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1962 DIG - PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF FINDINGS TO DATE

Excavation was begun June 13 on the Kleine Site, Fr 1, located on Mud Creek in Franklin County. Some 1,000 square feet were dug to a depth of 3 to 5 feet. By far the largest component here is Early Archaic, represented by such old points as Morrow Mountain, Eva, Kirk Serrated, Kirk Corner Notched, Decatur, Plevna, Pinetree, Greenbrier and Big Sandy II, mostly in the 7,000-year and older class. Also, a Transitional Paleo component was uncovered and is represented by end scrapers (uniface), Dalton and Big Sandy I, in the 9,000-year plus range.

Operations were then moved to the Felton Site, Ct 129, on Town Creek in Colbert County. Although this site yielded prolific surface finds, the artifact bearing soil extended no deeper than one foot, except for garbage pits penetrating into sterile. The largest component at this site was Archaic, especially as evidenced by Benton Stemmed. After a series of 5 test trenches were taken down to sterile soil, the work crew was again moved.

On July 11, excavations were commenced at the Holland Site, Ct 130, also on Town Creek in Colbert County. Here, the largest components are Archaic and Woodland, as manifested by Benton Stemmed, large Archaic stemmed points of many varieties, steatite and sandstone sherds, Flint Creek and Woodland Corner Notched points. The zone of occupation is from 4 to 5 feet. This site is quite rich in artifact material and so far, 7 test trenches are being taken down to sterile soil, at this writing.

A few minor surveys were undertaken in small rock shelters about a mile South of Ct 129. One shelter yielded small evidence of aboriginal occupation and was given a site designation of Ct 131. At least 2 more sites are to be excavated thoroughly.

This represents the first systematic exploration of a number of sites in this area where many surface finds of old point types have been made. One way or another, this will go far toward clarifying some of the mysteries which have long surrounded our Paleo complexes in the East, and be a tremendously important guide for future excavations.

OUR HONOR ROLL OF DONORS - the ONLY one in archaeology!

Nowhere else are "the people" putting their dollars (and sense!) together to support archaeological research! Nowhere else have all archaeological interests in a State, from the dollar donor to the State University, the amateur and the professional, got together to do the best and most economical job possible. Few, if any, States have so much evidence of Early Man to challenge them as Alabama does. And what money is available for archaeology goes mostly into the "show business" end of it - tourist "parkaeology". So, we must congratulate, as well as thank, those rare people who have "grown up" to an appreciation of the vast need and promise of basic scientific research on PROBLEMATIC MAN.

These good and truly sapient people have now donated a total of \$4,976.85 for this year. Our Treasurer, Wm. M. Spencer, reports an expenditure of \$64.50 to insure volunteer workers against possible accidents. This leaves us with \$4,912.35, or 70% of our quota for 1962. August is our last month of digging! Of course, we contract with the Univ. of Ala.

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to do a thoroughly scientific, approved, professional and academic job - we cannot risk destroying man's ancient history with anything but the best! Last year, the University did not bill us until somewhat after the dig. But FATHER TIME is getting grey around the temples, and the bank account is a bit worried. So we have been mailing explanatory and inviting letters, along with our booklet HUNTING AMERICA'S "MISSING LINK" IN ALABAMA, to the more responsible members of society - especially business firms and physicians.

EXECUTIVE PERSONNEL, Joseph A. Berry & John B. McIntyre, we solicited for that invaluable "list" of prospects - which we had failed to get in spite of many attempts. Mr. Berry came to see us in person, discussed our problem and provided a practically inclusive list! We can't say we were as gratified, for we have known Mr. Berry since boyhood and never knew a finer or more civic-minded man. If you need executive personnel, we recommend without qualifications that you ring AL 1-5205. (1705 First National Building, Birmingham 3, Ala.)

✓ ALABAMA PRODUCE CO., R. Banks Walston & Charles R. Walston, responded immediately to our first mailing. A delightful letter from Charles said, "Look no further - the missing link is here in the wholesale food business. No one, indeed, but an ape would fight this thing so long." And a handsome donation was included with "interesting....project to which we are glad to give our support" even though "We are in the type of business where requests for contributions far exceed our ability to make them, so we always stay 'badly overdrawn' in this account." Again we admit to not being as surprised as gratified. Our late mother, running a school lunchroom, a business about as problematical as the "missing link" produce business, relied on the Walstons for many, many years for the best produce and the best service. They were mother's favorites. And if you knew our mother, you know this ranks the Walstons at the top, not only as produce men, but as men, period - character and all the rest. So look no further for wholesale produce! And if we may be permitted a personal note, we should like to add a requiem from Charles Walston's letter: "As you are perhaps aware, the memory of your mother and her seeming endless list of virtues will remain forever fresh in our memory. We never served anyone more considerate and capable nor so refreshing in her approach to business and to life itself as your mother always proved to be." (1921 Powell Ave., Birmingham 3, Ala., AL 1-8181)

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS CO., C. B. Hanson, Jr., President & Publisher, a few days later gave us our very first response from a Company where we had no personal contacts! He took time out of what must indeed be a busy life to write us a nice letter. "The Birmingham News Company does make selective donations, but, unfortunately...." and enumerated some of the great, worthy and needy institutions whose "unusual demands" this year made it impossible to add to the list of donations. It is good to know, and we wish to report, that the great Birmingham News Company is so responsive to community needs. And Mr. Hanson closed with "I just add, however, that I found your booklet very interesting and worthy of publicity." What finer or more needed or productive donation could we possibly get? And how much "free advertising" has the Birmingham News already given us? We are most grateful for this sowing of archaeological awareness in the minds of thousands of Birmingham readers - for this is the only basis on which we can hope to build. (2200 - 4th Ave., N., Birmingham 3, Ala.)

✓ Dr. Geoffrey J. Roscoe (our next batch of letters and booklets went to physicians) was the first physician to respond. Medical AMATEUR archaeologists discovered the Australopithecus ape-man, the Java and Peking half-men, Neanderthal and the Swanscombe fragment which may be a very early "primitive sapiens" type. The way we often behave, we'd be hard put to prove we had yet evolved if these medical amateurs hadn't given us such convincing proof. Considering this great traditional interest of physicians in archaeology, it seemed a good idea to appraise a sampling of local physicians of current trends in Alabama - with, of course, an invitation to consider this new possibility of investing in man's past so that man's future might profit. We were really "set up" by Dr. Roscoe's immediate response with a fine check. He sent no note, but both of the people to whom we have mentioned this response have said mighty fine things about him - he certainly has a good reputation as a physician and man of broad cultural interests, and a good family life was also mentioned. Welcome, sir, to what we think is a worthy addition to your interests. (2026 Tenth Ave., S., Birmingham 5, Ala.)

That is as far as our broadcast invitations have got, to date. It is quite understandable. Our own wastebasket is generally half full of the numerous requests we receive. And most of them are not as unusual or unlikely as requests to support this peculiar urge to dig mankind's old "skeletons out of the closet" of the past. The very small percentage may not seem commensurate with the effort put forth, until you realize what an unusually small fraction of even our most "responsible" citizens they represent. It makes them worth their weight in postage stamps, at least!

✓ Dr. Alice McNeal - Elizabeth Cline had reported that she was "working on" her good friend. Of course, we believe in the educational approach, distinctly not in forcing ourselves on people, but in this one case we wouldn't have demurred if Elizabeth had said she was doing some arm-twisting. Because Dr. Alice is most definitely the unusual kind of person who should be interested, and closely, in the fate of Alabama's amazing Early Man archaeology. Unfortunately, our finely trained professional minds usually get pigeonholed in their specialties, so that they are not more broadly available for the good of the community. But not so with Dr. Alice McNeal. Sociology, anthropology, fine music, art, letters, museums, foreign travel (European tour later this summer), archaeology - you name it, she is interested, informed and delighted to discuss - and a good listener eager to learn. Pathology was her first specialty - she was one of those remarkable women who studied medicine when it wasn't the "womanly" thing to do, and there was much "unmanly" opposition to this invasion of the sacred kiva. She next specialized in the increasingly exact science of anaesthesiology which has become so complex and now makes possible such incredible operations and saves so many lives - and became Head of the Anaesthesiology Department of our great University of Alabama Medical Center. We are most fortunate, because she JOINED as well as donated, and will be an intelligent and informed participant. We may not have many adherents as yet, but we are sure skimming off the top crust! (3148 Pine Ridge Road, Birmingham 13, Ala.)

✓ Ed Mahan - and wouldn't you know it? - sent in his SECOND donation for this year (a Charter Donor and right on through!). And Ed writes that he is RETIRING, and hopes to GET BACK INTO ACTIVE ARCHAEOLOGY. We most devoutly hope that his health will snap back with retirement, and permit very active archaeology, which has missed his devotion. Dr. Tom Lewis, who published so much of Ed's great pioneering work on Early Man artifacts in the TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST, wrote us some time back lamenting that Ed had dropped out of active archaeology. We missed him like a front tooth. (And by the way, Ed, Mr. McCary was very pleased to meet Mary (Mrs. Mahan, for you folks who don't know them) at Moundville recently, and was also very pleased to hear what an interesting family had "adopted" you - you lucky old artifact hunter!) (Route 1, Box 207A, Grant, Ala.) And, of course, Ed rounded up a bale of donations, as follows:

✓ Carpenters & Painters of Post Engineers, Redstone Arsenal, Ala., Ed's gang of good fellows on the job, have what we claim is the distinct honor of being our FIRST union organization supporters! Unions support many good works, but apparently they haven't heard about archaeology. Why not tell YOUR union that the above local looked into our case and accepted us? And thanks a million, fellows!

✓ Walter J. Alves, M. D., Guntersville, Ala.

✓ John D. Gilbreath, Route 4, Guntersville, Ala.

✓ Carl Ogle, Guntersville, Ala. These 3 sent in donations via Ed as very encouraging NEW donors, proving we have not yet reached the saturation point. We unfortunately have no information on these 3 enlightened and generous members, but wonder if Mr. Ogle is the proprietor of Ogle's Trailer Court. Also, we noted that on our list of members, we have no M.D. affixed to Mr. Alves' name. We hastily call attention to that oversight - we do like to brag about our physician members, for to be accepted by the profession is "good advertising" in addition to bringing in professional talents and ethics for the benefit of amateur archaeology.

✓ A. B. Hooper III, who also joined Ed's "donation party", we can now move over into our "steady" column, for he also donated last year. Mr. Hooper is one of our many members living in Albertville and meeting with the Marshall County Chapter 10 miles to the Northwest by Highway 241, at Guntersville. Noting the many Albertville addresses on our list, we were wondering if it is the best represented, archaeologically speaking, of any city of its size in Alabama? (P. O. Box 216, Albertville, Ala.)

✓ Dr. Robert W. Work sent in another of his fine checks via Secy. Schaefer. Dr. Bob, you will remember, already donated handsomely so that we might be well represented and re-

ported at the Eastern States meeting - in which generosity Milt Harris joined. And Rodger writes: "In addition to this contribution, Dr. Work and his wife, Ann, expect to work on the dig this summer during their vacation." We can be proud of these folks. Dr. Bob is, of course, a past President of our Society, and he has brought his Ph.D. thoroughness and methods and ethics into amateur archaeology, maintaining an interest in Alabama archaeology though now removed to North Carolina as Head of Chemstrand's Research Dept. - "still writing articles for the Journal", Rodger writes. The Works even thoughtfully provided two European museums with representative Alabama artifacts - Denmark and Russia, if memory serves. But our favorite is the title they acquired in Decatur as "the vacuum-cleaner Works" - they don't just pick up the pretties, but clean a site as a surface survey should - true Ph.D. technique. (Hillcrest Circle, Chapel Hill, N.C.)

✓ CATHEDRAL CAVERNS INC. - and that is official, the check signed by the President herself, Helen Gurley. Jay Gurley has already sent in his personal check again this year, so this is definitely CATHEDRAL CAVERNS INC. in an official capacity - another of our proud business accounts. And Cathedral Caverns is undoubtedly on the way to BIG business, with its amazing cathedral-like corridors where nature has worked strangely for millions of years to fashion such incredible things as a stalagmite only inches in diameter and standing about four times the height of a man! We think a visit there will make you agree with the slogan on the check: THE GREATEST SHOW "IN" EARTH. But Helen - President! How can we let that go uncommented? Can't you just see Jay taking orders from the "head woman"! Asking for a raise, and all that! And thanks, CATHEDRAL CAVERNS INC., and President Helen - and you too, Jay!! (Grant, Ala., 9 miles north of Guntersville)

✓ A. J. Powers, our Sylacauga steady, sends in his annual donation. No letter this time, but we still remember his last year's solution of the mystery of how all the pots got b-u-s-t-e-d! That peachseed clue to the peach brandy, Big Chief coming home saturated, Irate Squaw not only forgetting all the work that went into those pots, but also the future generations of archaeologists (and Jim McCary!). (Rt. 4, Box 159, Sylacauga, Ala.)

Britt Thompson paved a considerable area with good intentions to deliver the following, finally gave up and passed them along to Milt Harris for transmittal - in case some are wondering why they were not acknowledged in the last Newsletter (one check is dated May 1 sent in by our President, Al Beinlich, from the)

✓ FLORENCE STUDY CLUB, Mrs. L. E. Fraser, Treasurer - only our 2nd Study Club, and Al writes that he will further inform (& indoctrinate!) them with a talk Nov. 6. Good work, Al, we dot on such groups and wish many more members would make talks in our behalf.

✓ William D. Sulzby's check of June 12 was also in belated Britt's beautiful batch. There was no note, and despite Mr. Sulzby's donation of a year ago, he still remains one of our mystery donors to the mystery of Early Man. (48 Fairway Dr., Birmingham 13, Ala.)

✓ "Pop Smith" was penciled on a nice hunk of cash in this batch - and that would be Clarence F. Smith himself! Don't let him fool you with that "Pop" which he insists upon - he is durable! We saw him swinging a shovel, and "Mom" wielding a trowel, at the Stanfield Worley dig last year. You saw his map in the Newsletter and followed his terminal signs to the Shelter. He was one of that good gang that put so much preparatory work into that site last year. Charter Donor and right on through. And we nominate him as the best Chapter Reporter we ever had. We can use a lot of young folks like Pop and Mom! (P. O. Box 541, Florence, Ala.)

✓ "FRIENDS OF ARCHAEOLOGY" donation comes in separately by way of that devoted disciple of archaeology - Ed Mahan, part of whose accomplishments we have recited previously. Up to now, we haven't heard that Ed has a lot of wealthy friends, but we do know he carries archaeology around with him - visibly. And he furnishes another example of what the rest of us COULD do! We added up what Ed has donated and directly solicited this year - and if we had all done as well, WE COULD DIG FOR FOUR YEARS on the total!!!

To William P. McClellan, we offer profound apologies for adding a terminal "d" to his name last month (& thanks, Bea Harris, for noting this - we have no excuse - our record is correct, also your mailing list). After all, he might belong to the great General George B. McClellan family, who we remember most favorably as the candidate the Northern Democrats ran against Lincoln in 1864 wanting to call off the bunglingly protracted war as a failure - in which case we might not still be fighting it! So we beg to be forgiven for mutilating a historic name.

! AND HERE DISASTER STRUCK! We made a statistical analysis to see where we are going !
 - and we aren't! We have 70% of our \$7,000 for this year....but ONLY 47% of our
 A quota has come in this year - the rest is the surplus of that grandly enthusiastic A
 L first year! This poor showing is in spite of the fact that we have 50 NEW donors L
 A this year! It is in spite of the fact that eleven generous Company donations ac- A
 B count for 20%, and 34 generous donors account for 84%, of our receipts this year. B
 A It is in spite of the fact that our membership is vastly increased. Most surpris- A
 M ingly, and disastrously, of all, it is in spite of the NAME and FAME and truly M
 A enormous ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESULTS we got in our very first year. Plainly, we are A
 making rapid progress - BACKWARD.

S SOLICITATION....SOLICITATION....SOLICITATION - would be one answer. We could all S
 O be "free riders" on the coattails of fame - and the more we spread the knowledge, O
 C and the load, through the community, the better. We KNOW solicitation could do it C
 I because 46% of our income this year was directly solicited - but by only 3% of our I
 E members! An ample sum can be solicited a DOLLAR AT A TIME, which anybody can get, E
 T and anybody can afford. But when we announced that the "Missing Link" booklets T
 Y were ready to help with educational soliciting, we received requests from ONE HALF Y
 M OF ONE PERCENT of our members! We wrote 321 letters of about 90,000 words in hasty M
 E desperation in May and June - only proving that one solicitor can't do it - and E
 M can't last the pace. But a lot of ants can move mountains - and so could a lot of M
 B solicitors - if they'd light a torch. B
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R BUT CAN WE MAKE NEXT YEAR - the way we are going? We are going to make this year, R
 S if it takes bank robbery. But this year's donations have been far less than half S
 of last year's, in spite of about a dozen reasons why they should be far more than
 P last year. Obviously, at this rate, THERE IS NO NEXT YEAR. But let's ask our- P
 L selves if we want it that way - no more University and professional affiliation, L
 E no more name and fame, no more Society growth - maybe no more Society, period! And E
 A what is truly important, NO MORE SEARCH FOR EARLY MAN - and it might never happen A
 S again, any where! For we are doing something NOBODY ELSE EVER DID. We felt that S
 E you would want these facts brought out clearly so all could realize that as of this E
 moment THERE IS NO NEXT YEAR. B

R "ALABAMA MAKES IT. FANTASTIC....ABSOLUTELY FLABBERGASTS ME....CERTAINLY A MILE- R
 E STONE OF SOME SORT IN THE HISTORY OF AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY", wrote Dr. E. Mott Davis E
 A of the University of Texas. Remember the amazement of the archaeological world A
 D when we made it last year? And the wide acclaim of the great professionals across D
 the nation? Well, maybe it was just a fantastic fluke - a flash in the pan. T
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I BUT WE HAVE A CHOICE. Our analysis showed that ONLY 20% OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE DONATED I
 S THIS YEAR! So we have a tremendous backlog of 80% of our members to donate only S
 the remaining 30% of our quota!!! There is our big hope that we can make another
 C big showing this year, and gain a vote of confidence for next year. The choice is C
 A yours - YOU have a VOTE. You will find your ballot at the bottom of the last page A
 R of this Newsletter - your ballot, that wonderful little invention by which a free R
 E and informed people could make this such a wonderful world. --- D. W. Josselyn E
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ULLY!!! !!! ALABAMA SOCIETY MEMBERS PLEASE READ THE ABOVE CAREFULLY !!! !!!YLLU

"DIGGING WITH DAVE"

The college lads and lassies who are "digging with Dave" this summer have a remark-
 able extra dividend. We doubt if these promising young people are aiming at archaeologi-
 cal careers - unfortunately, we do not reward archaeologists as well as we do the bull-
 dozer drivers who destroy archaeology. But maybe it is better that these sharp young
 people should serve as vehicles to help archaeological awareness infiltrate the lay com-
 munity of tomorrow! We mean scientific archaeological awareness - not the popular-book
 awareness of the more gaudy trimmings, the Parthenons and Pyramids, which persuade the
 public to allow hundreds of millions to flow into foreign tourist archaeology while our
 own SCIENTIFIC archaeology goes the way of dams and urban expansion and pothunters. Ar-
 chaeology as a SCIENCE began in America well within our lifetime, and our older generation
 simply has not been able to absorb it.

Perhaps one of the tragedies of our times is that in this scientific age most people are still equipped with stone-age minds. So we are more likely to destroy ourselves with applied science than to reap its amazing potential miracles. "But how can you KNOW!", students exclaim, not being obstinate, but as honestly perplexed as a monkey trying to understand logarithms. What is the answer?

Science is essentially an EXACT technique which not only enables us to know, but to KNOW HOW WE KNOW. Perhaps the only way to understand the miracle and soundness of science is through an appreciation of its wonderful techniques - which can date a million-year-old skeleton or weigh a star! Then we can KNOW why science has enabled man to accomplish more in his last hundred years than in his first million - and that we could use it for incredibly more in the future.

So we believe "digging with Dave" will "trowel" into these fine young minds a real grasp on the TECHNIQUES which are SCIENCE. They will see that one slip of a trowel can destroy thousands of years of man's history - or that exact and sterile technique can recover seemingly long-perished facts from a bit of charcoal! Our Alabama archaeological venture is serving many great and wonderful purposes. But we would count it the greatest of them all if we can help to contribute to a more hopeful tomorrow some fine young people who KNOW HOW TO KNOW.

--- D. W. Josselyn

\$\$\$ KEEP SOME OF YOUR TAXES AT HOME \$\$\$

We see by a very lavish full-page display, as if it were something to be proud of, and as if YOU could afford it, that six and a half million dollars more of YOUR taxes are going into Egyptian tourist archaeology. This time it is an Egyptian Temple at Kalabscha, not even 2,000 years old. It is to be dismembered, stone by stone, and erected elsewhere.

And we see that your government thinks you can afford to spend, through your National Park Service, \$250,000 to develop a "park" at an unlikely, remote place like Russell Cave - museum, administration building, two homes for park attendants - continuing expense from now on! Yet, a few years ago, when YOUR public debt was billions of dollars less than it is today, YOU did not feel that you (through your National Park Service) could afford ONE PERCENT of that for an archaeological surface survey to make salvage archaeology more productive. Two short years ago YOU didn't feel that you could afford THREE PERCENT of that (through your Smithsonian Institution) to do a SCIENTIFIC dig at the Stanfield-Worley shelter, with an older date for human habitation than Russell Cave.

We do not really believe you think that way - BUT.....you ARE delegating to Congress ALL the responsibility of spending your taxes wisely - and most members do not know a potsherd from a petrified monkey! They spell archaeology "parkaeology". They think the "Missing Link" is just the opposition party (with some logic!).

There is, fortunately, one means of personally directing the manner of spending a portion of your taxable income. Permit us to remind you that the ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA, INC., has been approved as an organization to which donations are tax deductible (file reference 434:SEG EO 61-34, Birmingham District), this applying to 20% of your income. IT WILL KEEP SOME OF YOUR TAXES AT HOME!!!

--- D. W. Josselyn

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. Next meeting to be held in September.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 110, Auburn University. Next meeting to be held in September.

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

The Marshall County Chapter will next meet at the Utilities Bldg., Albertville. At the last meeting, there was a 3 hour discussion on points of that area. Also, a 10 minute tape recording was made of an interview of Ed Mahan by A. B. Hooper of Albertville Station WAVU on activities of our State Society, to be broadcast July 12th. Digging is to be continued at a test pit in a bluff shelter close to Albertville, in which the first 12 inches produced Middle Mississippian points, also shell, limestone and sand-tempered pottery. Findings at the dig will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. Officers elected at the last meeting are V. H. Mizzell, President; Therlo Funderburk, Vice President; Thompson G. McRae Jr., Treasurer; and Bert O. Yerkes, Secretary. Also, Mrs. Nancy Holmes reported on her trip to the Moundville State Meeting, and there was a general discussion on the Chapter field trip to the Terrell Site, Mon Luis Island, where work will be continued. Plans for the coming year will be discussed at the next meeting.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Cloverdale Community Center. At the next meeting, Capt. Charles Black, Instructor in aviation medicine at Maxwell Field, who has pursued his archaeological hobby wherever stationed, will discuss "Cultures of the Indians of the Southeastern U.S.". The Chapter is continuing to work at the site of Atassi.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the City Hall, Decatur. No meeting to be held in August, but at the September meeting, the speaker will be Sam Moseley and the subject "Archaeology in Ireland". In deference to the Irish, all members are requested to bring "Greenstone" artifacts.

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

The Nocalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the July meeting, Mr. C. E. Parker of the Wade Sand & Gravel Co., in Gadsden, displayed and discussed a skeleton, potsherds and artifacts found in a gravel pit on the Coosa River near Gadsden. The Chapter now has 40 members!

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 JULY: Welcome to you, whoever you are! Our hard-working-Secretary-Treasurer (official title double-checked and fully confirmed) Rodger Schaefer has, for the past few weeks, been vacationing to the westward. Having received no report on new members, we are unable to name each of you, but promise a copy of the August Newsletter will come forward as soon as a list reaches us.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

Tandy Key Bozeman, Box X, University, Ala.

John P. Knudson, 617 Macon Place, Raleigh, N.C.

B. Jack Maddox, 133 S. 57th St., Birmingham, Ala.

VOLUNTEERS!!! Are needed in greater numbers at our digs in the Town Creek - Mud Creek Drainage Area. To those who have "reported for duty" up to now, your Society expresses its sincerest appreciation, but we have been counting on more help from the strong backs and willing hands of our membership. We wish it were possible to promise comfortable working conditions (as at the Stanfield-Worley), but open fields make cloudy days a welcome sight, and the weather man doesn't always cooperate.

You will find instructions as to how to get to the site currently being dug, on the door of the gymnasium at the Colbert County High School in Leighton, and since the dig for this year has less than a month ahead, make your plans to get by there for a day or longer, so that as many sites as possible can be excavated during the remaining time.

PAPERS NEEDED for the 2nd Journal of 1962. We have heard and read that several of our Chapters and members have been conducting digs in various parts of the State, also that reports on digs completed in the recent past are in various stages of completion. Please hurry and complete any papers possible, and get them to the Editor of our Journals.

CERAMIC PIPES. We repeat the call which went out in our March 1962 Newsletter regarding the desire of the Exhibits Committee, Eastern States Archaeological Federation to receive donations of slides of ceramic pipes (NOT stone pipes) with full information concerning each pipe to accompany each slide, for assembly into a set, duplicated, and then made available for sale. All slides, prints and correspondence should be addressed to: Mr. Elwood S. Wilkins Jr., Chairman, Exhibits Committee, R.D. #2, Newark, Delaware.

PAPERS FOR EASTERN STATES ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEDERATION 1962 ANNUAL MEETING: Saturday, September 1 is the deadline for papers in all the fields covered by the Federation, including archaeology, ethnology, anthropology and Indian history, for the meeting to be held November 10 and 11 at Athens, Georgia. Potential contributors should submit the following information to the Program Chairman, T. Latimer Ford, 1906 Ruxton Road, Ruxton 4, Maryland, by Sept. 1, to insure consideration by the Committee:

- a. Title of paper and author.
- b. Illustrated or not (35 mm. slides will be assumed unless otherwise stated).
- c. Type of site, its context and cultural period.
- d. Any important or unusual pertinent facts which are known at this time, i.e., sufficient information to enable the Committee to analyze the proposed paper for its inclusion in the program.
- e. Exhibit space desired and how much.
- f. Papers will be accepted with the understanding that abstracts, no longer than two double-spaced typewritten pages, suitable for publication in the ESAF Bulletin, shall be sent to the Program Chairman by October 25, 1962.

Your Alabama Society ESAF Representative hopes that the several Alabama members who have reports in preparation, will proceed and submit them at once.

FESTIVE OCCASION: The Horace Holland's at Leighton were hosts recently to the entire digging crew and visiting volunteers, serving a most bountiful repast to the truthfully hungry workers and guests. The fine food and trimmings were the subject of conversation "on the job" for days afterwards, and it was the consensus that nothing anyone could have done, was more appreciated.

PLEASE HELP YOURSELVES!!! Your name is important to us! Though this may not always appear to be the case. We are acutely embarrassed when, after trying to give due credit for your efforts and activities, we so "louse up" your name that even your closest of kin wonders "who did this great deed?". Sadder yet, some few misguided souls still have sufficient faith in us to "correct" their records accordingly, and down you go, in history, under an "unassumed" name.

Your address is important to us, too! Your Associate Editors have undertaken the job of preparing mailing labels for our JOURNAL (Volume VII, No. 2, is to be released shortly) as well as for this Newsletter. If our records are incorrect, or if we do not have prompt notice of changes of address, you may not receive the publications due you. Even an incorrect zone number can delay delivery of mail for several days or a week.

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INTERESTED IN OTHER STATE NEWSLETTERS?

We've had some inquiries, and this being a subject we know little about, maybe we can injure enough feelings to get some spirited and informative replies. However, our ignorance of other Societies is universally mutual. When Joseph E. Vincent's ambitious SCIENCE OF MAN magazine began to go on the financial rocks, and Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Interamerican Institute, was questing in its behalf, we wrote Compton that we'd like to see it become, in part, a clearing house to help bring the State Societies in closer relationship. That is what we badly need.

Of the few Newsletters we've seen, we'd mention first that of the Arkansas Society - now grown more pretentious and called a Bulletin - still monthly. If a file of the first year's (1960) issues is still available, we think every Chapter should get it (\$3.00). Dr. Charles R. McGimsey III was in the process of setting up an amateur Society the way it should be, and this is by far the best "blueprint" we have seen. The Bulletin currently contains much good amateur reporting of an ambitious, professionally led Society's activities. Active membership \$2.00, supporting \$5.00. Arkansas Archaeological Society, Central Office, University Museum, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.

SPAAC SPEAKS, Newsletter of Allegheny Chapter #1, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, began last year with great determination. Editor Edward C. Boss wrote a lot of letters asking a lot of questions, then sent out issues inviting criticism. We can heartily recommend the result at \$2.00 per year. Editor's address is 2813 Bethel Church Road, Bethel Park, Pa.

The Missouri Archaeological Society we've seen rated as the best of the amateur societies. We don't know how much the dues are, but a card to 15 Switzler Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo., would settle that. In their May 1962 issue we see what looks to be a very practical, profusely illustrated FIELD HANDBOOK ON THE HUMAN SKELETON advertised for one buck. One can get good ideas, stimulation and information by joining a few other State Societies - and it all helps archaeology.

The Tennessee Society has a real interest in Southeastern archaeology, and joiners get the outstanding Journal that Lewis & Kneberg made so famous, now edited by Dr. Alfred K. Guthe, who has also worked with amateurs for some 10 years. Address Tenn. Arch. Soc., McClung Museum, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn. - \$3.00 (and only \$5.00 to be one of those highly desirable Contributing Members). --- D. W. Josselyn

CHIPS AND FRAGMENTS

Steve Wimberly was recently asked what to do about a cliff shelter, with artifacts, which was accessible only by shinning down a tree. "Cut down the tree" Steve said without hesitation. Years ago, on the way to a site, we walked across one we hadn't known about. Steve picked up a nice projectile point, looked it over, asked if we would be collecting the site, and when we replied in the negative, he dropped the point, saying "Let's hope somebody collects it properly". He wouldn't carelessly move so much as a point from its "provenience". So we felt that we knew what Wormington meant in saying "the amateur who sincerely desires to serve" must "develop a truly scientific attitude - one which recognizes that even the smallest fragment of evidence may be of the utmost importance". (Southwestern Lore, Vol. 25, No. 1, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder) Unfortunately, archaeological ethics are like nails - they have to be driven in with a hammer. But they don't hurt. Thanks, Steve.

Harold Strauss of Publisher Alfred A. Knopf writes that they are bringing out "a very big and important book summarizing all that is known about the prehistory of the Western hemisphere, by a distinguished archaeologist". Dr. Carl B. Compton ferreted out who the "distinguished archaeologist" probably is, but since Mr. Strauss did not care to divulge the name, it wouldn't be cricket to spread it around. But Dr. Carl says if his lead is correct, "his book will be a good one". So maybe Knopf, who has lured so much archaeological interest elsewhere, might undo some of the damage this has done to American archaeology, and money. Though it is perhaps too much to hope it will spell out "look homeward angel" to any of the big money.

Miriam Weissinger, in an exceptional example of amateur work and reporting in the March 1962 SOUTHWESTERN LORE (wish you could all read it), must have made one mistake: "As a child I was reared in Iowa, where the law did not allow the disturbing of a site; farmers were not allowed to plow within a certain number of feet of a site." If there really had been a Second Coming, we think we'd have heard about it.

F. Wilbur Helmbold, Librarian, Howard College, writes us, "I am pleased to see such good work being carried on" and that our "Missing Link" booklet "will have a place in our Alabama Collection of the Howard College Library."

J. N. Greene, Chairman of the Board, Alabama Gas Corp., writes generously that "The community is, indeed, indebted" to us "for the fine work you have been doing to search out, classify and record the archaeology of sections of Alabama".

Frank J. Engles, a very, very old man, writes a fascinating but bloodcurdling sketch of his long, long life as a "collector" in the July 1962 issue of HOBBIES. And we must digress here a moment to remark the amount of life lived by our grandparents' generation, Mr. Engles getting his only education "in a one room sod school house with dirt floor in Western Nebraska", and his wife leaving school at age 12 and going to work for 75¢ a week and "never saw the inside of a school house again". After many Paul Bunyan adventures they arrived in Alaska in 1906, found "the remains of an old stone age village" where "It was like digging potatoes in a fertile field, beautiful things of ivory and jade showing up". He thoroughly "worked out" the site. And he claims to have bought "over a 1,000 pieces" excavated by Eskimos from amidst a jumble of tusks. For all their schooling, our grandparents' generation didn't do any better by archaeology than our generation! (Thanks to Francis C. Smith for this murder story.)

Gennie (Geneva or Mrs. E. M.) Lindsey (Dr. Lindsey is President of our Noccalula Chapter at Gadsden) writes that she was a member years ago but "only through Stones & Bones" - which should remind us of the importance of a readable Newsletter to awaken interests not yet developed enough for our more technical Journal. And we can gently slip in some information and ethics! The Lindseys visited the Kleine Site dig and saw some burials uncovered, and Mrs. Lindsey hopes they "can be preserved in full and not torn apart". Better than that (which is only museum procedure), they will be carefully taken up bone by bone, marked, wrapped loosely in protecting paper, boxed, taken to the laboratory and subjected to dozens of dozens of strange measurements to get the basion-poria height, the glabello-occipital length, the gonial angle, the fronto-parietal index, the frontal subtense and all those other hieroglyphic things the physical anthropologists measure to prove we are a little removed from monkeys. Gennie (a bit personal, but we kind of like the friendly sound) writes: It is so good to see people from all walks of life come together with a purpose and interest above and beyond themselves." Isn't it just! And it is in those Chapter meetings that archaeology will live or die, and fine friends be made - and friends for archaeology. Let us all contribute something to keep those meetings interesting in all of our TEN Chapters. Even if you can only show that peculiar mole on your - oh, well, never mind. Less personally, we have a vestigial ridge on the exposed cranium (reminiscent of old Zinjanthropus who a million-odd years ago had a sagittal crest like a gorilla) and some of the early Indian skulls have it too - so we ARE a throw-back!

Dr. Carleton S. Coon makes the frightful suggestion that destruction of the possibility of radiocarbon dating may be our next and biggest archaeological blunder. Free C-14 in the atmosphere has already ruined some sites, plays hob now and then with the Geiger counters so that C-14 dating has to be suspended, threatens every charcoal sample we expose, and in the end may end it all. "Nowadays when we expose charcoal in the ground during a dig, we collect it immediately, sealing it in thick polyethylene tubes, to be removed only in the laboratory. But if many more atom bombs are set off, in play or in earnest, Dr. Libby's method of dating may itself become outdated." (The Story of Man, 2nd revised edition of 1962, Alfred A. Knopf, \$7.50 - page 145.) So let's get along with our digging and dating while we can - our bombs might destroy man's past even if they don't destroy his future!

A LITTLE KNOWLEDGE, you have heard, is a dangerous thing. Papworth & Binford, authors of A GUIDE TO ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXCAVATIONS, in SOUTHWESTERN LORE, June 1962 (Univ. of Colorado, Boulder), bring this home to us with a bloody trowel: "Without experience, the new field hand can destroy forever enormous amounts of valuable archaeological data. With just a little experience, enthusiasm and inadequate instruction, the destructive capacity of untrained field workers increases tenfold. They know enough not to waste time on sterile areas but go directly to the most important data and erase them with maximum efficiency." Amen, amen - we have seen it demonstrated time and again!

Francis and Margaret C. Smith have had that archaeological wanderlust again. She writes: "Cumberland Gap National Park...has one nice fluted point....Supt. of Park does not know what it is. Southwest Museum at Big Stone Gap, Va., also has a fluted point....keeps it under lock and key....found near Big Stone Gap....needs an Indian bowl and a fish fossil. Near Doughton Park on the Blue Ridge Parkway....is a private rock museum....has a clear quartz crystal fluted point he bought from an old lady....told us about 2 fluted points he had just seen from Ashe County, N.C., and Vance County, N.C. OUR fluted point Francis picked up several years ago at Allatoona Lake....can't wait till the lake is pulled down so we can really investigate." And about the strange "stone forts" found on mountain tops: "A friend recently ran onto a beauty....says it looks almost as good as the Peruvian jobs....and he found nary an artifact in all his searching there" - which seems to be curiously typical of those mysterious, neglected sites. Though not always neglected - for we remember one which was dismantled for railroad ballast!!!

"ETYMOLOGICAL ARTIFACTS", we might call place names, for they hang on with almost flinty durability long after the people who bestowed them, and even the languages to which they belonged, have become extinct and forgotten. The trained "archaeological etymologist" can peel off stratigraphic layers, as it were, of place names in Europe, exposing culture below culture, down into the "fossil words" of dead languages. Why old place names, in

forgotten languages, persist so durably is a curious thing. An example is Cuba, a hang-over from the original Indian Cubanacan. Columbus discovered the island on his first voyage, Oct. 28, 1492, and on his second trip in 1494 named it Juana, after Juan, son of Ferdinand and Isabella; later changed it to Fernandina in honor of Ferdinand himself; still later to Santiago, the patron saint of Spain; and finally to Ave Maria. But despite the religious significance of this to the Spanish, and despite the rapid extermination of the native Indians (about half a century), the haunting ghost of Cubanacan has clung to this island which has had so many troubles, whether free or a dependent, with slavery or without. For the fang-and-claw evolutionary past clings, too, and conquest of the difficult traits in human nature can be our only real freedom, even from ourselves. But first we must know what things we are made of, and learn to face them squarely, before they can be solved. That, fundamentally, is why we pry into man's long past. It was only in 1859 that, thanks to amateur archaeologist de Perthes' long battle, the scientific world accepted the fact that man had a past - and even in the intervening scientific century, countless millions have not yet caught up with the fact. So we still have a long way to go in the primary business of self-understanding - if we last that long. And we still need enthusiastic amateur archaeologists to push research, and to disseminate their knowledge throughout the stone-age community. --- D. W. Josselyn

GOOD WORDS FROM A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Dr. Margarita Quijano, Chairman of the Department of English at the University of Mexico, gave a fascinating talk this past month at the University of Alabama regarding the Exchange Student Program. Briefly, her talk was both one of welcome and of hope that the Exchange Student Program would be a strong factor for the promotion of better understanding between Mexico and the U.S.A.

One situation Dr. Quijano stressed was the nearly complete lack of newspaper coverage on the part of the U.S. Press on National and International news items regarding the activities of the 40,000 Americans living in Mexico, and the work Americans have accomplished in cultural fields such as archaeology and art. She stated that Europe's recognition of the cultural traditions of Mexico appears to be substantially greater than America's, possibly because of the size and relative newness and rawness of the country and the survival problems which have apparently left less time for most classes of people to become aware of and appreciate the beauties of other countries. Nationalism, she points out, tends to focus the mind in a narrow band and permit it to become or stay insulated to outside ideas, and, therefore, make individuals provincial in approach to people and things that are strange.

Since all humanity tends to combine both strength and beauty with ugliness and weakness, Dr. Quijano believes a willingness to understand the solutions of peoples other than ourselves, to problems of life, should be the study aim of all men. Each exchange student tends to be a magnet for information, and as they grow in knowledge and return home, it is to be hoped they can further the warm understanding so desirable between our two countries.

MAY WE SUGGEST

1. A careful re-reading of the first five paragraphs on Page 5 of this Newsletter.
2. Prompt action on your part if you're one of the State Society members who has not made a dig contribution this year.

THANKS

WOODLAND CULTURE

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

Louis A. Brannon, New York State Archaeological Association, gave an excellent paper at the 1961 Eastern States Archaeological Federation annual meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia, which was entitled "Archaic and Paleo: Concepts and Terminology". In this paper, he gave the advent of horticulture as the beginning of the Woodland Culture. This, along with the existence of ceramics and several projectile point types and tools peculiar to this culture, gives us some pretty definite traits to use in recognizing Woodland remains. Woodland has been broken up into 3 components: Early, Middle and Late. The pottery helps define these segments. In the Tennessee River Valley, fiber and sand tempered ware may be defined as Early Woodland, limestone tempered ware as Middle Woodland, and clay-grit as Late Woodland.

Dan and Phyllis Morse found corn in association with Early Woodland artifacts at the Williams Site in Gordon County, Georgia. They think this dates the corn at around 250 to 500 B.C.

Ronald J. Mason in a paper in CURRENT ANTHROPOLOGY entitled "The Paleo-Indian Tradition in Eastern North America" starts with these sentences: "Archaeologists investigating the foundations of the general North American cultural sequence are obliged to dig through a long and complex record of ceramic cultures whose initial appearances may be as early as 4,000 B.P. Exploring back in time through the remains of these assemblages, the relatively complex agricultural societies on the latest levels are seen to give way to simpler societies, whose subsistence basis demonstrably or inferentially shows continually decreasing reliance on food production. Many characteristic traits and associations gradually drop out, to be replaced by others founded on a simpler economy. By 4,000 B.P. or somewhat later, burial mounds, earthworks and pottery have disappeared entirely from the archaeological record."

A few years ago, Dr. Frank J. Soday prepared a poster for display entitled "The First Great Farmers". This was a description of Woodland culture as follows: "The Woodland Indians moved into the Valley (Tennessee River) some 3,000 years ago to displace the Archaic people. They knew how to make pottery, use the bow and arrow, and weave cloth. While their food was largely obtained by hunting and gathering, they also practiced a limited amount of agriculture. They made numerous ornaments from shell, stone and copper, and developed an elaborate burial ceremonialism known as the Copena Culture. Burial mounds first came into use during this period."

For further reading on the Woodland Cultures, the Camp Creek Site report in the Tennessee Archaeologist, Volume XIII, No. 1, Spring 1957, is important. It is available for \$1.00, from the Tennessee Archaeological Society, Frank H. McClung Museum, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn. Other important books on the Woodland Culture are "Tribes That Slumber" (hardbound, \$4.75) and "Hiwassee Island" (paperback), both by Lewis and Kneberg, and both printed by University of Tennessee Press, Knoxville, Tenn.

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