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* THE ASBURY DIG REVISITED *
? Another Breakthrough ?
Ed Mahan

C. K. PEACOCK

5-FOOT SQUARE 100R5

1	(4" levels)
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	black midden deposit
7	(soil levels from memory)
8	
9	sandstone
10	boulder
11	orange and
12	brownish sandy soil
13	
14	knife 53" quad knife 54"
15	charcoal
16	yellowish cherty sand
17	with sandstone fragments
	SUBSOIL

((Our September 1962 Newsletter reported on a test pit in a small cliff shelter supervised by semi-professional Ed Mahan, A. B. Hooper III, Pres., & Dr. A. G. Long Jr., Past Pres. of the Marshall County Chapter, with Dave DeJarnette consultant. The amazing variety of early projectile points recovered included Cumberland, Quad, Lerma, Fluted Dalton, Greenbrier Dalton, Big Sandy, Morrow Mountain. Dave's subsequent excavation of the shelter discovered no useful stratigraphy or dating possibilities. But excavation of the platform outside the shelter was resumed late this summer. Ed gives the following preliminary and breath-taking report.))

Bob Brock, experienced graduate student, and I were troweling in the 14th 4-inch level of Square 100R5. The clean yellow sandy soil of cherty texture looked suspiciously like sterile subsoil, but artifacts must be observed IN PLACE, so we scraped carefully. At 54" it was my luck to expose CHARCOAL - that wonderful stuff for radiocarbon dating.

Bennett Graham, also a graduate student, and my nephew Gervase Mahan, troweling

another square, came running to see what the shout was about. They watched while Bob and I, in a radius of about 30" on almost exactly the same level, exposed 2 classic flake Paleo knives and a Quad point!!!

WILL THIS CHARCOAL RELIABLY DATE THE QUAD POINT, which seems even older than the 9640-year Dalton? This would be another history-making BREAKTHROUGH for our subscription-financed summer excavations. We solemnly shook hands all around.

Bob Brock remarked there were no intrusive pits in this square, and the stratigraphy was excellent with plainly separable layers of (1) black midden, (2) orange and brownish sandy soil above, and (3) the yellowish stratum from which we recovered artifacts and charcoal. They were in part protected by a large sandstone boulder immediately above. The charcoal was in an area as large as a teacup, and produced perhaps a cubic

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inch of fragments up to as large as a pea. It was removed immediately with trowel tip and wrapped in clean aluminum foil. Dave DeJarnette and another of his students, Matthew Mason, arrived at the site shortly and observed the situation.

In 2 instances we recovered Early Archaic Morrow Mountain projectile points in the orange and brownish stratum over the Quad stratum of yellowish sandy soil. Thus we also have good cultural stratification in 2 clearly separable soil layers below the black midden of more recent cultures.

Many thanks to all who helped to FINANCE this excavation. And many thanks to all who PARTICIPATED: Dave DeJarnette, Bob Brock, Bennett Graham & Matthew Mason from the University of Alabama; and Dr. A. G. Long Jr., Acton Boone, Gordon Sibley, A. B. Hooper, Phil Garrett & David Matthews of the Marshall County Chapter. Dr. Long was official photographer and A. B. Hooper & I made a color slide series. And thanks to the wonderful non-members who helped: My young nephew Gervase Mahan vacationing from Virginia, and Roy Walls, son of the owner, a real help and he also supplied watermelons for the sweat-thirsty diggers! Thanks indeed to Mrs. Carol of Asbury, who had a hot supper ready for the students at the end of the day; and to Mr. Emerson, Asbury School principal, who let us eat in the school lunch room @ 26¢ for a hot lunch, and let us use the school gym for a laboratory and for sleeping quarters for the students - wonderful non-member cooperation all around!

And thanks to the good Lord for placing "the old Swimming Hole" right in front of the shelter. It felt mighty fine at the end of the hot, dirty day.

\$\$\$ --- FINANCIAL PAGE (continued!) --- \$\$\$

James S. Farrior, after more peregrinations than Marco Polo, is back in Alabama, we are delighted to hear - with the Lockheed Missiles & Space Co., Huntsville Research & Engineering Center. Jim is one of the "old gang" and we can use his talents. With his fine check, Jim writes "My daughter, Sue, and I had the pleasure of spending 3 days at the Stanfield-Worley site digging with Dave and his fine crew. I was really impressed with the way Dave ran his dig...it wasn't until I failed to see my name listed in the Sept. Newsletter that I realized that I hadn't donated to the dig this year...In sponsoring this dig, the Society has made an important contribution to archaeology of which we can all be proud...P.S. I'm glad to be back in Alabama!" And we are surely glad to have him back - we lose many good members but rarely get a return. (And we hope others will be reminded that their donation was forgotten this year - a little EXTRA money could be used to very great advantage.)

Richard D. Radford (one of the "big ones that got away" to North Carolina) sends us another out-of-state donation, and Dick reminds us old-timers of many pleasant occasions. But we are going to beef again that we have not heard a word about their N.C. archaeological activities. A real "live" bunch of members got away from us in that exodus, and should be making the artifacts fly around Chapel Hill. Won't you fill us in, Dick?

Kenneth D. Robinson, of Grant Park, Ill., we got in our news notes last month, but failed to get on our financial page. Mrs. W. D. Robinson had sent in a donation, then a second donation came in the name of son Kenneth. We wish to give this special extra mention because Kenneth is 12, which is about the best and brightest age there is, when the developing mind has a tremendous appetite to get the REAL FACTS. We think it very important for Kenneth to know that the human race is a real problem, should therefore study itself, that history is the "laboratory" where we can best study this difficult species, and 99% of man's history occurred before writing was invented and is written only in the stones of archaeology. Archaeology is being rapidly destroyed before it can be interpreted, and we need EDUCATED amateurs to help our few professional archaeologists. We are pleased to be able to help Kenneth begin the RIGHT WAY. And thanks.

Charles K. Peacock helped us with our first big push in '61. We are of course proud to have a name on our list so distinguished for long service to Tennessee Archaeology. With his check, Mr. Peacock writes "We Tennesseans are proud of what you in Alabama have accomplished". Thanks, indeed, and we can reply in kind that we Alabamians have long been proud of the vigorous leadership of southeastern amateur archaeology which Tennessee provided many years ago. Tom Lewis and your Journal gave us our first chance to make real contributions, and to "raise our sights" to hit a worthy mark.

Martin Hullender turned in, a long time ago, a copy of Fundaburks "SOUTHEASTERN INDI-
ANS, LIFE PORTRAITS" to sell for our fund. Sooner or later, the right person comes a-
long - this time Dr. A. G. Long, who bought this book. He wants all the books, and
wants to know everything, so he can do everything right. So in making this book avail-
able at resale price, Martin has done a double service. This is the very best book a-
vailable of early prints, and later photographs, of Southeastern Indians, with 343
Plates and the fascinating notes which go with them. (This book is probably still
available, Emma Lila Fundaburk, Luverne, Ala., \$7.50 and postage.)

T. L. Clontz, Vice Pres. of our Noccalula (Gadsden) Chapter, sends a contribution and a
very nice letter to our Editor, Britt Thompson: "I would again like to express my ap-
preciation individually and in behalf of the Noccalula Chapter for your fine presenta-
tion of the program at our Sept. meeting. All the members present really enjoyed the
slides and the artifacts since we have been interested in the Stanfield-Worley dig. I
also enjoyed the fellowship with you & Mrs. Thompson and the others at Dr. & Mrs. Lind-
sey's home after the meeting. (The Thompsons enjoyed the hospitality of the Chapter &
Dr. Mike & Geneva Lindsey after the meeting very much - Ed.) The Lindseys have really
been an inspiration to us in the Chapter. They have both worked very hard for the So-
ciety...I know the fund drive is over for this year but I would like to make a contri-
bution to the '63 drive in your honor." Thanks indeed, and to Britt - these inter-
Chapter associations are most desirable to weld us into a unity, a STATE Society.

(We are indeed grateful to these good people for sending contributions AFTER we an-
nounced the closing of our fund drive. We are creeping up on that \$227 shortage!)

TAXONOMIC SYSTEM versus SIMPLE TYPOLOGY Dan Josselyn

Simple identification or typing of plants began at least as early as the preserved
writings of Hippocrates (460-357 B.C.). But each plant stood alone, without near and
remote kinships indicated, hence this simple typing had little or no botanical MEANING.
Some 2,000 years later "herbals" began to appear. Among these writers, Bock (1498-
1554) made an infant step toward a taxonomic system by grouping plants as herbs, shrubs
and trees. This movement to delineate orderly RELATIONSHIPS stumbled along to its mod-
ern beginning with Linnaeus (1708-1778). He realized that not enough was known about
plants (detailed anatomic structure, etc.) to delineate a complete and accurate "tree"
of botanical relationships, but perceived that it was high time to begin to do so. Nor
was he afraid to establish arbitrary groupings for future generations to shoot at. A
century later Agassiz (1807-1873) complained that there was still little agreement on
classification, though full agreement "as to the necessity of some sort of arrangement
in describing animals or plants".

Zoologists and botanists are well on their way toward sound criteria and a true &
useful SYSTEM of classification, or TAXONOMY - from the Greek taxis, arrangement, and
nomos, law. Thus the white oak, or quercus alba, is one of several hundred related
SPECIES of the oak or quercus GENUS. This genus in turn belongs to the less closely
related FAMILY fagaceae, itself one of the ORDER fagales, of the SUB-CLASS dicotyle-
doneae (catkin plants). This may seem complicated, but actually this SYSTEMATIC AR-
RANGEMENT vastly simplifies botany. There are some 124,000 known species of seed plants
on the tenth or top branch or PHYLUM of the botanical "tree of life". Think how impos-
sibly complicated they would be unless grouped aspaks, hickories, pines, etc., and
these, in turn, into larger and more remotely related groups.

Archaeology has made great strides in recent years toward simple identification or
typing of projectile points, the necessary first step toward a SYSTEM of classification
- as Hippocrates began with plants. But have we gone much further? Our Clovis, Folsom,
Cumberland, Redstone, Quad, Dalton are, taxonomically, meaningless names. Is there not
some RELATIONSHIP between these fluted, and sometimes-fluted, points? Are they not va-
rieties of the same species, or species of the same genus, or genera of the same family?
Classification is not merely to separate or sort by similarities, but to achieve
MEANING and promote understanding.

Cultures also evolve. The carriage evolved into the "horseless carriage" - which
plainly showed its ancestry. Future archaeologists will be able to trace the evolution
of the automobile by similarities. Projectile point chipping techniques, and forms,

undoubtedly evolved. Is the time not ripe to begin to pay major attention to this evolution and relationship of projectile points, and work toward a true TAXONOMIC SYSTEM and appropriate nomenclature which will have far more meaning than simple typing?

Dr. Carl B. Compton, who continues to amaze me, wrote that his good professional friends in Mexico would be interested in thoughts in this direction. With centralized control, they could work out a true system. Localities, and Toms, Dicks & Harrys, have not complicated the problem in Mexico by everybody typing points, and naming them meaninglessly by site, locality, nearest town, nearest creek or river, name of finder, some feature of the point, Indian name, etc., etc.

The rather inebriate inference that I might have anything useful to say in this large and difficult field stimulated me to kick the subject around in 10 papers. While we still lack adequate information to immediately establish a satisfactory system of classification of projectile points, it seems to me that the extensive work on typology has brought us to the position where we can make a Linnaeus-like beginning which in a century or so will bear real fruit. Written for a semi-private audience, my papers were not hampered by inhibitions, so I didn't know whether to turn red or white when the Anthropological Journal of Canada borrowed them from Compton for broad publication.

But I have received some generous estimates that the papers are a thought-provoking step in the right direction. Dave DeJarnette is even tentatively constructing an evolutionary "tree" of projectile points, with a hundred or so Alabama types supplied by Horace Holland. We of course need many stratigraphic studies to delineate exact relationships, but we have many suggestive morphological similarities and a bold beginning seems likely to expedite investigation and progress.

Refreshingly, Charles Nash wrote: "I know a brave man when I see one". Yes, one must be brave, or at least brash, as most of the innovators of history remind us; but he adds that he is "more than happy to see the subject discussed in open forum rather than cussed in private...a real sore spot in archaeological classification systems and one we must do something about. I suppose everybody has some thoughts on the subject ...might I suggest that the Alabama Society start the ball rolling by collecting such ideas, putting them in print, and stir things up until perhaps in the future a real conference on point terminology can be held to give some unification to the present muddle?"

"We can, I think, look at American Indian culture...as a continuum...In general, and in a very broad way, projectile points show this continuity through certain basic forms. These forms I would identify as SERIES so that we first recognize a point by the series to which it belongs...type name would be keyed to indicate the SERIES to which a point belonged. Type name should be monomial and refer only to morphology without any cultural consideration...when a point can be associated with a cultural assemblage the cultural name can be added to the TYPE name for a final binomial designation...Thus any point with the same binomial name would indicate close cultural affinity...an off-the-cuff idea, and I do mean off-the-cuff."

This seems a clear and provocative expression of the complexities involved and the kind of "brave" kicking around projectile point taxonomy will require, and for a long time. The important thing is to get at it, and not be afraid to stick out our necks - as we necessarily must do at this stage. We should like very much to publish further off-the-cuff suggestions which raise problems and suggest possibilities.

I seem to have stuck my own neck out further than anybody, to date, but the more whacks taken at it, the more likely we are to get down to a solid core. I hope my papers might prove interesting and provocative to all who are seriously interested in this problem. Six of the 10 papers have already been published, but may still be available in 3 issues of the Anthropological Journal of Canada, 1575 Forlan Drive, Ottawa 5, Ontario, Canada. (Quarterly, \$3.00 a year.)

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. No report received.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University. The next meeting will be held on October 4th.

The Madison-Huntsville Chapter made no report.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant, Guntersville. At the September meeting, A. B. Hooper III discussed "Western Plains Indians". The intent of the program was to show how the interest and demand for knowledge of American Antiquity began in the Western Plains areas, how each new discovery created more interest and a solid basis for Antiquity, answering some questions and creating others. Narrated with color slides, Hooper pointed out that the West has taken the lead in the discovery of American Antiquity simply as a result of the great dust storms of the 1930's. The program ended with reference to Archaeological Chapters & Societies, such as ours, and the importance of creating more interest and knowledge of our Antiquity. (See Page 1 for further report of current activities.)

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. No report received.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the September meeting, Miss Gloria Wentowski, Mr. James Fuller & Mr. Cadwell Gilder will report on the Stanfield-Worley Dig and the Miller's Ferry Project. The Chapter will have an exhibit at the South Alabama Fair during week of October 7-12.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the Electric Auditorium. The next meeting is October 7th.

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

The Nockalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the September meeting, Mr. Brittain Thompson spoke on the aims & accomplishments of the State Society and the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama. He also showed slides of the scientific digging at the Stanfield-Worley Shelter, and stressed that members should do more "scientific digging" under proper supervision. The October meeting will be addressed by Mr. Jess C. Raley.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Room 100, Comer Hall, University of Alabama. The next meeting is to be held October 8th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR SEPTEMBER: (Happy to have you with us for our Fall activities!)

C. G. Fountain, 803 Watts Drive, Huntsville, Ala.
James F. Hopgood, 513 S. 6th St., Columbia, Missouri
William G. Millen, 601 Eustis Ave., Huntsville, Ala.
Ron Miller, Star Route 140-D, Hollister, Missouri 65672
John H. Perkins, P. O. Box 305, Chatom, Ala.
John D. Petric, 824 Country Club Drive, Gadsden, Ala. (Family)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

Frank Anderson, Mountain Woods Lake, Route 1, Warrior, Ala. 35180
John W. Bullard, 1708 Penny Lane, Decatur, Ala.
Mr. & Mrs. Kyle Hardin, Route 1, Box 357, Mt. Olive, Ala.
Mrs. Anton Heyn, 2363 Kildeer St., Lake Oaks, New Orleans 22, La.
David Kerns, 1652 Badland Ave., St. Paul 16, Minn.
John Marston, 3906 Pembroke, Mobile, Ala.
George R. Mead, 20029 Burin Terrace, Redondo Beach, Calif.
Robert L. Tucker, 108 Central, Huntsville, Ala.

Eastern States Archaeological Federation Annual Meeting - as a reminder to those interested in attending the 1963 yearly sessions of this fine organization of which your State Society is a member, the dates are November 9th & 10th, and the place is the University Museum, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Southeastern Archaeological Conference, a gathering composed chiefly of professionals, meets November 1-2 at the Ocmulgee National Monument in Macon, Ga., the subject under discussion this year to be "Paleo Distribution". Interested amateurs are welcome, in

limited numbers. On Thursday, October 31st, the Fourth Annual Conference on Historic Site Archaeology will be held at the same place.

Alabama Archaeological Society - while on the subject of meetings, and in case you had not thought of it just lately, our Annual Meeting comes along in December and in Birmingham. Further information will appear in the November Newsletter, but it is getting closer and you should be making your plans to be on hand.

Dr. A. G. Long Jr. appeared in the latest Bulletin of the ARKANSAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY. Dr. McGimsey, the Editor, reproduced Dr. Long's letter commending a raising of dues to finance better publications. Man's greatest advantage over other species is his ability to communicate, to share all knowledge. Without knowledge, man is easily the worst of the animals. We are proud to see Dr. Long saying of archaeological publications: "I know of no other better bargain."

Margaret Smith informed us that Ron Miller, a writer, was writing an article on amateur archaeology. We sent Ron some of our "literature" and he joined our Society all the way from Hollister, Mo. These distant members are particularly important to give wider awareness of our archaeology and activities. And we get the SMART ones, eager to know what goes.

HOW MANY TIMES can Dr. Carl Compton reuse a Manila envelope? His mail to us is arriving multi-patched over old addresses until the "original pants" have disappeared. And it is no trivial nor titillating matter to think of Dr. Carl without any pants - in which to put his vast mailing all over the world. We suspect that if the Interam Foundation could finance his Instituto Interamericano sufficiently, Dr. Carl, who can stretch a dollar to look like a hundred, could intermesh world anthropology a lot better. But there he is, patching up old envelopes with tape - and it takes a lot of time, not to mention lickum to stickum.

Leon J. Salter, friend of archaeology everywhere, however, has switched to some kind of ultra-modern IBM typewriter with "a moving ball with type". And we are most happy to report that he is sending his "outmoded" (!) electric typewriter to Dr. Compton. Now maybe we can read ALL of Dr. Carl's fascinating Interamerican Newsletter - with no fade-out just as Neanderthal villain overtakes sapiens heroine (where the future of the human genetic tree might be decided).

Ed Mahan & Dr. A. G. Long are cooperating with a noted authority who is revising, vigorously, past concepts of Early Man in America - a book you will HAVE TO OWN. No public announcement is ready yet, but we shall keep you informed. Mahan & Long hope to fill in that big blank space which has been representing Alabama's Early Man archaeology in past books - and it will be a very great service. Their trip to the big Boulder meeting set this up. It pays to be in there pitching!

Francis & Margaret Smith are involved in a learned controversy concerning the use of the conical holes in rocks, of which there were several at the Stanfield-Worley Shelter. Dr. Carl Compton IS ON THE OTHER END OF THE HIGHLY SCHOLASTIC DISCUSSION. Margaret wrote asking his "opinion" - which was "to store ice cubes for their cocktails", which is of course very learnedly professorial. Francis, falling back on the profound technicalities of the engineer, reminded that prehistoric ice cubes in this area were "isoolescent in shape"; but since he has now degenerated into an Editor, one of those "ingenious ideas" popped into his editorial mind and he maintained "The holes were used for making mudsicles". In the last edition, Compton defers to local authority, but reminds that the "Nyarit ice-form segment...was orthoredundant" and recommends a "substantial grant" from the National Science Foundation to clear this argument, or "this highly important and, in fact, even crucial question". (We like to run brief items on the heavy technical side of archaeology occasionally.)

Matt Lively, Dick Hubbard, Margaret Smith - writing Journal papers!

Dr. Vernon Leslie, Director of the Pennsylvania Institute of Anthropology, as we reported last month, was hosted by our Charles Brosemer. You will of course be interested, maybe a bit nervous, to know what an informed outsider thinks of our archaeology - and us! Relax, the news is wonderful. First off, Charles represented us so well that Dr. Vernon's estimate of him was "a remarkable person". Nor was this "just talk", for

Charles has now been gathered into a small and select group and become a Fellow of the Pennsylvania Institute of Anthropology. Next, Dr. Vernon "was so amazed relative to what I saw of your Paleo even in a hit-and-run visit" that he is planning to help us spread the awareness, with its many possible implications which have not yet been weighed nationally. Finally, Dr. Vernon says, "I am much impressed by what the Alabama Society is doing in the way of educating the non-professionals. When I saw the 'type-boards', heard the discussions of the Paleo, Archaic, etc., I was delighted. In my opinion, the Alabama Society leads the country with its program of research and training." Love that man! He adds "Somebody down there is really on the ball". We admit it - we have a lot of guys & gals on the ball. He must have had specific reference to Dr. A. G. Long and his discussion of projectile point types before the Marshall County Chapter in August - with color slides (as only Dr. Long can make them!) of 80% of the points to appear in the soon-to-be-published handbook on projectile point types by Jack Cambron and David Hulse. These 3 are among our members really on the ball. We are not going to be surprised to see Dr. Long join that long and famous list of great medical amateurs who have been in considerable part the backbone of archaeology. Next trip, which he plans, Dr. Vernon Leslie will undoubtedly be handed the "Keys to the State". Our thanks. (And let us by all means remember that we receive this praise because of our efforts to educate our members above the destructive "collector" stage of interest and give them the far more rewarding status of true "amateur archaeologists" where they can be both COLLECTORS and SCIENTISTS - a wonderful combination.)

"Elvira & Martin H." (Hullender) was the signature on the back of the card after we popped our eyes back into place and focus. We had been gaping, on the reverse face, at the Templo de los Guerreros y las Mil Columnas (Temple of the Warriors and the Thousand Columns). Carramba! Why go to Greece, Rome, Egypt for size, magnificence, grandeur of early architecture? Tenemos aqui mejor! And the Hullenders confirm: "Everything it's cracked up to be. Just not enuf time to go around, what with the Senoritas, flowers, archaeology, etc. Also got behind with the cuisine. Hasta la vista." All this and cuisine too! And we've heard that Templo de los Guerreros - but this is a family Newsletter. Nuestro envidia!

"Bob & Anne Work", we found on the next card received, after devouring the burnt sienna-orange bison with black trim which could come from no place but Las Cuevas de Altamira (Altamira Cave) in Spain. Altamira is a monument to the reluctance to accept the antiquity of man - which still gives us a bit of trouble in America. These remarkable cave paintings were discovered in 1879 by amateur archaeologist Don Marcelino de Sautuola, but his claims for their great antiquity were sneered and snorted, and he was even accused of fraud. After his death the great Breuil "fought the good fight" to prove this Magdalenian art of the "reindeer hunters" and makers of microlithic tools. Bob & Ann say "Just a word of greeting from these famous caves. Our best regards to all of our friends."

Leon J. Salter's summer seems to have been in competition with the wanderings of Ulysses himself: "7 weeks...drove 15,300 miles. It's a big country and I ransacked Indian Country within the Great Basin...many museums...Phil Orr's diorama for Santa Rosa Island, Tule Springs material at Southwest Museum (LA) and Ventana diorama at Tucson...visited long with Ruth Simpson...Portales and Clovis...Along this route I ran into such words as Hohokam, Anasazi, Mimbres, Cochise which now have a 'home' in my memory...Clovis where I stayed over night. The proprietor in the motel had never heard of the point! He had heard of Indians...Most fantastic sights were Monument Valley, Canyon De Chelly and Arches National Park...off the beaten paths I nosed into Snake River Canyon toward its gorge (deeper than Grand Canyon) and paid for my curiosity with hole punched in my oil pan by a rock. A desolate spot - no tourists venture there. I turned around on a dime (sheer cliff behind me, sheer drop to river in front...several occasions, as here, where I unbuckled safety belt so I could jump..." Man, don't worry us like that! But why hold out on us your brushes with the Lotus maidens with their potent drugs, the Sirens with seductive songs, and the nymph Calipso, to complete your Homeric saga?

1963 VOLUNTEER WORKERS: Following is a list of those who contributed labor toward completion of our Dig this past summer, prepared to best of our ability from the Registration Book. If you didn't register, you just ain't listed, and we make haste to apologize for omissions, incorrect spellings or home towns, or other bobbles. The chief

thing we want to do is adequately thank all who participated, whether for hours or days, as the successful accomplishment of our summer aims was made possible only by the help of volunteers. And the fine assistance rendered by Huntsville's Verne Reckmeyer in keeping Dave advised in advance (where you cooperated by notifying Verne) as to who would be up there when, made it possible to keep the operation progressing smoothly.

We are also happy to list the names & home towns of the Girl Scouts from the Deep South Council in Mobile, who spent 2 full weeks at the Dig, camping near the site, carrying out their annual "Project Archy". Their youthful enthusiasm was an inspiration to all others on the job, and they made their presence felt in flying dirt.

Of course, the bulk of the work at the Dig was done by the student crews, and it is a pleasure to list the names & home towns of those who made up each of the 2 crews.

Mr. & Mrs. James B. Barton, Birmingham
Olivia Barton, Birmingham
Jane Beck, Jackson, Miss.
Judge & Mrs. William C. Bibb, Anniston
Mr. & Mrs. John W. Bloomer, Birmingham
Mrs. Victoria Boone, Guntersville
Stanley Brock, Birmingham
Asbury Burns, Cherokee
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Marjorie Gay, Standing Rock
Mrs. Anne Getchell, Mobile
Miss Beth Gibbs, Shreveport, La.
Dianne Godwin, McLean, Va.
Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Harris, Birmingham
Mr. & Mrs. Haywood, Birmingham
Gary Headley, Florence
Hayes Henson, Cherokee
Carole Hill, Leighton
Horace J. Holland, Leighton
Brenda Howard, Leighton
T. G. Hubbard, Ozark
Fred Hudson, Huntsville
Dave Hulse, Decatur
Brad Hunter, Birmingham
J. R. Jaquith, University
Mrs. Guy Johnson, Birmingham
Stephen Kimble, Florence
Lee Lavine, Huntsville
Mike Lewter, Huntsville
Dr. A. G. Long Jr., Guntersville
James H. McCary Jr., Birmingham
Roger McClure, Albertville
Lindsey McFarland, Maxwell AFB
Col. Thomas McFarland, Maxwell AFB

Jimmy Barton, Birmingham
Herb Beck, Jackson, Miss.
Al Beinlich, Sheffield
James P. Bloom, Birmingham
Acton Boone, Guntersville
Mrs. Harry Brock, Birmingham
Fred Brows, Red Bay
Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Cambron, Decatur
Miss Margaret Clayton, Eufaula
Elsie Clements, Knoxville, Tenn.
C. L. Crawford, Dallas, Tex.
Jerry Dees, Red Bay
Mrs. David L. DeJarnette, Moundville
Mrs. Joe Dozier, Montgomery
Mrs. Georgia L. Dunn, Lacey's Spring
Ellen Edge, Birmingham
Douglas Edwards, Childersburg
Mark Evans, Albertville
Miss Sue Farrior, Huntsville
Elbert Fowler, Red Bay
Joseph Fowler, Red Bay
James Fuller, Montgomery
Bill Galtney, Birmingham
Terry W. Garrett, Trussville
Mrs. Nell E. Gary, Midland City
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MORE FINANCIAL PAGE: Mr. & Mrs. Joe A. Searcy Jr., are newcomers joining our drive from Tuscaloosa. Beyond the fact that they are Society members, we have not had the pleasure of learning anything about them. But this good donation was passed along by Dave DeJarnette himself, so they know "the Man" and are in good hands. We are proud to

have them along in a cause in which we also take pride. Ed Mahan's report in this issue will assure them, and all of us, that we are doing worthy work - and there is still a lot more "breakthrough" archaeology waiting for us to tackle. In our next issue we hope to be able to announce really BIG PLANS for next year - probably our best yet! We do not ask people to finance "just routine" archaeology - right from our first dig, with the oldest date for human habitation in the southeast, our aim has been to explore the GREAT UNKNOWNNS of archaeology. And remember, "every dollar digs" - not a dime goes into administrative and promotional expenses, and a great deal of our digging is donated too! And every year we "dig" nice new folks like the Searcys. WE'RE GOING PLACES!!

HAVING WONDERFUL TIME - WISH YOU WERE HERE - Would you like to spend the night with some primitive Maya Indians who are so far in the jungle that not only Aztecs didn't find them, but the white man only discovered them very recently? That is what happened to Joe Watkins, President of the Birmingham Chapter, a couple of weeks ago on a trip he and Ron Eason, Chapter Program Chairman, took to Central America.

Both of our fellow members have been down in Yucatan several times, and as usual, they flew to Merida from New Orleans. From Merida they went to Palenque and wandered around the extensive ruins there. Having heard and read quite a bit about Bonampak, they decided to go there if possible. It is 100 miles away in the jungle, and the only transportation is walking or airplanes, so they chartered a plane and took the flight. Since it was a small plane, and the whole party consisted of 6 persons, it took 2 trips to get them down there. Ron got in on the first flight, and of course wandered around looking at Bonampak (Place of the Painted Walls), and Joe followed in the second section. To get home by the same method was the normal thing, but, unfortunately, the little plane was a bit behind schedule, and therefore Joe and an acquaintance he met down in Bonampak were marooned over night by darkness. They had the good fortune to make contact with some Lacandon-Maya Indians, who are so primitive that they apparently retained all their own customs and very little of what we call civilization, but there was food (native type) and when you are hungry, it is very good; and in any hut with no furniture, it is very simple to swing another hammock or 2, and so they spent the night with the Mayas. The next day Joe got back to civilization, joined Ron and went over to Chichen-Itza, where they renewed old friendships.

In spite of being old travelers, they got caught, as usual, by the souvenir bug, and not only brought back a considerable number of pictures, but bows & arrows, and one great Currasow Bird. It took a cheap hammock to the Chief to get the bird, and Ron Eason, who has his own aviary and is quite a "bird watcher" is looking after this brilliant Central American friend. As far as is known, he has not been able to understand the particular dialect that this bird uses; however, the bird is willing to tolerate Ron's presence - for the time being, at least.

We suspect, with a little cajoling, either or both of these intrepid explorers would be willing to give a program to your Chapter, complete with slides and hyperboles. That will teach them not to do things that make all of us envious of them.

LAST CHANCE! "WHAT IN THE WORLD" ETV PROGRAMS. Channels 2, 7, 10 & 26 are presenting the last 4 programs of a series at 7:00 each Wednesday night on the Archaeological Quiz game titled "What In The World". Dr. Froelic Rainey, Director of the University of Pennsylvania Museum, and Dr. Carleton Coon, a famous author and anthropologist, will be joined by the following guests for the last 4 presentations of this program. Try not to miss them. We are sure you will enjoy them:

Oct. 2 - Guests: Dr. Ahmed Fakhry, Professor of History of Ancient Egypt and the East at Carlo University, United Arab Republic, and one of the leading authorities on ancient Egypt; Dr. Alfred Kidder II, an authority on the cultures of Peru and Ecuador.

Oct. 9 - Guests: Ernest S. Dodge, Director of the Peabody Museum, Salem, Mass., and an authority on the people & cultures of the Pacific and the voyages of Captain Cook; and Dr. Alfred Kidder II (See above).

Oct. 16 - Guests: Dr. Gordon Ekholm, Curator of Mexican Archaeology, American Museum of Natural History, N.Y., and an authority on the Archaeology of Mexico & Central America; and Dr. Alfred Kidder II (See above).

Oct. 23 - Guests: Ernest S. Dodge and Dr. Alfred Kidder II (See above).

(Write ETV-WBIQ, 720 S. 20th St., B'ham. & let them know if you enjoyed these programs)

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