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STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER

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OUR NEW PRESIDENT

We have been reflecting on the fact that for the first time the Alabama Archaeological Society has a professional archaeologist in the presidential chair. It seems to call for a few remarks.

It is true that Steve B. Wimberly is not now employed as a professional archaeologist. Several years ago the shortage and uncertainty of archaeological finance caused him to seek more certain employment, where he quickly advanced to an important position. But Steve's gain was the loss of a dedicated man to science, unfortunately. He was academically trained in archaeology, and won an excellent reputation among his fellow professionals for his exacting excavations and published papers and books.

For several reasons, we consider Steve's acceptance of the job of President as a compliment to the Alabama Archaeological Society. First, he is an extremely busy man in his executive position with the TCI. Second, he is a purist, applying the straight rule of perfection to all archaeological activities - amateurs not excluded or excused. Third, his name will inevitably be associated with our Society activities this year. We gather that Steve considers us at least a "calculated risk" and worth the trouble.

Our having a professional President will certainly be viewed favorably by archaeologists everywhere. This will be a fine thing for us to live up to, but not take advantage of. And having a professional leader gives us educational advantages. Let us plan the biggest, best, most progressive year of our rather brief existence and continue our "meteoric rise". Steve has not failed us in the past when needed - he tested and certified the worth of the now-famous Stanfield-Worley shelter. We are indeed glad that our very wise Nominating Committee "twisted his arm" and got him in a position where he will have to be a little more active in archaeology - he is too good a man to let his knowledge gather dust.

Last month Steve alerted us to the fact that the increasing dams on Alabama's major rivers may inundate our LAST CHANCE to discover early contact sites - de Soto, etc. It is true that the late, and great, Dr. John R. Swanton headed up a rather extensive search for a de Soto site. But, tragically, he made little use of archaeological knowledge, nor was as much then available as it is today. Where the great Swanton failed, we might succeed by reporting all sites for further investigation which ARCHAEOLOGICALLY fall about in the de Soto time period. Steve, a pottery specialist in this area, will be of tremendous value in this "last chance" search for the most important early historic event in the U. S. We hope those who hunt the rivers will take advantage of this opportunity - and an opportunity to win eternal fame if you find a de Soto site.

Having had the good fortune to know Steve for many years, and to have profited greatly by his archaeological guidance, I should like to add in the vernacular that he is a heck of a nice guy - you will enjoy working with him.

--- Dan Josselyn

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Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Instituto Interamericano, is up to his usual tricks. The very forward-looking ANTHROPOLOGICAL JOURNAL OF CANADA, whose birth we announced last year, is doing surprisingly well so early in life. With only 3 or 4 times as many subscribers it can meet printing costs - and we suppose the Editor will have to feed his family in time! Journals are commonly supported by society member dues, and limited as to area and subject matter. Anthropology needs this broad, non-sectional, we might say non-denominational, progressive Journal. But it is going to take some time to find enough anthropologically intelligent subscribers to pay for paper, printing, art work, copper plates, mailing, etc.

The INTERAM FOUNDATION, INC. (tax deductible), supports the worldwide activities of the Instituto Interamericano (to which Dr. Compton donates his services). Unselfishly, in self-competition, Dr. Compton sets up SPECIFIC FUNDS (also tax deductible) within the Interam Foundation to enable people to donate to their specific interests. He has now added "The AJC Fund of the Interam Foundation" to help the new Anthropological Journal of Canada survive to maturity and self-support.

Today the radio broadcast that a Birmingham company must pay \$26½ millions in taxes this year! Individuals with healthy incomes are caught in the same bind, up to 91% taxation - or confiscation. One of the several pernicious results of this "soak the rich" political philosophy is the injury it does to philanthropy.

If we are to be saddled with it, "we, the people", or "the common man", will have to take more responsibility for philanthropy. Historically, no "democracy" has lasted long because the mass of the people have never been educated up to their greater opportunities and responsibilities.

It would indeed be promising for anthropology, the study of man himself, (and for democracy, the freedom of man himself) if several hundred of our readers would send a few dollars each to the AJC Fund of the Interam Foundation, Inc., 5133 NT, Denton, Texas 76203. And nowhere else will you find the coverage you will get in the quarterly Anthropological Journal of Canada, \$3.00 a year - postage same as U. S. (Nor can we forget that the Instituto Interamericano needs a modern mimeograph machine so the Interamerican Newsletter might be legible as well as fascinating.)

And thanks indeed to Dr. Compton for establishing NEW OPPORTUNITIES. Now we can all be "philanthropologists", within our means. Can we afford NOT to support the study of our difficult, explosive species?

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

DR. CHARLES R. MCGIMSEY III started the Arkansas Archaeological Society in 1960, and with a bang, and with a fine set of Newsletters setting up an amateur organization the right way. Prospering ever since, and accomplishing a great deal, now they get out an ANNUAL, 109 pages, edited by Dr. McGimsey - excavation reports, a review, and Hester Davis (our friend and donor) abstracts Arkansas publications. What will perhaps interest our point-conscious members most is that there are numerous photographs of named projectile points - as Williams, Ellis, Bulverde, Kent, Uvalde, Fairland, Langtry, Enzor, Frio, Marcos, Marshall, Edgewood, Carrollton, Palmillas. Not very familiar, are they? One of the great needs of archaeology is that we break down the fences of our "area" archaeology and look at the larger picture. Address Arkansas Archaeological Society, Central Office, University Museum, Fayetteville, Ark., \$3.00.

We are proud to see this, and a number of other good works of Societies. Of recent years we are looking more and more like amateur ARCHAEOLOGISTS and less and less like the "collectors" of a few years ago. Congratulations! And thanks to the patient and generous professionals who are helping to educate us, to do something worthy with our hobby, and to enjoy it more every year.

INDIAN BASKET COLLECTION: Any of our friends who get to Tulsa, Oklahoma, should stop at the Philbrook Art Center. Here is the best Indian basket collection in the country. A lecture is given free by Mr. Clark Field each Sunday afternoon on the thousand plus baskets which represent the work of nearly every basket making tribe in the U. S.

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Denton, Texas, is the source of the following items of interest:

"IT FIGURES: We note from the December issue of the MUSTANG, the newsletter of the Texas Memorial Museum, a delightful and informative publication which we consider the second best in the Americas of its type, that the Museum operates on week-ends & some holidays with a skeleton staff. You got 'em, you use 'em."

"AMATEUR: A village blacksmith in North Dorset, England, has dug up by chance a Roman mosaic which is thought to be the earliest representation of Jesus outside of Continental Europe. The mosaic depicts the head and shoulders of a fair-haired, clean-shaven man with the monogram Chi-Rho behind the head. Professor Josselyn Toynbee of Cambridge University has assigned the mosaic to the second half of the 4th century A.D. (c.375 AD?). The discoverer, W. J. White, was digging postholes for an addition to his smithy when he struck the edge of the mosaic and immediately notified authorities. An admirable "amateur"!"

"PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY: The Pan American Union has a 100 page book which depicts the continuing strides being made to complete this vital hemispheric link. Facts and photographs together with a history of the evolution of the highway and an account of early trips over the highway route. The book The Pan American Highway System can be obtained from the Pan American Union, Washington, D.C. 20006. The price is 50¢ a copy. It sounds like an interesting and informative work."

"WOT'S UP, GUVNOR? (Special to the N.Y. Times from London, Dec. 4, 1963) "British archaeologists have found in northern Greece the earliest known remains of prehistoric man. (sic). The discovery is considered to be of great importance because sites northwest of the Dardanelles close the last gap in the trail of man's first migration to Europe from East and Central Africa about 250,000 years ago. (sic). At the University of Cambridge, Eric S. Higgs, noted investigator of man's earliest remains said today, 'we consider that we have closed the Balkan gap.'" Like Kelly did. How about Cromer and the 3rd Somme Terrace, the East Anglian Crag culture, the Ipswichian flake industry, etc. See any recent textbook."

ABELSON TEST. Dr. Abelson of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, devised an age test for bone which depends on the rates of decay of several fatty acids. This test was used to date the engraved bone found by Prof. José Armanta C. of the University of Puebla, Mexico. On December 9, 1963, Dr. James E. Cooper, Research Scientist with the Socony-Mobile Oil Company Field Research Laboratory spoke to the Sigma Xi members at North Texas State University. Dr. Cooper specializes in study of the fatty acids. In reply to a question as to the reliability of the Abelson test he replied: "I would say that it was reliable to well within ten percent error". The Puebla bone was dated at 30,000 years and carved by man."

"INTRODUCCION A LOS GLIFOS MAYAS by Wolfgang Cordan. We are in receipt of this new 118 page illustrated book in which the author uses his "system of Merida" to explain some 40 typical scenes from well-known Maya codices. This "system of Merida" was the subject of a paper presented by William Brito Sansores at the XXXVth Congress of Americanists in Mexico in August, 1962. The book is published under the auspices of the University of Yucatan, Merida and may be secured from there or from the Libreria Internacional, S.A., Av. Sonora 206, Mexico 11, D.F. for 30 pesos (\$2.40). The decipherment of the Mayan glyphs has occupied many scholars over many years and is a highly specialized and esoteric field. This book is most interesting, well documented and attractively presented. Certain rather revolutionary ideas on linguistic lines are presented as Cordan himself notes. The work was backed by the Swiss industrialist Adolph Bühler - all the more notable in that the field of philology is far from spectacular."

SECOND TIME AROUND, but there may be new members who would be interested in "A Typolo-

gy and Nomenclature for New York Projectile Points", W. A. Ritchie, \$1.50, and a good buy. Well illustrated, 26 point types. New York State Museum and Science Service, Albany 1, N.Y. - Bulletin 384, check payable to N. Y. State Education Dept.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the January meeting, Ron Eason & Pres. Joe Watkins combined to produce a double-barrelled (10 ga.) talk on Mayan ruins. Beautiful slides, good asides and a thoroughly delightful program (Editor's note: Other chapters should ask them to give a program). At the February meeting, Al Stanford will talk about the many petroglyphs in this area.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University. At the January meeting, John Cottier Jr. spoke most interestingly on "The Archaeology of El Morro Fortifications at San Juan, Puerto Rico." New Officers elected for 1964: President, Dr. A. L. Smith; Vice President & Program Chairman, Mrs. Walter Greenleaf; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Warren Johnson.

The Madison-Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas Church, Huntsville. At the December meeting, Chapter Member James S. Farrior, spoke on "Indians of the West", illustrated with an excellent set of slides. New Officers elected for 1964: President, Mr. O. H. Wright; Vice-President, Mr. Robert L. Tucker; Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. & Mrs. B. Bart Henson. There were 52 members and guests present. At the January meeting, Jack Cambron of the Decatur Chapter, will be the guest speaker, and will discuss "The Copena People".

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant, Guntersville. At the January meeting, Dr. A. G. Long Jr. spoke on his explorations during the past year in company with Ed Mahan at sites in North Alabama, showing excellent color slides taken at these sites. The program also included talks on Early Man. Nine of those present paid State & Chapter dues for 1964.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the January meeting, Father Oscar H. Lipscomb is to give a commentary on slides and pictures taken of the ancient seaport of Ostia, under St. Peter's Cathedral and of other places in the Rome area. Father Lipscomb is a graduate of St. Bernard College, Cullman, and the North American College of the Gregorian University at Rome, and received his Doctor's Degree in History from Catholic University, Washington, D.C. in 1963. He is an Archivist of the Mobile-Birmingham Diocese and also Assistant Chancellor of the Diocese.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the January meeting, David W. Chase gave a report on the Shine Mound salvage project to date (See State News for report). Mr. Chase had archaeological experience with Dr. William A. Ritchie in N.Y. State, and worked in southeast for 10 years with River Basin Surveys as consultant and assistant in field; also, he has had survey and excavation experience in Japan, Korea, Germany and Panama.

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

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. No report received.

The Nocalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the January meeting, Henry Nordholm spoke on the "Cane Creek Furnace", exhibiting a model of the furnace made by him. The furnace is located near Oxford, Ala., and dates back to 1840. There was a discussion of projects for the coming year, including (1) fruitful areas for summer salvage operations, and sites to be suggested for a State Society dig, and (2) ways to raise money for Chapter contribution to State dig next summer. (Editor's Note: This we like to hear about and hope

the idea spreads to other Chapters). Volume 1, Number 1, of the Nockalula Chapter monthly Newsletter "BRUSH & TROWEL", two pages, has been mailed to members, outlining the interesting details of its inception, covering Chapter news in detail and giving brief sketches of the Chapter Board of Directors, those on Chapter members to follow. And the Chapter now has its own individually designed letterhead!

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Room 25, Martin ten Hoor Hall, University of Alabama. At the February meeting, Mr. Lewis W. Wetzler is to talk to the Chapter on his recent trip to Mexico.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR FEBRUARY: (A fine list to start off the New Year, don't you agree?)

Paul Arthur Jr., 11 Brandywine Boulevard, Wilmington, Del.
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Jack Hooks, RD #5, Mansfield, Ohio
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ACTON BOONE, Marshall County Chapter, we owe apologies for not crediting for some of his good volunteer work. Ed Mahan and Dr. A. G. Long Jr., were thoughtful enough to take us to task for this. And they had mighty fine things to say about Mr. Boone, a fine worker and real amateur archaeologist, interested in the FACTS which artifacts can give us, rather than the artifacts as collector items. Recalling that Mr. Boone was one of those who participated in the important Asbury shelter excavation last year (which may be another breakthrough when we get the C-14 date), we checked our October issue to see if we had included all of those participants (page 2) on our total list of 1963 workers (pages 8-9). Good thing we did, as we had left out Bob Brock, Phil Garrett, A. B. Hooper III, Gervase Mahan (Ed's nephew), Matthew Mason and Gordon Sibley. We shall enter these on our total list in order not to forget them in the final report to appear in our Journal. Please write us about any other omissions - and thanks to Ed & Doc.

DICK HUMBARD aroused a lot of interest with his MYSTERY HOLES IN ROCK in the last Journal, and has received some more photographs and interesting comments - we think you can expect this "mystery" to be kicked around some more. And by the way, Dick was inadvertently left out of the membership list in the last Journal - Richard A. Humbard, 1504 Melrose Place, Birmingham, Ala. 35209, if you have any comments on these peculiar conical holes in large rocks, a subject worthy of exploration. (John Richard Humbard is the son.) (And we'd like to mention that Mrs. Humbard bakes delicious cakes!)

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF ALABAMA: "Dear Mr. Josselyn: Your letter...regarding the guide-book 'Curious Creatures in Alabama Rocks'...appreciated. Not too frequently do we receive kind comments...one aspect of the Survey's program is directed toward a responsibility to the public for general information and education on geology and resources and what they mean to John Q. Public. As part of this program we have developed several publications; the first of which was Mr. Copeland's on fossils. The others are (1) Water in Alabama; (2) Oil and Gas in Alabama; (3) Alabama Rockhounds - for the amateur mineral and rock collector, with locations for collection; (4) Guidebook to Alabama Rocks and Minerals - to accompany our rock collections sent to schools and interested persons; (5) Caves in Alabama; (6) Alabama's Restless Resources - the story of Alabama's resources and future. Your name has been placed on our mailing list for notification regarding new publications." (signed) Phil LaMoreaux, State Geologist.

This, we think, is a splendid "responsibility to the public" program. In this remarkable age of science, our public ignorance, our stone-age minds, are our greatest problem. But this fine "to the public" series will do no good if we do not make use of it! We URGE that each of our TEN CHAPTERS get this entire series for the Chapter Library - and we see several good programs in this series. We also URGE that parents take this up with schools - this series should be in every school in Alabama. It contains fine PRACTICAL and PROFITABLE programs for science classes. Again we thank, and congratulate, State Geologist Philip E. LaMoreaux.

ELIZABETH CLINE (in reference to the above "kind comments" which so often we do not bother to send) writes: "I enjoyed the January Newsletter - it was a thick issue with lots of meat in it". May we add that we especially enjoyed:

DAVID W. CHASE with his REPORT ON MONTGOMERY CHAPTER ACTIVITIES. It sounds as if this Chapter were really active, methodical, getting things done. But, if we may mention it, we looked in vain for one essential element: how well is this work AUTHENTICATED? When members of the Texas Archaeological Society discovered the Lewisville Site and undertook salvage work, they sent telegrams all over. As a result, among the professional participants and visitors were such notables as E. S. Barghoorn, Carl B. Compton, Jack B. Hughes, Alex D. Krieger (who advised and helped plan initial excavations), F. W. Miller, E. H. Sellards (famous pioneer in the Early Man in America controversy), J. L. Steen, Weldon Whitaker. This matter of AUTHENTICATION does not pertain to amateurs along - when Dr. Jesse D. Figgins excavated the first Folsom points. "Immediately, all work was stopped, and telegrams were sent to leading institutions requesting that they send representatives to examine the new find" (Wormington). When Keith Glasscock, amateur, found the Midland skull and without touching it notified Fred Wendorf, Wendorf immediately wrote to Krieger, and subsequently those also meeting at Midland to visit the site included Charles R. Steen, Jesse L. Nusbaum, Jack T. Hughes, Edward B. Jelks, Edward Moorman, responding to the call of Wendorf & Krieger.

Science, seeking UNDOUBTED fact, must seek undoubted AUTHENTICATION. Either an error mistaken for fact, or a fact insecurely authenticated, can lead science astray for decades! We urge the Montgomery Chapter to contact Dave DeJarnette on the best way to AUTHENTICATE what sounds like a very fine program, and to dig up expense money for Dave or associates to visit, help plan, and observe (Editor's note: "and work"), also to crosstie the work being done with the whole state. And we urge Mr. Chase to add to his very competent reporting all EVIDENCE for AUTHENTICATION which can be got in this way. Science - scire - to KNOW (beyond doubt). Remember that archaeologists everywhere will ask "How well is this AUTHENTICATED?" - even of their OWN work. PROOF is the FIRST precept of science.

NEWS FROM PROFESSIONALS: Among the Christmas cards we are proud to boast from professional archaeologists, one was from Dan, Phyllis and Danny Morse. Well, well! Welcome, young fellow, to this good archaeological world. And Tom Lewis, writing from Winter Haven, Florida, apparently thinks the Pleistocene is returning: "There are blooms on my tomatoes - and the temperature dropped to the low 40's last night...Every one of our 8 banana plants bears a huge bunch but will need more warm weather if they

are to mature." So he isn't "too sure about this Winter 'Heaven' business". Well, with our 7 degree weather, tomatoes a dim memory, and bananas a tropical tradition, it sounds pretty heavenly to us. This year we missed Dr. Wormington's Christmas letter giving a summary of her always interesting year. Hope it isn't our fault - and that we shall be put back on the lucky list. Chuck Nash and Dave DeJarnette sent cards but no news - which we hope is good news. But Tom Lee wrote us a fine letter, including a biographical bit about growing up the "hard way" in semi-rural Canada - lumbering, farming, cutting lake ice in winter to fill the ice houses, odd jobs around a fishing village and summer resort, a boy who had to be a man. Ho-hum, we are reminded that we worry about the modern backbone in these soft times which hardly require one. Steve Wimberly, who always mocks up a family photograph, got them all in a sleigh this winter - and we can't figure how he did it! The sleigh goes back so far we haven't even seen one excavated lately.

"A DESCRIPTIVE SYSTEM FOR PROJECTILE POINTS", Richard A. Marshall, 15 Switzler Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., 50¢. We mentioned this last month, and have now received our copy (and one for a professional friend). You will definitely want it - another effort to "do something about archaeology" (and there is plenty that needs doing). This is #1 of a Missouri Archaeological Society Research Series - looks as if you will want to be on the mailing list for future numbers. We congratulate this idea and applaud this very practical price.

REPORT FROM MONTGOMERY CHAPTER: Work continues on the Shine Mound Site (MT 6) on the Tallapoosa River despite biting cold winds and occasional winter downpours. This site is scheduled to be partially destroyed by next April or May to make way for a filtration plant for the city.

To date, 11 burials have been uncovered, all being either females or infants. Pottery studies indicate that the site may pertain to an Early-Middle Mississippian occupation producing plain shell tempered pottery whose small rim folds suggest an idea borrowed from Weeden Island. Upper levels have yielded a small percentage of what appears to be Lamar-associated ware. Some Lamar Complicated Stamped together with occasional notched or fillet rims of the classical grit tempered Lamar type are contained in this minority grouping. Lower levels contain only shell tempered ware. Burials have been either flexed or tightly flexed (as if bound before interment). One shell tempered pottery vessel was contained in an adult burial. Beads of ocean shell occurred in another adult grave and an infant burial contained 3 square, incised double perforated "buttons". Thus far, all burials have been found lying on the left side. Post molds uncovered in 3 ten foot squares indicate at least 3 house levels. Wall lines are being traced and mapped. Charred beans were found in one pit together with the shell tempered ware, this feature opening at the very lowest level.

This work is being carried out by the Montgomery Art and Archaeological Society, and under the auspices of the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts where artifacts are being Lab processed and worked up. Shortage of volunteers and lack of time indicates that despite current efforts, a large segment of the site will be destroyed by bulldozers in the very near future.

--- David W. Chase

A. J. POWERS, Route 4 Box 159, Sylacauga, Ala., longtime State Society member, writes: "The report on Montgomery Chapter Activities lists 10 sites in Elmore, 26 in Montgomery and 6 in Macon County. I have a map of Indian village and town sites in East Central Alabama. This map shows 17 sites in Elmore, 46 in Montgomery and 8 in Macon. The Coosa site that de Soto visited to my belief is up-stream on the Tallassee hatchie Creek, probably the historic town of Aubeecoochee or Abikudshi." (Editor's Note: It appears the Montgomery Chapter should get in touch with Mr. Powers.)

\$9 MILLION ??? We hear about the value of museums to "stimulate interest" in archaeology. We haven't seen much of this "stimulated interest". So when we read about "Pennsylvania's new \$9 million state museum in Harrisburg" we began to ponder what this would accomplish if spent directly on archaeology - and if we would then need "stimulation". Invested at 4%, for example, it would provide each of our 50 states, from now

on, with \$7,200 a year - for, say, a professional with nothing to do but work with amateur groups, and stimulate EFFECTIVE interest, educate, utilize free labor, etc., etc. Judging by what we have accomplished in Alabama in the past few years with about that amount of money, and professional assistance during only the summer months, with major breakthroughs right from the start - ! Well, we wondered if that \$9 million might be better invested. We do get into ruts, you know. Alabama pulled itself out of the old routine rut by its own bootstraps, but we have to date been unable to inspire any imitators. With that \$9 million - !!!

NOW TIGHTEN YOUR SEAT BELT: Ed Mahan, driving his brother-in-law home, hit an icy spot on the highway, tumbled the car over, came to rest upside-down in a ditch - with two thankful guys hanging safely by their seat belts in inverted amazement. Thanks to Dr. A. G. Long for this item - and thanks indeed for seat belts. Be sure to tighten yours!

Henry Nordholm, Bynum, senior at Oxford High School, ardent surface collector and student of archaeology, sends for some copies of our "Missing Link" booklet to arouse interest in his area. We took the liberty of sending him addresses of 7 other members in Bynum & Anniston. Why not get with Henry (P. O. Box 262, Bynum) and start an Anniston area Chapter in that good archaeological territory? We can help you organize.

Dr. A. G. Long Jr. "has slides, will travel" all over north Alabama. His color slides of typed projectile points are works of art and will make a very informative and interesting program (P. O. Box 68, Guntersville). Every major archaeological center in America should have a set of these slides.

Rodger Schaefer - that man! When we sent our membership dues (sustaining) to Rodger, of course we did not forget to thank him for taking on the really tremendous job of Secretary again this year for the ever-growing Alabama Archaeological Society. Along with the 1964 membership card, and application blank for a new member (we promise to get one - and a good one), Rodger took the time to scribble: "Sometime its a lot of work but I feel its the one job I can do for a great organization". Few can compete with the job Rodger has done, year after year, but if we could all do one job for the Society this year, and lay them end to end, they would reach pretty near from here to glory. Again, and publicly, we wish to thank Rodger - and this year try to do our own bit to make this a "great organization".

Gennie Lindsey, keeping us informed about the Gadsden area, sends a carbon of an interesting letter to Dave...a fabulous "Miss Ida" - 84 years old with a house full of books published before the turn of the century, a set of 6 books 11" by 15" and 4" thick, a copy of DeVacci's Journal (wrecked in the Gulf several years before de Soto), etc... work projected in the Logan Martin Reservoir which will be inundated in late spring... Bill Barker, member and TVA engineer, discovers and reports a promising site...Henry Nordholm of Bynum "gave us a good report on the Cane Creek Furnace...fine member Bobby Gambriel is at the University working on his Masters...our Chapter has a Newsletter too". Golly, what a nice Chapter - and nice folks. No wonder Dr. Lindsey is one of our Vice Presidents (with a mighty fine running mate in Dr. Long) - but he had better watch out for his wife Gennie next year!

Dr. Vernon Leslie writes: "Paleo issue of NEW WORLD ANTIQUITY promises to be outstanding." (R. D. 1, Honesdale, Pa. 18431, \$3 Annually.)

Jean Bibb (Mrs. Judge William C.) writes Dave, who thoughtfully sends us a marfax: "Mr. & Mrs. Russell E. Murray...have collected more Indian lore in Alabama and Georgia than anybody we know...send information about the Society...would be interested in joining...last Sunday Alice Donald (Mrs. T. C.) brought several International House (foreign) students from Jacksonville College for a display and conversation about artifacts with Bill...one from Portugal, one from Austria." (Jean, you and Bill should get with Henry Nordholm and others regarding that Anniston Chapter!)

"Dear Dave:...enclosing my check in the amount of \$3.00 for...report on the Stanfield-Worley...graduate student working on an archaic dig at Carter's Quarters...Woodland-

Archaic on the top 18 inches separated by 20 inches or more of sterile sand from basal deposits...characterized by leaf-shaped points...Your report gives one of the best descriptions of projectile types on the immediate region and is essential to our work..." And this letter to Dave is from no less than Dr. A. R. Kelly, University of Georgia.' It sounds as if he has a very interesting site. And it is good to be reminded that when we do useful work, it continues to be useful to others. "Essential" we have become! - and that takes in hundreds from discoverer Worley through the many who have donated dollars & services. Don't you love that - "essential"? And from Dr. Kelly!

WE ARE DELIGHTED: To see so many new contributors to our June '63 Journal. And it didn't hurt a bit, did it? In fact, we suspect that you "viewed with pride" your brain child which emerged and became real and useful archaeology. (And we caution that burying old artifacts in your brain makes them forever inaccessible, and may well lead to collectorosis - so send in your report too - Dave does a slack editing job if needed.)

Jerome D. Traver, Editor of THE CHESOPIEAN (See last month's Newsletter), writes: "Thanks for the excellent write-up you gave us! I hope I can do as much for you sometime. Coming from one of the leading archaeological societies in the East, you paid us a great compliment." We can only reply to Mr. Traver by stating that he has already done much for us by giving our Stanfield-Worley report most excellent front-page publicity in his December issue, but his letter again states: "I think its well worth the \$3.00!" Having now received all 6 issues of this fine publication (thanks to Robert L. Uptike of Norfolk), you should know that they contain illustrations of numerous projectile point types, including curious Paleo variants of North Carolina & Virginia. The issues are 50¢ each, address the Editor at 5809 Gamage St., Norfolk 18, Va.

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS: Your State Society had 407 paid memberships for 1963, and has already added 38 NEW memberships for 1964, giving us a total of 445. We are hoping ALL '63 members renew, and shortly, ALSO that your efforts toward interesting new members during the year, will bring our total up to the 500 mark by year's end!

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