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State Representative Philip H. Smith, 20th District, writes us from Talladega: "I note in the September STONES & BONES Newsletter that there is some interest in obtaining a state appropriation for archaeological research. I do not know at this time what the practical possibility would be of such an appropriation, but I would be glad to support such an effort."

Hold your hats! Could, or CAN, this BE IT? Can we emulate Dr. Charles R. McGimsey and Hester Davis and get a STATE-FINANCED archaeological program for Alabama similar to the one they have pioneered in Arkansas?

"The Arkansas program wasn't created by Hester and me. If all it took was some interested professionals, then darn near every state would have a program. The Arkansas Archaeological Survey is the result of a great deal of interest, concern and work by a great many people - society members, legislators and others. It is as simple (and as complicated) as that!"

So Dr. McGimsey wrote us May 18, 1967, in response to our reaction to the glorious announcement of the Arkansas success. A member of our Editorial Board had offered to contribute substantially to a publication attempting to AWAKEN ALL STATES and make such a program inclusive - which it most certainly should be! And WHY NOT??? What's a couple of hundred thousand in a state budget? Yet it is manna from heaven for archaeology! And archaeology won't wait - its destruction increases with geometric rapidity - in a small town suburban to Birmingham over 40 sites (one with fluted points) have been destroyed in the past 25 years!

To our way of thinking, an outstanding aspect of the Arkansas program is its wholehearted solicitation of AMATEUR ASSISTANCE - its cooperation with, and good use of, the hundreds of amateurs, making their interests and efforts EFFECTIVE and REWARDING. The state is divided into areas, an archaeologist in charge of each area - as per a published map which included his address and 'phone number so members can get hurried emergency assistance, etc. Think how that would activate the Alabama Society - every Chapter could have a project, PROFESSIONALLY supervised. And all state institutions who wish it (and it turned out that all are interested) are afforded part-time professors for courses in anthropology - which in time will build a tremendous backlog of public interest and understanding.

In short, the prospects are gigantic, multiplying the value of the program many times over the cost. And of course it is purely barbaric to sit idly by and watch the destruction of the unwritten history of man - which you might compare to BURNING ALL HISTORY BOOKS!

OCTOBER 1968

Phil Smith (a long time State Society Member) has "stuck a foot in the door" for us. Dr. McGimsey et al have pioneered a fine program. We are making plans for meetings of our Directors and other interested parties. That "great deal of interest, concern and work by a great many people" gratefully acknowledged by Dr. McGimsey will doubtless be needed in Alabama, too. We ask that all Chapters discuss this matter, "build a fire" under it, appoint coordinators and expeditors and "contact" people ready to go into action. With the generous assistance of Phil Smith, we'll work up whatever is needed, so we can all make a mighty heave - together! This CAN BE IT, Dr. McGimsey assures (and proves), if we MAKE THE EFFORT.

#### THE ALABAMA STORY - AN ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

"THE DIG OF THE DONORS", unique and famous in amateur annals, is dug for another summer. Read Stowe's report last month told us we got our SECOND Dalton point midden. Our first Dalton midden, at the Stanfield-Worley shelter, gave us the oldest date yet discovered for human habitation in the southeast - 9,600 years. This second Dalton midden should provide valuable comparative data.

And this summer there was a cultural level BELOW the Dalton - with PEBBLE TOOLS!! Be sure that the archaeological world will be very interested in that - as we are editorially. The pebble tool technology goes back so far in the history of man as a tool maker, and some of our surface finds look so old (as patination entirely through thick "choppers"), that the question of age has been a fascinating one ever since Matthew Lively brought pebble tools startlingly to our attention. To find them BELOW the oldest dated cultural level in the southeast is therefore of extreme interest, and may well be another breakthrough. We hope the Dalton and pebble tool levels will prove sufficiently separable, without too much contamination, and that sufficient organic material was recovered, for a new "oldest date". In any event, the DONORS are to be congratulated for supplying this first "scientific possibility" that our pebble tools could be old - it should stimulate pebble tool interest far and wide. If it were not for these "donor digs", remember, we should have neither that "oldest date" for Dalton nor these pebble tools BELOW. Archaeology is thus slow, and dependent upon CUMULATIVE results. We seem to be definitely on a hot trail, and bless those who have stuck with it through good luck and bad. To whom we add this month:

Mrs. Jack D. McSpadden - to whose SEVENTH generous donation we can add so much more - a true INTEREST in the fate of Alabama archaeology. We gather this assumption from the fact that after "giving us a trial" the McSpaddens decided to become Joint Life Members in 1965; their son worked with our crew one summer; and Jack (Executive Vice President, Liberty National Life Insurance Co.) has told us he hopes to be more active in our Society when he retires. All this and donations too! People like this, and an active organization through which their interest can be effective, are our hope for a "future for the past".

Mr. & Mrs. E. Milton Harris - and to their amazing generosity we must add their INDISPENSABILITY. Without their immense contribution of WORK, we do not see how we could have functioned. As all volunteer organizations discover, their success depends upon getting organizational business done - and there are pathetically few volunteers for this. Perhaps only those members who struggled with such matters when we were only 3 or 4 Chapters, small Chapters, can fully appreciate what "excavating" Milt and Bea in 1961 has meant to our Society.

George E. Russell sends his NINTH donation - to which we can add a moral. Through his personal bad times and good, including multiple health problems, George has struggled to stay on our "honor roll". It takes a bit of doing to do anything of importance, and as most of us know, it is easy to find excuses - easier than to find a cause "bigger than us". And George has put a lot of sincere work into archaeology, which is now bearing fruit in publication.



Keel & Co. Inc., through the interest of William K. Keel, President, a constant generous donor ever since Mr. Keel discovered our fund drive opportunity in 1964, points another moral. Without the donations of our "business accounts" we could not have "stayed in business". From the American "free enterprise" of which we are so justly proud, we have received thousands of dollars! Add to this the fact that Keel & Co. are in far Atlanta, and that Mr. Keel has shown a true interest by visiting our digs. A fund drive is hardly a "fun drive", but people like this reward the labor.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Turner add TURNER'S KEY SHOP donation to our "business accounts". And as the address is Johnstown, Pa., we are reminded that neither could we have continued in business without the generous out-of-state donors who have come to the rescue of Alabama archaeology! Besides which, Art and Alice (friends of A. B. Hooper III) have been interested enough to visit Alabama, and even flattered us by coming down to Birmingham and "appreciating" pebble tools - of which they write: "WHATEVER the period of their use may be, it is IMPORTANT for us to know" - putting them in good company indeed, for Dr. Wormington has said essentially the same thing. We may add that when Dr. Dragoo was down to Birmingham he had a good word for the archaeological work the Turners are doing in Pa. - the kind of people archaeology seeks to "excavate".

James B. Whitehead, our steady Mentone donor, adds the whimsical: "Someday, when the rich uncle gets out of the poor house - !" - reminding us that archaeology is PEOPLE, with that "human touch". Excavating a "people" is more important than excavating a site - for who knows where personal interest may lead? We like those "human touches" to remind us that fund drives, too, are people - who must be informed, interested, inspired and rewarded with RESULTS. Anybody can "ask" - and sometimes it seems as if everybody does! Since we are very "amateur fund-drivers", and ask in the "ivory tower" sphere of science, we think our donors must not only be people, but special people. (Yes, Jim, come that happy day of the rich uncle, we'll donate more, too!)

Christopher S. Peebles, Dept. of Anthropology, Florida Atlantic University! Well! When honored by academic recognition, we feel like lowering bashful lashes, squirming, and saying: "Aw shuckins, tain't nothin' much" - to hide our puffed-upness. It is an honor greatly appreciated and which we shall further strive to merit. And besides getting a NEW donor, Mr. and Mrs. Peebles are new members! Welcome!

Arthur Dunning's set of 75 Alabama rocks and minerals brought very interesting contacts this month. Mrs. M. R. Ubben purchased 2 sets. One for her mother, Mrs. Laurie Coit, who lives in Monterey, Calif., but spends summers enthusiastically "rockhounding" on her ranch. She polishes gem stones and casts jewelry in which to set them. As a member of the Carmel Gems & Minerals Society, on one of their safaris for petrified whale bone, she found an entire skull weighing 500 pounds - and got it home! She has found Alabama rockhounds very friendly and helpful (we of course did a bit of swapping), and we can return the compliment in good measure. The other set was for son David, who is very interested in archaeology - and made a bow, arrow, bowstring and arrowhead using only aboriginal-type tools. With promise like that, we hope David will give serious thought to archaeology as a profession. Such are the nice contacts and possibilities which organized effort can discover.

Dan Josselyn, to close our "interesting people" report, in his diverse past was once a vaudeville "strong man". He is still "putting a lot of muscle" into archaeology in addition to donating. (To which your Editors add a resounding: AMEN!!!)

David L. DeJarnette, who conducts the excavations for which we contract with the University of Alabama, deserves special thanks this year for a donation which "saved the face" of our fund drive. "Archaeological luck" was not too good last year, resulting in declining interest, so donations to date for 1968 are only \$3,551.50 - far short. But resourceful Dave rounded up FREE STUDENT LABOR this year. Whew - a narrow squeak - and much thanks to Dave! But with PEBBLE TOOLS BELOW DALTON this year, we have assurance that we are on the trail of some NEW information, which should revive interest

next year. (And let us strive mightily for STATE SUPPORT in 1970 - for which even the results of our "penny attack" promise so much!)

In "OFFICIALLY CLOSING" our fund drive this month, we of course do not mean to deny the opportunity to late-comers, or those who prefer to figure their donations at the end of the year. It would be greatly to our advantage if we could afford exploratory work this winter. You "can't see the woods for the trees" in summer, and snakes, chiggers and ticks are summer problems. Last summer, Randy Gray fortunately happened to see a large rattler - which another member of the party was standing astride! Whack, whack machete - but too close for comfort!

### TWO HISTORIC JOURNAL PAPERS

A. B. Hooper III makes a valuable contribution in our current Journal with his paper on DUPLICATE Lively Complex pebble tools in the Bear Creek watershed, some 40 miles north of the type sites and on a north rather than south (Buttahatchee River) drainage. The artifacts (Dr. A. G. Long's fine photographs) are indistinguishable, technologically and typologically, from those in Matt Lively's paper (December 1965 JOURNAL), even to the distinctive "pebble-drills" which seem to be the most unique marker for this complex. When Drs. Wormington, Bordes, Vertes and Desmond Clark examined 85 specimens they expressed particular interest in these pebble-drills - apparently they have never been identified before. These are not found on all sites where technology and typology are otherwise quite similar to the Lively Complex - even on the Bear Creek perimeter area at the Alice Site at Tharptown where Alice Burns found the use of pebbles overlapping the use of angular hunks of poor grade chert (ANTHROPOLOGICAL JOURNAL OF CANADA, Vol. 5, No. 2, 1967). This emphatic difference between "crude tool" sites suggests a long developmental period of this industry. It will be interesting to see if our dig this past summer has the pebble-drills, thus marking it as true Lively Complex, which A.B. has so valuably proved in that area.

William H. Emanuel valuably broadens our view of TECHNOLOGIES which have been largely overlooked in America with his paper on THE AMERICAN HAND AXE in the current TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST. His European archaeological experience fortunately taught him that "projectile points are recent, and minority, artifacts", so he was able to "see" the immense tonnage of large, percussion-chipped, "crude" tools so abundant (and overlooked) in America. And while he compares our hand axe to European types (both Abbevillian and Acheulian), he also shows evidence of a possible evolution out of pebble tools. This valuable paper suggests that it is time we expanded the "thin biface" concept of American archaeology to include other technologies - a good place to begin is with MAN THE TOOL-MAKER, Kenneth P. Oakley, University of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60637, paperback \$1.25. It will turn tons of discards into artifacts!

### INTERESTING EXCERPTS

from the INTERAMERICAN, Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, informative free publication dependent upon donations, 5133 NT, Denton, Texas 76203: "...it is no sign of weakness to be convinced by evidence." AMEN!... "the jaw appears to be the oldest yet recovered to date of an animal related to the great apes and man which shows pronounced reduction of front tooth size" - from the northern India state of Hemachal Pradesh, and again we may question if man necessarily originated in Africa..."Dr. Ignacio Bernal" as "Director of the Instituto Nacional de Anthropologia e Historia de Mexico" has announced "plans to organize local committees in archaeological areas to help protect sites and made plans for calling in the army to help fight illegal sales of archaeological materials" which we do only to prevent the looting of liquor stores, etc!!!!..."The development corporation which will build the new city will be required by the government to have its own archaeological staff and to set aside funds for digs" - England, NOT America..."Studer was a lifetime amateur archaeologist, paleontologist, geologist. Six different species of extinct ani-



mals have been named for him" - an AMATEUR..."It is curious that Archaic artifacts from wherever found are remarkably similar and uniformly rather crude in workmanship" but isn't that "crudeness" due to much use of poor material, such as quartzite? Much of our Alabama Archaic on good chert will vie with Solutrean..."Not only is it factual but it is readable. This is a most desirable quality in a textbook and which we are happy to say is rapidly increasing" but have the sociologists, linguists and a few others heard about this trend?..."ALEUTS AND ESKIMOS are now classed as 'Indians' by the Department of the Interior so that they can file land claims with the Indian Claims Commission. Both Aleuts and Eskimos want to preserve their separate identities and neither group wants to be Indian." Does the Indian Claims Commission have to bind IT-SELF in its own red tape? and "integrate" even age-old and proud ethnic names? Or will it be necessary to establish 3 separate Claims Commissions - an old and cherished bureaucratic custom? (We lack space to extract from the other 41 interesting items in this June issue of INTERAMERICAN.)

#### CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month in Room 213, Reid Chapel, Samford University. At the September meeting, Arthur & Kate Dunning displayed Indian baskets, commenting on weaving and dyeing techniques, most interestingly. "Excavations in XKuki-Kahn Cave, Yucatan" will be the subject of a slide-illustrated discussion by Dave DeJarnette at the October meeting.

Choccolocco Chapter meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Regar Museum in Anniston. The August meeting comprised a talk by State President Dave Chase on "The Hickory Bend Site", with slides. At the September meeting, Dr. Jim Kirby, Chapter Vice President, will discuss "Etowah Mounds". Site survey of Choccolocco Creek is continuing, and the chapter will have an exhibit at Calhoun County Fair, September 23-28.

Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at City Hall Auditorium, Cullman. At the August meeting, Terry W. Tarkington, Decatur Chapter, entertained with an excellent, highly informative and very enjoyable discussion of caves of Alabama, also famous caves throughout the world, illustrated with beautiful slides. The September meeting will feature Thomas Moebes, Decatur Chapter, on the subject: "Artifacts of the Tennessee Valley".

Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Madison County Court House. At the August meeting, Past President Huston Wright spoke on "Techniques of Flint Flaking", giving a very interesting and thorough coverage of flaking techniques over numerous time periods and developmental phases. New member James E. Braddock is to discuss "Historic Military Forts of the Southwest", having done much research in that section of the country and authored several articles on the subject.

Montgomery Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the September meeting, Dave Chase gave a summary of field work during the past winter, spring and summer. Films on archaeologists at work will feature the October meeting.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month at Decatur City Hall. Mr. Henry E. Millson gave a delightful lecture on "The Romance of Gems and Minerals" at the September meeting, explaining how they effect our daily lives and illustrating his talk with many specimens of beautiful crystal formations and showing the phenomena of fluorescence and phosphorescence with photoflood and ultraviolet lamps. At the October meeting, State Secretary-Treasurer Rodger L. Schaefer will discuss "Geology of the Decatur Area", a subject he is most admirably equipped to cover.

Noccalula Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. Chapter President Dr. E. M. Lindsey presided at the September meeting, reporting on the progress Dr. Suzanne Silvercruys is making with the Woman's

Club project, a \$25,000 bronze statue of Noccalula, legendary Indian maiden. The statue will be 9 feet high and is to be erected at Noccalula Falls. The Chapter is very interested in the project. Dr. Lindsey also showed slides of his trip to Beirut.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

##### NEW MEMBERS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER: (We are most happy to welcome you!)

Richard & Elizabeth Adams, 2637 Dana Drive, Birmingham, Ala. 35243 (Family)  
B. J. Burton, P O Box 127, Phil Campbell, Ala. 35581  
Donald J. Hallman, 406 - 5th St. S.W., Childersburg, Ala. 35044  
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Mr. & Mrs. Christopher S. Peebles, Dept. of Anthro., Fla. Atlantic Univ., Boca Raton, Fla. 33432 (Family)  
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TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING: As a reminder to those interested, this meeting will open at 9:30 AM on October 5 on the Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Patten, Chattanooga, with the business meeting to be followed by a number of papers on various subjects of archaeological interest.

ALABAMA GOES TO CAMBRIDGE, honored University so ancient that its origin is lost in antiquity (prior to 1231, in which year a chancellor is mentioned by a royal writ). Peter Hammond, returning to Cambridge from Texas A & M, requested representative Lively Complex pebble tools to show to English archaeologists who are familiar with Old World pebble tools. We were able to supply 21 specimens from an unmarked collection with only area provenience, and a typical pebble-drill made by Alice Burns and characteristically worn by drill use. "I shall take the whole of my collection (including a Texas hand axe) of American Paleolithic to some of the largest universities in England ... You will of course be hearing the reactions", Hammond writes. "I think I should be slaughtered if I say that it is not old." It is of interest that this student with Old World experience, and a special interest in lithic technology and experimental technology, during his stay in the U.S. became "convinced of an American Paleolithic... The only thing you have to do now is put a definite age on them." We might add, AND MAKE IT STICK! Older dates seem to invite question and even scoffing, the latest case being that of the Mojave site of Ruth Simpson and the great Leakey himself. We agree that science must insist on ABSOLUTE fact, but regret that an excessively negative attitude appears to hamper search for that elusive FIRST AMERICAN. It will be of interest to hear what English experts say about at least the TECHNOLOGICAL LEVEL of 21 classic pebble tools and somewhat more "advanced" examples from Alabama. At any rate, the Lively Complex will receive wider publicity (the Lively, Long, Josselyn publication "goes to Cambridge" too), and we think our efforts in this direction will be appreciated as standing out from a complacent "archaeology as usual".

OUR EDUCATIONAL PROBLEM: The Arkansas Newsletter reprints from the Maryland Newsletter a sad case reflecting our failure to educate the general public - including the "city fathers". With the authorization of both the City of Baltimore and the Peale Museum, the foundations of several buildings of historic interest had been uncovered despite "bitter cold weather". Assembling on a Sunday to complete the job, photograph and sketch the results, they found their work beneath "8 inches of concrete"! Without notification, the Mayor had ordered a quick completion of current work. How's about that for archaeological ig'nance! But upon whom do the educational responsibilities rest??? And this unbelievable incident reminds that a BONUS RESULT OF STATE SUPPORT of archaeology would be its EDUCATIONAL impact on the powers that be.

GEORGIA COMING OUT OF THE RIP VAN WINKLE? "The Margaret" sends a Newsletter of the



SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION OF EARLY GEORGIA announcing plans to resume publication of the quarterly EARLY GEORGIA - lapsed since 1957. We NEED southeastern publications and hope many will join the SPEGH (\$5.00) or subscribe to EARLY GEORGIA (\$3.00) - Frank T. Schnell, Secy-Treas., SPEGH, 1251 Wynnton Road, Columbus, Ga. 31906.

Dr. John E. Wood, State Society Life Member in Haleyville, sent Secy-Treas. Rodger L. Schaefer a copy of the DAILY NORTHWEST ALABAMIAN published in Haleyville on July 28th containing a fine article by Robert L. Shirley entitled "Archaeology Shows Indians In Area 10,000 Years Ago". A total of 7 large size pictures and more than a full column of well written description, very thoroughly cover our digs this summer near Hodges, Ala. On our last trip up there, we heard that local newspaper coverage of the activities of our crews had been most encouraging, and we are not only indebted to the press, but also to Dr. Wood for his thoughtfulness.

PREGLACIAL? Wayne J. Hazlett, Treasurer, Wisconsin Archaeological Society, writes that their large chopper-type lithic tools are "mainly found in the western part of the state, which is unglaciated...would lead you to believe they pre-date the last glaciation".

"VANDALISM of Alaskan archaeological sites has recently become a problem of large proportions. Highly destructive amateur digging...Corrective suggestions are invited." (AMERICAN ANTIQUITY). Well, at least one city mayor has issued firm orders on what to do about looters - and they are looters of only liquor stores, etc. (And what about those "bayonet-grooved ground slate points" reported in Alaska!)

Henry E. Millson, speaker at the September meeting of our aggressive Huntsville Chapter honestly deserves our best commendation, having chartered a private plane from Atlanta when his scheduled flight was very late and would cause him to miss his engagement. If we all could (and would) go that second mile, what a wonderful world this would be!

"CLASSIFICATION IS FOSSILIZATION", Sir Mortimer Wheeler. Sir? We had to think that one through! Classification is indeed the compressed essence of what is known - PRESENTLY. But ever since Linnaeus (1707-1778) and Lamarck (1744-1820) gave substantial beginnings to classifications of the vegetable and animal kingdoms, they have continually been corrected, amended, refined. Instead of closing our minds to a finality, classification "should be a challenge to disbelief and renewed search", as Sir Mortimer says. We were reminded of the immense work we have ahead to subdivide our fluted points, our Meserve-Dalton-Quad family, our immensely variant "types" of many kinds, if we are to make them tell in more detail THE STORY OF MAN.

"TO TAKE ANYTHING FOR GRANTED is, in a real sense, to neglect it", reminds hydrologist Robert Raikes in WATER, WEATHER AND PREHISTORY. Personally speaking, we used to take "drills" for granted, for example. Somewhat earlier, we thought we knew what a "bannerstone" was - sure, a bannerstone!

TYPOLOGICAL ADMONITION (and ammunition!): "Anyone can classify in a number of ways, but a typological (or taxonomic) system can only be attained in a limited number of ways, must have a clear aim, and requires considerable knowledge of how the material occurs in space, time and context" - Krieger.

ANCIENT MEN OF THE ARCTIC, by the late famous J. Louis Giddings (who found the remarkable Onion Portage site), Alfred A. Knopf, \$10.00 at your bookstore, with 97 halftones, 45 drawings, 9 maps. "The excitement of new discovery, a tale of adventure, a solid anthropological work, and a brilliant description of how the archaeologist works... beautifully told by the leading student of Eskimo archaeology", Dr. Robert F. Heiser.

"I WILL FIGHT NO MORE FOREVER", Chief Joseph and the Nez Perce War, Merrill D. Beal, University of Washington Press, Seattle 98105, illustrated, mapped, \$2.95 paperback. Getting good reviews, students of Indian history should like it.

## EDUCATIONAL PAGE

### KEEP A "FIELD DIARY"

During the height of my field collecting experience, I began to use a 4" x 7" loose leaf notebook to record results. This is now suggested as an aid to others, to serve beyond the range of the usual collecting, marking and study of artifacts.

The reward for such a continuous project unquestionably justifies the time and effort in many ways. Frankly, I now regret my delay in beginning to keep this diary, improving upon its content and keeping it current to date.

Frequently, I look through my personal diary and not only relive the outings, but gain a better understanding of the sites visited and the artifacts found. Backward glances, with today's knowledge, help interpret yesterday's findings. Just try maintaining a diary of your field trips for a short time and see the results for yourself.

Items to include in such a diary, or ledger, may vary somewhat according to each individual's taste. However, it is suggested that the record be kept relatively simple by using a set standard for regularity in recording each field trip, or event, which will add greatly to the ease of keeping up-to-date and be an aid for future reference and review.

Suggested entries are as follows: the date, including time of departure and return; names of those with you; site numbers and site names visited; conditions and various comments about sites; what your companions found; the type and number of artifacts you found; and any other information you may regard as necessary.

As an additional record, I suggest the use of a card index file system, or a separate catalogue, containing a list of all your site numbers and site names, such as: "Fr-18 (Rice's Pasture)" and "Fr-19 (Hog Hill)".

Your diary will be greatly enriched by tracing outlines and showing any other unusual features of your better finds of the day, as well as one or more of those found by your companions within the site. Many times this record may serve as well as the artifact itself, and can be located in your diary much faster than searching through your artifact collection.

A diary develops a growing exhibit, on paper, supplementing the collection of boxed artifacts, and gives a record of your events providing much future aid both to yourself and to others.

A. B. Hooper III, Marshall County Chapter



## THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Following are the objectives stated in our Constitution, slightly modified for emphasis: To promote informed interest in the study of Archaeology in Alabama and neighboring States; to encourage careful scientific archaeological research in such ways as surface scouting, mapping, marking, studying and especially reporting; to promote and support professionally directed excavations and discourage unsupervised "digging"; to promote the conservation of archaeological sites and to favor the passage of laws prescribing such; to oppose the sale of antiquities, and the manufacture and sale of fraudulent artifacts; to encourage and develop a better understanding of archaeology through providing Newsletters, Journals, Chapter and State meetings, helpful associates and good fellowship; to serve as a bond between individual archaeologists in the State, both non-professional and professional; and perhaps most importantly, to give everyone the opportunity to "do something about archaeology" through the accomplishment and enjoyment of these high aims.

The Society needs and welcomes as members, all persons whose ideals are in accord with the objectives set forth above. Active members receive the JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, devoted to articles on the archaeology of Alabama and nearby States, and also receive the STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER, published monthly, containing news of members and their activities, also State, national and worldwide events of archaeological importance.



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