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### FINAL PROGRESS REPORT - 1967 SUMMER DIG

University of Alabama Site Fr 311 is located on a low sandy knoll near the junction of Lost and Cedar Creeks in the Belgreen area 15 miles west of Russellville, Ala. Excavation of this site began on July 20, 1967, with a crew of 8 students from the University of Alabama.

A 50' trench 10' wide, composed of 5' squares, was excavated in arbitrary 4" levels across the center of the knoll. A deep test pit was excavated near the west end of the trench to determine the geological stratification and to ascertain if any of the lower levels contained early cultural material. Also, a 20' by 20' test excavation was dug near the eastern end of the knoll to determine if a natural cultural stratigraphy might be established in this portion of the site.

In the 50' by 10' trench, a mixture of material from transitional Paleo-Indian to the Woodland period was encountered in Zone A (the plowed level). Arbitrary levels 3 to 6 contained a large number of transitional Paleo-Indian type projectile points (Big Sandy I, Colbert Dalton and Greenbrier Dalton), uniface and bifaced flaked chert tools, Lively Complex "pebble tools" and early Archaic projectile point types. Feature No. 1, a large pit, was encountered in the 50' trench at the junction of Levels 4 and 5. This pit appears to belong to the early Archaic period as a number of projectile points encountered in this feature are associated with this period. Feature No. 2, a large oblong pit, contained a greenstone spade and a galena ball belonging to the Copena, or Burial Mound II, period. This was undoubtedly a burial pit and was intrusive into the lower levels. Feature No. 5 consisted of sandstone chunks which covered a large area at the western end of the site. Feature No. 11 was a pit containing fire-cracked sandstone and projectile point types belonging to the early Archaic and transitional Paleo-Indian periods. The mixing of artifacts from different periods in these pits can be accounted for in that later cultural groups occupying the site dug their pits into earlier occupational levels and when these pits were filled, the material became mixed.

Site Fr 311 appears to have been occupied intermittently from transitional Paleo-Indian until the Middle Woodland period. A complete typological and statistical analysis of the cultural material from this site will have to be postponed until a complete laboratory investigation can be made. Although the dig officially ended August 16, several crew members will continue working, except weekends, until August 28.

N. Read Stowe, Field Supervisor

### DR. DON W. DRAGOO VISITS ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY

For the 3rd time, we greatly enjoyed a visit by Dr. Dragoo, and Mrs. Dragoo and Steve, age 7, this time - a delightful family. As A. B. Hooper III expresses it in a 3-page

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letter on the occasion: "It was a real treat to be with Dr. Dragoo". The Hoopers entertained and shared the Dragoos with Dr. A. G. Long Jr. and Ed C. Mahan. But "the show" consisted of such things as "2 egg crates of artifacts...most all the point types...14 boxes of classified pebble tools...about 10 pounds of P-1 points". And we were glad to hear that Doc Long showed his work on burins (which may (?) get born to publication some day!).

The Dragoos then drove down to Birmingham and visited with Steve Wimberly, Randy Gray and Dan Josselyn, and were interviewed for WATV by Horace Pumphrey and Bea McCutcheon. Several of the "new horizons" we are beginning to recognize in archaeology were eagerly investigated - such as microscopic examination of the microliths Alice Burns is finding. The "big" job was reviewing hundreds of pounds of pebble tools which had come in since Dr. Dragoo's last visit, with emphasis on the wide variety of materials used in different localities. Some of these materials, particularly the lithic tools William H. Wesley has sent down from north Alabama and Tennessee, resembled materials used on Dr. Dragoo's Tennessee site. Dr. Dragoo remarked over and over on the technological and typological identity of these large, simple, strange lithic tools wherever he sees them. And we liked his expressive summation: "We aren't crazy - we have SOMETHING!" And he is one of the few who is as eager to work out the "what" of these somethings as we are. His own discovery of pebble tools as early as 1956, his eager and open mind, his standing as Curator of the Section of Man, Carnegie Museum, and the wide range of his activities, would seem to make Dr. Dragoo the best assurance of a "future for pebble tools".

It is certainly a pleasure to cooperate with Dr. Dragoo in any way we can, archaeologically speaking. And A.B. expressed the personal pleasure in his letter: "Never before had I been able to talk so much with a fine professional - who did not appear at all hard to talk with." And, liking Dr. Don as we do, we were most pleased to find Mrs. Dragoo to be a very dear person.

#### 1967 FUND DRIVE BY POPULAR REQUEST

"Yiminy, what a yump!" - attributed to the traditional Swede who leaped wildly from the dock to the departing steamboat, knocked himself out momentarily, and when he revived saw the shore a mile away. We are approaching that time of year when we echo his sentiments - as we look back over the hairbreadth events of fund-raising. And again we release that suspensefully held breath as it begins to look as if we might again make the long yump, thanks to a lot of good folks plus some good luck, as follows:

THE NOCCALULA CHAPTER - yumpin' Yupiter - after sending in the record Chapter donation last month, sends another fine check on the same account! And Mrs. Richard E. Battles, Treasurer, writes: "Wish you could have seen the 'Time Tunnel' show. It was fun, the work, the fellowship, under the capable direction of Dr. Lindsey." They remind us:

"And what have I done today beside  
The daily chores - to feed my pride?"

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Stonecypher join us with the FIFTEENTH NEW donation this year - a surprising growth for our eighth year of operation! And Tom Cornell, sending their check, says of these new members (April issue joiners): "I enclose a check from one of our fine new families".

Tom Cornell also enclosed his SECOND 1967 donation - a surprising year for second donations also. And Tom seems a bit surprised over how eternally busy the retired life has proven to be. Ah, Tom, that is when we begin to live, and live it up - a glorious business. But we are most happy over the fine job you are doing as our State President, despite the "overtime" of retirement.

Mr. & Mrs. Steve B. Wimberly, our Steve and Christine, CHARTER donors in many ways, are of course with us again. Steve was the first professional mentor, and friend, and



profound and lasting influence many of us in Alabama had the good fortune to know. That began way back in the days when archaeology was little more than ceramics, and our vast antiquity little explored and much contested. Yet Steve's precepts were never such as to impose the limitations of the past upon the prospects of the future, and his "students without classroom" have been progressive influences themselves. Steve tested and certified the Stanfield-Worley shelter, which began the "meteoric career" of our Society. And when most of the archaeological world was skeptical about "pebble tools in Alabama", Steve made the first professional collection and certified them as strange and unreported lithic tools meriting vigorous investigation. Without this broad and patient professional influence, beginning back in the "collector" days, Alabama archaeology would not be where it is today - by a long shot.

James B. Whitehead, of Mentone, who has been with us steadily ever since 1964, "gave us a raise" last year, and again with this fourth donation. Furthermore, a pleasant note says: "hope I can come through again late in the year". The giver with the gift - that is the nice aspect of a fund drive for scientific matters which depend upon educated interest for support.

Carolyn Ann Carr, the young lady who wrote us several years ago (March 1964 issue) as "a lonesome anthropology student" rereading our publications, and struggling to save 2 more dollars out of a college allowance so she could become a Sustaining member, achieved that goal. And now she manages a DONATION, our SIXTEENTH new one this year! We bet Goucher College is as proud of Carolyn as we are.

Arthur and Kate Dunning send their SECOND 1967 check! And this, mind you, is in addition to their donation again this year of the remarkable rock and mineral sets to sell for the fund - which you have to see to appreciate the work and geological knowledge which went into their preparation. As for instance, Arthur writes that this year "So far we have been to the Michigan copper country and points between, and to Pa. (birthplace), N.J. and N.Y. as far as North River Garnet Mine...going to try for the west coast" - on the trail of rocks!

Mr. & Mrs. Bill E. Calaway, Glade Valley, N.C., by the same mail furnished an example of the wide interest these rock and mineral sets are attracting, ordering all 3. Besides which, they sent another check, adding to their donation - the SEVENTEENTH, and FIFTEENTH OUT-OF-STATE, new donors this year! Maybe Arthur & Kate can look them up on their next trip to petrologically interesting N.C. (P O Box 486, ZIP 28627).

THE PASTFINDERS, pioneering Ladies' Auxiliary of the Birmingham Chapter, become our EIGHTEENTH new donors for 1967. We are very interested in the possibilities of this inspiration and innovation Madge Hahn came up with - "never underestimate the power of a woman"! We hear that they are having GOOD programs, GOOD field trips, GOOD indoctrination and they are beginning to publish - the final fun which lends scientific value to all the rest. If we get any more "crusades" going, we expect them to play an important part!

ANNUAL ANONYMOUS (August issue) sends a SECOND donation for 1967 - this CHARTER donor has now donated TEN times in the 8 years of drives!

ANONYMOUS INDUSTRIAL DONOR, donating for the FOURTH consecutive year, DOUBLES the ante this year, joining the other "raisers" which we appreciate so much!

HOLMES & GEER, Architect-Engineer, Mobile, send their SIXTH donation, lending emphasis to the great value of INDUSTRIAL donors. We now have a healthy number of industrial donors in Alabama, and even one in Atlanta (Keel & Co.), who include us in their annual tax-deductible benevolences. Over the years, these donors have contributed over \$4,000. It is plain that we could not have succeeded without them - and they may be assured our gratitude is in proportion.

Joe & Margaret Searcy Jr., of our Tuscaloosa Chapter, which is relatively new, send



their FOURTH donation. Since pebble tools, and interesting microlithic pebble tools, are now being reported down that way, we hope exploration has been stimulated. Deep alluvial deposits offer one of the best chances for good stratigraphy, and somewhere in a stream bank, gravel pit, etc., what we are looking for might show. Important new discoveries depend upon a tremendous amount of exploration - one of the most neglected aspects of archaeology.

Mr. & Mrs. James D. Byrd are with us again for their FOURTH consecutive year. And Jim, President of the Huntsville Chapter, writes: "We are having a good year. All of our officers are functioning well. This has resulted in a good membership, good programs and good attendance" - to which we add VERY GOOD SUPPORT (11 donations to our dig fund this year!). And; "Read Stowe spoke at our last meeting...he is a fine addition to our State archaeological effort." We wish that all of our Chapters were radiating this healthy vigor!

Dan Josselyn, "Old Reliable", closes out this month of gratifying interest with his monthly promise "to archaeology", as he says.

WE'D LIKE TO CLOSE OUR BOOKS NEXT MONTH and give the help a deserved rest, so if you have put it off, but ARE interested in doing something intelligent about Alabama's amazing, neglected, unfunded and rapidly disappearing archaeology, please write that check soon. Gracias!

#### ARKANSAS STRETCHES ITS WINGS

"Keep these names in mind, 'cause we're going to set the archaeological world on fire!" - the Parthian shot, Oriental bow and all, of the July AAS Newsletter, after introducing the fine staff they have assembled to activate their brand new STATE SUPPORTED Archaeological Survey. And with what mouth-watering envy we specially noted the advice to amateurs regarding each regional professional. "...introduce him to the archaeology of the immediate area. He is there to help you and he will need your help." What, oh what, could WE do with a set-up like that? (And the Arkansas Society is already off to a fine start: "...members recording sites like crazy...the Museum amassing a good collection of surface material".) And an editor, photographer and secretary - TO GET ARCHAEOLOGY INTO PRINT - the only place it means anything!

As you will have gathered from his "PUBLIC FUNDS FOR ARCHAEOLOGY" in our July issue, Fred Ingate, Mauvilla Chapter, is "thinking big" along similar lines. He provoked us to a second reading of the editorial in ARCHAEOLOGY, June issue, praising the Arkansas achievement and including "...let us add a hope that other states will follow the example". Well, why not? It seems that the main reason why archaeology gets no public support is that our legislators "never heard about this here now archy-ologie". Arkansas has shown what an educational effort on the part of ALL INTERESTED PARTIES can accomplish. Fred Ingate has already noted possibilities in talking with "Mrs. Clara Collins, one of our local legislators...an able and keenly intelligent person". And he plans to assemble a discussion group - which would make a fine program for all Chapters, reading aloud and discussing the April Arkansas Newsletter which briefs both their effort and program plans. Dr. Charles R. McGimsey writes us that it is available on request - University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark. 72707. Now that the trail is so ably blazed, why should Alabama not also do archaeology the big way, the right way, the sensible and rewarding way? To help bring this about would be a thousand times what we could ever do alone. And, too, think what professional leadership and cooperation all over the state would do for our Society! We hear our Chapters complaining, and withering, that we do not have such assistance. Let's GET STARTED!

#### NEWSLETTER COMPLAINTS, SUGGESTIONS & STATE NEWS

A. B. Hooper III wrote commending, and seconding, Jack Cambron's plea of last month for more member participation in the Newsletter - and we add our amen. A.B. would also like to have an illustrated Newsletter. That would be wonderful, but we have no



facilities. If anyone does, and could furnish us with an illustrated sheet each month, we could supply a lot of photographs and drawings which should be published. As it happens, our members have been unusually newsy this month.....William M. Spencer, visiting Washington, D.C., took along a box of pebble tools. Dr. Matthew Stirling had to be absent in N.Y., but opened the door at the National Geographic where Mr. Spencer found Mr. Andrew H. Brown, Assistant Editor, "most cordial, and we had a very pleasant and interesting conversation regarding pebble tools in Alabama".....Dave DeJarnette sent us the Harvard publication on the archaeological sites in Puebla Valley, Mexico, the latest candidates for "over 40,000 years old", about which Cynthia Irwin-Williams is so excited. The area is rich in remains of extinct vertebrate species, and "Artifacts of the older period...lack bifacial tools" (as do our pebble tool assemblages). Dr. Carl Compton informs us that the criticism has been raised that the artifacts are "too sophisticated", but the same type of industry is far older than 40,000 years in the Old World.....A. B. Hooper III sent down some small "stemmed points", flakes heavily ground to shape, with squared, blunt edges and blunt tips, and considerable facial grinding. Apparently they lack utility as projectile points. Maybe Junior got into pop's workshop? Well, you name it, and report it - we continue to see unreported artifacts!.....Dave Chase writes that one of Harold A. Huscher's University of Georgia excavations on the Chattahoochee "is prehistoric and features a mound - Mississippian. The curious thing there is a terminal occupancy by people who made pottery almost identical with that associated with our Central Alabama Urn Burial Complex. This seems to be post-mound. Pottery in the mound fill is the sand tempered variant of Moundville Incised. This tradition extends southward through Stewart County, Georgia, to Kolomoki and then grades westward into a shell tempered type which is the form known in the literature.".....Horace Holland is off on a European safari. He doubtless will visit the archaeological centers, and we hope took along a case of Alabama artifacts to "blind their eyes" over there.....Dr. A. G. Long Jr. writes: "Speaking of Taxonomy, too often we tend to 'squeeze' things into certain categories...we have many fluted types that tend to grade into each other. Someday it may be possible by excavations to stratigraphically place these fluted types, then we may be able to establish such things as Clovis I, II, III, IV, etc." Praise the day!.....You saw, of course, Jim Spotswood's excellent color photos and article featured in the BIRMINGHAM NEWS of August 6. You may have missed the article and four photos by Douglas Davis in the FRANKLIN COUNTY TIMES of June 29. The publicity which the Press is so kind to give us must contribute to public understanding of archaeology.....At the request of State Secretary Rodger Schaefer, Dr. William Ross McQueen, Superintendent of Education, Elmore County, sent us a fine booklet on their "MUSEUM OF INDIAN LORE" housed in a large trailer, 12' by 54'. Dr. McQueen writes us that this "better way of teaching history", Mrs. Janette Chalker, curator, goes "to each school in Elmore County...We have had unusually good reception in all the schools." Well, we would think so! They plan continued improvements, and we are sure that members of our Montgomery Chapter will keep on lending a helping hand.....Margaret Clayton, visiting a Georgia site where Dr. Kelly has not found a biface in 40 years of looking, writes: "Have you ever sat down under a willow tree and picked up hand-axes by the ton?" She wants someone who may be visiting in the Athens (Ga.) vicinity to pick up a load for Birmingham study - please note. The so-called hand-axe, in several classic styles, is one of the new tools showing up abundantly in several areas - and which MUST be studied and reported.....William H. Wesley, Huntsville Chapter, has sent a paper on Tennessee large, crude lithic tools to Dr. Alfred Guthe, editor of the TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST - which does not seem as "overfed" as our Journal, and of course concerns overlapping archaeology. (\$3.00 annually, University of Tennessee, Knoxville.)

#### CHAPTER NEWS

Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Long Building in Guntersville. At the August meeting, Ed Mahan spoke on the Lewisville site in Texas, with color slides illustrating projectile points and tools from the ancient site.



Mauvilla Chapter will hold its first Fall meeting at the Mobile Public Library "some-time in September" and is hoping for better attendance throughout the winter.

Montgomery Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. "Cultural Associations with Alabama Pottery Types" was the subject of Dave Chase's August discussions on pottery classification, the third in a series proving of great interest to Chapter members. A considerable amount of work has been done on the current project, Au 28, apparently an Early Woodland community, which site Harold Husher, University of Georgia, was to visit on August 7th.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Decatur City Hall. At the August meeting, Sam A. Mosley spoke on "Nebo Hill Site" giving an interesting glimpse of a small, secluded Paleo site which was thoroughly surface collected, scientifically discussed and published on in our Journal during 1959. Spencer A. Waters will address the September meeting on "Ittllokmah (Battle of Indian Tomb Hollow)" having located an 1856 manuscript concerning a Chickasaw-Creek war, the author basing his tale on discussions with battle participants.

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3, Florence State College. Two films from the University of Texas were shown at the July meeting; one on Woodland Culture showing a site in Pennsylvania and another in North Carolina; and the other on Plains Culture before the historic tribes inhabited the Missouri River plains; both films dealing with salvage archaeology.

Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. Another business meeting comprised the August meeting, with further "Coosa Time Tunnel" ticket accounting. Best ticket salesmen were the Lindseys, with Clontz & the Barkers next in order, and Jones, Graves, Anderson & Raley having sold 10 or more. An additional summer dig donation was made by the Chapter.

#### OTHER STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING AUGUST: (So happy to have you with us!)

THE PASTFINDERS, c/o Mrs. Richard Hahn, 3637 Westbury Road, Birmingham, Ala. 35223

John W. Deale, 3844 - 39th Ave. N., Birmingham, Ala. 35217

Roy A. Richards, 933 Meadowbrook Drive, Birmingham, Ala. 35215

Pete Ward, Calcedonia, Miss. 39740

Robert D. Wheat, 531 Santolina Road, Dothan, Ala. 36301

BAD ADDRESS: (Help!) James L. Tilzey, 4212 B. Boxwood Ct., Huntsville, Ala. 35805

CORRECTION PLEASE: Joy Williams, BIRMINGHAM NEWS Staff Writer, authored a story in the July 23 issue about some folks who have a hobby of "digging arrowheads" - and said they "belong to the Alabama Archaeological Society". That statement was inaccurate, as the parties named are not in our membership files. Our State Constitution requires that members subscribe to NOT DIGGING. It is also a LAW that the untrained, who only destroy, must not dig in Alabama. Our Chapter Constitutions are also supposed to stress this prohibition, in case some of their members do not join the State Society. Dave Chase, President of the Montgomery Chapter (see Educational Page in this issue), informs us that their Constitution requires actual signing of a pledge not to indulge in destructive digging, and "to support the purpose of scientific archaeology through the application of its methods and principles". The foremost OBLIGATION of amateur societies is to TEACH ALL PEOPLE NOT TO DESTROY ARCHAEOLOGY - and at the same time not to DESTROY THEMSELVES AS POTENTIAL AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGISTS CAPABLE OF DOING IMMENSE GOOD. But we must also teach people WHAT TO DO in order to be useful, and to get mature pleasure, and deserved recognition, from their archaeological hobby. So let us look to our obligation, and our opportunity, to EDUCATE! (And urge all Chapter members to join the State Society so that our publications can assist their education.)

STONE BALL MYSTERY AGAIN: J. Henry McCary brought by another of the Horace Holland

spherical stone (?) balls, this one about the size of a golf ball. We observed and discussed it at length, noting that it lacked the smoothness and gloss of the 2 reported last month. Nor did it have the impact (?) fractures nor the "molding bead". It is white and under the stereo microscope the material, at a small break, looked to be similar to the larger 2. Bert Williams Jr., Lineville, obligingly sent in for inspection a somewhat egg-shaped stone ball, which Randy Gray identified as a product of weathering, approximately 2" x 1½" x 1-3/4". These are sometimes found in large sizes weighing tons. (We hope Bert will publish on the interesting flake artifact.) Arthur Dunning, just back from rockhound peregrinations, writes: "In Franklin, N.J. this week a dealer had the balls for sale, some worn out, some barely worn and all between. It seems they were used in a ball mill with an occasional one used as a hand pestle... porcelain balls, iron balls, rhodonite balls, flint nodules, all used in ball mills and perhaps other material as well." This solution to at least some stone (and other) balls still leaves us with the mystery of the "molding beads" around one circumference, ½" to 3/4" wide, retaining their smoothness and lacking any sign of scratch or concussion - in contrast to other surfaces. Our "crystal ball" is out of order.

PROJECT ARCHY: We are most happy to acknowledge the fine contribution of assistance on our summer dig, to the Girl Scouts from the Deep South Council, Mobile. These willing workers under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Louise Andridge, Mobile, assisted by Mrs. Ruby L. Cobb, Theodore, and Mrs. Muriel Dimock, Mobile, camped at the dig site for 2 weeks commencing July 28th, and received a thorough archaeological indoctrination while laboring. Their camp was located near the top of the dig site knoll, in a horseshoe bend of the creek; and although rains occurred daily, an unusually heavy down-pour one afternoon caused an excessive overflow of the creek and practically left them marooned on an island. Not knowing where the creek might crest, they were greatly relieved when the TVA Rescue Squad arrived to be of any assistance, but none proved necessary. They will all remember the experience, however, including:

Gail Andridge, Mobile, Ala.	Jean M. Bryan, Pascagoula, Miss.
Sandy Carter, Montgomery, Ala.	Elizabeth Cumming, Chickasaw, Ala.
Leslie Hays, Metairie, La.	Kristine D. Johnson, Calhoun, Tenn.
Cindy Lindsey, Chickasaw, Ala.	Diane Lucas, Chickasaw, Ala.
Bridget May, Baton Rouge, La.	Alice Murray, Corinth, Miss.
Margaret Nonnemacher, Natchez, Miss.	Amy Sue Phillips, Mobile, Ala.
Peggy Pledger, Chickasaw, Ala.	Jaye Pousson, Baton Rouge, La.
Rebecca Roddam, Jasper, Ala.	Phyllis Simmons, Baton Rouge, La.
Patricia Spencer, Mobile, Ala.	Nancy Sloan, Mobile, Ala.
Margo Elizabeth Smith, Jackson, Miss.	Virginia D. Woods, Harahan, La.

ON THE PRE-COLUMBIAN DISCOVERY TRAIL: Did the Vikings, who did settle Greenland, discover the American continent? Despite recent claims, and the Yale map and faked "rune stones" obscuring the issue, we still seem to lack hard-down evidence. Those who are trying to follow this meandering and besmudged trail of discovery will want to subscribe to the ANTHROPOLOGICAL JOURNAL OF CANADA, Thomas E. Lee, Editor, 1575 Forlan Drive, Ottawa 5, Ontario, \$4.20 a year. He also teaches at the Universite Laval and heads their summer Arctic expeditions which are turning up fascinating evidence. The current issue of the JOURNAL contains 2 articles by Lee on these expeditions, 34 pages of strange discoveries. Among the curious stone structures photographed is what is thought to be the "Hammer of Thor" - a huge upright splinter of stone with a cross-piece on top and a cap set on that. Muskeg, mosquitoes, mad foxes and general misery have discouraged thorough Arctic exploration where "there is no summer" and even a small accident could be fatal. The note of hardy adventure adds interest to these reports - imagine taking off your clothes in that weather in order to squeeze into a stone "beehive" dwelling, and dressing again inside! Tom Lee visited Alabama (May N/L) to SEE FOR HIMSELF our pebble tools, and this issue also contains a paper on pebble tools gathered by our A. B. Hooper III and Dick Hubbard, from separate areas, duplicating Lively Complex types and technology, from a third area.



## EDUCATIONAL PAGE

### DON'T BE A SPOILER

From 3 areas in the central and southern part of Alabama have come reports of increasing pothunting activity. Involved were both non-affiliated individuals as well as organized groups, usually high school "archaeological" societies, summer camp groups or well-known youth organizations. Two such disquieting reports involved persons known to be members of a bona fide archaeological society.

The majority of these people mean no harm and regard their activities as mere fun or recreation. Such people need to be re-oriented and made to understand what archaeology really is. They have no idea that damage is resulting from their activities. It has been my experience that these people will refrain from further non-recorded and unsupervised "archaeology" when they are told the difference between subjective digging and objective data gathering.

The man we must count as an enemy of real archaeology is the died-in-the-wool pothunter. In a day when innumerable forces are moving across the land in dam-building, highway expansion, urban enlargement and gravel mining, Indian sites are being ground to dust faster than we can record, let alone explore. The real shocker within the framework of this sad picture is the growing army of site wreckers - treasure-seekers who dig and dig and record nothing. Much of this is done in the name of "harmless recreation" - but more is being done for commercial gain, to meet the market demand for relics. This sinister business is actually a crime against man and his organized quest for knowledge.

Now, who is this destroyer and how is he recognized? He digs for pleasure and cares nothing for the responsibilities. He makes enemies of farmers whose pastures he leaves ajar and whose fields he craters with unfilled holes. In such cases, he frequently identifies himself as an "archaeologist" as a means of gaining entry upon a site. The damage he subsequently leaves causes the irate farmer to place his lands "off-limits" even to the bona fide archaeologist who may come along later in the hope of making something out of the wreckage. In such instances, even a partially salvageable site becomes a 100% loss data-wise. This pothunter digs for "things", not information. He seeks perfect specimens only, since broken stone and pottery objects don't "look good". What he does find often goes into unmarked boxes in the garage or attic. A few may be mounted in an attractive (if not informative) frame in the den or office. His sites are totally secret - concealed even from the eyes of the professional who MUST have this denied information to successfully pursue his mission. He often isn't bright enough to realize that the information he destroys or conceals would serve as a valuable contribution to science and his turning it over to the proper persons would reflect credit on himself. His knowledge of real archaeology is lacking if existent at all. He reads only that portion of the text which might improve his loot-finding methods. He joins an archaeological society where he can display and brag about his latest finds, not because of their informational value but because they are more "perfect" or prettier than others. He is in no way opposed to buying and selling artifacts - asin of the first magnitude among serious archaeologists.

If destruction of sites due to highway and dam construction is a tragedy, then their deliberate destruction for pleasure or profit is a crime (and is so recognized in several states where antiquities laws legislate against such acts). The deed is still more unforgiveable when committed by a member of a chapter or of a state archaeological society.

These few words are harsh and they are meant to be. We as a responsible group, dedicated to support scientific archaeology, can in no way tolerate this shameful business. Most of us express dismay when an old historic home is torn down. Why no outcry when this much earlier evidence of our history is torn up? With a fine national reputation for the support of good archaeology, we cannot afford to allow this activity to persist in or outside of our ranks lest that reputation become badly tarnished.

Dave Chase, Montgomery Chapter



## 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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