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Theoretically, you don't need anything but a headline to tell a story, but just as Dan Josselyn has been giving us all the news, all the time, as the donors and friends of archaeology kept contributing, it seems most fitting to amplify the success headline.

The careful attention by David L. DeJarnette, Archaeologist in Charge from the University of Alabama, to financial matters at the 1961 dig was instrumental in keeping our original budget of \$6,800.00 down to an actual expenditure of approximately \$6,000.00. Some of this was due to the work of volunteers, but most of the credit should be given to Dave. This saving, coupled with Dan Josselyn's super-hot spark-plugging, resulted in an oversubscription of approximately \$1,800.00. With this nest egg, and with Dan continuing in high gear, we can again most happily report a successful effort. Dan has continued throughout the past months in Newsletters, to advise who our donors and repeat donors were, but unquestionably, the most important single donor has been Dan. He has written more than a thousand letters (using soft-pressure salesmanship) describing the hopes and ambitions of all of us, thus making the Alabama Society far stronger and more cohesive than would ever have been possible without his guidance. He has written pamphlets, sung individual donor's praises in the Newsletter, and has buttonholed and ear-filled everyone he has seen. This strength and this enthusiasm shoots out many rays and beams, and they have warmed and, perhaps, opened the pocketbooks of all kinds of people. Some statistics of the successful drive are as follows:

> Total donations this year - - - - \$5,232.00 Total on hand - - - - - - - - \$6,261.85 Birmingham donations this year -- \$3,033.00 Other Alabama donations - - - - \$1,168.00 Other States (and countries!) -- \$1,031.00 Donated by 94 members - - - - \$3,112.00 Donated by 53 non-members - - - \$2,121.00 Donated by 82 new donors - - - \$ 964.00

Many members of the Alabama Archaeological Society and the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., have also quietly helped in this success story. Some of the behind the scenes efforts have been unobtrusive but vital, such as obtaining approval of land owners; insuring the student and volunteer workers; making signs and screening tables; arranging for accommodations and facilities; improving access to the sites, etc., etc. These things count strongly in the warm, friendly bonding of persons working toward a common goal.

There is not a shadow of a doubt that we will have a continuing enthusiastic group following the astute leadership of our beloved Dan Josselyn in shooting soon for donations to make the THIRD Annual Alabama dig possible. Everyone who has helped in any way should feel a genuine pride in our accomplishment, and a genuine pleasure to be a part of such a fine movement as this in our State.

We most proudly list below OUR 1962 HONOR ROLL OF DONORS, you fine people, organizations and business concerns who have helped make our 1962 Dig Drive a resounding success. marked with an asterisk (\*) have made one or more donations to each of our dig drives. To all, we express the appreciation of the State Society and archaeology for your cheerful and generous assistance: ALABAMA PRODUCE CO., R. Banks & Chas R. Walston, 1921 Powell Ave., Birmingham 3, Ala. ALABAMA TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION, K. W. Grimley, Exec. Secy., 900 S. 18th St., Birmingham, Ala., Printing of booklet. ALVES, Dr. Walter J., P. O. Box 509, Guntersville, Ala. \*ANDERSON, James Floyd, Route 2, Ashville, Ala. AUSTIN, Edward K., P. O. Box 5882, University, Ala. \*BALLARD, Mrs. Helen McCary, 2867 Habersham Road., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. BALLARD, William J. Sr., 704 E. Meadow Brook, Midland, Mich. BALLARD, William J. Jr., Charlie Laura & Madeline; Susan Hummel, Don Murch and Donald Schurr, Midland, Mich. BARKER, W. J., 1202 Randall, Gadsden, Ala. BARWOOD, H. G., Route 1 Box 172, Auburn, Ala. \*BEACH, Henry (see W. B. Leedy & Co.)
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# 1962 HONOR ROLL OF WORKERS

Paens of praise for those who contributed TIME to the 1962 dig! The volunteer labor amounted to well over 250 days given by individuals and an additional outstanding two weeks from the "Archy" girls of the Deep South Girl Scout Council with headquarters in Mobile (2 Leaders and 17 girls each working two weeks). Contributions of money (from members and the general public) and work accomplished by the many volunteers are two of the unique features which make this "professional dig" a "people's dig", also: Each volunteer learned something of value about the whys and wherefors of the professionals and gained a greater understanding of the painstaking effort that goes into collating archaeological information. This in itself was a worthwhile educational program.

Special mention should be made of some of the stars in the volunteer group — and not a prima donna among them! For 5 weeks, Stephanie Wimberly was a hard-working but non-paid member of the crew. The Wilt-Bea Harris twosome accounted for 42 daysof work. Paul Howell joined the group almost daily (after putting in a full day's work elsewhere. Eventually, he quit his job to work with the student crew — and what a worker that boy was! Susanne Brownell visited the dig, was fascinated, and stayed to give her support for 2 weeks. Merrill Acphearson donated 2 weeks time working at the Nitrate City Site. The hard working, well trained Girl Scouts under the competent guidance of Mrs. Andridge and Mrs. Rider were a tremendous help. Because they could be relied on for fine work in the Leighton area, the bulk of the student crew could be moved to the Asbury Rockhouse Shelter. Jack Cambron spent each Monday night with the workers helping to classify the artifacts found during the preceding week. Special thanks go to the Horace Hollands who devoted much time and effort to the dig and to the general welfare of the students while they were engaged in the vicinity of Leighton.

When the Asbury excavation was undertaken, many dedicated laborers from Guntersville and Albertville pitched in to help. Boy Scouts of Troop 171, Albertville, took over guard duty at the Shelter to prevent vandalism during the time the crew was not on duty.

Although the School Boards of Leighton and Asbury do not come under the volunteer labor heading, they merit special praise for their part in the success of the summer's undertaking. School facilities were made available as living quarters and for lab work - a really tremendous help. The Dan Hagoods of Albertville were also generous contributors of living quarters for the girl students. This sort of wonderful cooperation on the part of communities, groups and individuals makes possible a fantastic amount of superior work on a minimum budget. In these times of constant demands for worthwhile causes, it is remarkable that so many found they could give so much.

The following list of "Who-Done-Its" is one of the best sellers in the whole field of archaeology:

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Gloria Wentowski, Montgomery, Ala. Mrs. R. B. Andridge and Mrs. C. M. Rider, Mobile, Ala., directed the activities of the Girl Scouts, who camped in a lovely spot close to a large spring near Nitrate City Site.

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Unquestionably, some names have been omitted from the several listings above. If anyone overlooked will be so kind as to inform Ye Editor, he will be happy to make due apology and full restitution in the next edition. Believe us, we have tried to include everyone!

# SUMMARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH IN NORTH ALABAMA. 1962

A series of 4 sites was excavated by the University of Alabama under contract agreement with the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., during the summer of 1962. These sites were located in the Town Creek basin areas of Colbert and Franklin Counties, Alabama. The sites are: Fr 1 (Kleine Site), Ct 129 (Felton Site), Ct 130 (Fennel Site) and Ct 131 (Nitrate City Site).

Only one of these sites yielded any appreciable amount of pottery. The other sites were entirely pre-ceramic. Each of the sites produced "Early Archaic components". Fr 1,

in addition, showed evidence of a "Transitional Paleo-Indian" occupation.

The Transitional Paleo-Indian at Fr 1 is represented by Dalton and Big Sandy I projectile points as well as uniface tool types. The Early Archaic at the site is evidenced by a large number of ground-base, stemmed points. This collection of ground-base stemmed points included the following types: Kirk Serrated, Kirk Corner Notched; Pinetree, Greenbrier, Big Sandy II, Lecroy Bifurcated, Palmer, Eva, Horrow Mountain and Grawford Greek. Glearly, this component is the most important.

Midden and artifacts were lightly scattered over a wide area at Ct 129. The Early Archaic included Morrow Mountain and Kirk components. The largest components at Ct 129, however, were "Middle" and "Late Archaic" indicated by Paint Rock Valley, Benton Stemmed, Little Bear Creek and a large number of undifferentiated stemmed projectile points.

Site Ct 130 contained extensive Archaic and Woodland components. However, a number of Early Archaic point types were present including Palmer, Kirk Serrated, Kirk Corner Motched, Plevna, Big Sandy II, Morrow Mountain, Pinetree and Decatur.

Site Ct 131 contained a large amount of Archaic materials, but a small Early Archaic component was also present. The Archaic is represented by Benton Stemmed, large biface knives and large undifferentiated stemmed points. Decatur and other ground-base, stemmed points were among the "Early Archaic" types. An unusually large amount of flint chips was observed at the site. Sometimes small concentrations were encountered, suggesting the presence of flint workshop floors.

The last 2 weeks of the summer were spent in Marshall County at Site Ms 201. (Rock Mouse Shelter). This site is located East of Asbury at the fork of Shoal Creek and Little Shoal Creek. The shelter was evidently used from some time in the Early Archaic or Transitional Paleo-Indian period into the Historic. Fragments of fluted projectile

points, however, are being found as the laboratory analysis progresses, revealing some hint of an earlier occupation. The main concentration of material seems to fall within the Woodland period. Mulberry Creek Plain pottery is present in some quantity, as well

as small amounts of decorated limestone-tempered wares.

This brief account of the summer's work is based on field observations. More definite conclusions must, of course, await formal laboratory analysis. Stratigraphic separation of components may be achieved by examination of the depth distributions of various artifact types. It is believed that the summer's work will add another page to our concept of the Archaic culture type in the Southeast.

# WITH THESE 1962 DONORS WE WENT OVER THE TOP

"J. H. McCary Jr., President, and William M. Spencer, Treasurer, of our tax-deductible device, The Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., made their donations at this vital time when we need courage to continue...they gave us the courage to begin by becoming our first, and substantial, donors. We wish to submit the 'discovery, recognition and recording' of these two able and generous friends of archaeology as another great amateur discovery..." That was a quote from a 1961 Newsletter, but we can't think of a more fitting way of putting it now, when they've just done it again! Courage wasn't the only thing we needed to continue in 1961 and it isn't the only thing we need now. It's not, by a long shot, all "Henry" and "Bill" have given to archaeology and to our State Society. Bill, aside from being Treasurer of the Research Association, is also legal counsel to the State Society. Henry's contributions, we're at a loss to outline in just a few words. Let's say that if it has to do with archaeology, he's available!

Mrs. William M. Spencer, 14 Ridge Drive, Birmingham, Ala., is back this year, underscoring Bill's generosity with her own. How we love these wonderful ladies who want to get into the act - and what a marvelous performance!

First Federal Savings & Loan Assn., Decatur and Athens, Ala., join our much admired and appreciated list of businessaccounts. Our personal thanks to Alvis G. Briscoe, President; Lois R. Steenson, Treasurer; and Paul Hutto, Public Relations, for this generous bid for "Archaeology for the People" through our "People for Archaeology" movement.

Edgar Benson Jr., 2166 McBurney Drive, Florence, Ala., joins us as a newcomer, having become a member of our State Society last spring. And right now, we'll take time out to apologize to Mr. Benson for having listed him among our new members in April as "Edward" - and to thank him for notifying us of our mistake, as well as for his fine donation;

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Harwood & Linda, 58 Mildred Ave., West Asheville, N.C., are newcomers to our Honor Roll, but old friends of archaeology. Mrs. Harwood became an active member of our State Society recently, in her own right - a good idea if one is given to lending publications which may not find their way back home.

<u>Marry Inge Johnstone</u>, Mobile, Ala., joins us again this year and, darn it, we still are minusa street address for him. His donation last year came via Nick Holmes, and we're sending a copy of this Newsletter down to him this time in care of Nick. We just can't afford to be out of touch with such a good friend of archaeology!

Prof. Edward K. Austin, P. O. Box 5882, University. Ala., President of our Tuscaloosa adds cash to his "donations" to the Society, this time. Maybe we're sticking his neck out for him, but we'd like to pass on a worthy idea he brought to the Birmingham Chapter's meeting last fall. He'd like to enter a "reciprocal agreement" with other Chapters for the purpose of swapping speakers for monthly meetings. Any takers?

Dan & Phyllis Morse, 1212 Morrell Road, Knoxville 19, Tenn., are old friends we're especially happy to add to our Honor Roll. Dan is now with the Dept. of Anthropology at the University of Tennessee. We're profoundly proud that with archaeological activity right out their back door, they haven't forgotten us.

Alvin V. Walls, Alvin V. Walls, Alvin V. Walls, Route 2, Bremen, Ala., - well, excuse us if we seem to be repeating ourselves, but "he started it" - repeating himself, that is. He was a charter donor back in the dark days of 1960; he came through again last year, in spite of the financial outlay present day surgery entails; and he's now back with us for the 3rd consecutive year. We do hope his health is now improved to the full extent of

his generosity - or we might say, as the Irish put it, "May the good Lord take a liking to ye, Alvin; but not too soon!!!"

Dr. & Mrs. A. T. Hansen, 16 Windsor Drive, Tuscaloosa, Ala., areamong our good members who continue to bring us more than financial aid. You'll remember "Dr. Hans", as we do, for his fine contribution to our ETV STONES & BONES program last season, and if you happen to have attended the Moundville meeting this summer, you'll remember Mrs. Hansen as translator during Prof. DeJarnette's presentation of slides from his Yucatan trip. Come to think of it, we might come right to the point and say that if you've met them, you'll remember them - and pleasantly!

# CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the September meeting, Dr. Carl Sensenig of the Univ. of Ala. Medical Center, spoke on "Race", distinguishing between races and ethnic groups, and explained the probable lineage of American Indians. At the next meeting, Prof. David DeJarnette will discuss the Society's digs this past summer.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 110, Auburn University. No report received.

The Madison-Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas Church in Huntsville. At the August meeting, Mr. Ed Mahan reported on the Asbury project and showed slides illustrating the progress being made there. The Chapter hopes to have as their speaker for the next meeting, Dr. Walter B. Jones, former State Geologist.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month alternately at the County Health Center, Guntersville, and the Utilities Bldg., Albertville. At the August meeting, all known artifacts from the Asbury Rock Shelter were studied, and the Chapter determined to proceed with professional supervision to dig the shelter. Members participated on Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Publicity regarding it appeared in Guntersville, Albertville, Huntsville and Birmingham papers. At the September meeting, results obtained from the dig will be reviewed and a number of color slides will be shown.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the last meeting, Mr. John Young and Mr. Robert Slater presented and discussed artifacts they collected from several sites in Fashington County. At the next meeting, there will be a panel discussion by local chapter members Van H. Mizzell, Thompson McRay Jr., and Mike Blake on DeSoto's travels in Alabama and possible location of the Mauvilla Site.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Cloverdale Community Center. No report received.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the City Hall in Decatur. At the September meeting, Jack Cambron will discuss the lithic material he has examined, obtained from the State Society's several digs during the summer.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. No report received.

The Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the last meeting, Dr. Lindsey showed slides of the salvage operation in which the Chapter is participating on Woods Island in the Coosa River. Chapter members are continuing to work on this dig.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Comer Hall at the University of Alabama. No report received.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Welcome!

John W. Carroll, 302 N. Royal Ave., Florence, Ala.
Gary Hall, Route 2, Leighton, Ala.
W. Dan McDonald, 441 Cheri Lane, Birmingham, Ala.

W. E. "Buck" Motes, 201 S. Elm St., Sylacauga, Ala.
Peabody Museum Library Library, Harvard University, Cambridge 38, Mass.
J. Ashley Sibley Jr., 2007 Cloverdale, Baton Rouge, La.
Mrs. W. R. Sutton, Blountsville, Ala.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Edward C. Mahan, Route 1 Box 300, Grant, Ala.
Dan F. Morse, 1212 Morrell Road, Knoxville 19, Tenn.
Lt. Col. & Mrs. Richard Plumley, HQ USAFE DCS/O (OBM), APO 633, New York, N.Y.
Miss Mike Sheffield, Route 3 Box 1138, Theodore, Ala.

BAD ADDRESSES: Help is needed from Chapter Secretaries or members on these!

B. Jack Haddox, formerly of 133 S. 57th St., Birmingham, Ala., previously Auburn, Ala.

James E. Proctor, formerly of 1106 Wallace Ave., Opelika, Ala.

Adrian A. Wilson Jr., formerly of Florence State College, Florence, Ala.

EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION MEETING: Your State Society has been very force-fully reminded that up to very recently, Mr. T. Latimer Ford, Program Chairman, had NOT received a single paper from any member of our Alabama Society for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the ESAF which is being held this year at the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia, on November 10th & 11th. Full information regarding the submission of papers appeared at the top of Page 8 of our Newsletter for August 1962. The deadline for receipt of the papers by the Program Chairman is October 25th, so it is important that those who are submitting papers, get busy at once.

Since this annual meeting is being held in the South this year to enable more amateur archaeologists from our section of the country to be present, we hope you will commence making plans shortly. BUT IN THE MEANTIME, GET THAT PAPER SUBMITTED, PLEASE!!!

ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING: This year, the meeting will be held at Auburn University on December 9, 1962, in the Student Union Building. Plans for the program are now going ahead, and further announcements will appear in subsequent Newsletters. Put the date down on your calendar, and include this fine meeting among your "must" dates.

ADDRESS CHANGES: Even at the risk of being monotonous, we remind you to let us know at once when your address changes - or, as one fine member did recently, in advance of the change. You help yourself, and make it much easier on the rest of us!

SYMPATHY: To the family of recently deceased member George L. Wilson, Route 1, Mount Hope, Ala., we express the deepest sympathy of all members of the State Society.

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#### ARCHAIC CULTURE

This is the third in a series defining the cultural sequence in the Southeast. Early Archaic, Transitional Paleo-Indian and Paleo-Indian will be discussed in future issues.

T. M. N. Lewis in a glossary of archaeological terms in Vol. XIV, No. 1, of TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST defines Archaic culture as "The culture which followed the Paleo-Indian period and preceded the early Woodland culture in the Eastern United States. This was a pre-agricultural, pre-pottery culture. Food was obtained by hunting and gathering. Earliest date in Tennessee is about 5,000 B.C." This date was from the Eva Site and is onsidered Early Archaic.

Louis A. Brannon, New York State Archaeological Association, in a paper entitled "Archaic and Paleo: Concepts and Terminology" delivered at the 1961 annual meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, defined Archaic as "central base people or beginning of sedentary people. They used local materials and had no notion of actual land surface ownership."

Ronald J. Mason in a paper in CURRENT ANTHROPOLOGY entitled "The Paleo-Indian Tradition in Eastern North America" makes the following comments concerning the Archaic cultures: "By 4,000 B.P. or somewhat later, burial mounds, earthworks and pottery disappeared entirely from the archaeological record. From this point there is now seen to stretch back in time a long but rapidly deteriorating trail of evidence relating to hunting-fishing-gathering societies which have long been extinct in the overall picture. But even at these relatively early levels the archaeological record is still complicated, for the investigator is confronted by a varied and discontinuous array of projectile-point forms and other cultural fossils which defy classification or interpretation in any direct and simple scheme."

Frank J. Soday, a few years ago, prepared for display a poster entitled "The Gatherers" on which he defined the Archaic culture in the Tennessee River Valley as follows: "With the disappearance of the large herds of game during the warm, dry period following the Wisconsin glaciation, some 7,000 years ago, the Archaic people moved into the Valley to displace the early hunters. They lived on the mussels found near the shoals of the River. Supplementing their diet with fruit, seeds and small game. Discarded shells on their village sites are 40 feet high in some cases. They used darts propelled by a throwing stick, had sandstone and soapstone cooking vessels, and made grooved stone exes. They also had beads and other simple ornaments.

Some suggest further reading on Archaic Cultures follows:

EVA An Archaic Site by Thomas M. N. Lewis and Madeline Kneberg Lewis, published by the University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville, Tennessee, 1961. (\$3.00).

An Archaeological Survey of Wheeler Basin on the Tennessee River in Northern Alabama, Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin 122, by William S. Webb. Supt. of Documents, Washington, D. C.  $(50\phi)$ .

An Archaeological Survey of Pickwick Basin in the Adjacent Portions of the States of Alabama, Mississippi and Tennessee, Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletin 129, by William S. Webb and David L. DeJarnette. Supt. of Documents, Washington, D. C. (Paperback \$2.00).

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