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1980 WINTER MEETING

Tentative plans are being made for the 1980 Alabama Archaeological Society Winter Meeting, which will be held Saturday, November 22 at the University of North Alabama in Florence. This date has been selected in order to avoid conflicts with the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and other activities of this busy season.

There will be a call for papers in the October newsletter. Amateur and professional archaeologists will be invited to make 15- to 20-minute presentations during the afternoon session. More information on this meeting will appear in next month's Stones & Bones.

Charles Moore
Florence

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter: The Birmingham Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the Red Mountain Museum. Call Tom Hutto for further information at 956-1895.

East Alabama Chapter: The chapter meets on the first Thursday of each month in Thach Auditorium, Auburn University, at 7:30. For information call Dru McGowen at 821-2595.

Huntsville Chapter: The Huntsville Chapter met on Tuesday, August 19 to view a film featuring Dr. Yadin of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. Dr. Yadin spoke on several digs in the Holy Land and their relation to the Bible. The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Arts Council Conference Room, north end of the Von Braun Civic Center, at 7:00.

Muscle Shoals Chapter: The Muscle Shoals Chapter held its August meeting on the 11th at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. A slide program entitled "The Shroud of Turin" was the subject of the program. Plans for the state Winter Meeting, to be held in Florence, were discussed. Chapter members and guests also brought various artifacts which they had been unable to identify for their fellow-members to examine.

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FIGURES 1-5:

1. Square layout early in the morning.
2. Excavated squares later in the morning.
3. New square being started by volunteer workers.
4. Nancy and Jayna Stembridge, and Bobby Dean working a square.
5. Helga Small of Satsuma, Alabama, pointing to an artifact just uncovered.

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FIGURES 6-10:

6. Excavators get ahead of the screening operators by the wheelbarrow loads.
7. Screening operators labor to catch up.
8. Another view of the screening activities.
9. Jim Parker, archaeologist-in-charge, discusses a feature with two visitors.
10. Most prominent feature yet excavated, a Spanish stone oven.



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FIGURES 11-15:

11. Carey Oakley, Madge Hahn, and Caroline Dean discuss the day's activities.
12. Jim Parker, Archaeologist, and Margaret Chase, Program Chairman of AAS, take a break from the 100° temperature.
13. Archaeologists review the "Good Old Days": Carey Oakley, University of Alabama; Reid Stowe, University of South Alabama; and David DeJarnette, Representative to the Alabama Historical Commission for the Alabama Archaeological Society. A fourth person listens also.
14. Lunch Break—Bobby Dean of Opelika; Bart and Bettye Henson and Dorothy Luke, all from Huntsville. (Miss Luke is the President of this Society.)
15. Charles Moore, Florence; Carey Oakley, Tuscaloosa; and Richard Wright, also, from Tuscaloosa.

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INDIANS PROTEST SHOW BASED ON DISPUTED BOOK

Indian leaders who claim the best-selling novel "Hanta Yo" is a hoax have vowed to block a television miniseries based on the book by Ruth Beebe Hill.

"This book is not our history, not our story, and most certainly not our 'Roots'", said JoAllyn Archambault, a graduate student in anthropology at the University of California/Berkeley.

The book supposedly represents Sioux life from the mid-1700s to 1835, and is based on a Mahto Indian document discovered in 1865. Ms. Archambault called the book "insulting". "It is at best a badly written, poorly researched fictional novel", she said.

The book was published in early 1979 by Doubleday and now is being made into an ABC-TV mini-series by David Wolper, who produced "Roots".

(From an article in the Atlanta Constitution; May 7, 1980)

The Editors

MEETING

The Archeological Society of Virginia will hold its annual meeting in Abingdon, Virginia October 3, 4 and 5.

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MASONRY AMONG THE INDIANS

Among the Cherokees, Choctaws, Chickasaws, Creeks, Seminoles, and other Southern Indian tribes, there has existed, from time immemorial, a secret fraternity of sworn friends, having signs, tokens, and words known only to themselves, and confined to the male population. The form of initiation is said to be simple, but their obligations to each other are held to be of the most solemn and binding nature through life. If one of the fraternity is in danger of trouble, this claim for protection or aid of his brethren, is not to be disregarded; and if at any time flight from enemies becomes necessary, he is at liberty to mount the horse of a brother and flee from his prosecutors. The writer has been informed, by many intelligent Indian Freemasons, that there is enough in the ceremonies and obligations of this fraternity to justify the conclusion that it had a genuine Masonic origin, though at what period, it is impossible to determine. An instance is related by Judge Field, of the Cherokee Nation, wherein a party of United States commissioners, sent to treat with the Seminoles in Florida, early in the present century, when surrounded by enraged savages and about to be put to death, were saved by a half-breed attached to the commission, who gave the mystic sign of the fraternity, which in a moment turned the fury of the savages into the warmest demonstrations of friendship. "The grand halting sign", if not derived originally from genuine Masonry,

answered every purpose in saving the lives of these white men; and who can say that it had not a true Masonic origin? Another peculiar and striking feature in this Indian fraternity is found in the fact that in starting out upon the hunt or war path, the Indians form in groups of three, five and seven, who, on such occasions, adhere to one another, even unto death. These mystic numbers, three, are significant to Masons, and their existence among this Indian fraternity cannot be supposed to be the result of mere accident; for they are traditional numbers, and are adhered to with the most scrupulous fidelity.

(From the Tuscaloosa Times; August 22, 1877)

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PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

ATLAS OF ANCIENT EGYPT, by John Baines and Jaromir Malek, is far more than an ordinary atlas. It is an engrossing and gloriously illustrated description of the civilization of ancient Egypt, providing a survey of its monuments - pyramids, temples and tombs, statues and stelae - the most valuable source for our knowledge of ancient civilization.

Publication date: September 12, 1980; price: \$29.95; size: 8½ x 11; pages: 240.

Facts on File Publications - 119 West 57th Street; New York, N. Y. 10019

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OLD HOUSE REVIVAL

The University of Montevallo and the Live-in-a-Landmark Council of the Alabama Historical Commission are sponsoring an Old House Revival in Selma, Alabama, September 19-21, 1980. The Revival will be comprised of workshops, presentations and tours. The focus of Old House Revival is information - how to deal with the problems peculiar to the older house.

Registration is \$30, which covers a cocktail party Friday evening, Saturday box lunch and Saturday night dinner. For more information contact Division of Continuing Education; University of Montevallo; Station 154; Montevallo, Alabama 35115, or telephone 205/665-2521, extension 362.

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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

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