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NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your State Society's Officers and Directors held a meeting in mid-January to formulate plans and establish realizable goals for our Society in 1973. These include continuation of ongoing activities, plus a couple of innovations which should provide the membership with a visible opportunity to participate in or benefit from the Society's stated objectives.

Operating under our new constitution and by-laws, I have appointed the various committees required, with a view toward more effective utilization of the talents and knowledge of the elected officials as well as the individual Society member.

Specifically, I want to mention 2 goals: (1) Additional publications for the Society, and (2) More participation by the membership in working toward our objectives. In the area of publications, our initial project is to reprint the JOURNALS of the first 10 years of the Society into a single volume. This project is well under way and this book should be available for distribution at the Summer Meeting, at a nominal cost.

Regarding direct participation by the membership in the Society's activities, consider this: The Summer Meeting is being planned around contributed papers. In the past, our speakers have been invited, but this summer any member has an opportunity to make a presentation to the Society and receive the recognition for the work and study that so many deserve. Read about the very simple requirements elsewhere in this Newsletter and plan on honoring yourself and your area by speaking to the State Society at this Summer's Meeting.

A second area where individuals can be of tremendous value is through serving with or assisting with the various committee functions. See the February Newsletter for committee listings. Your attention is invited to the Site Preservation Committee, just for example, which is our largest committee. It is charged with the duty and obligation of noting sites worthy of preservation, preparing minimal information thereon, and through its Chairman notifying the Board of Directors. Some examples of suitable sites are bluff shelters, mounds, petroglyphs, pictographs, quarries and the like. Ordinarily, the "favorite surface collecting site" would not be a candidate for reporting unless it were in danger of being destroyed by man made or natural acts. The Board of Directors will arrange for the proper evaluation of a reported site and enter into the official records the recommendations pertaining thereto, with full recognition to the originator.

By way of discussion, it should be noted that the Society is not undertaking a site cataloging system. It will notify the proper governmental agencies or Institutions and make recommendations regarding the significance of a site to the State's overall archaeological heritage and resources. If you have a candidate site, contact a member of the Preservation Committee, who will accompany you to the site for a preliminary evaluation, and handle any details. You will receive a prompt written acknowledgment from the Society regarding your contribution.

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Also, other committees can use your suggestions and contributions. See the August 1972 Newsletter for a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws which explain committee functions. The Officers and Committee Chairmen for 1973 have dedicated themselves to the prompt acknowledgment of communications concerning Alabama archaeology and the Society's activities.

Through this Newsletter, I will keep you fully informed of the Society's activities and progress.

B. Bart Henson, President for 1973

CALL FOR PAPERS

This is a call for papers from both professionals and amateurs for the Summer Meeting of the State Society at Auburn, Ala. on June 16 and 17, 1973. If you wish to present a paper, submit an abstract of 500 words or less to Mrs. Marjorie Gay, Standing Rock, Ala. 36878 BEFORE April 30th. While the theme is "Planning for the Future of Archaeology in Alabama", any subject may be chosen with a technical aspect of archaeology or the related fields. When submitting the abstract, indicate any equipment needed and also the length of time you desire for presentation. A suggestion is about 15 or 20 minutes with 5 minutes for discussion. If you wish your abstract returned, please so indicate, otherwise none will be sent back. Entries will be acknowledged. Direct any questions or inquiries to Mrs. Marjorie Gay, the Chairman.

All papers will be read by each member of a Board made up of the Program Committee and others chosen by them, who will select those they feel are consistent with the objectives of the Society, are valid, thought-provoking, significant, and will provide a program of interest to the membership.

We are counting on you, the members, to take part in this program for your Summer Meeting. Many have information which not only the State Society should know about, but also is of interest to the whole southeast and even the rest of the world. There is much work to be done in reporting all the archaeological investigations taking place in our State. We told you last month to be thinking about this, so now get to work and finish up the last details of your presentation and get the abstract in by April 30th! The Program Committee is comprised of:

Mrs. Marjorie Gay, Chairman, Standing Rock, Ala. 36878

Mr. Howard King, Route 12 Box 344, Cullman, Ala. 35055

Dr. Albert Trowse Jr., 275 Oak St., Auburn, Ala. 36830

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

My archaeological collection of nearly 100,000 pieces is now housed in a laboratory financed and constructed by Thomas F. Moebs Sr. (Route 2 Box 158, Decatur, Ala. 35601) to house the collection. The lab is near Tom's home and will provide room to study the collection. Students of archaeology with a valid problem may get permission from either Ralph H. Allen Jr. (1851 Robinson Hill Road, Montgomery, Ala. 36106) or myself to study the collection. Once permission is granted, either Tom Moebs, Ralph Allen or myself will open the door to you and you may use the lab as long as there is a need to do so. This collection will be available, for at least 8 more years, to archaeologists and serious students of archaeology. It is our hope that this offer will further the usefulness of this collection and help solve some archaeological problems.

The collection contains material from excavations such as Flint Creek Rock Shelter, the Quad Site and Camp Creek, as well as material in surface collections from nearly 400 other sites in Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky and North Carolina. All artifacts are marked with Site and Piece Numbers.

James W. (Jack) Cambren
211 - 7th Ave. N.W.
Decatur, Ala. 35601

ARCHAEOLOGICAL BILL

In the 92nd Congress, this bill passed the Senate as S.1245, but as bill H.R.6257, never got through the House. In the 93rd Congress, Senator Moss has reintroduced his bill as S.514 and it has been referred to the Senate Interior Committee. Representative Charles Bennett reintroduced his bill in the House under these numbers: H.R.3582, 3583, 3584, 3585 and 3586.

Letters to our Alabama Senators will help it through the Senate and to your Representative might get action this year before adjournment. They are:

Sen. James B. Allen, 6313 New Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510
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Repr. William Nichols, 1037 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

FORT MIMS EXCAVATION TO BEGIN MARCH 17, 1973

The University of South Alabama has received a grant of \$12,000.00 from the Alabama Historical Commission to conduct archaeological investigations at Fort Mims in northern Baldwin County. Mr. Noel R. Stowe, archaeologist at the University of South Alabama, will direct the project and Mr. Rod Gillespie will be Field Supervisor.

In 1797, Samuel Mims built a small settlement on an Indian trail that crossed the Alabama River north of Mobile. In 1805, the U.S. Government began construction of the Federal Military Road connecting Mims Ferry on the Alabama and Ocmulgee in Georgia. During the early 1800's, Mims constructed a stockade around his home and approximately 15 other buildings. On July 27, 1813, the Battle of Burnt Corn between the Creek Indians and white settlers led by Col. James Caller was fought approximately 50 miles north of the Mims settlement. This battle ended in a defeat for the Americans and many of the settlers in the area sought refuge in the stockade at the Mims settlement. On August 30, 1813, Fort Mims was attacked and burned by approximately 1,000 Creek Indians led by William Weatherford and Peter McQueen. During the battle approximately 500 settlers were killed. The dead were buried in an unmarked grave somewhere near the Fort by soldiers from neighboring settlements. The Fort Mims massacre and the rallying point "Remember Fort Mims" played a major role in opening the interior of Alabama for development.

In the last 60 years there has been a considerable interest shown in Fort Mims by historians and historical societies. In 1912, a historical marker was placed near the site; however, the exact location of the fort was not discovered until 1954 when the Alabama Department of Conservation conducted test excavations in the area. In January 1955, Mrs. Georgia D. Till deeded to the State of Alabama the 5 acres which includes the site of Fort Mims, with the proviso that it be developed for use as a historical park. Exploratory excavations were conducted in 1964 inside the Fort by the Alabama Department of Conservation to locate Mims' house and the fort stockade. Portions of the stockade, several of the interior structures and 2 of the wells were excavated during this period. In 1971, the site of Fort Mims was transferred to the Alabama Historical Commission.

The main objective of this project is the location and excavation of the stockade and interior structures at Fort Mims. An attempt will be made to locate structures adjacent to the fort and the mass burial made after the massacre of August 30, 1813. The excavation will consist of the removal of the fort deposit in 8-foot by 8-foot squares following the grid system established by the Alabama Department of Conservation in 1964. During excavation, all features will be plotted on a master

plan of the site and structural interpretations will be made.

All materials of archaeological significance will be recovered and preserved. Laboratory work and the descriptive study and analysis of materials recovered is to run concurrently with the excavation program.

The conclusion of the investigations will be the compilation of a written documented report of the findings. This report should contribute to the overall knowledge concerning the early history of Alabama.

(Noel R. Stowe, University of South Alabama)

IMMINENT MEETINGS

25TH ANNIVERSARY MEETING OF THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY: The Annual Meeting will be held on March 17 & 18, 1973 at the Government House in St. Augustine, Fla. The program will be arranged into sessions on prehistoric archaeology, historic archaeology and cultural anthropology. A banquet is scheduled for the 17th and a special program on the morning of the 18th. Dr. John W. Griffin is in charge of the meeting. Many of our members will remember him while he was at Macon, Ga., and as a speaker at our Winter Meeting in Huntsville several years ago. He would appreciate your notifying him if you plan to attend or need more information about the meeting. His address is P O Box 1987, St. Augustine, Fla. 32084.

THE ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE will hold its 50th Annual Meeting on April 5th to 7th 1973 at the University of Alabama at Huntsville. Since this is also the 40th year for the Junior Academy, which meets concurrently, special plans are being made to commemorate the occasion. C. Earle Smith, Department of Biology, University of Alabama, University, Ala. 35486, is Vice-President of Section XI, Anthropology. Two of the 24 new members reported for the Academy during 1972, affiliated with this section.
(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

YOUR ATTENDANCE AT CHAPTER MEETINGS

If you are one of the more fortunate members of our State Society who live in or near the location of a Chapter, you should make every effort to be on hand for all Chapter meetings. Unquestionably, local Chapters are the backbone of our State Society, and unless they are healthy, functioning organizations, the State Society will not continue to grow and prosper, nor properly serve the membership.

Your Chapter Officers work hard to maintain your interest, have programs for your monthly meetings that will prove entertaining and beneficial, and otherwise build up the Chapter membership. Without full cooperation of each Chapter member, their efforts are not properly rewarded, nor do you reap the full benefit of your membership if you fail to associate monthly with fellow amateur archaeologists.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHAPTER!

HAVE ANY OLD HAIR?

"Samples of old hair from lockets, hair wreaths, Bibles and similar repositories are needed for a University of Michigan study attempting to gauge the human intake of lead and other potentially harmful chemicals over the years. Naturally, data as to the person and date would have to be available for the study to mean anything. Only a small sample of hair is needed, and the experts at the University can take care of safely opening any sealed container. If you can help in this, write to Dr. Adon A. Gordus, Chemistry Dept., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104. Describe your specimen and Dr. Gordus will direct you from there. Your specimen will be returned to you safely".
(From Virginia Newsletter)

REMEMBER: Reading a book about field methods in archaeology does not qualify you to dig a site. Excavation must first be done only under professional supervision! (Ibid)

AVAILABLE NEWSLETTERS

If one of your aims as a member of our State Society is to maintain as complete as possible a set of STONES & BONES Newsletters, here is the opportunity for you to fill out your files from our extra copy storage. You will note that not all monthly issues, and some years; are not available; but, hopefully, the issues you are missing are among those listed below: Fewer than 5 copies of those monthly issues marked with an asterisk (*) are on hand, and some of these represent a single copy; thus, these will have to be supplied on a first-come-first-served basis:

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WERE ANIMALS DOMESTICATED IN SOUTHEAST EUROPE AS EARLY AS 7,000 B.C.?

From recent studies, it is reported that this area of Europe was nearly as early a center of domestication as the Near East has been considered to be. "Earliest Radio Carbon Dates for Domesticated Animals" by Reiner Protsch and Rainer Berger (SCIENCE, Jan. 19, 1973) is the report of a comparative study of material recovered from 19 archaeological sites in 6 geographical areas of southeastern Europe and the Near East, 35 samples being tested. The main purpose of this paper is to describe their selection of bones for dating, the techniques used, possible contamination of samples and the resulting dates. Tree-ring calibrated radio carbon dates, made directly from the bones, instead of associated charcoal are the most reliable and are used as much as possible, with the exception of pig and dog bones being noted. Improvements in methods of dating the collagen or organic portions of bones made this possible.

The site of Asiab in the Near East yields the earliest dates for domesticated goat, about 8,000 B.C. In a preceramic Neolithic layer at the site of Agissa Magula, Greece, a date of about 7,000 B.C. was obtained for the goat and also sheep, cattle, pig and dog. It appears cattle and pigs were first domesticated in Europe. Sheep and goats first in the Near East or Turkey. Dogs at both places about the same time. Domesticated horses have a suggested range from 2,000 to 4,000 B.C., but there is some doubt as to whether all samples were from domesticated animals. This seems to be one of the most important questions: were the bones used to obtain dates from domesticated animals? The authors point out several times, there could be a differ-

ence of opinion or "Animal presumed to be, but not certainly, domesticated". So many factors are to be taken into account when attempting to establish domestication and dates. The apparent changes brought on by domestication in bone structure, morphological as well as size, would take place over a period of hundreds, even thousands of years. To further complicate this process, the breeding of domestic stock with wild animals must have still occurred through introduction of new stock and from contact while grazing.

This report is based on a rather small sampling, especially when it is noted that not all of the 19 sites contained bones of domesticated animals. The following quotation from the report should be kept in mind when evaluating the information presented: "The dates we present give some idea of the distribution of earliest domesticated animals. It is emphasized, however, that the data are not complete and simply provide a good indication of possible nuclear areas of domestication. An exact picture can only be presented after all of the Neolithic sites in Europe and the Near East, as well as in other nuclear areas, and the bone material of domesticated animals found there have been dated." (Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

SOME ORIENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Kyohe Nose, a Japanese friend of Secretary Rodger Schaefer, writes him from Tokyo: "In the Orient, there were 2 outstanding archaeological discoveries last year. One was the discovery of a 2,100 year old tomb in China. The body of a lady of the ancient high society with her dress was found in a very good condition, preserved in vermillion liquid in the coffin of the tomb. It was reported that the skin was still elastic when pushed. Such good preservation was achieved by layers of charcoals covering the tomb chamber. Many artistic accessories and tools were also found at the same time.

The other was the discovery in Japan of 1,300 year old wall paintings from one of the tumuli. The inside of the chamber was already empty but the paintings were rather well preserved. There are remaining thousands of tumuli in Japan. All of the important and big tumuli are the graves of Emperor's ancestors and are not allowed to access even to archaeologists. Therefore, such discovery is quite significant (the tumulus discovered was not Emperor's). Much influence was recognized in the pictures from the Korean culture. Anyway, it is quite interesting to see some aspects of the way of the people lived in the ancient time. After the discovery, there were much discussions whether or not the Emperor's tumuli should be open to the archaeologists. But, such will not be done soon."

NEW PUBLICATION

Jesse Burt and Robert B. Ferguson have recently released INDIANS OF THE SOUTHEAST: THEN AND NOW through the offices of the Abingdon Press, Nashville, Tenn. This book, which sells for \$7.95, contains drawings by David S. Wilson of Auburn University, as well as reproductions of drawings by George Catlin and famous Indian artists. It contains 304 pages and is a gentle blend of the professional technical terminology and the history/novel vocabulary and gives a good account of the Indians from their crossing of the Bering Strait to their present lives in the northwest and Canada. Included are sections on the games played by the Indians of the southeast, their religious practices, recipes for typical Indian dishes and folksongs the early Indians used during their ceremonies. Generally, it is a very worthwhile publication on the Indians of the southeast and provides good insight into the Indians of Alabama, their lives and customs. Residents of the southern area of the State will particularly enjoy sections on the early Indian settlements in this area of Alabama.

CHEMISTRY AND EVOLUTION

In attempts to trace the evolution of modern man back into the mysterious depths of

time, paleontologists have dealt mainly with fossil bones and referred often to such Primate family names as Lemuridae, Cebidae and Hylobatidae. We haven't seen much yet, though, about an interesting name: Cytochrome-C. This is a protein molecule, and research done at the California Institute of Technology indicates that microscopic comparisons of these molecules give astonishing information about evolution. An evolutionary tree can now be drawn with Cytochrome-C molecular structure of different animals; the closer alike the molecules are in their amino acid make-up, the closer their evolutionary convergence is. Another interesting role being played by amino acids is described by Steve B. Wimberly's October 1972 Newsletter item: "A New Clock". As such research continues, along with such things as occipital condyles, sagittal crests, mastoid processes and such, we may begin hearing more about amino acids, molecules and such. Also, there may eventually be some evolutionary tree pruning.

(William H. Wesley, Huntsville Chapter)

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL FUND DRIVE

This year's drive having gotten well under way last month, we are pleased to report a bit of gathering momentum in donations in spite of not being able to announce a definite project for 1973. Something along this line may be forthcoming in the near future, however. Donors during February are:

Mrs. John O. Burns, Birmingham, who made her EIGHTH contribution since 1965, and thus becomes one of our appreciated "regulars".

Dr. John E. Wood, Haleyville, appears to be striving for the designation of "highest numerical contributor", registering his FOURTEENTH over 8 years.

Lively-Long-Josselyn Pebble Tool Papers make their SECOND contribution this year to the Dan Josselyn Memorial Fund, from sales of these papers.

Eugene W. Stewart Jr., Belle Mina, increases to THREE his number of contributions over consecutive years, and his faithfulness is much appreciated.

If you feel inclined to make a tax-deductible donation to our fund, simply draw your check to the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., and mail it with the bottom portion of the inside back cover of this Newsletter to Mr. Wm. M. Spencer, 2000 First National-Southern Natural Bldg., Birmingham, Ala. 35203, and your remittance will be acknowledged in the next issue of the Newsletter. Thanks!

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month in Room 213, Chapman Hall, Samford University. The speaker at the March meeting will be Chapter Member Ms. Elisabeth K. McNair, a teacher at Brooke Hill School. Her subject will be "Classical Archaeology".

The Pastfinders, Birmingham Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary, meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month in members' homes. At the March meeting, to be held in the home of Mrs. Charles Hunter, Mrs. Harry B. Brock will discuss "Covered Bridges of Ala."

Choccolocco Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Regar Museum, Anniston. Mr. Jack Cambron, Decatur Chapter, will speak at the Feb. meeting.

Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at Cullman City Hall. Mr. John A. Walthall, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, will speak on "The Copena Culture" at the February meeting, also showing slides.

Huntsville Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Twickenham Hotel Building. At the February meeting, Mr. Carey B. Oakley, University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, will speak on "Archaeology of Little Bear Creek".

(Editor's Note to Chapter Secretaries: Especially for the benefit of other Chapters' Program Chairmen, we like to give publicity to your programs showing their availa-

bility. If you are not receiving report forms each month, let us know so that we can arrange to have them mailed to you. Your cooperation will be appreciated by all!

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING FEBRUARY: (Another encouraging listing!)

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BAD ADDRESS: Dale Hardin, formerly P O Box 4569, University, Ala.

YOUR 1973 DUES: In spite of the reminder mailed in January, a considerable number of our members have not yet renewed for 1973, Secretary Schaefer reports with great disappointment. If you have delayed taking care of this important obligation, use the coupon on the inside back cover of this or a previous issue of the Newsletter and continue your membership. Under our Constitution, dues must be paid by March 31 to avoid delinquency, and we are sure you do not want to miss our publications.

ESAF PUBLICATION: Included with this issue is an announcement of a new periodical to be published by the Eastern States Archeological Federation, of which your State Society is a member. It is entitled "Archaeology of Eastern North America", and Vol. 1, No. 1 is to be available this Fall. Your membership in our State Society entitles you to a special pre-publication price of \$2.00 if you order before July 1, 1973, and an order blank is included. This promises to be a very worthwhile addition to your archaeological library, and you should take advantage of the offer.

Mrs. Elsie MacCord: We regret very much to learn of the death of the wife of one of our members, Howard A. MacCord. Our Alabama Society offers deepest sympathy. Howard is past president of the ESAF, State Archaeologist of Virginia and active in their State Society, being Treasurer and in charge of all the field work.

Joe Benthall, whom many will remember as a student on several of our north Alabama summer digs, and who has been doing Urban Renewal Archaeology at Hampton, Va., is moving to Tennessee to work under Mack Pritchard, Tennessee State Archaeologist.

Richard Polhemus, brother of James Polhemus, who is an active State Society member in the Birmingham area, is leaving the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology at Columbia, S.C., to return to the University of Tennessee for further studies.

John & Randy Cottier report: "We have received our grant for work in southeast Missouri again this summer, and we will be in the field for at least 2 months."

YOUR 1973 DUES! ARE THEY PAID? IF NOT, NOW ABOUT DOING SOMETHING - AND DO IT TODAY

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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