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### SUMMER MEETING PLANS

Make your plans now to attend the State Society's Summer meeting in Florence on Saturday, June 22. The Muscle Shoals Chapter, which is the host chapter for this meeting, has planned a very interesting day. Registration begins at 8:00am in the Great Hall of the Student Union Building at Florence State University (soon to be known as the University of North Alabama). The morning and afternoon sessions, as well as the luncheon, will be in the same building. The Muscle Shoals Chapter is already lining up many of the best artifact collections in this area to be on display. Plan to bring yours, too, as there will be a full-time guard on duty. The program itself promises to be excellent. Immediately following adjournment there will be free guided tours to the Indian Mound and Muscum in Florence. From there the tours will continue to the La Grange Bluff Shelter, some 14 miles away toward Cullman. The second season's excavations at this site will already have been completed by this time; however, the Society members will still be very interested in this site as it has the oldest radio-carbon date (so far) east of the Mississippi. On top of La Grange Mountain is a State Pavillion, about 1/4 mile from the bluff shelter, where the Muscle Shoals Chapter is hosting a picnic supper. Everything considered it sounds like an interesting and full day, so make your plans now to be a part of it. Fill in the attached registration form and mail it now.

(Charles E. Moore, President)

### WINTER MEETING

Since it is customary to announce the Winter Meeting location at the Summer Meeting, or soon thereafter, those chapters interested in hosting the 1974 Winter Meeting, should advise me or any other member of the State Board of Directors, so that we may make a decision at the upcoming Summer Meeting in Florence.

(Charles E. Moore, President)

### ATTENTION PLEASE !!!

Your newsletter staff is constantly striving to keep track of the members of the society to insure that no one misses their newsletters. It has come to our attention that some members, when preparing to move, notify their respective post offices of their new address and assume that all mail will be forwarded to them at the new address. Postal regulations require only first class mail to be forwarded and your newsletters are returned to us at a cost of 10¢ each. PLEASE notify us directly of your impending move. This especially goes for students...tell us your home address (or where you will be during the summer) and when you will return.

MAY 1974

### FUNDS NEEDED TO EXCAVATE LAGRANGE BLUFF SHELTER!!!

In last month's Newsletter, we stated that David L. DeJarnette was preparing a proposal to excavate this important bluff shelter. Plans have now jelled to the point that we can happily announce that starting in EARLY MAY of this year excavations will get under way. Ned Jenkins will be at the dig as field supervisor assisting David L. DeJarnette, who will be in overall charge of the excavation.

Of all the bluff shelters so far tested in Alabama, this one holds more promise than any of them, of containing evidence of use by aborigines in Pre-Dalton times. You will recall that Dalton occupational levels are the earliest occupational levels so far uncovered in stratigraphic position in Alabama, and that the Dalton Period in the eastern United States dates back 7,500 to 9,600 years ago.

The cost of doing "dirt archaeology" and "lab archaeology" has gone up just like everything else, and this is another of our "digs" in which you can have a financial hand. Those who responded to our appeal during April are:

Mr. and Mrs. David L. DeJarnette, Moundville, one of our highly prized CHARTER DONORS increase to FOURTEEN the number of annual contributions made to our "digs".

William D. Stepp, Huntsville, indicates by his FIFTH donation that he is anxious to continue our efforts to find in Alabama the evidence of "Earlier" Man.

Harold S. Biggs, Bynum, gets in line with his SIXTH check, by which he wants our membership to know of his faith in our selection of a worthwhile site.

Dr. John E. Wood, Haleyville, making his SIXTEENTH donation over a NINE consecutive year period, provides a target we only wish a number of others would shoot at.

So it is a real pleasure to report that our FIFTEENTH ANNUAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL FUND DRIVE is off to a good start. There is, however, a long way to go before your Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc., can rest on its oars happy in the knowledge that its obligation to finance excavation of the LaGrange Bluff Shelter this summer, is taken care of. Please, therefore, now that you have Uncle Sam and his income tax behind you for this year, sit right down, clip the coupon at the bottom of the inside back cover of this Newsletter, attach your check, and mail your tax-free contribution to the dig fund. The number of donors this month doubled last month's, and we would like to see that happen again. Join in!

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Morgan-Limestone County Chapter will have an archaeological display at the Gordon Bibb School on Sunday, May 5, 1974, in the "Sunday in the Park" program. If you have artifacts that you wish to display call Joe Webb.

The local chapter will also have a display at the Wheeler Basin Library in the near future. Our first display will be on Paleo and Paleo Transitional material. If you have any artifacts of these cultures, call Eugene Stewart. The cases will be locked.

### THE HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER WISHES TO ACKNOWLEDGE...

Mr. Tom Cornell who spoke at the February 19 meeting on the "Prolific Whitesburg Site". They report that this was one of the best and most interesting programs ever.

## ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

### STATE SUPPORTED ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROGRAMS

Principal State Agencies Involved. The Alabama Historical Commission. The University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa, Department of Anthropology, the Museum of Natural History and Mound State Monument. The University of Alabama at Birmingham, Department of Anthropology and Sociology and the Research Laboratory. The University of South Alabama, Department of Anthropology.

State Funds Allocated Annually for Research. The Alabama Historical Commission members have allocated for archaeological research more than one-third of the total funds appropriated to the Commission by the Alabama Legislature during the past two years. All of these archaeological funds are matched to the maximum level with United States Department of the Interior-National Park Service grants. Participating institutions of higher learning are called upon to furnish partial or in-kind matching funds. For example, the basic phase of the Fort Toulouse Archaeological Research Project, conducted by the Alabama Historical Commission in 1972 and 1973 in co-operation with the University of Alabama in Birmingham, was broken down in this manner: State of Alabama (AHC) \$22,000; National Park Service \$22,000; University of Alabama in Birmingham approximately \$10,000. The total amount of money spent on archaeological work done in this basic phase at Fort Toulouse was \$54,000. The University, NPS and AHC have already committed \$40,000 for the second phase of archaeological excavations which will cover the trade and treaty fort area. The University of Alabama (Mound State Monument) has submitted a proposal for the third phase at Fort Toulouse which will include the excavation of the prehistoric mound. The University, NPS and AHC will jointly fund this phase which will cost between \$15,000 and \$70,000.

For the two-year period 1972-73 and 1973-74, the Alabama Historical Commission allotted funds to Alabama Universities which resulted in approximately \$200,000 for professional archaeological excavations and related anthropological activities. In addition, the Alabama Historical Commission co-ordinates archaeological survey and salvage projects which are funded fully by the Alabama Highway Department and other state agencies, as well as those funded by Federal Agencies such as the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and a growing number of publicly regulated utilities as well as projects funded entirely (or for the most part) by private industrial concerns. Such projects, conducted by professional archaeologists associated with Alabama Universities, amounted to an estimated \$100,000 in survey and salvage archaeology during the same two year period.

Discussion. Archaeologists at the various institutions around the state, on their own time and with funds from the several sources, conduct surveys, excavations and research, most of which is salvage work. The funds are from the Alabama Historical Commission, Federal Agencies, the Alabama Highway Department, the Alabama Power Company, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Gulf States Paper Corporation and the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc. Much unfinanced work is also done by students at the universities and members of the Alabama Archaeological Society. The University of Alabama owns the Museum of Natural History and Mound State Monument. At present this is also a Research Center and the Depository for state-owned archaeological artifacts, records and site surveys. The Commission is in the process of establishing the office of state archaeologist and an assistant. Merit examinations have already been taken. It is anticipated that in this 1975 session of the state legislature that the name of the Alabama Historical Commission

will be changed to the "Alabama Heritage Commission"; that another archaeological member will be added to the commission and it will be made possible to fund archaeological excavations when done on property not owned by the commission.

Alabama Archaeological Legislation. Citation: Alabama Code, Title 55, Sections 272 through 277 (1915, amended 1966); Alabama Act 168 (1966) amended by Act 500 (1971).

Principal Provisions. The 1966 law establishes the Historic Commission. The 1971 amendment increases the power and duties and the membership (from 15 to 18) of the commission and establishes a state depository, with the elements of the same located in Montgomery, Eufaula and Demopolis. The Commission has the authority to acquire, preserve or recreate archaeological and historical sites and necessary adjacent properties; to promote, publicize and increase the knowledge and understanding of the archaeological and historical resources of the state; to make and publish a survey of sites. Historical and architectural landmarks or buildings are located by street, number and community as well as latitude and longitude or section, township and range. Such specific locations for archaeological landmarks are not published and thus are withheld from the general public except where 1) thorough professional excavations or salvage activities have been conducted; and 2) continuous controlled surveillance is maintained. Specific locations of unexcavated archaeological sites are available only to professional archaeologists and serious responsible amateurs. The Commission may charge admission to sites of interest, sell booklets and souvenirs and retain and use the proceeds. The Alabama State Historic Preservation Fund is established in the State Treasury (which may not revert to the General Fund) and is to be expended by the Commission for carrying out work and paying salaries. The Commission is instructed to employ the necessary personnel. The permanent, full-time employees (except the Executive Director) will be subject to the State Merit System. The Commission is to make nominations for the "National Register of Historic Places"; has the authority to establish the Alabama State Historic Preservation Depository; to publish an informational newsletter (the "Preservation Report" is issued monthly) and manuals on historic preservation. The Historical Commission has a statewide Plan of Historic Preservation which was completed in 1970, and includes plans for archaeological investigations and research. The 1973 revision of this plan lists and describes 600 archaeological sites, but does not specifically locate them. The Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc. raises funds for investigation and research in the state. The Alabama Archaeological Society publishes a monthly newsletter and two Journals a year. A special publication "The First Ten Years of the Journal of the Alabama Archaeological Society" was issued in 1973, and the first Special Publication of the society on Fort Mitchell by David Chase has been distributed this year.

Some of the archaeological work done in Alabama in 1973

<u>Project</u>	<u>Funded By</u>	<u>Work done by</u>
Horseshoe Bend National Park	National Park Service	Dr. Roy Dickens
Non-credit courses, UAT	UAT	Carey Oakley, Chas. Hubbert
Bear Creek Watershed Salvage	T.V.A.	UAT-Office of Arch. Res.
Girl Scout Archy Program	USA	N. Read Stowe
Gainesville Lock and Dam	NPS	UAT-Mound State Monument
Elmore County excavations	Ala. Hwy. Dept.	UAT-Mound State Monument
Survey, Hale & Greene Cos.	AHC and UAT	UAT-Mound State Monument

<u>Project</u>	<u>Funded By</u>	<u>Work done by</u>
Excavations, grounds Gaineswood	AHC and UAT	UAT-Mound State Monument
Excavations, Fort Mims	AHC and USA	USA
Excavation, Fort Toulouse	AHC, NPS, UAB	UAB
I-10, Baldwin Co. salvage	Ala. Hwy. Dept.	UAT-Mound State Monument
Fort Conde salvage	Ala. Hwy. Dept.	UAT-Mound State Monument
W. Jefferson Steam Plant	Ala. Power Co.	UAT-Mound State Monument
Selma Area Survey	AHC, UAB, ARAA	UAB
South Alabama Arch. Survey	Gulf States Paper	USA
Central Alabama Survey	Gulf States Paper	UAT-Office of Arch. Res.
Shine Site and Hunter's	NO FUNDS	David Chase, Auburn
Station Site Excavations		students, Ala. Arch. Soc.
Inter-term seminars for credit	Huntington College	Dave Chase, Harold
Huntington College		Huscher

(Note: the Office of Archaeological Research is a part of the University of Alabama - Tuscaloosa.)

#### Some of the 1974 Proposed Projects

Continuation of many of the 1973 projects into 1974.

Crooked Creek Reservoir	Ala. Power Co.	UAT-Mound State Monument
Fort Toulouse (2nd phase)	UAB, NPS, AHC	UAB
Fort Toulouse (3rd phase)	UAT, NPS, AHC	UAT-Mound State Monument
Dallas/Wilcox Cos. Survey	Hammermill Paper Corp.	David W. Chase
Gainesville Lock & Dam	NPS	UAT-Mound State Monument
I-10, Baldwin Co. Salvage	Ala. Hwy. Dept.	UAT-Mound State Monument
LaGrange Bluff Shelter	ARAA, UAT	UAT-Mound State Monument

(Steve B. Wimberly, Birmingham Chapter)

#### INDIANS

According to the 1970 census there were 763,594 persons who claimed to be Indian. However, about 20% did not report belonging to a tribe. In a government-wide survey conducted in May, 1972, the U.S. Civil Service Co-mission found that the number of jobs and the number of better paying jobs held by men and women from minority groups had increased. Indians registered the largest gain of any minority group with a net increase of 1,185 in the period from May 1971 to May 1972.

#### RE-PRINTS

Ideally, perhaps, any new scholarly book should summarize the previous literature in the field but this is seldom done in a satisfactory way. Yet, there are many very valuable books which are out of print, many of them published originally in relatively small editions. There is a reprint company, Cooper Square Publishers, Inc., 59 Fourth Avenue, New York, NY 10003, which is publishing out-of-print books on Anthropology, Archaeology, Folklore and Mythology. In contrast to some reprint companies, Cooper Square prices are quite reasonable. We suggest that you write for their catalog.

(Above two articles from THE INTERAMERICAN, Vol. 21, No. January-February 1974)

#### UAT NAMES ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

Appointment of Richard A. Krause to the chairmanship of the anthropology department in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Alabama is effective August 14, 1974. Dr. Douglas Jones, Arts and Sciences Dean, said: "Dr. Krause joins us at a time when much student and public interest centers on the study of man, especially early man in Alabama. We anticipate expansion of our teaching, research and service activities under Dr. Krause's leadership. Student interest in the field is evidenced by significant enrollment increases during the past year." "Dr. Paul Nesbitt, who has served as department chairman since 1969, will be retiring in August after an impressive professional career in anthropology."

At the time Yale University conferred the doctorate in anthropology on Krause, he was teaching at the University of Nebraska (1966-67) and earlier was a research assistant at the Yale Peabody Museum in Connecticut. Subsequently, Dr. Krause held professorships of anthropology at Ohio State University and the University of Kansas at Lawrence. Joining the University of Missouri-Columbia in 1968, Krause served as dissertation supervisor and on the graduate study faculty, and is currently director of American Archaeology. Dr. Krause is a native of Grand Island, Nebraska. His bachelor of arts and master of arts degrees were conferred by the University of Nebraska.

(The above article taken in part from the Tuscaloosa News, March 27, 1974).

#### LABORATORY ACTIVITIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Archaeologists are fond of reminding people that for every man-hour of work done during excavation, as many as ten man-hours will be required in the laboratory. So even though we are pretty much out of "site" during the winter, we are certainly busy. At the present time the Office of Archaeological Research at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa is employing three full-time and two half-time people in the lab.

J. B. Graham is currently out of the lab. He is spending some time at the Illinois State Museum working with Stanley Ahler, author of Projectile Point Form and Function at Rodgers Shelter, Missouri. Stan is one of the finest young lithic analysis specialists in the country and it is felt that the entire staff of the lab will benefit from Graham's visit.

In the lab, preliminary sorting and typology of the material from the Little Bear Creek excavations are almost complete and intensive analysis has begun. Mack Brooms, graduate student in anthropology, is making a study of debitage from Feature 5, 1Fr318. This feature is a small lenticular deposit representing a lithic workshop. About 50,000 pieces of lithic waste were found in an area roughly two meters across and ten centimeters thick. Most of this debitage consists of several types of small pressure flakes and Mack is attempting to see what types of flakes are present and what techniques of stone-working would produce these particular flakes. As an aid to work of this sort, the lab has received two stereoscopic microscopes from the University.

While examining the small triangular points from 1Fr318 it was noted that the form and flaking techniques on a number of points seem to indicate that they were points on which the distal end had been broken, and a new distal end then worked onto the point. A statistical comparison of these points and the other triangular



points from the site is being done. The aims of this comparison are: 1) to see if the points fall into two groups which correspond with the proposed "resharpened" and "unresharpened" groups, 2) to see if the differences in these groups are differences which could be expected as a result of resharpening, and 3) to examine the validity of the criteria used in the original sorting of "resharpened" vs. "unresharpened."

The other large habitation site on Little Bear Creek is 1Fr524. Studies of horizontal distribution of material here are indicating definite non-random patterning. One cluster isolated so far contains most of the limestone tempered pottery, and almost all of the small side-notched points found, excluding material from features.

These are some of the more specific problems being studied at this time. If you would like to know more of the activities at the lab, come by Barnwell Hall anytime you are in Tuscaloosa and see what we are doing.

(Eugene Futato, Tuscaloosa Chapter)

#### WILDFLOWER GARDEN AT INDIAN MUSEUM

The Muscle Shoals Chapter of the Alabama Wildflower Society has been busy planting native wildflowers, ferns, flowering vines, trees and shrubs around the Indian Mound at Florence. The Society has already set out over 2,000 plants which include about 35 varieties. Some of these plants are already in bloom, but it will be next year before these plants are fully established. The Indian Mound, Museum and Wildflower Garden will be part of the guided tour immediately following the program at the Summer State Archaeological Society Meeting in Florence on June 22.

(Charles E. Moore, President)

#### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: IMPORTANT NOTICE

A change in our constitution will be presented at the June, 1974, Annual Meeting. Article XI must be changed to meet IRS requirements for Tax Exempt Status. It is not a change in intent but a change in wording. Article XI presently reads:

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved in accordance with the law. Upon dissolution of the Corporation, provisions shall be made for payment of all liabilities and the remaining properties, both real and personal, owned by the Corporation shall be distributed to such organizations operated exclusively for scientific or educational purposes as shall at the time qualify as a tax exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code, as the Board of Directors shall so determine.

We will vote to change Article XI to read as follows:

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence unless dissolved in accordance with the law.

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501 (c) (3) and 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State, or Local government for exclusive public purpose.

(Rodger L. Schaefer, Secretary)

!!!!ATTEND YOUR STATE SOCIETY MEETING IN FLORENCE, ALABAMA, ON JUNE 22, 1974!!!!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

### NEW MEMBERS DURING APRIL

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### CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Anthropological Society meets the first Thursday of every month at Samford University at 7:30pm. The April 4th meeting had as their speaker Mr. Paul Ripp who recently returned from Honduras. His talk was on scuba diving. The May 2 meeting will feature John David Myers, a Journalism Major at Samford, who will speak on "Big Foot" - Sasquatche - The Humanoid Monster.

Choccolocco Chapter meets at 7:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Regar Museum, Anniston. The April 18 meeting had as the speaker the Rev. G. Brown O'Quinn. In addition to showing a film from the Museum in Birmingham, Rev. O'Quinn conducted a program on the expansion of the membership for the Choccolocco Chapter.

Cullman County Chapter met on April 15, at 7:30pm at City Hall. Dr. Bert Hayes of Athens College spoke at the last meeting on the Bronze Age Archaeology in the Middle East. Dr. Hayes showed slides and had a display which was extremely good.

Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Twickenham Hotel at 7:30pm. The March 19 speaker was Jim Newman who spoke on "Archaeology in Peru" and illustrated his talk with slides. The April 6 speaker was Carey Oakley who spoke on the "Archaeological Activities on TVA's Proposed Bellefonte Power Facility" which is located in Jackson County. Mr. Oakley's talk was very enjoyable and was greatly enjoyed by the membership.

Morgan-Limestone County Chapter met Thursday, April 25, at 7:30pm in the Decatur City City Hall. The speaker was Judson Hawthorn who gave a very interesting talk on "Archaeology in Italy".

Muscle Shoals Chapter met April 8 at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. During the meeting Charles Hubbert conducted a ceramic workshop; plans for the June 22 State Meeting were formulated and approved; and slides of Indian hieroglyphics from a site near Muscle Shoals, made by Charles Moore and Luther Nix, were shown.

The Pastfinders have elected officers for 1974: Mrs. William D. East, 3525 Belle Meade Way, Birmingham, 35223 is this year's President; Vice-President is Mrs. W. T. Warren, Jr., 3 Rockdell Road, Birmingham, 35213; Mrs. Don Slappey, 3660 Rockhill Road, Birmingham, 35223 will serve as Secretary and the Treasurer will be Mrs. Robert Williams, 40 Fairway Drive, Birmingham 35213.

### ATTENTION CHAPTER SECRETARIES

The Chapter News section of each newsletter is devoted exclusively to the current activities of each chapter. Surely there is some reason why only a few chapters get their news in each month's issue, some only occasionally and a few others we never hear from. Let's break a record and have something from everyone next month. OK?



## 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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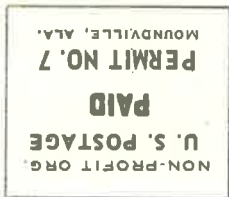


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