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OUR 1965 STATE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: Sunday, December 5, 1965

BUSINESS MEETING: 2:00 PM, followed
by a coffee break

PLACE: Birmingham Museum of Art,
20th St. & 8th Ave. North

MAIN PROGRAM: 3:30 PM

REGISTRATION: 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM

GUEST SPEAKER: Dr. Don W. Dragoo

Arrangements for our much anticipated Annual Meeting were practically completed at the Director's meeting held October 13th, at which the above details were determined. The Art Museum will open at 12:00 noon to enable members to set up artifact exhibits on tables to be available, one for each Chapter. The 2 hour period before the Business Meeting will also provide time to get acquainted with our many new members, for visiting with old friends and for viewing the Museum treasures. Election of officers for 1966 will take place during the Business Meeting, as well as the reading of reports of activities of each Chapter. See below for further information about the fine guest speaker obtained for our meeting.

So make your plans NOW to be in attendance!! Any additional important details will be communicated to your Chapter President, and will appear in the December Newsletter.

DR. DON W. DRAGOO - OUR GUEST SPEAKER

Let us introduce the unusual man who is to feature our Annual Meeting. His main "job" is Curator, Section of Man, Carnegie Museum, Pittsburgh, Pa. He is a prolific author and excavator, editor, lecturer, teacher, Navy photographer in World War II, and Fellow, Officer, Trustee and Consultant in more than a dozen Societies.

Dr. Dragoo was an Indiana farm boy who somehow found the best - an inspiration to aspiration. He needed no "silver spoon", nor opportunity thrust upon him - mostly worked his way through school, aimed at no less than the coveted Ph.D. - Anthropology-Archaeology-Cultural Anthropology-Philosophy. Mix in between degrees, work in physical anthropology with Neumann, foreign archaeology with Albright, chemical-biological analyst with Eli Lilly & Co., and so on. Offered an assured future and financial outlook he could not expect in archaeology - chose archaeology. We were surprised that so young a man had reached his position of eminence.

We were destined to understand even better. When we spread the word about the Matt Lively discovered pebble tools, which we didn't think could happen in America, we thought it merited visits by at least a hundred archaeologists. Only one came - Dr. Don W. Dragoo. So you see why he was selected as the BEST man for our Annual Meeting - IF we could interest a man from so far, so busy, so prominent. His immediate reply,

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air mail, upon which Dale Carnegie himself could not have improved, gave us still another engaging view: "I feel honored that you would like me to come and it is with great pleasure that I accept your invitation...I would like to spend a few extra days with you and your co-workers looking at materials and sites".

Now, PEBBLE TOOLS are our winter project, our future, our opportunity to contribute greatly, our bid for fame. But pebble tools in America meet with somewhat more skepticism than enthusiasm, have a rather rough road to travel, desperately need interest and support. So we quote another inspiring passage from Dr. Dragoo's acceptance: "I firmly believe that the problems associated with the pebble tools and other early lithic finds are the most pressing in New World archaeology. We can no longer ignore them. The tools are a reality and we must by every possible means discover their significance in the culture history of the New World. I think the results will be astounding."

You see, Dr. Dragoo identified pebble tools in the Ohio Valley as early as 1956 - and thinks the past has a future, a big future. Various "crude tools" have long been "controversial" in America. The interest and push of an archaeologist of Dr. Dragoo's stature will go far toward lifting them out of controversy and into the light of scientific investigation.

Immediately important to us, Dr. Dragoo's interest and encouragement, brought from far away, honoring a group of amateurs, will help to inspire US to DO OUR DUTY by OUR pebble tools. We never had a speaker so apt, so timely, so valuable to our future, and to the future of archaeology. This you just can't afford to miss! So be at the meeting for the ARCHAEOLOGICAL TIME OF YOUR LIFE - and bring your friends.

***** WINTER PEBBLE TOOL PROJECT BEGINS *****

Margaret Clayton, looking pleased with her new and well-earned Master Diploma as another big step accomplished on her way to Ph.D., called a meeting of those most closely involved in opening up the big guns on Matthew Lively's exciting pebble tool discoveries. She expressed gratification over the quick consolidation of her plans, and the amateur cooperation, and will begin her survey - or rather it is now "did begin" - October 23rd.

Margaret is pioneering a new type of survey, of which much is expected. Dr. H. M. Wormington has stressed "that it is extremely important that every effort be made to find them in situ", and that will be Margaret's major effort. Side issues are important, such as further surface collecting and extending the known distribution of pebble tools - but the BIG THING IS TO FIND A SITE WORTHY OF EXCAVATING NEXT SUMMER. Pebble tools in place, thus placing them in the cultural sequence, and associated charcoal for dating perhaps - we do not know of anything which could give the PAST a more promising FUTURE in America.

Matt Lively will of course be actively cooperating, and stressed the value of the cooperation of Annette Otts - though she could not be reached for the meeting. Randy Gray, our geologist member, attended and will be invaluable both in his geological capacity and for engineering surveys of sites - besides being an accomplished woodsman, which may be of critical importance. Steve B. Winberly, our professional member (and, incidentally, the first professional to confirm these pebble tools), attended, approved and promised aid when needed. Britt Thompson and Milt Harris, our Editor and Associate were on hand and accepted the task of expediting and coordinating amateur assistance, as needed. Dan Josselyn, our letter-writing promoter, put his typewriter on call.

Margaret will have 2 student assistants. Carol Hill, who worked for us this past summer, was present at the meeting - Margaret says she is smart, and we shall hold her to that estimate. A very promising geology student had also been selected, but he was swallowed up by the Marines and at this writing we haven't learned about Margaret's choice of a replacement.

Only weekends will be devoted to this winter project. This will make it practical for our members to cooperate. As the need for assistance arises, you will be noti-

fied. Pebble tools are fortunately being sent in from several areas. We do not know how many areas can be covered this winter, but will get to them all in time.

Six years ago, when we began the only annual fund drive in archaeology, we set our sights pretty high for the future of Alabama archaeology - but in our most extravagant dreams we did not set them as high as PEBBLE TOOLS! Talk about luck - well, we hit the archaeological jackpot. And we have the feeling that it is going to hold if we put our backs into it. PEBBLE TOOLS IN SITU certainly exist somewhere - let's take a vow to find them!

BRIEFED MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13TH BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

State President Dr. A. G. Long Jr. presided, and after reading and approving minutes of the July 10 Directors meeting at Fort Payne, Treasurer Rodger L. Schaefer reported an October 1 bank balance of \$1,092.41 on hand, plus \$1,500.00 in our special Life Membership Fund. A motion was approved to add an Assistant Treasurer for our State organization to take care of contingencies.

The December 5 Annual Meeting was discussed and details appear on Page 1 of this Newsletter. The State Secretary will write each Chapter encouraging exhibits to be brought to the meeting, and informing them that they are to present Chapter reports on activities during 1965.

Horace J. Holland reported on a cliff shelter in northwest Alabama where at least one fluted point has been obtained. The owner of the shelter has offered full cooperation in assisting the Society toward excavating the shelter and preserving it from any further molestation. There is approximately 6 feet of midden with charcoal present in the lower 2 feet. Rock carvings are present, and a road approaches within 100 yards.

Britt Thompson reported on the winter pebble project, details appearing on pages 2 and 3 of this Newsletter. He also reported on the present status of the 2nd edition of the HANDBOOK, stating further progress was being made and that there were some 72 paid for orders and 14 COD orders at present on hand. Jack Cambron reported that Part II of the HANDBOOK on Unifaced Tools is still being edited.

President Long appointed a Nominating Committee composed of Jack Cambron as Chairman, Britt Thompson and Rodger L. Schaefer, which Committee met separately and worked up a complete slate of officers for 1966, to be presented at the Annual Meeting.

In addition to Directors, representatives from 7 Chapters were on hand.

OUR PEBBLE TOOL DRIVE FOR '65

Last month we expressed some astonishment that our illustrated September Newsletter, showing pebble tools which in America are pretty incredible, brought in only 3 donations to finance our winter program - perhaps the most promising thing that ever happened in American archaeology. It seemed even more incredible than the pebble tools themselves. Not that we blamed anyone but ourselves - we agree most thoroughly that a person's money is his own, to do with as he wants. We simply HAD NOT MADE PEOPLE WANT to donate, VOLUNTARILY. Even with incredible PEBBLE TOOLS to "sell", our educational and promotional efforts - well, they must be just plain sorry! We are, personally, utterly fascinated by these pebble tools, overwhelmed by the revolution in American archaeology which they promise - but can't communicate this big excitement inside of us! Please, can you help, tell us where we are failing, why so many have not been interested in INCREDIBLE PEBBLE TOOLS and the opportunity and fame they offer the Alabama Archaeological Society?

The Huntsville Chapter, and members Tom Cornell (his second donation this year!), William G. Millen and Marie Moore, however, we "done wrong". They sent in a fine crop of donations before the October issue could have reached them. So scratch the "3 donations" and add the Chapter, Cornell, Millen and Moore - which looks considerably better. A. J. Wright, Secretary-Treasurer, says they wish their fine Chapter donation could be even more - "maybe next year" - and we hope to present them with a site with PEBBLE TOOLS IN SITU to finance - dream of dreams! Tom Cornell says the tales he

hears about the half ton of pebble tools "certainly is an exciting project". Tom also writes that "Bill Millen is our Second Vice-President and is also one of my assistants in the Scout Troop. His son, age 14, had a very fine display at the national 'Order of the Arrow' conclave at Bloomington, Ind. last month". It is indeed good to hear of people so active in a number of constructive fields - we doubt that anything less can right this troubled world we all have to live in. Our thanks - both for America's past and future.

Leon J. Salter, our remarkable New York friend, rushed a fine donation air mail as soon as he received the intelligence of our shortage in the October Newsletter. No doubt kept pretty busy managing his business, Leon's communications, even if extremely important, may amount to no more than 2 or 3 lines, so we know little about his archaeological activities - but now and then we get wind of his assistance to projects in many parts of the world! He also ordered a batch of our forthcoming publication on pebble tools - to distribute around the world for the benefit of archaeological education!

Carlyle Morris, Ohio, also air mail, who had already donated this year and doubled his usual donation, again donated and again doubled! We published in our last issue that Carlyle is 74 years young! Perhaps it is again "sorry promoting", but we worry lest some donate more than they can really afford - we can see how a full appreciation of the significance of pebble tools could lead to that. What fine friends we have made in distant states - one of the major rewards of "do-something" archaeology which "piddling around" never got us! We hope the pebble tool publication, which Carlyle of course also ordered, will convince him of the value and soundness of his "investment in archaeology".

Janie M. Lott, Birmingham Chapter, was next in line - bringing us back home and to the thought that "charity begins at home". "A bit of a dig in the Near East...a temple in Egypt...a cave in Algiers...Guatemala this season..." Do we imagine that archaeologists strut their foreign invasions a bit? A wise friend reminds us, too, that they might be welcome escapes from academic and other routines. The way the glamor of foreign archaeology, which still dominates popular literature, can attract finance is also strange - with our own archaeology begging. So we have a special need for people who can see the high adventure and vast potential of archaeology "right in their own back yard". Come right down to it, anybody is rare, anywhere, who does anything about archaeology, but were it not so, most of it would have been done and there would be no way for us to distinguish ourselves!

Mr. & Mrs. Stanford E. Smith mailed their annual donation (with a bonus this year) the same day as Janie, but it arrived the following day - the Muscle Shoals Chapter being more distant. We haven't seen Stan and Louise for years - but they are the sort of folks who stick in your mind. We particularly recall a Directors' Meeting at the All Steak House, when we were absorbing that delicious food - all of us except Louise, who had an acute dental problem. Couldn't eat a bite, poor girl, after ordering! That wonderful, untouched food before her! But she didn't complain the first time - just sat there and looked attractive - we sat right across and admired both her person and her spirit. If you file your copies, you will find in the October 1960 issue that one of the 43 "charter donations" was from Stan and Louise. (If you haven't done so before, add Floyd Anderson to that list - our mistake.)

Alice M. (Mrs. John O.) Burns, of Birmingham, we don't find on our '64 membership list - a new member pitching right in to help. We fear that we were an "apprentice" for a good many years before we were of much help to archaeology - though there were no such opportunities as we presently have. If Alabama archaeology, some 30 years ago, had had as much to offer as it has today, we think we'd have done a little better. Yet even today we perhaps forget that a foremost obligation is to provide a rich archaeological environment (interesting and educational Chapter meetings, etc.) to nourish a finer generation of newcomers. We are reminded that another Burns wrote: "O wad some Power the giftie gie us To see oursels as ithers see us!" - and for a flash we did

see ourselves, as others would see us, if we did nothing about our pebble tools! It was a disquieting vision.

John W. Carroll, President of the Muscle Shoals Chapter, put his name on our honor roll in 1963, and has been one of the faithful ever since. As President of his Chapter, we can see that he is doing a lot more. As in a political campaign (though we infer no comparison!), interest in archaeology grows from the "grassroots". If the Chapter isn't healthy, the state crop won't be. The Alabama Archaeological Society is only the sum of its parts - its Chapters. Chapters are autonomous, run their affairs independently, plan their own programs. Chapter officers have the most responsible and difficult positions in our entire setup. Those who hold them are key people. We learned that a long time ago, and believe us we have not forgotten how to appreciate the office-holders in our Chapters. Good luck - you will need it - and thanks indeed.

Well, that gives us 6 donations since the October Newsletter came out. But heck, we have until next spring if necessary, and we now have only \$904.66 to go. The donor-list-to-date, published below, will enable you to check to see if you forgot this year and if you did, make it possible for us to add your name next month, won't you?

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U.S. AND WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY NOTES, HAPPENINGS AND ABSTRACTS

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, 5133 NT, Denton, Texas, having resumed fall publication, provides these gems selected from 8 newsy pages, and we hope they prove interesting:

"FISSION-TRACKS DATING: We promised you that we would find out about this. We have done so. 'A number of minerals, particularly micas and some glasses, may have a minute grain of uranium-rich mineral included. As the uranium decays the alpha particles shooting off the decaying uranium leaves fission tracks through the mineral; the mineral, because of this radiation damage, looks cloudy and these cloudy spots in micas are called Pleochroic halos. However, under high magnification they are actually a series of tracks that can be seen under the microscope just like the tracks in a cloud chamber. These can be counted and from the decay rate of the substance the age of the mineral can be determined. This is a fairly crude method as it involves the counting of tracks inside a mineral. It can give rough orders of magnitude of age'. Thanks to Dr. George C. Kennedy, Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, Univ. of Calif., Los Angeles 24. One can't go much higher than this. G.C.K. is F.I.I."

"NEW SPANISH TREASURE: Some 30 miles from Cape Kennedy another sunken Spanish galleon has been located. It is estimated to contain much more gold and silver than a previously-found galleon which yielded treasure worth a million and a half dollars. We hope this benefits the 'balance of payments' and the U.S. gold and silver reserve. With a few more such finds, maybe we could avoid the 'Johnson Dime and Quarter'. What is CEDAM doing in all this?"

"GREAT PYRAMID: Dr. Fathi Bediewi of Ein Shams University in Egypt and Dr. Luis W. Alvarez of California's Lawrence Radiation Laboratory will attempt to 'X-ray' the Pyramid of Cheops by means of cosmic rays. They want to find out if the big structure

contains any cavities or passages not known heretofore. The use of cosmic rays for such a purpose is an innovation which could very well be an important archaeological tool if it works as these scientists hope."

"THE AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: As we have remarked before, this is pre-eminently a phenomenon of the U.S. Canada is slowly building such societies and a few are to be found in many parts of the world. Professionals sometimes are wont to carp about the activities of such societies, sometimes with reason. However, the amateur societies are fast becoming 'professional' in quality. We hope and expect that before long the term will become one of honor and respect. We believe that we could show that more archaeological discoveries have been originally made by amateurs than by professionals.....However, the very surge toward professional quality of the amateur societies is posing a problem. We have on file in our library many publications of amateur societies. These contain very valuable site reports and articles of somewhat wider coverage. Unfortunately, these newsletters and other publications of the amateur societies have a limited circulation and these reports will be of less than optimum effectiveness and will languish in more or less private filing cabinets. We would like to be able to abstract all of these articles and file such abstracts in such a manner that we could furnish copies of any given one on request. We cannot do this since our meagre budget does not provide for the trained personnel needed. However, we do invite all amateur societies to send us such abstracts, each on a 3x5 file card and we will undertake to provide such a central repository and information service."

"8000 YEARS AGO IN GEORGIA: Archaeology in the Southeastern U.S. is exceedingly active in the last few years. Now, Dr. A. R. Kelly of the University of Georgia, working with a crew of high school students employed through the Youth Opportunity program has found a campfire 8000 years old. The find was made near the Carter's dam site about 10 miles from Chatsworth. Several occupation levels were found in the extensive and very professional excavation.....In addition to this, Jerry Nielsen, a senior at Georgia State College, has recently finished mapping dozens of sites in 9 middle Georgia counties. Taken together with the amazing Alabama archaeological activities one would conclude that these 'Deep Southerners' really mean business and it is paying off handsomely."

NEW BOOKS

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ALBERTA, CANADA, H. M. Wormington and Richard G. Forbis, Denver Museum of Natural History, Denver, Colo., will be unusually welcome to archaeologists everywhere, as there have been so few published reports on Alberta archaeology. We are learning that narrow "area archaeology" cannot be successful - one piece of the jigsaw puzzle of the past. To be able to add all that is presently known about Alberta archaeology, in a single volume, to our libraries, is a considerable victory over the problems which beset archaeology. It is very readable, highly informative and beautifully illustrated. The many projectile point illustrations reminded us of the dangers inherent in a too-simple "outline-shape typology" - for some look like Alabama points, although sometimes as far apart in time as in space. Of special interest to amateurs will be the very considerable dependence upon properly made collections and the gracious acknowledgment of the collectors by name - a service all of us can render. We do not have the price on this, but the Denver Museum has a fine policy of making paperbacks available at prices we can afford, with information we cannot afford to miss. Write for the price, and catalog of other publications.

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF WETHERILL MESA, Alden C. Hayes, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, \$3.75 paperback, is Archaeological Research Series No. 7-A of the National Park Service. It is also the first of a series of publications on archaeology as it should be - a pilot model costing a million dollars for a complete study of this entire mesa (6,274 acres) amazingly rich in archaeological sites, many of them cliff dwellings. Some 32 separate fields of study are being brought to bear on the problems involved - all the specialties we ever heard of and a lot more. This is one of those beautiful $9\frac{1}{4} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ " National Park Service publications, profusely and magnificently illustrated. You will certainly want this first volume of this long

series of publications on archaeology as it should be - and after seeing it we doubt that you can resist the volumes to come.

(We received review copies of these important books, and wish to express our thanks. That did not influence our reviews - both are real contributions. We also wish to express our pride in the fact that the Alabama Archaeological Society has achieved to the "review copy" status - and the implication that a good many of our members are improving their archaeological educations with books from top sources such as the Denver Museum and National Park Service.)

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at University of Alabama Extension Center, Room 214. Admitting the rainy night turnout was unjust to the obvious lengthy preparation, those not present missed a most excellent presentation by Alan S. Thompson of the University of Alabama on "Early European-Indian Contacts in Alabama". This was an outstanding program and the subject was covered magnificently.

The Choctawhatchee Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the Dale County Library, Ozark. At the October meeting, Gordon Hubbard showed films on the Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter and discussed the dig. The speaker for the November meeting is to be William H. Emanuel, who will give an illustrated talk on "French Lithic Cultures, based on studies and collections made while in France.

The Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Court House Annex (Elks Bldg.) At the September meeting, members were entertained by the showing of a film on "Highway Salvage Archaeology" produced by the New Mexico Highway Department.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Food Basket Restaurant, Albertville. The October meeting comprised a general business session, and topics discussed ranged from Paleo man to man on the moon.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the October meeting, Dr. George Lamb, Asst. Prof. of Geology at the University of South Alabama, will speak on "Major Geological Time Sequences" and will also cover modern discoveries such as radioactive materials and their significance. He has had wide geological experience in oil exploration in Texas, New Mexico, Venezuela, Mexico and Guatemala, and his Master's thesis was concerned with the Red Mountain formation (Silurian) that extends into Northern Alabama, Northwest Georgia and lower Tenn.

The Nockalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. Dr. E. M. Lindsey spoke to the October meeting on the "Dig at Woods Island", showing slides of the dig, and exhibiting artifacts found there. The chapter members are hard at work refinishing display cases for the Museum exhibit.

The Selma Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Meadowview Christian Church. The October meeting was held at Sturdivant Hall honoring the speaker, Britt Thompson of the Birmingham Chapter, who recounted a large number of areas in which those interested in archaeology might extend their efforts and increase their knowledge. Many visitors seemed impressed with the excellence of the Chapter's Indian display.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Room 24, Martin ten Hoor Hall, at the University. At the October meeting, Kelly Goodowens and Pat Finley, anthropology majors, will report on the Sand Mountain digs of last summer. At the November meeting, Joe Benthall will give an illustrated talk on his work last summer at the Woods Island site on the Coosa River.

(Chapters please note that above and hereafter, only those Chapters making monthly reports of their activities are and will be listed. So, - - -, in order that your members unable to attend your meetings can keep up with what is going on, and so that the other Chapters can have the benefit of program ideas you originate, bear down on those responsible for Chapter reports each month to get them in promptly.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

1965 NEW MEMBERS FOR OCTOBER: (So happy to have you with us!)

James S. Baker Jr., Route 3 Box 10-F, China Grove, N.C. 28023
Tom Baker, 28 Diamond Circle, Fort Rucker, Ala. 36362
N. T. Braswell, 134 Hobbie Dr., Montgomery, Ala. 36105
Eleanor P. Burgess, Route 1, Laceys Spring, Ala. 35754
Dr. William Ivey, 145 Drake Ave., Auburn, Ala. (Family) 36830
William Martin Jones, Route 3 Box 41, Jasper, Ala. 35501
Jimmy Valentine, 656 N. Union Ave., Ozark, Ala. 36361

1966 NEW MEMBERS FOR OCTOBER:

Chester Nichols Jr., RFD #1 Box 144A, Athens, Ala. 35611 (Family)
Bobby Tullis, 205 Trotman Drive, Ozark, Ala. 36360
Ray Williams, 19 Squirrel Drive, Ozark, Ala. 36360

(Those applying for membership prior to Oct. 1 were accepted as 1965 members and will receive both Journals for 1965. They will be billed January 1 for 1966 dues.)

Those applying for membership after Oct. 1 will be accepted as 1966 members and will not receive any Journals until 1966 issues. They can purchase 1965 Journals at \$1.00 each, the June issue now being available, and the December issue later.)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS (OR NAME):

Dayton Espy, 301 Glover St., Albertville, Ala. 35950
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Alice Jones, Livingston College, Livingston, Ala. 35470
Mrs. Alice M. Wright, to Mrs. Alice M. Rogers, P O Box 549, Forest Park, Ga. 30050

HELP NEEDED: A Family member who joined back in the summer cannot be located. They are the Crawford family, first initial "B", address unknown, although membership dues were sent in from the East Alabama Chapter. Please help us locate these folks!

ZIP CODES: Having obtained a set of Zip Code Directories for temporary use, you will note your address on this mailing includes the 5 figures IN EVERY CASE, determined to the best of our ability. Let us know if 'tain't right, when you pay your '66 dues.

OLD REFRAIN: But maybe a bit different words, when we say the Second Edition of our HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, PART I, POINT TYPES, is getting closer & closer to being ready for distribution, perhaps next month. If you still want to be among the 1st in line for your copy, send your \$5.25 check payable to The Archaeological Research Assn. of Ala., Inc., to Mr. D. L. DeJarnette, P O Box 6126, University, Ala. 35486

ANNUAL MEETING OF EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION: With most of these copies of this Newsletter, announcements of the above meeting are enclosed, and we ask your pardon for the lateness of the mailing, but they just arrived. The meeting commences at 9:30 AM November 6 at New Jersey State Museum Auditorium, West State Street., Trenton, N.J., and continues that evening and November 7 at Princeton Inn, Princeton, N.J. with a full program both days. We are hopeful that Alabama will be well represented.

PEBBLE TOOL PUBLICATION - ANY DAY NOW: The Lively-Long-Josselyn publication on pebble tools, certainly a milepost as the FIRST published study on AMERICA'S pebble tools, has orders piling up - a gratifying number from universities and colleges. Elizabeth Cline, who for long has done much for archaeology, cut the stencils on the script, rented the use of a mimeograph machine in the office of a local publication, toted, assembled, stapled and delivered 34,000 pages - try it! The plates are made on the 210 fine photographs contributed by our President, Dr. A. G. Long Jr. Also on the 91 drawings. Their delivery in multilith is expected almost any day - might reach you soon after this Newsletter. Stapled separately in 4 parts: 2 papers, photographs, drawings. Very handy for cross reference. You won't miss covers - you will prefer the 100 extra photos they would cost. Money back, of course, if you can bear to part with the publication. With fine cooperation and no unnecessary extras, we hope to net a bit of profit to help excavate that PEBBLE TOOLS IN SITU site next summer - begins

to look as if we shall need it, too! Just order "Pebble Tools", in Chapter batches when practical, checks to Dan Josselyn, 408 Broadway, Birmingham, Ala. 35209, \$3.00.

INTERNATIONAL MEMO of the Guild of American Prehistorians (Ron Miller, Hollister, Mo., Exec. Secy.) gave over the entire Vol. 2, No. 6, to "Pebble Tools in Alabama" and Matt Lively's "close to half a TON of absolutely unmistakable pebble tools!" "...in the process of raising money for further research...A courageous bunch!" And Ron writes in a personal note: "I hope the \$ assistance pours in. This is an amazing thing, whereby the man on the street can get in on something this exciting and significant". (The Guild is an effort to coordinate and expedite archaeology. Should we not consider joining up with the increasing number of Member Societies? Write Ron for details.)

Bill Spencer's Competition: "My gosh, you're the prettiest Sam I ever saw", Bill fairly exploded when introduced to "Sam" (Sarah Helen Teal), one of Dave's student diggers at our shelter site this past summer. We note in the September Tennessee Archaeological Society Newsletter: "Be sure and meet Sarah Helen (Sam) Teal at the Convention this year...worked on her summer dig under the direction of Dave DeJarnette...truly a delightful young lady".

AFTER that was "Alabama Archaeological Society records unmistakable PEBBLE TOOL complex in Alabama", and a fine announcement of our pebble tool publication. We, with Bill, bow precedence to "Sam".

THE STANFIELD-WORLEY can't miss! Our BELL TEL NEWS for October says: "If you'd like to make a check list of places to visit in North Alabama, you will want to include... Stanfield-Worley Shelter" (and 23 other places). And Secy. Donald I. Smith of our Muscle Shoals Chapter sends us a green poster, "CHIEF COLBERT CANYON (Stanfield-Worley Shelter)...Grand Old Opry Stars...See where people lived 10,000 years ago" - with 2 photos of our dig honored along with photos of Carl & Pearl Butler, Florida Boys, Dixie Echoes, and other celebrities in that field! Ten thousand years could not have guessed how much man would have - well, "progressed".

BIRMINGHAM ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY, September Newsletter, gave us a broad (if rueful) grin. A drawing of a jar, slot in the top, few coins in the bottom - shown under a magnifying glass! "Only \$8.85" lettered on the jar. Seems they are raising funds, "generously started by Mr. A. J. Powers", for a showcase for a display that "should be a stepping stone to further growth". It is good to see more and more Chapters initiating programs of development. We sometimes hear members complaining: "Well, what can amateurs do?" Hades and hot weather, we can get up off what we sit on and do so many things! And no magnifying glass should be required to see the results. Really, you will like it, too! (Arthur Dunning, who has done so very much in Alabama geology, is handling the showcase fund.) ("a very good crowd" reported at the Extension Center, new meeting place. Take a friend every month....as one of those possible "stepping stones to further growth". You don't find the people, any more than the artifacts, without considerable screening.

Dave De Jarnette is off (finally on October 19th) to Yucatan to excavate a fabulous cave full of pots which sounds like a ceremonial repository from the little description which we have. But this is NOT a pot-hunting safari.....Dave will NOT bring the pots back. Dave wants to develop this scientifically before it is "destroyed" unscientifically. Roy S. Dickens, formerly superintendent of Town Creek Indian Site, is now at Moundville, and will cooperate with our projects in Dave's absence. We send our best wishes with Dave - and precautions in that adventurous jungle undertaking. Hope he sends the Newsletter some hair-raisers and tall tales for publication.

Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Instituto Interamericano, gives us THREE articles and a mention in his last newsletter, THE INTERAMERICAN. We can reciprocate with a mention that the Instituto, despite its wide and valuable services, ran into a non-communist type of RED this past year. The Interam Foundation, Inc., is tax-deductible. Address Dr. Carl at 5133 NT, Denton, Tex. 76203 if you're looking for ways to help archaeology.

Harold A. Huscher, Smithsonian archaeologist, writes Dave that he is "thoroughly impressed by Margaret Clayton's report on the Sand Mountain shelter caves" - our last Journal and some of our summer excavation projects. Furthermore, he backs up the compliment by ordering 4 copies! (Do you mind, Margaret, if our gang shoulders into the rim of the spotlight? And thanks for a good report on this definitive work which will be a classic on northeastern Alabama shelter sites - "very professional and apparently quite complete and exhaustive...a valuable reference item", as Dr. Carl Compton says.)

"FACIAL GRINDING ON PALEO-INDIAN PROJECTILE POINTS" reports the Chesopiean Journal of Atlantic Coast Archaeology - "to facilitate hafting when the poor quality of lithic material made fluting impossible". This is a new one on us - know of any examples in Alabama? Seems to contest the classic "no ground stone" criterion applied to Paleo.

Phil Jackson Jr. honored again! This amazing young vice president of Jackson Securities & Investment Co., hardly back from advising Venezuela on its housing problems, at a Chicago convention was "named the outstanding mortgage banker in the U.S. for 1965", we read in the BIRMINGHAM NEWS. (Phil, our only regret is that your national and international success and popularity infringe upon your good archaeological work - for you have exhibited capacity in this field, too.)

Dr. A. G. Long Jr., our State President, has had us gravely worried with symptoms which could be very serious. But he came down to our good Birmingham medical facilities and was diagnosed as having only a pinched nerve in his neck - which can mimic heart attacks and strokes. We rejoice, and archaeology may rejoice, for Doc Long is one of the outstanding amateurs in the country. It would be a staggering blow if serious impairment interfered with his able and tireless dedication.

Richard N. Wingerson, New York architect and friend of Sigfus Olafson, spent a day going over Matt Lively's pebble tools with Dan Josselyn, our lithic technologist, and the following day with U. G. Roberts Jr. and Milt Harris on a field trip to our fabulous Tennessee River archaeological paradise. We hope Dick enjoyed his visit as much as we did, and venture that he will never spend 2 more "archaeological" days. Thanks to Sig for routing his friend this way.

PUBLIC EDUCATION: Dave DeJarnette sent copies of Margaret Clayton's Journal publication on our shelter digs to all the cooperating property owners, assuring them they had "made a valuable contribution to the scientific study of the early inhabitants of Alabama". Charles Wheeler, President of PLATEMAKERS INC., gave us a good price on the many plates for our pebble tool publication, and writes that "even though the word 'archaeology' somewhat frightens me", he would like to have a copy of the completed publication - our pleasure. Most everything we do rubs off a bit of archaeological education on the public - a valuable bonus.

Dr. E. B. Sledge, Associate Biology Professor, Alabama College, Montevallo, after seeing the recent BIRMINGHAM NEWS article on pebble tools, writes Dave DeJarnette for information regarding literature on artifacts found in Alabama, also as to how he can join our State Society. We will certainly take care of his wants, and welcome him to membership, especially since he is an active worker in the Alabama Academy of Science.

MEMBERSHIP ROUNDUP: We are ending the "membership year" with 570 paid 1965 memberships, plus 3 new members for 1966. Represented in the 1965 total are 139 families and 21 Institutions, distributed over 31 states, Puerto Rico and a foreign country. "Sustaining" dues are being paid by 16 individuals and 10 families, adding significantly to our ability to keep "upping" the quality of our publications, programs and other activities. Fifty-three youngsters (Associate Members) are getting into Archaeology on the ground floor - promising that our future is not oblivion!

PARDON OUR ENTHUSIASM, but did you notice that a certain 2 word descriptive term only appears some 34 times in this issue of our Newsletter? Actually, we hope you will become as enthusiastic as we are on the subject, but bear with us in the meantime!

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