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### OUR 1972 WINTER ANNUAL MEETING

State Society Officers and Birmingham Chapter members are working diligently on completing arrangements for the Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, December 9th, in the Auditorium of the Physical Sciences Building at Samford University, located at 800 Lakeshore Drive (Alabama Highway 149) in Birmingham.

As presently planned, the program is as follows: 8:30 AM, Registration, setting up displays, etc.; 9:30 AM, Business Meeting; 11:00 AM, talk by Mr. Richard A. Marshall; 12:00 Noon, Luncheon; 1:30 PM, talk by Mr. Ben I. Waller; 2:30 PM, talk by Mr. Charles M. Hubbert; 2:45 PM, Break for refreshments; 3:15 PM, talk by Mr. Carey B. Oakley; 3:30 PM, talk by Dr. William M. Bass; 4:30 PM, Closing Remarks by State Society President Amos J. Wright Jr., and Adjournment.

Since Displays by our membership have always been an outstanding part of the meetings, we hope they will be numerous. Tables will be available in the hall outside, and inside the Auditorium for the artifact displays, sale of archaeological publications, and registration.

A specially prepared City of Birmingham map is being enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter, showing how to reach Samford University from all directions of approach to the city; also including a layout of Samford University and the location of the Physical Sciences Building, which is numbered 21 on the map.

On the reverse side of the map, you will find background information about all the speakers on the program, as well as their subjects of discussion. We are sure you will agree that Program Chairman B. Bart Henson has come through again!

There will be a \$2.00 Registration Fee for Adults, and a \$1.00 Registration Fee for students. Luncheon will be obtainable in the cafeteria of the adjacent Student Union Building, the cost to depend upon your individual food selection.

For the benefit of those who wish to come in on Friday or stay over Saturday night, here are the nearest motels, numbered according to location on the map:

(1) ST. FRANCIS MOTOR LODGE, Highway 31 at Oxmoor Road, Phone 871-0343. Good location about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Samford. Easy to get to and reasonably close to the Zoo, refurbished Vulcan Statue and other places. Prices \$12.00 to \$18.00.

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(4) HOLIDAY INN, Highway 31 South, Phone 822-4350. You know these Inns. This one is opposite the Ramada Inn and prices are more or less standard.

The above and many others will have ample space available over weekends, and reservations are not usually necessary. All 4 of the above motels have restaurants.

As those of you who have attended Annual Meetings in the past know, these are always memorable occasions, and we are looking forward to having an unusually fine attendance at this meeting which is more or less centrally located for our members from all over the State. Make your plans NOW and COME!

NOVEMBER 1972

## EXCAVATIONS AT ATASI

David W. Chase, with the help of his archaeological students from Auburn and Auburn in Montgomery, and the members of the Montgomery and East Alabama Chapters, has spent many hours this summer, excavating the site of Atasi. This is the site from which the "Red Sticks" launched their brutal attack on Fort Mims. After a retaliatory pre-dawn attack led by General John Floyd, this Creek town was never again supposed to have been inhabited. This is a multicomponent site which proved to be well stratified.

From a study of the material recovered, Dave has been able to work out a complete pottery sequence. The Creek pottery, in association with trade goods, is always grit tempered and a smoky to light gray color. A clay grit appeared to be the latest prehistoric, perhaps used in the contact period. A shell tempered with some clay grit during the Mississippian. Sand or grit tempered Autauga series, mostly plain but some fingernail punctate identified during the Woodland. Hamilton or Sand Mountain projectile points in association. Consistently the earliest was a plain, pure sand tempered ware.

The outline of a "rotunda" or council house is visible in a plowed field. A mound is still evident in spite of the bushes and trees which now cover it. A test trench into the mound revealed that while artifacts are quite plentiful on the surface, the fill and under the mound are without indications of any. In spite of the many pot-holes, this site still has much information to be learned from careful excavation. Dave hopes that further work will be possible.

## INTERNATIONAL MEETING IN ROME, ITALY

A professional member of our Society presented 2 papers at the 40th International Congress of Americanists held in Rome, Italy, September 4-10, 1972. Harold Huscher, University of Georgia, in the session on General Problems, Theory and Methodology, gave a paper entitled "Pre-Columbian Trans-Atlantic Contacts Recorded in Material Culture Vocabularies". He reviewed some of the studies made in the past, pointing out much valid investigation has been discredited. He finds that a study of surviving languages in each area, points to a continuous cultural and trading connection between northeastern North America and the Baltic area of Europe. More study points to contacts over an even wider range.

Mr. Huscher was Chairman of the Session on North American Archaeology, where he presented a second paper which he co-authored with David W. Chase, Auburn University, entitled "The Muskogean Cultural Area of the Southern Appalachian Piedmont; A Regional Cultural Sub-climax". This paper refers to the studies of John R. Swanton who for the period 1540 to 1840 A.D. found that 3 major linguistic divisions had recognizable continuity in the southeastern United States. Archaeological evidence indicates that before this time, there was much population movement and mixture. "The acceleration of regional differentiation and of cultural change" is noted from the Paleo Indian, through the more sophisticated periods, through the contact period up to early 19th century in Georgia and Alabama where the network of waterways provide north-south as well as east-west movement. It is felt archaeological investigations will aid in appraising the most important of these factors of movement and contact.

(Above 2 articles by Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

## THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL FUND DRIVE

During the past month, we received dig donations from the following 2 State Society members. Usually our fund drive closes with issuance of the November Newsletter, but since we have fallen a bit short of actual expenditures this summer, we shall hold the drive open for those who still wish to participate. The 2 are:

Dr. Joseph M. Dixon, Birmingham, making his THIRD generous contribution toward the

expenses of our completely voluntary excavation fund over the years.

Mr. & Mrs. Brittain Thompson, Birmingham, CHARTER and consecutive donors, bring to THIRTEEN the enviable number of years they have participated in our programs.

#### THE KOSTER SITE

This well stratified site, where the oldest horizon, #15, probably will date at at least 8,000 years old, is located in the lower Illinois Valley, about 50 miles north of St. Louis. Work is under the direction of Professors Stuart Struever and James A. Brown of Northwestern University and R. Bruce McMillan of the Illinois State Museum. More than 2/3 of the budget is raised through public subscription which involves about 600 private, corporate and foundation contributors. As usually seems to happen, during the last week of excavation, test pits to more than 34 feet below ground level, revealed pits and hearths of this horizon #15. In 1973 they hope to resume excavation in May. Since they are now below water table, pumping equipment will have to be secured for deeper digging.

While this project is using many of the newer technologies, some perhaps for the first time at an archaeological dig, such as a computer system in the field, connected to Bethesda, Md. and Northwestern University; a conveyor belt to raise the soil from the deep levels; soil borings to test soil as deep as 80 feet, no mention is made of the mechanical shaker screen and only the table type hand screens were shown. In Horizon #11 a stemmed projectile point of the LaCroix style was found, similar to those at Bettye Broyles' St. Alban's Site in West Virginia and dated from 5,000 to 6,000 B.C.

POPULAR ARCHAEOLOGY, Vol. 1, No. 4, October 9, 1972, contains a summary of some of the discoveries at this most important site. For information on subscription to POPULAR ARCHAEOLOGY, see STONES & BONES, October 1972, Page 4.

A write-up on this site also appeared in the Sept. 17, 1972 issue of GRIT, p.44.

#### RE-CYCLING OF RESOURCES

A primitive example is described by Fletcher Jolly III in the TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST, Vol. XXVI, No. 2, Autumn 1970 (but published in 1972), subscription by membership, \$3.00 per year to Tennessee Archaeological Society, Frank H. McClung Museum, University of Tennessee, Knoxville 37916. "Fluted Points, Reworked by Later Peoples" describes 6 Cumberland Points from sites in the Tennessee River Valley of north Alabama. These points were loaned to him by Horace J. Holland, Bob Lacks, Charles Hubbert and Bob Stegall for this very detailed study. His conclusions are based on the variation in flaking pattern and different degree of patination, usually noticeable in re-worked areas. He studied each artifact for use wear patterns in an effort to determine its function. The following were reworked from what he feels were originally Cumberland points:

Stemmed End Scraper from a multicomponent site in Limestone County.

Drill or perforator from Late Archaic/Woodland Shell Midden in Lauderdale County.

Drill or perforator from multicomponent site in Lauderdale County.

Big Sandy projectile point from a knoll near a Pleistocene Lake in Colbert County.

Benton Stemmed projectile point from a large Shell Midden in Lauderdale County.

Hafting area was reworked into one similar to Wheeler Recurved from a site high above the Tennessee River flood plain in Colbert County.

(Above 2 articles by Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

#### 1972 - LIST OF DIG DONORS - 1972

It is with great pride that we follow our usual custom of listing in one issue of our Newsletter, all of the much appreciated donors to this year's dig fund. There were a total of 43 contributions (same as last year) for a total of \$1,965.88 (not

quite as large a figure as last year's), plus \$46.00 added to the Dan Josselyn Memorial Fund. Our thanks again go to all those listed below, along with places of residence and number of years donations have been made:

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An Index to 30 years of AMERICAN ANTIQUITY, Volumes 1-30, 1935-1965, has been issued as Vol. 37, No. 3, part 2, 1972. Divided into 6 parts, there are the following: Author Index; Title Index; Research Contributions by Geographical Area and listed by author; Book Review Index, one by the title, another by the author of reviewed work; Memoir Index and listed by areas the Notes and News, and Current Research. Available by membership, \$15.00 per year to Society for American Archaeology, 1703 New Hampshire Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009. Volumes 1-33 are available from Kraus Reprint, 16 E. 46th St., New York 10017. Later volumes from the Society as above.

From the interest shown at our Summer Meeting, many members will be interested in the INDEX TO THE PAPERS OF THE CONFERENCE ON HISTORIC SITE ARCHAEOLOGY, 1960-1971. There is one index which lists the papers by Author, Title and Forum. A subject index lists them by the main topic. For only \$1.00 you may obtain a copy from Stanley South, Chairman, Conference on Historic Site Archaeology, Institute of Archaeology & Anthropology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, S.C. 29208.

### "PROFESSIONAL"

Webster defines professional as "one who engages in anything professionally", especially for livelihood or gain as opposed to an amateur. Funk & Wagnalls add another definition: "one skilled in a profession, craft or art". The inconsistencies of our language that 2 such opposite meanings can be given to the same noun! No implication of skill or training, just a good enough job done to receive compensation. The other requires determination, skill, training and a pride in a job well done. Characteristics many do not seem to feel important in this day of government hand-outs and the belief that everyone deserves the best, no matter what effort is put forth. Jack Valenti, special assistant to President Johnson, had an article on Sept. 11, 1971, in the WASHINGTON POST which was condensed in the READERS DIGEST of April 1972, page 53: "The Trained Professional: A Vanishing American?". Mr. Valenti points out that while their ideas are often of merit, many college youth are not prepared or trained, nevertheless they think their suggestions should be "adopted now". It is not that they have worked and trained to fulfill their dreams, but rather that just because they think it should be, instant success will come. There is no short cut to achievement. Let us hope that in the future of our youth, dedication and the tediousness of preparation are not forsaken!

(Above 2 articles by Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

### "STATUE BELIEVED TO BE APHRODITE TURNS UP IN MUSEUM"

The statue of Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love, has been found in the vaults of the British Museum in London. The statue was found by Dr. Iris Love, the archaeologist who uncovered the original site of the temple of Aphrodite at Cnidus. The statue has been missing for 1,500 years. Dr. Love found the head, carved of marble by Praxilites in the 4th Century B.C., last May. She delayed the announcement of the discovery because she considered the announcement much too serious to be made without further study.

In 1859, Sir Charles Newton, a British Archaeologist, brought back from an expedition in Cnidus 350 crates of archaeological fragments. This marble head was among them. No one realized until Dr. Love found No. 1314 that the Museum "possessed the head of the first nude representation of the Goddess of Love"...The authentication of the find is based on the exquisite quality of the work, the type of marble used, its age and dimensions. The head is made of Parian marble, the type used by Praxilites...to give the impression of skin.

According to Dr. Love, the statue was undoubtedly made in the 4th Century, B.C. Its dimensions compare exactly with 8 of the 52 known copies of the original checked by the archaeologist. Dr. Love is convinced that this is not another copy because she doubts that another statue of such superb quality, made of Parian marble from the period of Praxilites could exist in the same city Cnidus..."

(Quoted from NWAAS The Arkansas AMATEUR, Vol. XI, No. 10, October 1972)

### CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month in Room 213, Chapman Hall, Samford University. At the November meeting, Dr. Morris A. Simon III, University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa & Birmingham, will speak on "Anthropology Structured Around the Paleo Indian of North America".



Choccolocco Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Regar Museum, Anniston. Mr. David W. Chase, Auburn University, will show slides and discuss the Fort Mitchell site at the October meeting. Chapter membership is now 29.

Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at Cullman City Hall. Mr. Lloyd Collins, 3rd cousin of the Floyd Collins who was trapped in a Kentucky cave years ago, will give the October program on "The Five Civilized Tribes of the Southeastern U.S.". The Chapter Booth at the Fair was most successful.

East Alabama Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd Thursday of each month in Comer Hall Auditorium, Auburn University. No meeting as such will be held in November, but on November 11th, Mr. David W. Chase will lead a Chapter Field Party.

Huntsville Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in Room 410, Madison County Court House. Mr. Charles Hubbert, Muscle Shoals Chapter, addressed the October meeting on "Excavation of LaGrange Rock Shelter".

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Indian Mound Museum, Florence. Mr. John Walthall, Graduate Student in Anthropology at the University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa, talked to the October meeting on his work with the Copena culture materials at Moundville, where he is preparing a comprehensive paper. At the November meeting, 1973 Officers for the Chapter will be elected and plans completed for the Chapter dinner to be held in December.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

##### NEW MEMBERS DURING OCTOBER:

Dr. Albert E. Casey, P O Box 3406-A, Birmingham, Ala. 35205  
Keith Finley, Route 3 Box 632, Guntersville, Ala. 35976  
William Ray Hunter, 1001 Burke Ave. S.E., Attalla, Ala. 35954 (Family)  
Thella Mae Maddox, 1114 - 9th St. S.E., Decatur, Ala. 35601

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS: Although Christmas is not really "just around the corner", that season of the year is not too remote, and some of you might appreciate a suggestion of a gift for a precocious youngster or a relative or friend on your list who has an interest in your hobby - archaeology. We feel sure one of the State Society's publications would admirably fill the bill, and here is the information:

1. The Cambron & Hulse HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, PART I, POINT TYPES, which illustrates, describes and dates over 100 projectile points found here in Alabama. The price is \$7.35 postpaid.

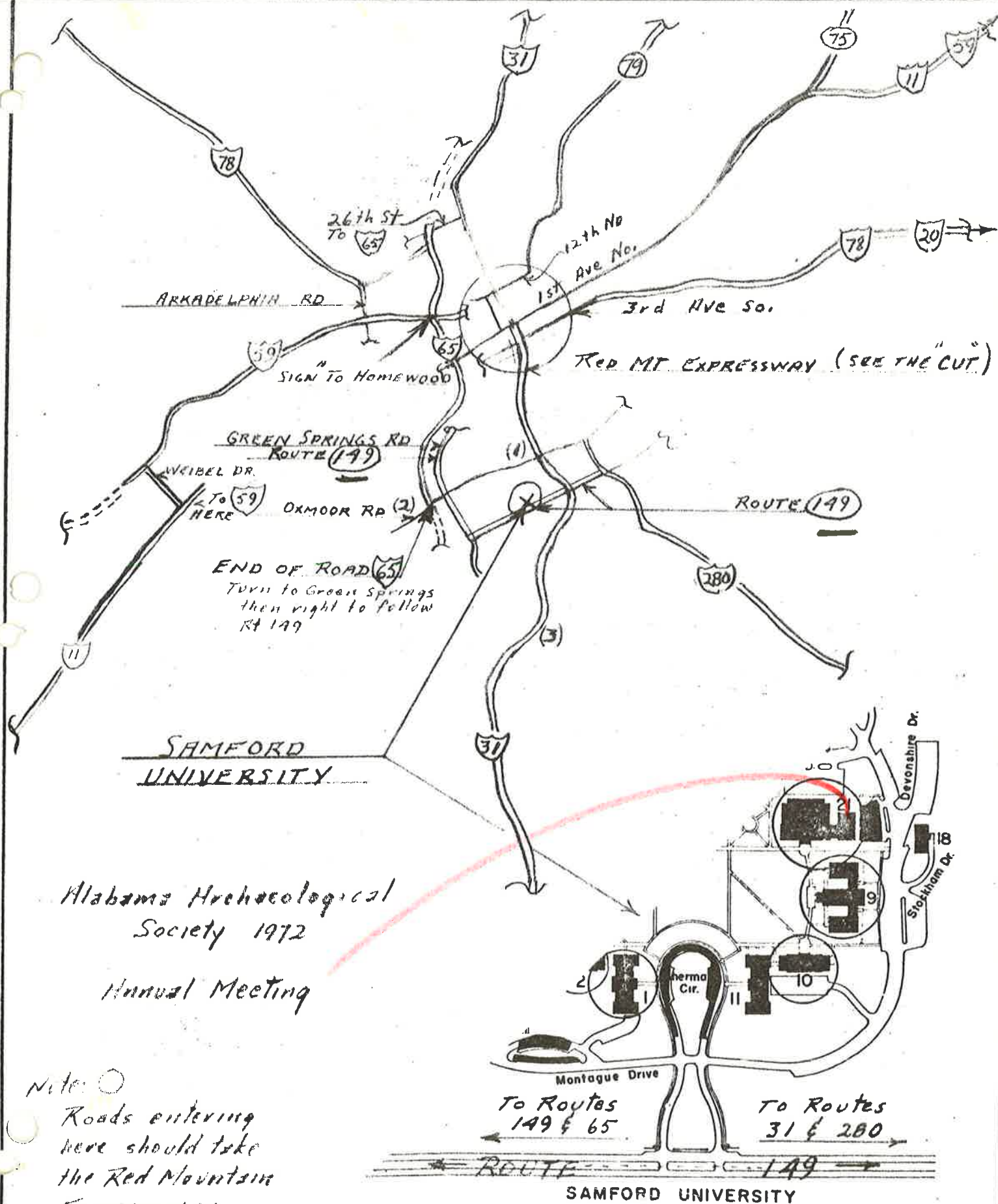
2. The Cambron & Hulse HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, PART II, UNIFACE BLADE & FLAKE TOOLS, at a price of \$2.25 postpaid.

(Checks for the above should be made payable to the Archaeological Research Association of Ala. Inc., and mailed to Mr. D. L. DeJarnette, P O Box 277, Moundville, Ala. 35474.)

3. THE LIVELY-LONG-JOSSELYN PEBBLE TOOL PAPERS, comprising 72 pages of text and illustrations, at a price of \$3.00 postpaid. For this, checks should be made payable to the Archaeological Research Association of Ala. Inc., and mailed to Mr. S. B. Wimberly, 4631 Old Looney Mill Road, Birmingham, Ala. 35243.

4. Not just a single publication - but a series of them - would be provided by a membership in the State Society. See the inside back cover for costs.

A NEW FIRST FOR ALABAMA: Mr. John Walthall has recently obtained 2 new C-14 dates for Copena. These new dates, combined with recent re-analysis of Copena material stored at Moundville, have added a new dimension to our understanding of this exotic culture. He is willing to share this information with those Alabama groups who are interested in this time period. If your group needs a good speaker, write to him c/o Anthropology Department, P O Box 6135, University, Ala. 35486.



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Annual Meeting

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## SPEAKERS AT THE 1972 ANNUAL MEETING

### RICHARD A. MARSHALL

Graduated in 1958 from University of Missouri with M.A. in Anthropology. Was research associate, supervisor and director of field parties on surface and shelter sites and surveys in the Central Ozark Highlands. Conducted highway surveys and salvage archaeology throughout the State of Missouri. Also directed an excavation in Macon, Ga. Since 1966, has been Director of Summer Field Session in Mississippi archaeology at Mississippi State University and is Acting Director of Cobb Institute of Archaeology at MSU.

His subject is "Recent Archaeological Developments in Mississippi".

### BEN I. WALLER

Is employed in the manufacturing industry, but is an accomplished skin diver, and has been studying the bottoms of caves, rivers and springs in minute detail for several years. Lives in Ocala, Fla., which he uses as a base for investigating the clear waters of Florida. Has located more than 100 Paleo projectile points, and just recently found 4 mammoth skeletons in streams, with associated tools. Is working with local museum and universities to properly evaluate his finds.

His subject is "Some Occurrences of Mammoth Skeletons and Paleo Projectile Points in Florida Waters".

### CHARLES M. HUBBERT

Graduate of Florence State University with B.S. in History and is completing his thesis work for an M.S. in Anthropology at the University of Alabama. Worked at the Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter, Durant's Bend and has spent 2 seasons on the North Alabama Paleo Site Survey. Is presently a research associate with Florence State University and assistant field supervisor on the Bear Creek Project.

His subject is "The LaGrange Bluff Shelter Site".

### CAREY B. OAKLEY

Graduate of University of Tennessee with B.S. degree. Received M.A. in Anthropology from University of Alabama in 1970. Is now Research Associate for the University of Alabama and Consultant to the TVA on construction projects in Ala. Has worked with the State Society on a number of summer excavations.

His subject is "The Archaeology of Little Bear Creek".

### DR. WILLIAM M. BASS

Holds a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Virginia, M.S. in anthropology from the University of Kentucky and Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania. Has been instructor in anthropology at the University of Nebraska, professor of physical anthropology at the University of Kansas, and since June 1972 has been Head of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Tennessee. Has authored 2 books and 86 articles.

His subject is "The Use of Earth Moving Equipment in Archaeology".



## 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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