter Donor, making his SIXTEENTH consecutive.

Mrs. Percy H. Whiting, Montrose, her TWELFTH consecutive generous donation.

As settlement day for our 1975 summer digs gets closer, we hope that both the number and amount of contributions will shortly show a marked increase. So please make use of the coupon at the bottom of the inside back cover of this or a previous Newsletter! The amount is tax deductible, also conscience satisfying.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

### NEW MEMBERS DURING AUGUST

Randy L. Shipp, Route 3, Warrior, Alabama 35180 (Associate)  
Lisa Moore, 801 Rose Drive, Birmingham, Alabama 35235 (Associate)  
The Phoenix Museum, 203 S. Claiborne Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602 (Inst.)

### CHAPTER NEWS

Cullman County Chapter met Monday night, August 18, at City Hall at 7:30pm. Following the business session, the members went across the street to the Col. Cullman Home to make their plans for the dedication and their special room in the Home. Dedication is August 31, 1975. The members are working on the display cases and exhibits to be placed in this Archaeology Room.

Huntsville Chapter met August 26 in the Huntsville Public Library. Their regular meeting date has been officially changed from the 3rd Tuesday of each month to the 4th Tuesday.

Tuscaloosa Chapter will hold its next meeting on September 2 at 7:30pm at the home of Dr. and Mrs. E. K. Austin. On display will be their collection of archaeological and ethnographic materials from Mesoamerica and a number of Mrs. Austin's paintings of Mexico. All members should make a special effort to attend.

### HELP NEEDED

The Archaeological Research Laboratory at Mound State Monument is attempting to locate copies of the Alabama Anthropological Society's publication, ARROWPOINTS. Anyone having any of the following issues they are willing to let them xerox should contact Judith Nielsen, Box 66, Moundville, Alabama 35474. The issues are: Vol. 5, No. 6, 1922; Vol. 6, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5 and 6, 1923; Vol. 7, Nos. 1 - 6, and Vol. 8, Nos. 1 - 6. Any assistance in locating these copies will be greatly appreciated.

### HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY

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## THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Following are the objectives stated in our Constitution, slightly modified for emphasis: To promote informed interest in the study of Archaeology in Alabama and neighboring States; to encourage careful scientific archaeological research in such ways as surface scouting, mapping, marking, studying and especially reporting; to promote and support professionally directed excavations and discourage unsupervised "digging"; to promote the conservation of archaeological sites and to favor the passage of laws prescribing such; to oppose the sale of antiquities, and the manufacture and sale of fraudulent artifacts; to encourage and develop a better understanding of archaeology through providing Newsletters, Journals, Chapter and State meetings, helpful associates and good fellowship; to serve as a bond between individual archaeologists in the State, both non-professional and professional; and perhaps most importantly, to give everyone the opportunity to "do something about archaeology" through the accomplishment and enjoyment of these high aims.

The Society needs and welcomes as members, all persons whose ideals are in accord with the objectives set forth above. Active members receive the JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, devoted to articles on the archaeology of Alabama and nearby States, and also receive the STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER, published monthly, containing news of members and their activities, also State, national and worldwide events of archaeological importance.



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