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1969 STATE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The yellow sheet in the back of this issue, furnished by the Noccalula Chapter as hosts, gives full information as to the program and location in Gadsden of our Annual Meeting to be held Saturday, December 6th, in Wallace Auditorium, Gadsden State Junior College. Your presence is all that remains to make the occasion a complete success both from the angle of archaeological knowledge to be obtained, and to reward the Noccalula Chapter for their efforts in entertaining you.

Repeating from last month's Newsletter, registration and setting up and viewing artifact displays will take place from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, followed by the Business Meeting and luncheon at 12:00 Noon. (You were to have notified Mrs. Marjorie Ashley at Route 6, Gadsden, Ala. 35901, the number in your party for luncheon.) The Program Session starts at 1:30 PM and will continue until approximately 5:15 PM with a coffee break approximately halfway through the afternoon.

For those planning to spend a night or 2, motels in the vicinity are HOLIDAY HOST, 3464 E. Meighan, Phone 492-6111, Double \$8 to \$11 plus tax, which is nearest the meeting site; REICH MOTOR HOTEL, 7th & Broad Streets, Phone 547-7551, Double \$10 to \$12.50, Twins to \$15 plus tax, some 2 miles from meeting site; and HOLIDAY INN, Gadsden-Attalla Boulevard at I-59 Overpass, Double \$12 plus tax, farthest from site.

You will miss another memorable occasion if you are not present, so we hope your plans are definite to make the trip, set up your own display and enjoy seeing those others have brought, hearing the dig reports from a number of sites, learning what those aggressive Arkansas archaeologists are uncovering, and generally visiting among your fellow State Society members and old acquaintances. Y'ALL COME!!!

PREPARATIONS FOR BORDES

Many an archaeological celebrity has visited America. How many have visited for a WORKING SESSION which will "last forever? But then we have had only "home grown" artifacts to show them - they can't help with the fluted point, for example, which is not found outside of America. But we now have tons of "un-American" artifacts with an INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGY which must profit by Old World experience and be fitted into the international picture. So we reach a long arm for Prof. Francois Bordes, whose "la methode Bordes...explicitly stated attributes of morphology and technique of manufacture" has become an international taxonomic standard.

To make the most of Bordes in the limited time available, artifacts NOT IN THE AMERICAN LITERATURE are being concentrated with Dan Josselyn, who is sorting them for best showing. Matt Lively and assisting collectors have supplied tools worked on pebbles from Lamar County. A. B. Hooper III has supplied the only identical Lively Com-

plex (Krieger) pebble tools from Franklin County some 40 miles to the north. Between these areas Dick Humbard collected tools worked on quartzite pebbles (rather than the above yellow jasper). Charles E. Troup sent in tools worked on flattened Conosauga shale pebbles from Cherokee County. Alice Burns broke the "pebble tool deadlock" wide open with similar tools worked on slabs, angular fragments and weathered old pieces of chert we wouldn't even have kicked over for a look, the "crudest" and "oldest looking" we have seen, from Jefferson, Franklin, Lauderdale and Clay Counties. Horace J. Holland has supplied large cubic artifacts on Fort Payne chert from Colbert and Lawrence Counties. Just before Bill and Irene Emanuel left for several years in Alaska, they brought in a fine collection on a flintlike material (in the European sense) from a fabulous site in Henry County which Steve Wimberly had verified when reported by alert members of our Choctawhatchee Chapter. Ed Mahan has supplied a wide range of large cubic tools on various cherts and on chalcedony nodules collected over the years in Limestone, Madison and Jackson Counties. Charles V. Brosemer sent in an excellent collection of simple "uniface choppers" from several sites in the Huntsville area. Milt Harris has brought in collections from several sites in Marshall County which he and U. G. Roberts Jr. are collecting and reporting. William H. Wesley has supplied large "slab tools" from Madison County and adjacent Tennessee, from sites with almost no other artifacts (Alice Burns found nothing but slab tools on a large high terrace site). George E. Russell added to the growing "hand axe" collection with a fine assortment from Tennessee. Marion P. Mourning sent in tools on elongated pebbles from the Hattiesburg area of Mississippi. Margaret Clayton (who excavated the first pebble tool site) sent in large cubic tools from a site in Georgia with no bifaces; and Matt Lively has brought in Georgia material from a high terrace site with fluted points and large cubic tools.

Thanks to the cooperation of many, there is thus a good variety of collections conveniently concentrated with Dan Josselyn - who has been studying, drawing and making duplicates for better understanding of such tools for 5 years. But we should not let a smidgin of the "big Bordes opportunity" go to waste, and further collections are invited. Maybe YOU have some stone tools which you DO NOT SEE IN THE LITERATURE, and which can help to make international archaeological news - and history! Collectors will, of course, be credited by name in "the big book" of cubic tool classification.

Our amazing Scot, J. Andrew Douglas, reminds us of still another way to do this - he sends another check for \$100.00 to assure "royal treatment" for Prof. Bordes while he is here - and we know he will appreciate that, and not having to sleep on pebble tools. And we think it very gracious of Andy to be a "Good Will Ambassador", and really of international importance to make the best impression we can of visiting French "archaeological royalty". (And Prof. Bordes will doubtless chuckle when we tell him how he has reversed that good old Scotch tradition regarding money!)

1969 FUND DRIVE BOWS OUT GRACEFULLY

Time, with his relentless soythe, has lopped off another year of our lives - and just what do we have to show for it? Have we "spent" the year to some purpose, or just let it dribble away? As one grows older, and Time's "count-down" seems to go faster, the quality grows more important than the quantity - what did we accomplish?

We are pleased that 4 more members saw fit to add their names to the DONORS of 1969. It may seem a small thing, in a way, but 57 donations against the world backdrop look pretty special, and pretty "little big". Add to that the minute few who have been able to value the history of mankind and we have a big thought as well as a big thing involved. Have many of us, really, been offered a chance to do anything of more ultimate importance? Welcome to the FOUR:

James S. Farrior - one of the "old hands" of the fine North Alabama gang which took the initiative toward making this a STATE Society. We have not had the pleasure of seeing Jim in some time. But we do hear about his activity at the digs. And with considerable awe we hear that he has soared into science since we "knew him when" and

he went out to Los Alamos - wasn't it? Maybe he has added "moon archaeology" to his many interests.

Mrs. Bessie K. Russell - and we are pleased to add Huntsville Public Library. A hungry seeker for the archaeological told us only a few days ago that there was very little available in his Public Library. We are of an old school which holds that the sum of our reading for a lifetime can be more important than the schooling we got - or resisted and forgot. And what school could vie with, say, the great Alexandrian library? Hence the key importance of librarians - we wish they would all take a special interest in archaeology - and are proud that Bessie Russell does.

Joseph M. Dixon M.D., sets a thought to running around the neural tracts, leaping synapse junctions with athletic fervor. Books on archaeology - my gosh, they are running out of our ears these last 15 or so years. And they are running out of subjects.

Now, a real saga could be written on the great and many contributions which physicians have made to archaeology. That would play up what the intelligent amateur can contribute, too. And so many physicians have been so far shead of "their time" - as Dubois, 30 years shead of "professional acceptance"! Dr. John Nuckolls' amazing artifacts which he gave to the University of Tennessee are among those Prof. Bordes must see. It really would make a book - MEDICAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS - (and we'll sheak in that we could then alert and organize the entire medical profession to "take over" American archaeology!)

Mr. & Mrs. Tatham R. Eskrigge - all the way from N'Orleans to give us a hand. We recall having trouble with the unusual name when they joined our donor list in 1966. The name does not appear in the huge Manhattan telephone directory, though there are 4 with the single "g", including a La Gusta T. Eskridge. There are 2 in the Birmingham directory, D. L. and Robert F. Eskridge Jr. - perhaps relatives to judge by the rarity of this spelling. Names are fascinating - each with its own "archaeology" way "back to Adam". Some are said to derive from occupation names - as when one periodically took the lame horse to "John the Smith", accounting for numerous Smiths. But we find no word in our unabridged dictionary offering a clue to some such genesis for Eskrigge.

We add these 4 (plus an additional gratuity presented by the Floribunda Garden Club to Madge Hahn) to our November Newsletter file copy, and to our card index - and, like archaeology itself, they are written in the "sermons in stones" unearthed by the trowel. We would suppose that the people who lived in Alabama 9 or 10 thousand years ago are pleased to be remembered, and studied, and join us in thanks.

ATTENTION OF H. W. KRUEGER

RADIOCARBON DATING REEXCAVATED: We have been most gratified with the success of our EDUCATIONAL PAGE supplied by members from all over Alabama. We "excavated" more scholarship than we expected, and a highly desirable variety to relieve our "editorial monotony". Marjorie Ashley's scholarly paper on the problems encountered by radiocarbon dating, in our November issue, most valuably prompts the exciting thought that perhaps now and then we could go still further afield for an EDUCATIONAL PAGE.

GEOCHRON LABORATORIES INC. has done our C-l4 dating. H. W. Krueger, Technical Director, sends us the "now and then" GEOCHRONICLE which up-dates us on radiocarbon dating - very frankly the problems as well as advances. And it is delightfully writ-

ten - one reads with pleasure as well as profit.

We will send Mr. Krueger copies of this and last month's Newsletters, and ask: Sir, how about writing us an EDUCATIONAL PAGE up-dating radiocarbon dating, since Marjorie's excellent sources of information were somewhat dated? This work of Suess we recently read about in THE GEOCHRONICLE, for example. And how about these C-12 and C-13 "ratios" you mention as "should be routinely determined for the most precise ra-

diocarbon dating work"? Lots of folks haven't met up with those yet. And that additional check on accuracy, "dating of collagen in ancient bones", which you now offer. And, of course, the super-purification of C-14 now practiced. Also others?

Frankly, we could make room for considerably more than a page - please! And please include consent for other publications to reprint - we think some will.

A NEW ARCHAEOLOGICAL BILL - SENATE 2893

Dr. Carl H. Chapman, University of Missouri, adds to a letter: "Enclosed is a bill that I helped get introduced that will really help archaeology tremendously. If you would write your senators, would appreciate it." Then we received a copy of the same bill from our old friends, John & Randy Cottier, also now at the University of Missouri, with a letter detailing the sad story of archaeological destruction.

S. 2893 now introduced in the 91st CONGRESS is to amend the Act of June 27, 1960 (74 Stat. 220) relating to the preservation of historical and archaeological data. This former Act was to put a salvage tag on "archaeological data which might otherwise be lost as the result of the construction of a dam" - a pathetically small percentage of the loss (and it reclaimable by posterity). The new Act extends this cov-

erage to what seems reasonably realizable.

Dr. Chapman supplied us with a full list of U.S. Senators, including James B. Allen (one of the Bill's sponsors) and John Sparkman, of Alabama. We think they are willing to become conversant with the problems and potentials of archaeology, and believe a good batch of letters expressing interest in S. 2893 would surprise them and be more effective than average. In fact, we think 500 or so letters from our members might leave them a bit "shook up". And is that not a small thing to do toward improving the outlook for archaeology? Thanks.

MISSISSIPPI ORGANIZES

OH NO, not another "march" or something! Fletcher Jolly III, Muscle Shoals Chapter, sends in a printed announcement which "Cordially Invites YOU to become a member" of the MISSISSIPPI ARCHAEOLCGICAL ASSOCIATION. We are delighted to have another State organization "close to home". They have over 200 members and "are growing", Fletcher says. Richard A. Marshall, Mississippi State University, and Acting State Archaeologist, is active in the Association. Ten NEWSLETTERS a year and a BULLETIN are the present plans. It will be almost as much to our interest as it will be to our sister State to learn what "them Indians" were doing over there, and we hope we can double their membership. Annual dues are \$3.50 for an active member, \$4.50 for a family and \$6.00 supporting. Checks should be payable to Mississippi Archaeological Association and mailed to MSU Drawer C, State College, Miss. 39762. Institutional dues are \$3.00 yearly. (Sam McGahey and John Connaway are also very interested to gather all information on Mississippi fluted points - write them at Department of Archives and History, P O Box 571, Jackson, Miss. 39205.)

MORE DESTRUCTION OF THE PAST?

Some time ago, our geologist State President, Randy Gray, was telling us of the immense geological history of the earth exposed in the new highway cut through Red Mountain in Birmingham - over 400,000 years of fossil life, and attracting geologists from all over America and from foreign countries. Bill Spencer, President of our Research Association, was among those actively interested in the development of this geological exposure for educational and tourist purposes. But then came the highway decision to cover it with a layer of reinforced concrete! But according to a letter in VOICE OF THE PEOPLE from Drs. Bearce and Thomas of Birmingham-Southern College, this tragedy is to be averted thanks to "the combined efforts of the highway engineers, the State's geological profession, and public-minded citizens". (Dick Humbard was telling us about selling some Gardner-Denver drilling equipment apparently for

"bolting down" the steep face of the cut much as mine ceilings are "bolted up" -which sounds eminently practical for saving one of the oldest "outdoor geological museums" in America, said to be surpassed only by the Grand Canyon.) Shall we call it "the Grand Canyon of Alabama"? Thanks to the savers.

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month in Room 213, Reid Chapel, Samford University. Chapter member Joe Watkins Jr. gave a most interesting program at the November meeting on "Galapagos Islands", showing slides of many of the unusual forms of animal life not found anywhere else in the world. 1970 Officers elected are: Mrs. Richard Hahn, President; Joe Watkins Jr., Vice President; Mrs. J. W. Cook, Secretary; Mrs. Richard Adams, Treasurer. Chapter Member Mrs. George Mabry was winner for a week on the "Jeopardy" TV program and plans an African trip on her winnings, including Olduvai Gorge as first destination. There will be no Chapter meeting in December. Next scheduled meeting to be January 8, 1970.

The Pastfinders, Birmingham Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary, met November 13 at the home of Mrs. Charles Hunter, where Randy Gray, State Society president and working geologist, gave a wonderful slide presentation on "The General Geology of the Birmingham Area". The group made an October field trip to Noccalula Falls and a November field trip to Cathedral Caverns. No meeting planned for December.

Choctawhatchee Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at Houston Memorial Library, Dothan. The September program was given by Dave Chase, Montgomery Chapter. Current project of the Chapter is an attempt to get the public's assistance in locating archaeological sites, checking them out, and then catalogued & recorded.

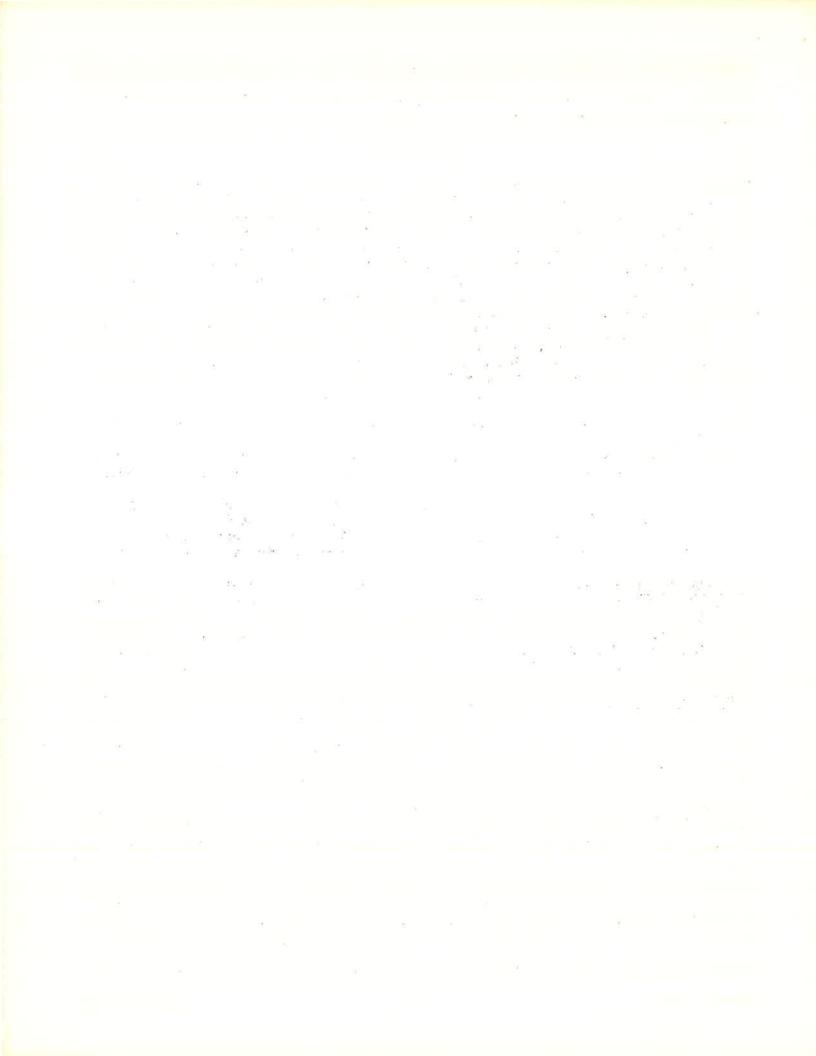
Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at City Hall Auditorium, Cullman. At the November meeting, State Society President Randy Gray gave a color slide illustrated talk on the geological history of North Alabama and its relationship to the mineral industry. Members were to bring in their "rocks".

Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Madison County Court House. Chapter Member Amos J. Wright Jr. spoke on "Mound Builders of the Ohio Valley" at the October meeting, showing slides taken on arecent trip to the mounds and museums of that area after extensive study of Hopewell and Adena cultures. The Chapter is providing a series of slides for educational use in local 6th grade classrooms. The Huntsville Arts Council has accepted the Huntsville Chapter as a member.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Aquadome, Decatur. Cullman Chapter President Don Wilbanks discussed artifacts of the Cullman County area at the November meeting, and films entitled "Prehistoric Man in Northern Europe" and "The Story of Prehistoric Man" were shown. At the December meeting, Carey B. Oakley, Field Supervisor at the State Society summer dig, first session, will speak on that dig as well as excavations at the Citico Site.

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 4th Monday of each month in Room 100, Science Hall, Florence State University. At the October meeting, Mr. Richard A. Marshall, Acting State Archaeologist of Mississippi and Assistant Professor of Anthropology at MSU, discussed the prehistory of Mississippi and the salvaging of sites threatened by land leveling and other agricultural practices such as subsoiling. November meeting is to be held at the Indian Mound Museum, Florence, where Tom Moebes, Morgan-Limestone Chapter, will discuss "Artifact Types Found in the Tennessee River Valley in Northern Alabama", covering in chronological order each culture from Paleo through Mississippian, and their artifacts. There will be no Chapter meeting in December.

Noccalula Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at Etowah County



earlier this year (with the usual controversies!), lends support to the "Early Man" possibilities of Mexico. However, "the skull was apparently unearthed by bulldozer operators...who placed it among heavy boulders where it was later found". It is now

undergoing fluorine tests.

(Relative to the good "archaeology of names" preserved in the original spelling of "van den Berg", Jan van den Bosch originated the Dutch system of treating the natives in the Dutch East Indies. Alfred Russel Wallace praised this system highly, in contrast with his criticism of other national treatments of natives. We recommend his THE MALAY ARCHIPELAGO highly, not only for the great adventure of 8 years spent in these islands over a century ago, and his great work as a naturalist, but also for the valuable ethnological field work, some of it among "stone age" people. This is now available in an excellent paperback for only \$3.00 from Dover Publications Inc., 180 Varick St., New York, N.Y. 10014. It is, of course, one of the great classics which no one should miss.)

SHE or WE at fault? Fletcher Jolly III also sends in a Xerox of a UPI release on a Port Arthur socialite, Mrs. J. W. Clark, who finds "digging Indian relics" more fun than playing cards (as a "former bridge player"). "Her farm pasture now looks as if it was attacked by a herd of oversized moles...I have no idea of selling them. I have given a lot away." But are these tragedies of public ignorance ultimately due to the educational failures of those of us who know better?

SMALL WORLD - if you think archaeologically. Mary Alice King, whom we have known only as a donor, sent a representative cross section of artifacts from New Mexico - from chips to painted pottery. And these included some cubic tools with very interesting resemblances to some of our local cubics - valuable comparison. And in her letter, Mary Alice says she is related to Repr. Phil Smith on her father's side of the family, and to A. J. Powers on her mother's side. How about that!

THE INTERAMERICAN, Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, <u>Dr. Carl B. Compton</u>, <u>Director</u>, is the fine source of the following quotation, which should be of interest: "ARCHAEOLOGY: Books in print. University of Chicago Press. 1969. This most impressive list is available from 11030 Langley Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60628. Both hard cover and paperback are listed. Other specialized lists are in preparation."

1970 STATE SOCIETY DUES: This is just a gentle reminder that the payment date is approaching, and the sooner you mail your dues to our State Secretary (using the proper portion of the inside back cover of your Newsletter) the easier you will make his formidable task at this time of the year, as well as greatly relieve your mind.

EDUCATIONAL PAGE

AIDS TO ARCHAEOLOGY

Archaeological data gathering and site interpretation are not totally confined to artifact typologies. In recent years, it has become increasingly apparent that the archaeologist must utilize supplementary information provided by other scientific disciplines if he is to fully evaluate the archaeological record. It is almost impossible to name a major field which cannot make some contribution to archaeology. A few of the disciplines which make major contributions include: Botany, Palynology, Geology, Mineralogy, Pedalogy, Biology, Zoology, Paleontology, Climatology, Physics and Chemistry. Usually, the archaeologist does not have a comprehensive knowledge of these scientific disciplines, although he must understand the fundamentals in order to recognize pertinent factors during excavation and material analysis. The archaeologist must also be able to aid the specialist in data collection, or collect it himself, and be able to apply the information derived from supplementary studies in site interpretation. Usually, supplementary studies require a considerable amount of work

and are time-consuming, therefore these services have to be paid for. Archaeological funds do not always provide for technical assistance, and frequently these projects are only half completed, or are not attempted at all. It may be that in the ranks of amateur archaeology there are professionals in other fields who can aid the professional archaeologist who finds himself an amateur in other scientific disciplines.

Listed below are a few of the aids to archaeology provided by other scientific disciplines and a few of the problems which face the archaeologist when he is attempting to obtain maximum data from an excavation. A complete listing of archaeological techniques and contributing disciplines is beyond the scope of this paper.

BOTANY: Collection and analysis of botanical remains from archaeological sites can provide information on ecology, subsistence patterns, climatic changes and dendro-chronology, or tree-ring dating (which provides one of the most accurate absolute dating techniques). Recovery of even the smallest floral remains can be achieved in the field by a simple and inexpensive water separation flotation technique. Frequently, the archaeologist must defer the botanical section of a site report due to the inability to secure professional analysis of the materials collected.

PALYNOLOGY: The study of pollen grains and plant spores can shed light on environment, climatic changes, the domestication of plants, and provide a means of obtaining relative chronological dates. The identification, and often the collection, of pollen must be made by a specialist.

GEOLOGY: Geological studies, in many cases, provide the basis for determining the manner in which an archaeological site came into being. Horizontal and vertical stratigraphy, the basis for most relative dating techniques, has its basis in geology, viz.: the oldest deposit is the one that was laid down first and is at the bottom of the site. Many archaeological-geological problems are highly complex and require the attention of a specialist.

BIOLOGY & ZOOLOGY: These 2 disciplines must be utilized for identification of faunal skeletal material. Faunal analysis can provide information on ecology, climatic change, subsistence, population density and the domestication of animals. While the "rough sorting" of faunal remains can often be carried out by an archaeologist, the final analysis must be left up to a specialist.

PEDOLOGY: The study of soils on archaeological sites can supply information on environment, stratigraphy and features encountered during excavation. Organic materials will not usually be preserved in acid soils, or those with a hydrogen ion value (pH) of 6.3. Soils with a pH of 7.0 are neutral and those above 7.0 are alkaline.

MINERALOGY: Lithic studies can determine the raw materials from which artifacts have been made. Analysis of lithic materials may provide a means of determining preferences and therefore establish a relative chronology, intra and inter site activities, and trade routes.

PHYSICS & CHEMISTRY: The basis for most absolute dating techniques were devised by these disciplines. These 2 fields also provide numerous aids to archaeology, including comparative studies and techniques for artifact preservation.

(Suggested Readings: Brothwell, D.R. & Higgs, E.S., 1963 - SCIENCE IN ARCHAEOLOGY, Thames and Hudson, London.

Heizer, R.F. & Graham, J.A., 1968 - A GUIDE TO FIELD METHODS IN ARCHAEOLOGY, The National Press, Palo Alto, Calif.)

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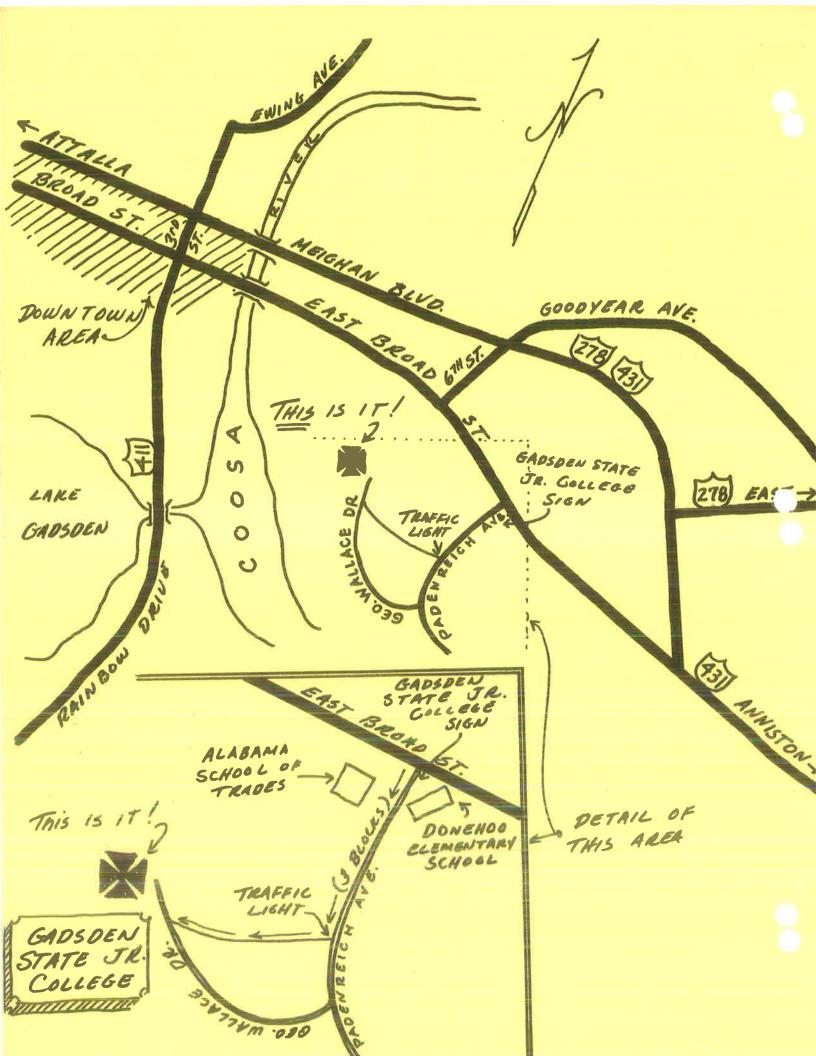
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DECEMBER 6, 1969

GADSDEN STATE JUNIOR COLLEGE Wallace Auditorium

9:00	REGISTRATION, LUNCHEON TICKETS, and DISPLAYS
11:00	BUSINESS MEETING, GSJC Auditorium WELCOME: Bill Ashley, President, Noccalula Chapter Randy Gray, President AAS, Presiding
12:00	LUNCHEON: College Dining Hall, Cafeteria Style
1:30	PROGRAM SESSION WELCOME: 1969 President, Randy Gray, presents gavel to 1970 President, Mrs. J. E. Searcy
	Rick Hill Presiding
	WINSTON COUNTY DIG: Mr. Dale White, Cullman Chapter (tentative) CAVE SPRINGS DIG: Mr. Jack Cambron, Morgan Limestone Chapter HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST TEN YEARS OF AAS: Mr. David DeJarnette
	BREAK: View the Displays Refreshments Courtesy Noccalula Chapter
3:00	NEW DISCOVERIES RELATING TO EARLY MAN IN ARKANSAS Dr. Dan F. Morse
5:15	Closing remarks and adjournment: 1970 President, Mrs. Searcy
	REGISTRATION \$1.00 Adults - Students Free LUNCHEON: \$2.00 Payable when Registering

While in Gadsden please visit the Noccalula Falls Botanical Gardens and the Pioneer Complex.



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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