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THE SELMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY - OUR ELEVENTH CHAPTER

With pleasure and unanimity, the Alabama Archaeological Society at its Directors' meeting April 17th welcomed "The Selma Archaeological Society" as a member of our growing statewide archaeological team.

Those of us who have had the pleasure of meeting most of their present 34 members, can assure other State members and chapters that the Selma group comprises all the fine qualities that are most desirable. They possess enthusiasm (for work), interest (for learning), organization (for control) and a balanced membership (many mature, many young). Their first meetings have been conducted in a manner tending to concentrate on careful organization and proper methodology.

Their constitution is a happy blending of their objects and by-laws, in the neatest package we have seen; and all charter members are receiving a beautifully framable Charter Membership Certificate including the member's name & the Society objectives.

Mr. W. R. "Bill" Pate is Chapter President, Mr. Hallie S. Chapman is Vice President (this leadership is real twin ignition), Mrs. John S. Faulk Jr. is Secretary-Treasurer (thoroughly competent and a delightful person) and Mr. Ben Windham is Editor. The Directors include the officers and Rev. O. Paul Walker, Mr. Lee Allen & Mr. Richard E. Sheffield. (Mr. Bruce Pardue, Citizens Bank & Trust Co. President, & a charter member along with Mrs. Pardue, is omitting service charges on the Chapter's account.)

The first meeting was started off with a bang of a speaker, our David Chase, who wisely discussed methods and procedures for field trips - controlled methods, records and prompt publication. We wish to predict that the interest and abilities evinced by all the Chapter members will continue to draw more persons to this group.

Our congratulations and best wishes to this fine new chapter!

SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF DIRECTORS' MEETING APRIL 17 1964

At the well-attended Spring meeting held in Cullman called to order by President Steve B. Wimberly, the Treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$1,647.96 from which the cost of the second 1963 Journal and two 1964 Journals is to be paid, and Research Association funds remitted. The Secretary's report showed a total membership of 521, which unfortunately includes more than a hundred (too Many) 1963 members whose 1964 dues are still unpaid (Editor's Note: If in doubt, pay twice and our Secretary will turn the second payment over to the dig.). The Secretary's proposal for the printing of a new letterhead was approved; with limited quantities to be made available to Chapter secretaries as requested.

Following reading of the petition, the Selma Archaeological Society was accepted as a Chapter of the State Society and its Constitution approved. Also discussed was the possibility of formation of chapters at Springville and the Ozark vicinity.

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The report on the status of the Point Type Manual showed a few drawings still to be made, some pages of descriptive material still to be prepared, photographs still to be made of materials still to be assembled and printing & binding costs finalized. The probable selling price of the book was discussed. Publication date still indefinite.

After discussion, decision made that the summer meeting of the State Society will be held at the site of the summer dig. Upon acceptance of an invitation from the Tuscaloosa Chapter, the 1964 Annual Meeting will be held in that city in December.

Dave DeJarnette reported that site of 1964 summer dig not yet definitely determined although a number of sites in Marshall County and elsewhere are under consideration. Decision on the site will be made within the next several weeks. Also, he reported that sufficient material was on hand for 2 Journals, and the December 1963 Journal should be ready for mailing reasonably soon.

Dr. E. M. Lindsey reported that arrangements had been completed for a course in Archaeology & Anthropology to be conducted by David L. DeJarnette at the University of Alabama Extension Center in Gadsden, consisting of five 2 hour classes meeting at 7:00 PM, the first on April 27th and others on the 2nd & 4th Mondays of May & June. Some 27 are already enrolled and others are invited, at a \$20 fee.

\$\$\$ OUR 1964 FUND DRIVE \$\$\$

Estalee Sherrod Sandlin (Mrs. Patrick Sandlin), another new donor, sends a donation from McLean, Virginia! We just can't appreciate enough the wonderful folks from far away places who pitch in to help Alabama archaeology, but we are sure we shall get appreciative help from archaeologists all over who read their names - and don't you like that Estalee Sherrod Sandlin? (Check dated Jan. 28 & being tardily reported, sorry!)

Horace J. Holland - and annual checks cannot express the immense contribution Horace has made to Alabama archaeology. Beside his amazing surface collecting (6 fluted points the other day!!!), Horace has been applying archaeological indoctrination to the younger generation in his science classes with nothing short of genius.

Dr. & Mrs. E. M. Lindsey send their check this year "in a generous mood". We were saying to Dr. A. G. Long not long ago that we had taken a liking to those Lindseys, sight unseen. "And they are just as nice as you think they are" Doc assured us. "And isn't that Gadsden chapter something" he added. Archaeology is "excavating" a lot of fine people, and that is the basic need.

Mr. & Mrs. Steve B. Wimberly - their fine check takes us way back, when we were "amateur collectors" in Alabama. Yet Steve, a professional and a purist, would invite us down to Moundville and spend the afternoon showing and educating - unobtrusively. One didn't realize how painlessly he was being indoctrinated, invited into real archaeology, shown the simple difference between destroying and making real contributions to science. Steve formed the nucleus which has spread like ripples in a pond, and added a fine cultural and scientific opportunity to Alabama. President Steve this year of course, still in there pitching.

Mr. & Mrs. R. C. Johnston (still more new donors!) join us this year - they hadn't heard about us before. The Johnstons will be familiar to many. Mr. Johnston was Principal of Birmingham schools for many years before his retirement, one of our fine educators who struggle to improve each squirmey generation. It is indeed good to have such folks discover archaeology. And they think Mr. George Hewson and sons may be interested in joining our Society - we hope so.

Sigfus Olafson's check is next in line (taking them as dated) - New York, another out-of-state supporter of Alabama archaeology. He has been supporting, encouraging, even inspiring us ever since we began "big archaeology" - this his 5th donation. He inspired our one and only "special issue" Newsletter - despite the work that meant. This year he is President of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, a post

formerly held by prominent professionals. Amateur archaeologists are proud of Sig, and grateful for the tremendous interest he has shared wherever it was needed.

Verne Reckmeyer is another generous 5-times donor, determined to further the fortunes of Alabama's amazing and neglected archaeology. We are proud that archaeology can attract and hold people of Verne's caliber, and many scholarly interests. His troglodytic or speliological (which refer to "caveology") interests tie in nicely with archaeological exploration. He writes "Here is a check to help get the ball rolling. Best wishes."

Fred L. Ingate, Mobile - another new donor! Well, sir, we are delighted to have you along. We recognize that donors to "pure science" are unusual people. And we boast that we can offer them an unusual opportunity to further the science of man, and to bring name & fame to the amateur movement - an opportunity which only Alabama offers!

B. Bart Henson, Secretary-Treasurer, HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER, writes: "Mr. A. W. Beinlich of Sheffield presented a most interesting talk on the 'Reconstruction and Restoration of Pottery' at the March, 1964, meeting of the Huntsville Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society. Declining payment for his expenses in making the trip, Mr. Beinlich suggested that a contribution be made to the dig this summer. We are most happy to forward a check in behalf of Mr. Beinlich." Isn't that a fine and cooperative way to support archaeology? Indeed a double service.

Mrs. Francis C. Smith, despite being another 5th-year donor, is making much wider contributions to archaeology. Have you seen "ARCHAEOLOGY", Spring 1964? Well, brace yourself. Margaret, under her pen name Margaret Perryman, has an article in it on Georgia Petroglyphs - on which she has done so much research. Our eyes bugged out when we saw one of our own members in this famous Journal! Atta girl, Margaret, and thanks for all you are doing for archaeology.

Now, in order to group them, we have saved our "business accounts" until the last - fine Birmingham firms who donate generously. This, we think, is one of the most promising discoveries archaeology has made - the great American business community, which has astonished the world, and is the source of the wealth with which Uncle Sam seems to be trying to support a large part of the world. If we can introduce archaeology widely to American business - well, we'll have plenty of archaeology!

W. B. Leedy & Co. Inc., Henry Beach, Chairman of the Board, John B. Rudolph, President, was first under the wire this year with their 4th generous donation. "We are glad to have a part in this effort", Mr. Rudolph writes.

A MYSTERY DONOR, another great Alabama Company and a new donor, signed a fine check the very next day. We respect their desire to remain "annonymous" but do wish we could give them the publicity they deserve. "I am glad we can be of some help" comes with the check.

Southern Life & Health Insurance Company, oldest in Alabama, sends along with the fine check a letter from President W. R. Lathrop Jr.: "I am extremely delighted to make this 5th contribution to the Archaeological Association's effort in Alabama. From a small beginning with inadequate funds, your organization has done a magnificent job in this all important study of early man in Alabama." Golly, we hardly knew which we appreciated most, check or letter!

ANOTHER MYSTERY DONOR - the next fine check - gracious to goodness!!! And another new donor! And with it comes "best wishes for every success in this most worthwhile endeavor". Again we regret that we cannot give public credit - we'll just have to repay them with results!

Liberty National Life Insurance Company, which has grown so big it is now adding to its skyscraper headquarters, Frank P. Samford Jr., President, Jack D. McSpadden, Executive Vice President, again this year delights us with its generosity: "our contribution for another year". (After reading Jack McSpadden's delightful travel letters to

"the gang" at Liberty National last year - well, frankly, we wish Mr. McSpadden had had time to write us a longer letter. Not that we are kicking - just appreciating the cleverness of his pen!)

Jim McCary and Milt Harris are our contacts, educators, promoters with these fine Birmingham firms. We not only thank them, but commend them as examples. Judging by the very generous returns from these 5 firms, this sort of thing is what archaeology needs most. We do hope that every Chapter will contact business men in their area. The American business man knows, and has to know, a sound proposition. We have made 4 major archaeological breakthroughs. We scout the BEST sites to excavate. We have brought name and fame to Alabama. We have only one professional - we MUST have amateur and public assistance. Every dollar digs - not a dime for overhead, promotion, expense accounts. We have University of Alabama endorsement and cooperation. We do a job for some 20% of what it would cost via our tax money. Alabama has the most reported evidence of Early Man in America - one of the "most wanted men" in archaeology. We have a tremendous opportunity, and obligation. Put that over with smart business men and they'll buy a part of it.

Perhaps no one likes figures (except the curvaceous variety), but June will be upon us next month - the month of the famous Alabama archaeological excavations. And despite a good many fine new donors, only \$844.00 has come in this year. We think all will agree that we simply cannot have a catastrophe! Gloria Wentowski, one of our wonderful "digging girl scouts" wrote Secretary Rodger Schaefer: "For months now I have been meaning to get myself organized and send you an application for membership". Bless that smart gal for putting her finger on a universal problem - getting "organized". Man alive, if we all ever get organized and do the things we should, human progress will know no bounds. And at the moment it is terribly urgent that we get those donations organized. We did it when still unknown, with only 4 Chapters, results still unproven, and we were told it couldn't be done and we half believed it. It should be a breeze now - if we all work at it even a little. Archaeology has been pretty nice to us - and needs our help. SOS!

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

SPECIAL NOTICE!!!! The Tenase Explorers are offering a rare opportunity to own a rare book - a reprint of Thruston's "Antiquities of Tennessee". This important work contains 362 pages, 21 full page plates and 251 other illustrations showing some of the finest aboriginal work ever recovered in Tennessee. Out of print for 67 years, this reprint will be an outstanding addition to your library.

The prepublication price will be \$10 and delivery is promised in 6 weeks. Those interested are urged to get in touch with Mr. Richard Myers, P. O. Box 2284, Knoxville, Tennessee.

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Denton, Texas, includes the following interesting items in the April Issue:

"NOW WE KNOW: "The first men to hunt in our woods, fish in our streams, grow grain in our fields came from Mandrin, Manchuria. And from the evidence these Asiatics beat the Mayflower by at least 20,000 years." From an advertising letter from the American Museum of Natural History. We are glad to know this. Now all anthropologists can turn to other pursuits, secure in the knowledge of where the first Americans came from and when. Oh, yes, and you can read all about the Arizona copper bells which "bear a striking resemblance to artifacts of ancient China" and Illinois arrowheads "similar in design to those of Archaic Russia" in "Early Man in the New World" by Macgowan and Hester, put out by the AMNH. Send a copy to your favorite Brahman so he can appreciate these goodies too."

"THE STORY OF ARCHAEOLOGY in the Americas by Mary Elting and Franklin Folsom. This is another splendid volume by the prolific husband and wife writing team which has produced much children's literature. While this book is intended for children be-

low High School level it could be read with profit by most High School students and adults. Written in a fascinating quasi "detective-story" manner, the young reader is led through the Americas of precolumbian times as if on an expertly guided tour. Scientific accuracy is guaranteed by having Dr. J. Alden Mason read the Mss. 160pp. Fascinatingly illustrated by Kathleen Elgin. Published by Harvey House, N.Y. \$3.50. This should be in every elementary and Junior High School library and the teachers should read it too." (S & B Editors Note: Members might wish to donate a copy to their local school library.)

"THE HAM CREEK SITE by Robert E. Forrester, F.I. I. This is a beautifully presented site report concerning an Archaic site in Johnson County, Texas, 12 miles southwest of the City of Cleburne. For those who are interested in the Archaic, whether in Texas or elsewhere in the U.S. (and extending into Mexico) this work should be indispensable. Mr. Forrester has worked on this site for years and we assure you that, aside from some typographical errors, the publication is impeccable. 22 plates and 20 figures make the exposition crystal-clear. Those who wish to secure this 46 page, spiral bound volume can do so from the Interam Foundation, Inc. 5133 NT, Denton, Texas, for \$1.35 postpaid. As an alternative, persons contributing \$1.50 or more to the publication fund of the Tarrant County Archaeological Society, Box 10245, Fort Worth, Texas, 76114, gets one free."

"BEDROCK MORTARS AND OTHER POTHOLE: The Bernasconi Site in Southern California by Ruth Goodman and Richard Raskoff, Masterkey. Vol.38:1. January-March 1964. pp. 17-25. While this is an interesting paper in general we were principally interested in the fact that the writers found many mortar holes drilled in the boulders at the site. This is not unusual. They also found many holes similar to mortar holes but drilled into the rock in such a position that they could not possibly be used to grind anything. This is not unusual. We find these in great numbers in Mexico, in the Eastern U.S. and many, many other places. We have long wondered at the purpose of these holes which must have required a lot of work to make. We would welcome any and all explanations for these potholes."

"BREAKTHROUGH!!!: Until recently the radiocarbon dating of archaeological bone samples was based primarily on the dating of associated charcoal and in some cases on the natural calcium carbonate content of bones. However, dates by correlation with charcoal may not always be correct. Even greater doubts exist on the accuracy of dates based on calcium carbonate which may have been replaced by ground water carbonate of varying age. It is now possible to date bones directly using their content of organic carbon or collagen. There exists no known natural mechanism by which collagen may be altered to yield a false age. Collagen is characterized chemically as a protein with a low content of aromatic amino acids and a high content of pyrrolidine amino acids (proline and hydroxyproline) as well as glycine. Also, it is specifically hydrolyzed by the enzyme collagenase. Collagen is found as fibrils 0.3-0.5u thick throughout bone. The physiological turnover of collagen is very slow as determined by isotopic measurements. Bone collagen is chemically indistinguishable from the collagen in cartilage, shin and tendon.....For those whom we lost several lines above may we say that bone contains this virtually inalterable substance (by natural means, that is) collagen. As long as the bone lasts, so does the collagen though in very old bone and under adverse conditions the collagen may be very much reduced in amount but not in quality. So, in brief, we now have a method for the virtually absolute dating of bone, human or otherwise. This should be of immense value in the Americas where much bone is available from burials.....If you want complete details on this new dating method and the techniques write to the Institute of Geophysics, University of Calif., Los Angeles 24, Calif. Ask for "Radiocarbon Dating of Bone and Shell With Their Organic Contents".

"CAVE ART SAVED: Scientists are winning the battle to save the 25,000 year old cave paintings at Lascaux from algae and bacterial overgrowths. However, the cave will remain closed through 1964 while observation continues."

(S & B Editors Note: We want to again express our pleasure in using each month this eminent source of world archaeology notes, happenings and abstracts.)

THE TOTEM POLE. What Totem Pole? Why, The Totem Pole - the one that is the monthly bulletin of the Aboriginal Research Club of Detroit, Mich. D. J. Richards, F.I.I. is Editor. His address is 6584 Balfour, Allen Park, Mich. 48101.

So, if you wish to add considerably to your knowledge, drop a check to them for \$3.00, we believe. You will find these bulletins packed with information - much of which is in the same areas of interest as ours - recent issues have been concerned at great length with fluted and bifurcated points.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the April meeting, Dr. Charles W. Copeland Jr. discussed Alabama fossils, filling in the background for understanding the fossils found in Alabama rocks by discussing the various periods on the Geological Time Chart, and told how these periods were determined and named, the characteristic organic material found in each, and illustrated with examples of fossils found in Alabama. Colored slides of outcroppings of fossils around the State were shown. At the May meeting, Mr. Arthur Soulis will deliver a Travelogue through Turkey, Lebanon, Greece and Italy. He is a former Air Force pilot now test flying for Hayes Aircraft. His supervision of the installation, operation & training for the Jupiter missile bases took him to the above countries.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University. At the April meeting, Mr. John Cottier Jr. spoke on "Maya Indians, Past and Present", illustrated with colored slides and articles from Mexico, he having spent the past year working in Yucatan under the auspices of the Middle American Research Institute of Tulane Univ. The May meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 4, 1964 at the Visitor's Center, Horseshoe Bend National Military Park, where Mr. Glenn Hinsdale, Ranger-Historian, will speak to the Chapter membership on "The Battle of Horseshoe Bend and History of the Park".

The Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas Lutheran Church. No report received.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant, Guntersville. At the April meeting, Mr. Joe Watkins, President of the Birmingham Chapter, entertained with a beautifully illustrated talk on his recent trip to Yucatan enabling those in attendance to study a native race such as the Mayas and compare them with North American races. He also displayed a bartered bow and arrow of the kind now in use by the Yucatan natives, as well as projectile points similar to our Madisons and Hamiltons, also presently being used there.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the March meeting, Mr. Mike Blake, local educator, presented and discussed Civil War artifacts located since 1937 by "Gold Bugging" with a metal detector in the vicinity of Spanish Fort near the northeast shore of Mobile Bay. At the April meeting Father Oscar H. Lipscomb, Archivist and Assistant Chancellor of the Mobile-Birmingham Diocese, will present commentary on slides & pictures taken of the archaeological excavations directly under the Altar of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome, Italy.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. No report received.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the First Federal Penthouse, Decatur. At the April Meeting, Mr. A. W. Beinlich of the Muscle Shoals Chapter, spoke on "Pottery Restoration", well illustrated with samples from his personal collection. On April 21st, a joint meeting will be held with the Huntsville and Marshall County Chapters, at which Dr. Lewis Larson, Dept. of Anthropology, Georgia State College, Atlanta, will be the speaker.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. At the March meeting, Mr. A. W. Beinlich spoke on "Pottery Reconstruction and Restoration", displaying some 20 vessels from his collection. He

outlined the 5 main types of pottery found in our vicinity and gave method to identify. The detail that was presented in restoration brought many interesting questions concerning washing, maintaining contour, use of sand box, wax paper, plaster of paris, building up voids and coloring to match original vessel. Clarence (Pop) Smith displayed a collection of artifacts that came from one site and emphasized the importance of keeping material segregated by site. At the April meeting, Mr. David Hulse will discuss "Fluted Points", using artifacts from his collection.

The Nockalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the April meeting, Dr. Charles D. McGlamery, Associate Professor of Sociology, Univ. of Ala., and Dr. J. D. Maley, Chairman, Extension Division, Univ. of Ala., discussed the course to be given at the Gadsden University Center, to consist of 4 hours "Introduction to Anthropology", 2 hours "Races of Mankind, Development of Man, Ancient & Modern", 2 hours "Field Archaeology, Investigation, Site Survey", and 2 hours "Identification & Classification". At the May meeting, Jack Cambron will discuss "Point Identification". The Chapter now has 47 members.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Room 25, Martin ten Hoor Hall, University of Alabama. No report received.

The Selma Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Meadowview Christian Church. At the April meeting, Mr. Brittain Thompson entertained with a discourse on the interesting and enlightening details of why archaeology is fun and how it relates to other fields, leaving the members with many new ideas. He also gave a preview of the forthcoming book on projectile points. A copy of the very handsome printed Constitution was given each member, and membership cards were distributed. A previously planned field trip was postponed due to the Alabama River flooding conditions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR APRIL: (So happy to have each of you with us for 1964!)

Pete Clark, 2820 Shannon Drive, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
Tommy Coleman, Old Orville Road, Selma, Ala.
Judge S. P. Dalton, Supreme Court Bldg., Jefferson City, Mo. 65102
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Alvis Frith, Old Birmingham Highway, Selma, Ala.
Mrs. Charles Hohenberg, Orrville Road, Selma, Ala.
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Thomas H. Koehler, Asst. Prof., Dept. of Soc. & Anthr., Univ. of Miss., University, Miss.
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Aaron H. Lewis, P. O. Box 237, Center, Ala.

Victor K. Overman, 4170 Rowan Ave. N., Salem, Oregon

COOSA SITE SURVEY: Hey, you new members! Hey, you old members! Ever been on a site survey field trip? No? Yes? Then join some folks who have and find some new sites to add to our fund of knowledge - and help look, incidentally, for the trail of brave, adventurous de Soto. We just know he came along the Coosa and we want proof and more proof and time keeps running shorter. Locks and dams are being added, hiding one more area under water. (Editor's Note: I know this benefits barge owners and is "peachy pork barrel" for politicians, but what do these dams do for us?)

With Joe Watkins (B'ham Chapter Pres.), 3100 Robin Circle, Mtn. Brook, Ala., phone 871-2292, as the focal point, and State President Steve Wimberly showing enthusiasm; and Randy Gray & Frank Parsons leading & pushing, the survey should be a successful & delightful experience. Phone or write Joe Watkins and volunteer for some fun - AND DO IT NOW! Prize for 1st confirmed Spanish artifact: A 1-year State membership!

RODGER SCHAEFER, our Secretary extraordinary, has completed a stupendous job of getting out a revised 1964 membership list - toiling through the shifting sands of changed addresses, drop-outs, an amazing number of new members. We were awed by the task, and wish to extend the gratitude of all our members. But we are reminded that an amoeba divides when it grows too big, and wonder if we might add a corresponding secretary to our officers, or somehow divide Rodger's Herculean task.

CULLMAN, attention! Gloria Wentowski will be attending college in your fine city next year and says: "I would be interested in joining a Chapter". What about it?

QUOTE OF THE MONTH: One of our correspondents, Howard Higgins, says: "Maybe you can prove that I am more closely related to a Monkey than a Jackass". That adds an important new dimension to this evolution stuff - sapiens so often acts more like a jackass!

DAVE CHASE writes Secretary Schaefer that 4 ladies visited him at the Montgomery Museum and asked for information concerning the formation of an OZARK CHAPTER, and please contact Mrs. Arnold Amenda. Well! And Mrs. Amenda & Mrs. Wm. E. Myerson were interested to write for our "Missing Link" booklet telling about our "rocket trip to big archaeology" these last 4 years. Wouldn't it be fine to get that Ozark area covered by a lot of nice Ozark folks? Dave Chase also says he is "Also exploring the possibility of a Fort Rucker Chapter". Dave is really on the ball - how many of us are?

DR. JEREMIAH F. EPSTEIN, Univ. of Texas, granted us permission to quote from one of his fine letters to Dr. A. G. Long Jr.: "Your photography is superb...I cannot emphasize how important I think your findings are. If more people would take the trouble to look at chipped flint in detail as you are doing, we would know a heck of a lot more about the archaeology of the New World than we know now." Following Dr. Epstein's study on projectile point burins which appeared in American Antiquity, Dr. Long had sent some possibles from Alabama - which Dr. Epstein verified! In requesting permission to quote we were moved to thank Dr. Epstein for the encouragement, aid and opportunity which professionals offer amateurs.

MARGARET SMITH wrote us the sad news, April 10, that "Dr. Antonio Waring, a Savannah physician, passed away last week". Archaeology will miss him - Dr. Waring was one of the many physicians who have done such notable work in archaeology, achieving the status of an authority on the Southern Cult.

SIGFUS OLAFSON writes that famous Trinity Church, right in the shadow of Wall Street, is to be enlarged. Since the property "is perhaps the only spot on lower Manhattan that is not greatly disturbed", the archaeological possibilities are of course tremendous. But Sig reports that the first area investigated had been disturbed, though a good many kaolin pipe stems and other Colonial materials were recovered. And we must add his prediction for our area: "You will eventually find fluted point man in Alabama if you persist".

DAVE DEJARNETTE also sent some possible "burin facets" from Horace Holland's latest amazing Paleo site, to Dr. Epstein for identification. Give us time and we'll get educated and know how to "look for everything".

"DEAR DR. LONG: We would like to express our appreciation for the excellent talk you gave to the Marshall County 4-H Council...We have heard many nice comments. Thanks again...Deloris Ann Haynes, Asst. Home Demonstration Agent, Franklin H. Wood, Asst. County Agent." New territory!

GENNIE LINDSEY invites and urges you to visit "Art on the Rocks", an outdoor art exhibit at Noccalula Falls (or Municipal Auditorium in case of rain), Gadsden, noon to 5:50 Sunday May 3. Paintings, sculpture, ceramics, crafts - the works. This will make a fine outing, and you might want to buy a few art pieces if the prices are right. Admission only 50¢ for adults & 25¢ for children over 6 - tots free.

HAZEL BARKER, we somehow failed to mention in our last issue, thought up the happy idea of the class on anthropology at the University Center in Gadsden. (Our fault, Hazel - Gennie gave you full credit.) We hear some Guntersville area folks are signing up for the course!

ED MAHAN adds a sort of postscript to his adventures in the last issue. He sent a small boy, with flashlight, in to explore a small cave which had filled almost to the roof. He disappeared slowly, on hands and knees, but shortly thereafter all pandemonium broke loose and he came out a lot faster than he went in - smelling strongly of one of those small animals with an atomizer, but not exactly perfume. Ed hasn't been back - the boy had on his Sunday clothes and his folks might not take kindly to such monkeyshines - well, skunkyshines.

JUDGE S. P. DALTON (that's right, THE Dalton), whose delightful account of the genesis of the Dalton point we excerpted last month, which we of course sent to the Judge, writes: "I have enjoyed seeing this newsletter very much and have read it with real interest. My check is today being sent to Mr. Rodger L. Schaefer...for membership." We are honored to have so eminent (archaeologically as well as judicially) a member from the great State of Missouri - which, we hear, has a mighty fine Archaeological Society (some say the best, but we are going to be giving them some competition). Judge Dalton was obviously something of a "child prodigy" in amateur archaeology, following sound methods before most of us ever heard of method!

SPENCER WATERS - gollee! Well, Spence, if we "hounded" you for Newsletter copy about what you Decatur folks are doing, it sure paid off. (And we hereby hound your other "silent partners" up there.) Spence has done a scholarly job of discovering the lost town of Melton's Bluff or Marathon, laid out by John Coffee in 1818 on a bluff overlooking the Tennessee River. John Knox gave the story of this painstaking research very able and nearly full-page treatment in the DECATUR DAILY Dec. 29, 1963 - a paper which does an unusually good reporting job on things archaeological, and thanks & congratulations to Editor Shelton. We shall pass this important story along to President Steve Wimberly for "what should be done about this"? Archaeology, it seems, is very much a "family affair" with the Spence Waters family. Amy LeLane Waters, "a Junior Archaeologist, was born to our staff Jan. 22, 1964", and went on her first "field trip at the age of 6 weeks" - a record, we venture! Johnny, age 12 now, and an old hand, was neglected until he was 6 months old! But he is really making up for that delayed schooling, even doing "graduate work" as a volunteer excavator under the supervision of our professional Dave De Jarnette. Johnny's latest honors include first prize in County-wide competition in science exhibits - won with an archaeological exhibit! And his paper accompanying the exhibit was read before the North Alabama Historical Society - the youngest scholar ever to achieve this honor! Johnny, our congratulations, & our envy! Mother, what does she think of all of these complications of family life? She, Betty Ann, is the perfect mother for this restless tribe of archaeologists. It was she, remember, who uncovered the first Quad point ever excavated, at the Flint Creek Rock Shelter - causing Lewis & Kneberg to rush down from the Univ. of Tenn. and rating an Associated Press release (reported by Cambron & Mitchell, Journal of Alabama

Archaeology, Vol. 4, Issue 1). What an archaeological family! Thanks a million, Spence, for letting us peak through this big "picture window" at the inspiring doings of the enviable Spencer Waters family. (And may we urge other members to "excavate themselves" and send in some news?)

THE FLINT CHIPPER, Newsletter of the Marshall County Chapter, of course is one answer to the problem of making local news available for State distribution. We note in Editor A. B. Hooper's March issue that "one amateur archaeologist actually pays annual rent to a farmer for a small plot of land...must plow...plant nothing, pick up nothing ...keep others out". Well, if we can't have excavation to save archaeology from the plow, this conserved and controlled "plow excavation" is the next best thing we have heard of. By dating material collected, a sort of "stratigraphic" record can be kept.

MRS. GEORGE I. GARIN, of Auburn, sent us into a tail spin - she is playing in the big league for fair! We received a letter from Penna.: "My life was recently brightened by a letter from a delightful lady who must be in the circle of your acquaintanceship, Mrs. George I. Garin, of Auburn." The letter is from Edwin T. Randall, of Friendly World Broadcasting, who does the engaging program "A Yankee in the Heart of Dixie" which we hear on WBRC daily. Mr. Randall apparently wishes to prospect the possibility of recording some interviews on amateur archaeology on a future trip to Birmingham - & we think so able an interviewer might serve archaeology in a big way. Our deepest bow to Mrs. Garin, who furnishes us with an example of another, and extremely important, way in which we can aid archaeology. Spreading the word, gathering the clans - causes were never won any other way. And thanks to Mr. Randall - we have liked his informal interviews, and certainly such appreciation of the possibilities of a letter (which must have been inspired!) rates him as unusually perceptive.

BRUSH & TROWEL, Newsletter of the Nockalula Chapter, Editor Jesse Raley, astutely reviews the vast confusions and conflictions of the guesses (but not so labeled!) concerning the time, place and method of man's origin in America. We really loved the conclusion that something must soon be done about this or it will "revert to the role of a fairy tale". Or hasn't it already? Personally, we are amazed that so many archaeologists of caliber feel it necessary to tell us just how, when and where this happened. By all the evidence gathered to date, we merely know less and less. We long to see the weighty writer who will dare say "My ignorance on this score is deplorably complete." In a lighter vein, this illustrated Newsletter shows "Hazel 'n Bill", Mr. & Mrs. rock-shelter aboriginals, with "Hazel, hand me that chipped bi-face drill from over there on Zone B, dear." (Thanks to Gennie Lindsey for this interesting 4th issue)

B. D. SPARKS, bless his 74 years, sends in his dues for another year, and wants an immediate reply. However, he does take us to task: "Stones & Bones, about all it tells about is wanting to collect donations. Of course that is fine but when Doctor Sody was at Chinstrand I got several large books. But now I only get two a year." Yes sir, Mr. Sparks, we began with the big ambition to publish 4 Journals a year - but both papers to publish and money to publish them ran out! People don't write very often - we are indeed delighted to have you in our Newsletter at long last. Mr. Sparks writes: "I have collected Indian artifacts all my life...I wish I was able to meet every time you all have a meeting but I am completely helpless". Please, please, some of you able young folks look Mr. Sparks up and give him a hand on reporting what must be a remarkable collection, and some of his "early history of archaeology in Alabama". Here is a real opportunity, and certainly Mr. Sparks' long devotion deserves recording for all time. His address is Route 1, Hillsboro, Ala. And thank you sir for the reminder to keep our Newsletter interesting - we think folks sent in a lot of interesting material this month - and that includes one Mr. B. D. Sparks, 74 wonderful years old. (Thanks to Rodger Schaefer for sending us a copy of Mr. Sparks' fine letter, and many others in this & other issues - extra work on the part of our Secretary extraordinary.

MARTIN HULLENDER writes: "Dear Rog: Here's 3 bucks for which enter the name of Rev. Hollis French, P. O. Box 12, Grantham, N.H." - our first New Hampshire member? "A cou-

ple of weeks ago I talked to Ralph Thrasher, a teacher at Troy Hi School anent the Society. It's possible they may get together and organize a good group...Ed. Driggers, Mgn. Editor of the Dothan Eagle, just might give us some good publicity...Mayhops they can organize..." Gee whiz, Martin is covering territory and veritably excavating possibilities with a bulldozer. Maybe we can still get Dothan, Troy & Ozark together!!!

CLUES TO DROPOUTS: Mrs. Flora Mays Simmons writes Rodger: "We have missed your Newsletter this year and last, so have sent Mauvilla Chapter my dues for 63-65 - really did not mean to let it go - just one of many things we didn't get around to!" And Gene Lenser writes Rodger: "Find enclosed my 1963 and '64 dues. Please bring me up to date on the Journals I have missed." Here is "unsolicited testimony" that dropouts do miss us. So, as Gloria Wentowski astutely reminds us, we seem to have a basic problem of getting "organized". (In spite of the bale of reminders we understand Rodger sent out)

NRS, PATRICK SANDLIN (one of our out-of-state donors in this issue) sends to Rodger her own sustaining membership dues and a membership for her daughter Scott, age 13 - who presently thinks she would like to be an archaeologist! Both Mrs. Sandlin's father, Floyd Sherrod Sr., and Mr. Sandlin's mother, live in Decatur - where Mrs. Sandlin knows Mrs. Jack Cambron and thus "we discovered the AAS!" They want to know about digging with us this summer - just keep in touch and come on down! And they want to know how to join the Virginia Society. Might write to Jerome D. Traver, 5809 Gamage Court, Norfolk 18, Editor of the interesting and ambitious CHESOPIEAN. (Mrs. Sandlin adds further to the intrigue of her name, previously mentioned, by signing "Sherry Sandlin")

ALICE DE LAMAR (news continues to come in!), who "keeps us educated", among many clippings includes one from Science News Letter, Feb. 29, 1964, concerning 7,000-year-old cotton from a site near Tehuacan, Mexico, which will not please the "diffusionists" who claim cotton was only an early import.

DR. VERNON LESLIE, Director, Penna. Institute of Anthropology, and Dave Werner, editor of the Institute Newsletter, came down to see our archaeology over the Easter holidays. They are agreed they "never saw any archaeology" before. And their appreciation for good Alabama folks also fairly "runneth over". Dr. Vernon writes: "Mrs. Dunn, bless her, housed us, fed us, guided us around and did everything she could for our comfort - a wonderful person...Tom Cornell is a man with an amazing store of knowledge about a wide variety of topics...made up a bag of cutting material, another of fossils, for me - fabulous things. Bob Tucker, there is a man dedicated to archaeology - generous, interested, capable, unselfish, let us hunt one of his special sites - and what a site!" They met others of the Huntsville Chapter and much admired their "studious approach". And "The area is fantastic - a wonderland - be back again as soon as possible." Maybe this informed outside view will not only help to tell the nation that we have something special in archaeology, but also help to inspire us to do more about it. Thanks to Dr. Vernon for his fine opinion of both our "points and our people", and thanks to those good Huntsville folks for correcting that "image" the propagandists have been trying to pin on Alabama. "I just don't know how to express my gratitude for the hospitality, kindness, scientific cooperation", Dr. Vernon says, a fine compliment.

COL. W. J. GIVEN, our homesick California member, drew one blank page in his last Newsletter and in sending an airmail stamp to hurry the missing information, wants us to correct the impression that he is retired, other than from the Armed Forces. Actually, he seems to be a beardless worker in "Cloud IX" for the Autonetics Division of North American Aviation, and now proposes the use of computers for artifact classification!

SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY - those of us staying at home greatly envy the very fortunate few who are attending the 29th Annual Meeting at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, on May 7, 8 and 9, 1964. Send us some news promptly, please!

NEXT MONTH YOU MAY EXPECT TO HAVE COMING YOUR WAY ALL THE DOPE WE CAN GET TOGETHER ON THE 1964 SUMMER DIG. IN THE MEANTIME, BEAR IN MIND THAT THE DIG MUST BE FINANCED\$\$\$\$