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SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

Charles E. Moore, president, called the board of directors meeting to order at 7:10pm and asked all present to introduce themselves. The following were present: Officers Charles E. Moore, Marjorie Gay, Judith Nielsen, Brit Thompson, Albert Trowse, Mr. & Mrs. B. Bart Henson, and R. L. Schaefer; Directors-at-Large Dave Chase, Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Harris, William Wesley, Mr. & Mrs. Howard King, Truman Ryan, and Milo B. Howard; Chapter Presidents Robert Doherty, Charles Hubbert, John Martz, and Carey Oakley; Committee Members Mr. & Mrs. Frank Brown and James Miller; Guest Ernest Holtz of the Advisory Board of Urban Planning, Washington, DC.

Mr. Schaefer reports current membership to be 509 - compared to last years' 461 at this time. Since we grew to 640 in 1973, let's shoot to be over 700 this year.

Mr. Ernest Holtz of the Advisory Board of Urban Planning, Washington, DC, gave a brief talk on the National Register of Historic Places which includes many of the well-known archaeological sites. At the present time, some 5,000 sites are listed. The Advisory Board policy is to be rather quiet on site locations. If the archaeological sites are not well-known and are not protected, then they are not disclosed since this could lead to pot hunting and damage to the sites. They are now working to make sure that all Federal agencies comply and disclose and survey or report any sites found where highways, bridges, dams, etc. will destroy or cover up such sites.

During the newsletter report, Judy Nielsen asked that all chapters report on their meetings, even if it is after the fact. It is hard to believe from the newsletter that we actually have 12 chapters. Judy also asks for more abstracts of printed articles and more articles from members.

The Journal report from David DeJarnette indicated the June issue of the Journal should be on time. It looks like a good issue.

Bart Henson reported that 1,000 copies of Special Publication #1 - "Fort Mitchell" by David Chase, have been printed and were being taken back to Moundville for mailing. One copy was passed around for those present to see. It is a fine and interesting publication and our appreciation goes to all involved in its production. R. L. Schaefer moved that this publication be sent free to all members of the society who have paid their 1974 dues by March 31, 1974 which is the last

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regular date for paying 1974 dues. All others paying after this date can obtain the special publication for \$2.00 per copy. The motion passed.

Bart Henson reported on his correspondence with Mr. Richard Gregory of the University of Alabama on the scholarship fund which is being set up for \$250.00 for the 1974-75 school year. Tentative criteria for the use of the fund are:

- 1) Student must be enrolled in the Graduate School of the University of Alabama, pursuing a degree or major in archaeology and/or anthropology.
- 2) Student must be a citizen of Alabama.
- 3) Student should express a preference to ultimately work or practice in the profession of archaeology within Alabama.
- 4) Student's area of interest or specialty should be in some facet of Alabama archaeology as opposed to Central American archaeology, for example.
- 5) When all other considerations are equal, the basis of need should be used in selecting a recipient of the fund.
- 6) The University should make the selection of the student to receive the fund, and should also determine the time and method payment.
- 7) The Alabama Archaeological Society's secretary should be notified of the selection so that the membership can be informed.

(The scholarship fund is subject to many opinions. Ideas from our members should be sent to Bart Henson, 7608 Teal Drive SW, Huntsville, Alabama 35802).

Marjorie Gay read Steve Wimberly's report on the Historical Commission. (This report in its entirety will be included in next month's Stones and Bones.)

Howard King presented an excellent breakdown and financial summary of the expenses incurred by the Cullman County Chapter as host of the December 1973 Annual Meeting. This report will be sent to the chapters having the annual meetings this year to help them in planning their costs. Motion was made that the host chapters of future annual meetings submit a report to the State Society on their finances and activities involved with the meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

Bart Henson moved that we accept the invitation of the Muscle Shoals Chapter to hold the 1974 Summer Annual Meeting in Florence. Albert Trowse seconded the motion and it was passed. Charles Moore reported that they are coordinating the meeting with the Florence State University and that the meeting will be held in June. Albert Trowse, who is in charge of the Program for the meeting, asked that members submit papers and the sooner the better.

Due to increasing publication costs and mailing costs, Mr. R.L. Schaefer reported that we will probably have to increase dues in the near future. He presented our financial picture for 1974 and suggested dues for 1975. He asked the board members to consider these increases which will be presented at the Board of Directors Meeting in June.

It was moved and passed at the meeting that the committees, as published in the February, 1974, Stones and Bones Newsletter, be approved.

Bart Henson of the Site Preservation Committee is preparing to send a form to all committee members calling for a listing and reporting of critical sites.

Marjorie Gay reported that the Publicity Committee will meet by mail.

Charles Moore reports that the Temporary Ways and Means Committee was set up to find ways to improve the society and thereby archaeology in Alabama in general.

URGENT!!!

TO: ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND SITE PRESERVATION:

FROM: Marjorie Gay, Alabama Representative, Committee on Public Archaeology.
Quick passage of the most important archaeological bill S.514 and H.R.296 is dependent upon those of us interested enough to write or call our representatives requesting their support. None of our Alabama Congressmen are co-sponsoring the bill, so it is very important that we contact them and let them know that the bill should be supported and passed as quickly as possible.

A brief rundown on the status of this legislation may help you in writing your Congressmen. Just before Christmas, the House Subcommittee on Interior and Insular Affairs reviewed and made some changes in H.R.296 as introduced. On Wednesday, February 6, the full committee took up the bill. Chairman Taylor introduced the bill by saying that it had approximately 130 co-sponsors, more than any bill he could recall ever having come before the Committee. A Committee report must be written and distributed and then the bill will be introduced on the floor of the House where (in all probability) it will be amended and sent back to the Senate, which had already approved the bill once. If the Senate agrees to the House amendments then the bill will go directly to the President for his signature. If the Senate does not agree to the changes, then a House-Senate Conference Committee must be established to iron out the problems and come up with a bill which will be agreeable to House, Senate, and archaeologists. Then this agreed upon version will be returned to the House and Senate for approval and then go to the President.

The bill as it presently stands is a great step forward for archaeology and should be passed as quickly as possible. Sites are being destroyed every day we delay... every day this bill is still before the House, Senate, and Committee is a day we could be saving archaeological sites from destruction. Listed below are the names and addresses of your representatives in Washington. Write, telegram or call them and express your feelings on this legislation. It only takes a moment to write - listing the bill number and requesting support.

Sen. James Allen, Room 6313, Dirksen Building, Washington DC 20510
Sen. John Sparkman, Room 3203, Dirksen Building, Washington, DC 20510
Rep. Jack Edwards, Room 2439, Rayburn Building, Washington, DC 20510
Rep. William Nichols, Room 1037, Longworth Building, Washington, DC 20510
Rep. Tom Bevill, Room 1126, Longworth Building, Washington, DC 20510
Rep. John Buchanan, Room 1212, Longworth Building, Washington, DC 20510
Rep. William Dickinson, Room 339, Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20510
Rep. Robert Jones, Room 2426, Rayburn Building, Washington, DC 20510
Rep. Walter Flowers, Room 439, Cannon Building, Washington, DC 20510

REMEMBER - You have a voice in this much needed legislation -----USE IT!!!!!!!!!!

SOUTH ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIELD SCHOOL

The University of South Alabama Department of Sociology and Anthropology's Field School in Archaeology (AN 335) began on Thursday, March 28 and will continue until May 31. This course carries 5 credit hours and is open to students enrolled at USA who meet prerequisites for the course. Lab sessions are held at Brookley on Thursday afternoon and students participate in field work from 8:00am to 4:30pm Friday and Saturday. If any society members are interested in participating in the field work they may do so by contacting N. Read Stowe, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of South Alabama, Mobile 36688.

TREASURE FROM THE GULF

Quite often I am asked by students in my Introductory Anthropology classes "what is the most valuable artifact you have found?" or "have you ever discovered a treasure?" This usually brings on a shrug and a chuckle and something to the effect that archaeologists - at least those in Alabama - never deal with treasures and this is something that we hope we'll never find because it would probably result in the destruction of most sites in the area.

I should have learned by now to never say always and never say never ---this is some advice the late Dr. E. Carl Sensenig gave me in northern Alabama during the summer of 1967 or 1968. I really should have remembered what he said last month because the crew and owners of the fishing vessel Miss Kristy are entering into an agreement with the U.S.A. Archaeological Research Program to clean and preserve approximately 300 lbs. (about 5,000 coins) of treasure recovered off the coast of Louisiana last year. The coins date from 1770 to 1783 and convey the Mexico City mint mark and include approximately 17 different "types".

Many of the coins are cemented together and most are covered with sulphides and crusty black chlorides as occurs when silver is placed in salt water for an extended period. The conversion of silver on the surface of the coin has resulted in pitted surfaces. One of several techniques will be used to remove the encrustations from the coins and when cleaned they will be impregnated with a preservative in a vacuum chamber.

(Read Stowe, Mauvilla Chapter)

NEW SERVICES CONSIDERED

The Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama, is now exploring the possibility of providing slide programs accompanied by taped lectures. These talks will cover a number of varied topics concerned with Alabama Archaeology and related archaeological methods and techniques. Basic costs will be defrayed by this office, the only other expenses involved will be postage.

I am requesting all Chapter Presidents to contact me and indicate the types of slide projectors and tape recorders available for their local chapter meetings. In addition, I would welcome any and all suggestions about the implementation of this service, especially the type of subjects which would be of interest.

Some topics under consideration are: site survey methods and techniques, Paleo-Indians of Alabama, Archaic Indians of Alabama, Woodland Indians of Alabama, an archaeological investigation of Pinson Cave (1Je20), Mississippian Indians of Alabama, Bear Creek excavations (in two parts).

Please send your comments and suggestions to Carey Oakley, Drawer BA, University, Alabama 35486.

(Carey Oakley, Tuscaloosa Chapter)

SOUTHERN ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING

SAA will hold its next meeting in Blacksburg, Virginia at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute on April 4-6, 1974. The theme of this meeting is "Belief Systems in Action" and they are planning more sessions and papers than there have been at any previous meeting.

SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

The 39th Annual Meeting will be held in Washington, DC on May 2-4, 1974. Registration will start Wednesday afternoon May 1st at 4:00pm in the Promenade of the Mayflower Hotel, the site of the meeting. Reservations with the hotel must be made before April 10 and students wishing inexpensive housing should contact Robert K. Evans, Dept. of Anthropology, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC 20017.

The concurrent sessions will be in three categories: Symposia, Contributed Papers and short Research Reports. Be sure to be at the meeting bright and early Thursday morning in order to attend the Symposium organized by John Walthall and assisted by Drexel Peterson. Participants will include Ned Jenkins, Daniel Penton, Bennie Keel, Wesley Cowan and C. Earle Smith. Discussants will be James B. Griffin and Christopher Peebles. "Southeastern Woodland Studies: New Directions" will present some of the current research of the Woodland Period with stress upon environmental studies, systems analysis and culture process.

On Saturday morning the southeast will again be discussed in the symposium "Weeden Island-ism in the Southeastern United States: New Perspectives" organized by J.T. Milanich. Charles Fairbanks will chair the session with participants being J.W. Walker, G.W. Percy, D.S. Brose and E.T. Hemmings with William Sears the discussant. The Koster Site, Mound 72 at Cahokia, the Thunderbird Site and Related Research and Prehistory of the Mojave Desert Region plus research reports covering most of North America, the Arctic, Middle and South America and the Caribbean will thoroughly cover our section of the world. Other sessions will be concerned with methods, techniques and special studies. On the first evening, Thursday, there will be a joint session with a special Smithsonian Conference which will be concluding its third day, entitled "Smithsonian Conference on Biological and Biogeographical Models in Archaeology." With special luncheons, rap sessions, informal get-togethers and the Business Meeting, this promises to be a very busy and educational three days. Make your plans now to attend.

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE MEETING

Last Call! The Alabama Academy of Science Meeting at the University of Alabama in Birmingham will be held on April 5th and 6th with registration starting April 4th. The on-campus registration fee is \$7.00. There will be a banquet Friday night at the Kahler Plaza at a cost of \$6.00 per person. The Kahler Plaza is located at the southeast edge of the campus and is offering special overnight rates for the AAS meeting. The sessions on anthropology and archaeology promise to be most informative and educational.

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

HELP!!!

Dr. George E. Fay, Editor of KATUNOB, Museum of Anthropology, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado 80631, needs material relating to the anthropology, archaeology, ethnology, etc. of Mexico, Central and South America. He uses material up to 20 or 25 pages in length and in English or Spanish. This publication is more or less unique. It is not exactly a newsletter, yet not exactly a book. Consider submitting an article to KATUNOB...this is a chance to publish. (From INTERAMERICAN, Volume 21, Number 1, January-February 1974)

EXCAVATIONS ON DAUPHIN ISLAND

The historian Richebourg Gaillard McWilliams noted in the opening paragraphs of his Dramatic History of Dauphin Island that "with the exception of Cuba, Dauphin is, historically, the most prominent and interesting island in the Gulf of Mexico." Prior to the 1700's the island was used by the Indians and the Spanish. On Saturday, January 31, 1699, the Canadian Seaman-Sailor Iberville anchored his ships off the southern shore of Dauphin Island. During the next several days Iberville explored the island and it was during this visit that he discovered the "mountain of bones" on the western end which gave the island its first name--- Massacre. If this pile of bones was on the Western end they would have been on what is now Petit Bois Island ---at that time Petit Bois was part of Dauphin.

It has been suggested by some that "Massacre Island" refers to skeletons found by the French in the large shellmound on the northern side of the island. An early map made by Broutan the Younger in 1718 denotes the shellmound as "Teste de mort" (Tete de Mort) which probably translates "head of the dead"; however, the shellmound does not conform to Iberville's description of the Massacre. This shellmound, the only lasting landmark on the island, has recently been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

During March and February, students from the University of South Alabama continued excavations at the 1702 French Settlement of Port Dauphin. The village was constructed at the harbor on the southern side of the island simultaneously with the settlement of Twenty-seven Mile Bluff. These villages are the earliest European settlements in what is now Alabama and among the earliest European settlements on the Gulf Coast. Most of Port Dauphin has already been destroyed by the construction of houses and a new golf course. The remainder of the site will be destroyed in the next few years. Incidentally, our other two major French settlements in the Mobile area: Fort Conde and Fort Louis de la Mobile, are both fast disappearing. Fort Conde was 99% destroyed by the I-10 tunnel construction, however, a five year archaeological salvage program was conducted at this site under contract between the University of Alabama and the Alabama Highway Department. Fort Louis is being destroyed by industrial expansion and eroded by the Tombigbee River. The University of South Alabama is presently seeking funds to continue excavations at Port Dauphin and Fort Louis.

(Read Stowe, Mauvilla Chapter)

HELP FOR THOSE WHO CARE

Louis A. Brennan, one of our society members, has recently published a new book entitled "Beginner's Guide To Archaeology" by Stackpole Books of Harrisburg, Pa. which sells for \$9.95. This is the fourth book by Brennan on American archaeology and is one every amateur should have and read. I first ran into this publication when some of my students brought it to class and were discussing some of the points brought out in the book. I wrote to Brennan and subsequently received a copy which as he says "takes the mystique out and puts a sober sense of responsibility in". This 318 page book is divided into no-nonsense chapters and includes a listing of where to write for more information and what periodicals are available to the archaeologist. The illustrations are very well done and explanations are intended for everyone, not just a choice few who understand the sometimes overly scientific jargon of the professional archaeologist. This is a book worth having and being hardbound, will last a good many seasons in the field.

(D.L.D., Moundville)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN RANDOLPH COUNTY

The University of Alabama Department of Anthropology under contract with the Alabama Power Company is conducting an archaeological site survey in Randolph County in the area of the Crooked Creek Reservoir to be built by the Alabama Power Company. To date over fifty sites, including bluff shelters, have been recorded, some of which will be slated for excavation beginning this summer.

(University of Alabama, Mound State Monument)

FLUTED POINTS IN MISSOURI

The Missouri Archaeological Newsletter, Number 275, November 1973, reported a very interesting study by Carl Chapman on the distribution of three hundred fluted points found in Missouri. This study contains a map of the state showing in which county these points were located and in most instances in which stream drainages and localities these points were found. Although no functional studies have as yet been conducted, Chapman states, "This is an area of productive research which someone should investigate. It is an unfortunate fact that on the whole, the lack of knowledge concerning the evidences of the life of the Early Hunters far outweighs the definite manifestations of these people."

ARCHAEOLOGICAL THEFT

Kolomoki Complicated Stamped vessels are stolen from the Museum at Blakely, Ga." As reported in "Valley Today", the Columbus Enquirer, March 12, 1974, a total of 60 pieces of pottery, of the type known as Kolomoki Complicated Stamped, as well as 60 projectile points were taken in the robbery which occurred sometime during the week before March 9th. The Museum is only open on Saturday and Sunday. Amelia Barksdale Interviewing the superintendent of Kolomoki State Park, Cecil Hall, says the investigators were able to recover fingerprints from the display cases. While these artifacts are priceless to archaeology, the study of the past and for educational purposes, they would be of little value on the open market and would be recognized immediately. Besides being the type vessels for this unique pottery, they are very well recorded and described by photographic and written documents so that there would be little argument as to their identity. Some unwary and uninformed collector may be caught by an offer to buy these items. Our present antiquities law will prosecute anyone found with these objects in his possession, no matter how innocently they may have come into his possession. This incident should serve as a sharp warning to all local museum committees: an isolated museum collection in an unprotected and unpatrolled building, open to the public only a few hours a week, is a standing invitation to theft or sabotage.

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

The Society for American Archaeology, 1703 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20009 is offering a new booklet to all federal, state and local agencies as well as private and public businesses who need guidance in preparing Environmental Impact Statements, National Environmental Protection Agency Reports and who in some way will be responsible for altering the surface of the soil thus endangering archaeological sites. The price is \$9.00 for 50 copies and in increments of 50 above that. Orders for less than 50 copies are 40¢ each. The booklet is entitled "Archaeology and Archaeological Resources" and it would be very good for each chapter to have copies of this booklet available and assist businesses and agencies in your area in doing something constructive instead of destructive for archaeology.

ELMORE COUNTY

The Department of Anthropology at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa recently conducted test excavations on an Archaic Period site in Elmore County that was to be destroyed by highway construction. The Alabama Highway Department furnished funds for transportation and supervisory personnel salaries. The crew consisted of graduate and undergraduate students from the Department of Anthropology who donated their time and services during the weekend endeavor.

The site turned out to have no remaining undisturbed cultural deposit due to plowing and erosion. Among the material recovered were a number of Big Sandy type projectile points, various chipped tools and a large percentage of quartzite debitage. (John W. O'Hear, Mound State Monument)

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL FUND DRIVE

David L. DeJarnette is preparing a proposal to cover excavation of the LaGrange Bluff Shelter! This bluff shelter, although small in size, has promise of being one of the most important archaeological sites in the Eastern United States. The shelter was test excavated by Charles Hubbert last year under a Florence State University-Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc. project, as you will recall. In the Eastern United States, the Dalton Period (Transitional Paleo) has been radiocarbon dated between 7,500 to 9,600 years ago.

Charles found through his test excavation that the LaGrange Bluff Shelter showed strong indications of having been used by man several thousand years earlier than the Dalton Period. A thorough excavation of this bluff shelter site is therefore a must!!! Funding this dig and related laboratory studies is something we can all participate in, and we hope our State Society membership will again respond.

So, the Fifteenth Annual Archaeological Fund Drive (for 1974) is hereby announced, to finance the above project and possibly others at present being considered. Apparently anticipating this announcement, two of our members have already put their financial shoulders to the wheel, as follows:

Crawford Badham, Birmingham, a Charter Donor to our funds, leads off the list for 1974, making his TENTH contribution over the years we have been excavating.

Dr. Albert M. Fisher, Decatur, also a Charter Donor, comes along with his FIFTEENTH consecutive annual donation, a record of which we are sure he (and we) are proud.

And this is a sincere invitation to all our other faithful and valued donors, as well as our new members and older members who want to get in on the deal, to sit right down and fill out a check in accordance with instructions on the inside back cover of this or some previous Newsletter. We do not want to limit the activities along archaeological lines of our summer dig crew, and hope the response to this appeal will be both generous and numerous. Thanks in advance!

COLORED TRADE BEAD CHART

A colored trade bead chart by G.B. Fenstermaker is available from Nathan C. Buckwalter, 544 East Main Street, New Holland, Pa. 17557 for \$3.75. This chart and accompanying pamphlet was made in 1935 and shows 145 different glass beads from archaeological research conducted on sites dating from 1550-1750.

FINAL CALL FOR PAPERS

In order to present a paper at the Summer Meeting of the State Society in Florence on Saturday, June 22, you must submit an abstract to Al Trowse, Jr., 275 Oak Street, Auburn, Alabama 36830 before April 30. This will be the last reminder.

We still have room for good papers on the program, so those with a story worth telling please submit your abstract and a concise title to be used on the printed program. The May issue of the Stones and Bones will present the complete program with details.

WALLED VILLAGE IN GEORGIA

Foster's Bend on the Coosa River has for years been the center of attraction for pot hunters, treasure seekers, historians, amateur and professional archaeologists.

Wesley O. Connor, a professor at the Georgia School for the Blind at Cave Springs, Georgia, was an avid hunter of Indian relics in the 1880's. In 1881 and 1886, after the river flooded and washed out a big mound, Connor had a wonderful time gathering relics at Foster's Bend.

I have heard that John Rogan looked over the Bend when he came down to work on the Etowah Mounds in the 1880's for the Bureau of American Ethnology. And when Moorehead was working at the Etowah Mounds in the 1920's, his assistant, Margaret Ashley went over to the bend and worked. Her report on this work is included in "The Etowah Papers" c. 1932, by Warren K. Moorehead.

As you know, there always has been an enormous interest in locating the so called Indian site of Chiaha visited by DeSoto in his ramblings. Many sources state that Chiaha was at the present site of Rome, Georgia.

One of the most interesting reports is in the W.P.A. Guide to Alabama on page 389, "Many historians believe that Chiaha was on Pool's Island which is a little down-river from Pool's Ferry."

Some years ago we attempted to drive down into Foster's Bend, but after we got into the big farm one of the tenants told us that it was impossible to get to the site due to the mud. A few years ago, there was an archaeological society in Rome and they were all set to dig at the Bend. The idea was quite controversial and I do not know if they ever did any digging or not.

As for the present excavations directed by Pat Garrow, I do not know very much other than what I have read in the papers and what two of my friends have told me. Both had recently seen the site and reported that when completed the area excavated will show a complete village...the site has some aspects of another Dallas-Lamar site in north Georgia. The numerous skeletons do show definite mutilations as done by metal weapons. It is believed that the village was destroyed long before when General Sevier came down from Tennessee in 1793 and destroyed so many Indian villages around Rome and the area...and even killed old Chief King Fisher and got over as far as Turkeytown.

(The above is excerpted from a letter from Margaret Perryman Smith to David L. DeJarnette in answer to some questions posed following an article which appeared in The Atlanta Constitution, Friday, February 22, 1974. Mrs. Smith's letter was so interesting and informative, we received permission to reprint it in the newsletter)

ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING MARCH

William A. Ingle, Route 1, Box 23, Daleville, Mississippi 39326
James W. McWilliams, Route 3, Box 132, Cherokee, Alabama 35616
Joseph C. Washington, P.O. Box 5931, University, Alabama 35486
Walter Greenleaf, 1007 No. College Street, Auburn, Alabama 36830
William V. Slatery, 133 Lynda Drive, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37405
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Ted A. Marik, 157 Pecan, Fairhope, Alabama 36532
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Lawrence Nelms, 3708 Pecan Grove, Huntsville, Alabama 35810
Charles L. Forrester, Route 2, Box 189, Ashford, Alabama 36312

MEMBERS LOST DURING MARCH (HELP!!!)

Nancy Callahan, 250 Crescent Ridge Road, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401
John C. Reno, 4734 Mercer Road, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083
Samuel A. Moseley, c/o Celulosa y Derivados SA, Box 2010-A, Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico

CHAPTER NEWS

Choccolocco Chapter meets at 7:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Regar Museum, Anniston. The February meeting was cancelled and therefore the program scheduled for then, a general meeting and planning session for the coming year, will be held March 21st.

Cullman Chapter met March 18 at 7:30pm at City Hall. Mr. James Douglas, principal of Franklin County Senior High School, discussed the archaeology of Winchester, Tn. East Alabama Chapter met March 13 at 7:30pm in Comer Hall Auditorium at Auburn.

The geological interests of early man in the Southeast were discussed by Dr. T. J. Carrington, head of the Geology Department at Auburn University. The next meeting will be held April 10 at 7:30pm at Comer Hall Auditorium.

Huntsville Chapter met at 7:30pm, March 19, at the Twickenham Hotel, with Jim Newman as guest speaker. The topic was "Archaeology in Peru".

Morgan-Limestone County Chapter met Thursday March 28 at 7:30pm in the 2nd Floor Courtroom at Decatur City Hall. The speaker was Rodger Schaefer who gave a very interesting talk on Raw Materials Used by Early Man-Part I- Rocks and Stones.

Muscle Shoals Chapter met March 11 at 7:30 pm at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Sonny Curren (on tape) and Charles Hubbert spoke on the Faunal Remains of the Pickwick Basin showing slides of animal bones taken from these sites and slides of rock burials in Franklin County. The April 8th meeting will be a planning session for the State Society Meeting in June at Florence.

Tuscaloosa Chapter meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm in Room 314 at Ferguson Center. At the March 5 meeting Dr. John Walthall spoke on the Woodland Period in Alabama. This was a most interesting and enjoyable talk. The April 2 meeting will have as guest speaker Don Russell from Jasper who will discuss and show slides of his travels to Southwestern archaeological sites.

PLAN AHEAD is the word from our Publicity Chairwoman for 1974, Marjorie Gay. Fourteen chapters are listed on our letterhead, 12 are listed on the ESAF records as active yet the newsletter staff is receiving, on the average, six chapter reports each month. Are 50% of our chapters doing nothing? Urge your secretary to report on your monthly meetings. One objective for this year is for better reports of local chapters to appear each month. Plan far enough ahead so that the newsletter can print news of the upcoming meeting and others can make plans to attend.

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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To THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, for

☐ New Membership
☐ Payment of Annual Dues
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Rodger L. Schaefer
1414 - 15th Avenue, S. E.
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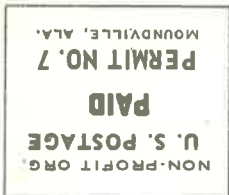
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