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!! !! !! !! MULTIPLE EXCAVATION PROSPECTS THIS SUMMER !! !! !! !!

Dave DeJarnette's exploratory program, which has been running continuously, has proven what we might call "confusingly successful". Out of 60-odd rockshelter sites which have been explored and mapped, and some 30 pit-tested, there are several which "demand" further excavation. High on the list is an Archaic site which has been buried, fully protected, under sterile soil for the past 3,000 years or more, safe from all contamination by the 2 later cultures - and safe from the vandalism of that even later tribe known as "curio collectors". This is a rare find.

Below some 15" of sterile soil there is an Archaic midden some 6 feet thick, with clear soil-color stratification which promises good artifact stratification - beginning at least as early as Early Archaic - perhaps 9,000 years ago. This might well give us a "calendar" of cultural developments during this long period of some 6,000 years which time has smudged so badly. It has been too dominated by its "Shell Mound" phase, which was only a phase of the Archaic, and may even have been a seasonal gathering to reap the harvest of mussels. This shelter site is well away from the shell refuse heaps, and can provide a clearer picture - and stratification was never clear in the refuse dumps of shell, anyhow. Another matter to clear up is the relationship, if any, between Paleo and Archaic. Their ages have shown considerable overlap in various areas. Was there an overlap in our area, suggesting that the Paleo and Archaic were 2 separate peoples? Or can we show that our Archaic developed out of our Paleo? These are some of the fascinating questions which may be buried, awaiting scientific excavation and interpretation, in that shelter - protected for the past 3,000 years or more. A rare find indeed!

At another shelter site, 4 fragments of fluted points, apparently Cumberland, were recovered. Here is another BIG possibility. Fluted points are rare in shelters, these "Early Hunters" apparently being too nomadic in the process of "following their meat" to settle down long enough to leave much evidence of a camp - the Paleo sites are usually "kill sites" where these people paused briefly to carve their mastodon & mammoth steaks, and left little interpretative evidence. In the very latest book, just published "Prehistoric Man in the New World", Dr. Alex D. Krieger's authoritative and forward looking chapter on "Early Man in the New World" suggests as one of the criteria for the Paleo Culture the fact that there was at least no "INTENSIVE" occupation of caves and rockshelters.

So what cooks? Here we have 4 fluted fragments from one small shelter, BENEATH other cultural middens. Does it mean that Cumberland Man was the last of the "fluters", beginning to adopt more settled ways? Prufer & Baby suggest that the Cumberland was one of our later eastern fluted points, as was the Folsom in the west, association suggested by the "striking nipple" on the basal edge of both types. (Paleo-Indians of Ohio, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, O.) But E. W. Hyde suggests that the finding of the Cumberland on the higher, older river terraces, and Clovis on the lower, might mean

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that the Cumberland is the older of the 2. (Mid. Ohio Valley Paleo-Indian & Suggested Sequence of Fluted Point Cultures, Publication #5, West Virginia Archaeological Society, \$1.00) Can we settle this problem of quite opposite observations?

Or might we pose a 3rd alternative? We have a crudely thick Cumberland, with a chipping technique that hardly looks to have "evolved out of" the Clovis technique. And both the Clovis & Cumberland show signs of having gone their own way, independently, becoming smaller and thinner, and finally emerging as thin, beautifully-made unfluted forms. Were they possibly independent developments? And did the Quad-Dalton-Greenbrier family develop out of the Clovis or the Cumberland?

Our Early Man archaeology is largely written like this - ??????. One can hardly excavate it scientifically without answering at least one little "?". And with one of the scarce-as-hens'-teeth camp sites, rather than a kill site of a few days' occupation, we have another rare opportunity to add another rung to the ladder of understanding MAN HIMSELF.

TIME & PLACE: Movement of personnel & equipment will commence June 8th, and the digging crew will be ready to start work on June 10th at a site near Asbury, with headquarters in the Gym at the Asbury School, some 10 miles North from Albertville, Ala. In the back of this Newsletter is an excellent map prepared by A. B. Hooper III of the Marshall County Chapter, and with this, no one should have any difficulty locating headquarters. Directly opposite Asbury School is the Asbury Grocery, and detailed information as to how to get to the dig site being worked can be obtained at the Grocery at any time of any day. The Marshall County folks are working diligently on the big job of making arrangements for the digging crew, as well as visiting volunteers, and assure us that all details will be complete by the target date. Incidentally, there are fine motels & restaurants along highway US 431 at Albertville.

If there are any changes in the situation, we shall notify your Chapter President by letter, so you can check with him before taking off for Asbury. Remember that "digging with Dave" is highly educational, most pleasant and the experience of a lifetime. Also remember that we have as much work laid out as we can manage with all the crew we can get, and need DIGGING DONATIONS as badly as dollar donations. We hope to have the names of the 2 student crews to publish next month; but are happy to announce now that the "Project Archy" Girl Scouts from the Mobile Area will be with us for 2 weeks before the summer is over. Come one, COME ALL, and have a high old time!

BUT PLEASE NOTE THE ONE PROBLEM - always the BIG problem of archaeology - unfortunately spelled M-O-N-E-Y. You will note under OUR 1964 FUND DRIVE that we dare not as yet plan for more than a brief 6-weeks excavation - for \$\$\$\$ reasons. We have ample work laid out for a full summer, and work of such importance as to be an archaeological MUST. Shall we MUST-or-BUST? Its YOUR vote - hopefully for candidate big chief DIG-ALL-SUMMER.

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OUR 1964 FUND DRIVE

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A very pleasant, and organizationally healthy, feature of our annual fund drive is that it gives us an opportunity to meet new friends and members, and visit with our good old cronies. When dreams come true and our Society gets rich, we are going to visit all Chapters and make impromptu talking movies of all members, for meet-our-members programs in all Chapters. Oh well, we can always "play like" we might get affluent!

Jack Coggins, you may agree, has made what is in many respects our largest donation. Jack's occupation is one of the least rewarding, most thankless and hardest - weary miles in all weathers of door-to-door selling. Or, we should say, Jack & Leda, his seeing-eye dog. We were moved to recall what Helen Keller replied when asked if she could think of anything worse than blindness: "Yes...to have eyes and then not see." Jack, in his utter darkness, has an insight (dictionary definition) which surpasses a lot of outer sight. But we admit Jack is an extraordinary person, a graduate of Birmingham Southern College, and a remarkably sensitive writer - we hope he can crash the

popular writing market some day. In closing, Jack, we are honored, and thanks from archaeology to a mighty nice guy.

Dr. Alex D. Krieger, a name on a pedestal in archaeological circles (meaning literally around the world), sends "wish you all good luck" with his check. And we think we can announce in advance that he has added another to his archaeological breakthroughs - that he is the first Early Man expert really to discover Alabama's potential! Thinking has been way off balance without assessment of our plethora of Paleo - and maybe earlier! You wouldn't even guess what the "new perspective" in Early Man archaeology is going to be unless you read Dr. Krieger's chapter: "Early Man in the New World", in "Prehistoric Man in the New World" - a very timely volume edited by Jennings & Norbeck to help us catch up with rapidly moving events & changes. (Univ. of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Ave., Chicago 37, Ill., \$10.00) And, praise be, in this summary Dr. Krieger promises an entire book on Early Man in America - which will be an absolute MUST for everyone remotely interested in archaeology. AN ABSOLUTE MUST. We are honored, and MOST encouraged, to have Dr. Krieger take an interest in Alabama archaeology, which has been so badly overlooked.

Lt. Col. & Mrs. (Mickey) Richard A. Plumley, our boasted farthest donors, again this year did not forget us despite the obscuring bulge of the earth between here and Wiesbaden, Germany! Isn't that just something or other? They did forget to mention the fascinating things which they must encounter over there. But if they met old Neander-that face-to-face it is probably a military secret.

Leon J. Salter inevitably recalls our fund doldrums the 2nd year, gasping a bit after the breathless inspiration of Worley's cathedral-like shelter. Without Leon that year, we don't know what barn door our hides would be drying on now. And a donation all the way from New York State, and from a man who had hardly more than heard of our project - so there are miracles! Just before taking off for Scandinavia & England on his first exciting trip to the Old World, Leon did not fail to remember us again.

NOCCALULA CHAPTER - great galumphing dinosaurs, where did that young Chapter get all that money? Oh, we recall - it's honest. They actually worked up some schemes to raise money - like other organizations have barbecues, turkey shoots, raffles, auctions, and so on. This going-places Chapter is going to have us oldsters hustling to keep up with young blood and young ideas - aren't these modern kids something! Thanks to each and every Gadsden member who had anything to do with this most excellent job!

SELMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, our very newest Chapter - heavens, we were down there just the other day fitting them with their first 3-cornered archaeological pants...and here they send a fine Chapter donation. Speaking of Dr. Krieger's "new look" at Early Man, Alabama amateur archaeology is definitely assuming a new look too. And, golly, we are all proud of that - even if it does look as if these youngsters might forge ahead of us. Our upbringing was neglected, and we hope to do better by the new generation of AMATEUR SCIENTISTS. (And they are "looking forward to the announcement of when and where, etc., about the summer dig".)

Mrs. Jack D. McSpadden - one of the fine friends archaeology has made just by asking for financial support! Doesn't it seem unbelievable? But perhaps the McSpaddens will share the rewards of actual participation. When we thanked Mr. McSpadden for the fine Liberty National Life donation, despite that beehive of activity he replied graciously, and among other things: "We have tried to follow what was apparently real good advice ...My wife and I have come to have an interest in this whole program and later on we may be even more active in it." Polish up a couple of trowels to a high shine - we hear, invariably, mighty nice things about the McSpaddens.

Mr. & Mrs. C. van den Berg, also out of the goodness of their hearts and no participation in archaeology, have become fine and regular supporters. They are pretty much "mystery donors", but they are related to the Milt HARRISES and in our book that rates them in "Who's Who" in archaeology, or anywhere else.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip C. Jackson have not only become fine regular supporters but have discovered the lure of field archaeology - and do an equally fine job of it - as one would expect, as Phil at an early age is Vice President of the great Jackson Securities, Inc. We have been so impressed by the quality of their field work, and their serious attack on the books, that we hope to persuade them to adopt a long-term field project of great importance. Add Barbara's "Quad-point" vision and they can't miss a great career in amateur archaeology.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanford E. Smith, Stan & Louise, "do not want to be on the tail end of the line this year. With so much illness you never know what might happen next. If you have a chance will you please call Bea & tell her we didn't get our Stones & Bones." Bless those nice charter donors who never forget, they also like our Newsletter - which we sent pronto. (Bea says yours was most certainly mailed, and on time, too.)

Edward C. Mahan is of course one of the most devoted disciples of archaeology, with a tremendous amount of fine field work, recording, publishing, teaching, setting a fine example and working for Dave this past year hunting the BEST sites for our summer dig. Retired now, he put his shoulder to raising money to plump out a fine donation.

Mary E. Stimecz Mahan, R.N. (Mrs. Ed.) - golly, must have worked at it too! A while back, remember, we were worrying about who "got Ed" - then we heard Ed brag and brag, and had the pleasure of knowing Mary, and our tune turned from "poor Ed" to "luckyascal"! After you know Mary, and her devotion to her hospital work, it is no surprise that she would also mother a lost cause like archaeology.

Mrs. V. S. Rainey, R.N., also City Hospital, Guntersville, is good evidence that Mary has been spreading the word (and how many have?). In thanking Mrs. Rainey we remarked how nice we had found nurses in our several hospital experiences, but our worst disease was really archaeology, and to find a nurse with an interest in that - mmmm! Guntersville, here we come, next episode.

LaVerne Campbell, LaVerne Beauty Shop, Guntersville (also on Board of Examiners, Alabama Board of Cosmetology) - alas, we fear we are beyond repair in this direction, but you girls in north Alabama now know where to get the best - and discuss broken pots while you are preparing to reduce hearts to sherds. Thanks indeed, LaVerne, for the donation - and for making the girls so devastating. (This interest, too, was aroused by those working-at-it Mahans, no doubt Mary - Ed's hair (?) is beyond curling!)

A. J. "Broken Pots" Powers, our constant donor despite there is no Chapter in Sylacauga to stimulate his interest - hows about that! You will recall that a couple of years ago he solved the mystery of why the pots got so broken up - peach seed, peach brandy, mama, or squawma, heap provoked. This year, he writes that he is going to contact Randy Gray for help on dating some gun barrels and trade pipes - Randy is in correspondence with European museums, a greatly neglected area of research. And A.J., or rather "B.P.", hopes we can unravel some mysteries in the Archaic site this summer.

Mr. & Mrs. John S. Faulk Jr., Veldt-Haven, River Road, Selma - doesn't that address sound like gracious living in this fine "Old South" community? These good members of our new Selma Chapter express "great pleasure in having a small part in the dig. We feel a little like we are making a contribution to the 'loaves and the fishes' as you seem to stretch your funds with the same miracle secret. Best wishes for success." And our best thanks to Veldt-Haven - Dave writes us mighty nice things about you folks down there in the deep South.

W. N. Culp, Chairman of the Board, Southern Life & Health Ins. Co., - his generous annual donations always remind us of the great indebtedness of Alabama archaeology to the fine people at Southern Life & Health. Jim McCary, Vice President, was our only member who really caught on fire when we published that "something must be done" about the Stanfield-Worley. Then his father, J. Henry McCary, retiring President, ignited and lent his executive talent, as President of our fund-raising arm, the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc. - taking on a job which experts advised "couldn't

be done". The Alabama Archaeological Society has written a lot of history, and prehistory, since then. We wish to thank Mr. Culp, and the fine support of Southern Life & Health and its officers, enduringly in the name of archaeology - to which they have indeed given much "health insurance".

"MASKED MARVEL STRIKES AGAIN" - a mystery donor who donates a big fat hundred bucks every year! How about that! A student in Dave's nucleus of steady diggers, bargain help at \$5.00 per day, can dig 20 days for that! Figure the discovery potential of that, Mr. Masked Marvel, and we think you will be as pleased about your generosity as we are.

John H. McCutchen Sr., a fine new donor from Brighton - and is he our first Brighton donor? We unfortunately do not have a bit of information about him, but we are delighted to see interest stirring in that area, and are most grateful for his support.

Blair Jones - Pell City! And another new donor! We do not recall a donation from that sector either, and as yet have no information on this new member. Thanks indeed for joining our gang, and our big project.

Ed Neely, Insurance & Real Estate, Guntersville, throws his cap into the ring, as usual. But also as usual, he sends us no news to spread around. We slipped one over on him this year, however, and can tell you he took good care of a friend who was interested in some real estate, and some real pleasure, in that fine lake district. So just see Ed - and give him our best thanks.

Orville H. Peets, our good Delaware friend who has done so much experimental work with the atlatl - here is a most unusual case. He is annoyed with us - we have sent the information along to Dave and hope it can be cleared up. Yet despite this annoyance, Mr. Peets remains true to the scientific spirit of archaeology and sends his donation! We wonder how many, including ourselves, would do that. Our respects, sir, & our thanks.

THERE ARE TWO VERY BRIGHT SPOTS in our financial report this month. We have SEVEN new individual donations, and TWO new Chapter donations. That is really major progress in very much the right direction. And several of our regular donors UPPED their donation this year - we hope to "spread the load" so widely that this will not be necessary, but until we do it is the blood of life. A DARK SPOT shadows the landscape, however. We have only a fraction over 23% of needed funds for a full summer dig - which our several prospects more than justify. We do have excellent prospects of doubling this, but beyond that we cannot see at the moment. Naturally, we cannot contract with the University of Alabama to conduct more than a 6-weeks dig - which would be a tragedy of "unfinished business". The biggest "missing link" in archaeology is thus a needed \$3,500.

To date, 46%, NEARLY HALF, of our dollars this year have come from non-members. It is a bit shaming, but there you are. But we have about run through our non-member donors - they have been very prompt. And their fine help has made it much easier for those of us who CLAIM to be interested in archaeology. The calamity inherent in this situation is that if we piddled out this year, some of our best donors, and some of our hardest workers who shed a bit of blood for us every year, would lose heart. We doubt seriously that there would be a project next summer - and how we would deflate! But we have SIX MORE WEEKS and OVER 300 MEMBERS yet to respond. Our hopes will not permit us to be other than optimistic!

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the May meeting, Randolph Gray discoursed on "How to Read Topo Maps" showing several types published by the U.S. & State Depts. of Geodetic Survey, also explaining the various symbols so amateurs could use topo or aerial maps in collecting artifacts. The Chapter will hold informal meetings during June, July & August, at which members & visitors can discuss their activities and findings.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University. The May meeting was held at Horseshoe Bend National Military

Park, where Mr. Glenn Hinsdale, Ranger-Historian, lectured on points of especial interest to the archaeology group pertaining to the new exhibits on display at the Visitor's Center & Museum. Chapter members will be notified by mail or phone of field trips being planned for the coming summer months.

The Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Epworth Methodist Church. The April meeting, held jointly with the Morgan-Limestone Chapter, featured Dr. Lewis H. Larson, Asst. Prof. of Anthropology, Ga. State College, Atlanta, who most interestingly discussed "Georgia Archaeology", with particular emphasis on the Etowah Complex. His talk was illustrated with an excellent set of color slides. At the May meeting, Ron Eason & Joe Watkins of the Birmingham Chapter will give an interesting & entertaining illustrated talk on their visit to Mayan ruins in Yucatan.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant in Guntersville. At the May meeting, Ed Mahan & Dr. A. G. Long reported on their trip to the 29th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology held May 7-9 at Chapel Hill, N.C., stating they clearly sensed that the nation's archaeologists are most sincerely interested in Alabama's artifacts, particularly Paleo. Five Chapter members are attending the course in archaeology being conducted at Gadsden by Dave De-Jarnette. The Chapter is working hard on ironing out details for the summer dig which will headquarter at Asbury, and is also concentrating on raising money for a sizable Chapter donation to the Dig Fund. The June Meeting will be addressed by A. W. Beinlich Jr., Muscle Shoals Chapter, on the subject "Pottery Reconstruction".

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. The April meeting was entertained by Father Oscar H. Lipscomb, who gave a commentary on slides & pictures taken of the archaeological excavations directly under the altar of St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome. At the May meeting, Mr. William Armstead, local pharmacist, will show and discuss items from his collection of relics including many obtained from sites where older buildings are being replaced by newer structures.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Field work is continuing in between rainy seasons on salvage sites, and much interesting pottery is being recovered.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the First Federal Penthouse, Decatur. See Huntsville Chapter report covering joint meeting with them.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. The April meeting was held at Leighton High School, where David Hulse (Morgan-Limestone Chapter) lectured on "Chipping or Flaking Flint", demonstrating by drawings the way different types of projectile points are shaped, thinned and fluted, also exhibiting a fine collection of points produced from techniques he had previously explained. Jack Cambron gave an up-to-date report on the progress of the point classification book. At the May meeting, Brian Butler will speak on the subject "Tennessee Dig" on Cumberland River.

The Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the May meeting, Dr. E. M. Lindsey showed slides of salvage work being done at Woods Island and Cooper's farm. The Chapter has been authorized to place a locked display case for artifacts in the new local Library. There are now 53 Chapter members, and 19 are enrolled in Dave's archaeology course at the University Center. The artifact display at the ART ON THE ROCKS show at Noccalula Falls is reported to have drawn more attention than any other display. A "suitcase" Library is being assembled for use by the Chapter membership.

The Selma Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Meadowview Christian Church. At the May meeting, Mr. Joseph J. Watkins Jr., Birmingham Chapter President, spoke on "Mayan Culture", presenting a study of the striking similarities of the Mayan Culture, Indians of the Central America & Yucatan provinces, and the Gulf Coast American Indians, Creeks, etc., with color slides showing past & present similarities.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Room 24, Martin ten Hoor Hall, University of Alabama. At the May meeting, Dr. A. G. Long Jr. of the Marshall County Chapter spoke on "Photographing Projectile Points" using his wonderful illustrative slides, and also discussed the Society for American Archaeology meeting held at Chapel Hill, N.C. on May 7th to 9th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR MAY: (Just in time to participate in our big summer dig)

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BAD ADDRESS: (Help needed from someone in the Nocalula Chapter)

George Freeman, 800 Scenic Drive, Gadsden, Ala. (May Newsletter returned "No such no.)

GADSDEN NOCCALULA ANTHROPOLOGY CLASS BIG SUCCESS: "First session...it was marvelous... Dave is a superb instructor...good material, clearly and concisely...what man is...geological ages...and learning with Dave as an instructor was so much fun" - so writes, or fairly burbles, Gennie Lindsey.

Basic anthropology - the SCIENCE OF MAN - "The glory, jest and riddle of the world"! But how often do we study him, try to solve his riddle, make him less a jest, more a glory? It is still pathetically true, as the late & great Dr. Edgar L. Hewitt wrote in 1946: "How significant that in the world convulsions and the vast efforts to understand and meet the problems, anthropology, potentially the science of sciences, should have had such a feeble part!" And today it is more urgently true than ever that "The proper study of mankind is man".

The human ego is big, and we accord man, ourselves, much lip-service adulation - yet how little real respect! Anthropology can teach us that man, if not always magnificent, does have a magnificent potential - if we understand and guide him. And this basic anthropology, teaching us a real respect for man's vast possibilities, is so essential in promoting respect for its branch science - archaeology. Then when we handle man's ancient artifacts, his early history written in potsherds and stones, we handle them as precious, irreplaceable documents - not as trivial brags for our "collection". And we begin to apply the miracles of the "scientific method" to get the facts out of the artifacts.

STANFIELD-WORLEY REPORT PRAISED: Margaret Smith has just up & made herself our "Georgia Editor" - wasn't asked, just interested in promoting archaeological science and organization. Dan Josselyn has just up & made himself our "Corresponding Secretary" - wasn't asked, ditto as above (170,000 words of letters this year (2 books!) besides

all his other writing). So Marge writes Dan about Ronald S. Miller Jr., Hollister, Mo. Letters exchange, Ron joins our Society, publishes a fine article on amateur archaeology, makes important international connections (about which a lot more when we have space), gets our Stanfield-Worley Report. We wanted to pass along these items on "how to build a good amateur organization" before quoting Ron: "Received the Stanfield-Worley...This is a great report. It's so clear and concise that it sparkles! Among other things I like the way the projectile points and descriptions were handled - large drawings with the descriptions right beside them."

ANN K. FAULK, GENIUS: Ann (Mrs. John), Secy-Treas. of our brand new, and sparkling, Selma Chapter, writes: "I thought you might be interested in a copy of our Minutes from our meeting last night...sort of let you know what goes on down here, and that we are getting up steam." Fevven sakes, why haven't we thought of that in all these years! Ann, you have a genius of an idea to help weld Chapters into a real State Society - and you are a honey at writing up the Minutes. New blood, new ideas - out of the mouths of babes! Fine Parliamentary order seems to reign under Pres. Wm. Pate, minutes read and all that. Remarkable participation in program planning, Rev. Walker volunteering to plan for June, Lee Allen for July. Joseph F. Watkins Jr., President of the Birmingham Chapter, gave the program, on Mayan Culture & History, with his beautiful color slides made on trips to Yucatan. And Ann gives a virtual summary of things Mayan, bristling with Palenke, Uxmal, Chichen Itza and "the 2-headed Jaguar-god, Choc Mool", and the surviving Mayan remnant left by "civilized" (?) "Christian" (?) invaders. (Ann, we think the Selma Chapter should bind these Minutes at suitable intervals - history gets away from us as fast as archaeology! And congratulations on an excellent job as well as idea - keep them coming, please.) OTHER CHAPTERS PLEASE NOTE ALSO: Refreshments were served by Mrs. Pardue and Mrs. Walker.

CORRECTION INTERAMERICAN: Yes, we know "the diffusionists have never denied native cotton in the Americas", and that any discovery of very old cotton in archaeological sites in America would have no bearing on the "diffusion" controversy (sic) unless the cotton proved to be tetraploid. The publication from which we culled the item we sent undertook to "disprove" diffusion in a blatant manner - WITHOUT MENTION of what kind of cotton was involved. It was such a "responsible" publication that we were embarrassed to blame it with this interpretation. After all, it may be the fault of one of the publicity seekers in the profession - we see far too many "revolutionary ideas" which are designed to get the authors into the headlines. So we ourselves accepted the onus of this interpretation, knowing well the risk. However, we admit to wanting to keep the subject open, and contested, until we KNOW. And we admit to being less "diffusionist" than some - ask any patent lawyer how many tens of thousands of complicated "independent inventions" have reached patent attorneys. We also admit that primitive man must have been smarter, under the vigorous pruning of natural selection, than man of today in this world made safe for morons (for very sound political, if not anthropological, reasons). But we rather doubt that he was so much smarter that he transported cotton seed many thousands of miles, under what must have been very difficult circumstances, to cross with another similar cotton, which he did not know was there, to produce a tetraploid. It doesn't square at all with anything we find in written history, or even in these days of agricultural science. We have done a little work with the Extension Service, too, and seen our State corn yield at a miserable 10 bushels to the acre when it could be 10 times as much. We hesitate to grant man, early or modern, too much sense. We do try to overcome this deficit personally, as much as possible. But we do have our ulterior motives and axes to grind - and don't want this "diffusion-independent invention" squabble "settled" in our present stage of crass ignorance of these matters.

"SITE SAVERS", Newsletter of the Birmingham Chapter, simplifies radiocarbon dating for you in rhyme, as follows:

Far stars bombard our atmosphere With neutrons, and the carbon here
Becomes unstable with the scars Of impact from this stuff of stars.

Then from our foods we too take in These rays of cosmic origin.
Thus woven into our design There is a sort of astral shine,
And this, our star-dust, it appears, Will shine some forty thousand years
To make a Geiger counter buzz As radioactive matter does..
And thus the distant stars have shown Us how to date an ancient bone
With little element of doubt - Until man's starlight flickers out.

Letsus Doit, P.D.Q.

"THE FLINT CHIPPER", Newsletter of the Marshall County Chapter, is really studying projectile point types, illustrating 6 in the last (April) issue we received. Point #3, described as "apparently a variant type merging between the Big Sandy I, Hardaway Side Notched and Greenbrier Dalton" - the drawing looks suspiciously close to Jack Cambron's "Pine Tree". Is it definitely "side notched", leaving the moon-shaped scars of removal? The side edges of the basal area of the Quad-Dalton family are merely chipped incurvate, not notched as above. The advent of the definite side notching seems critical technologically. Any feature which may be critically diagnostic should be plainly indicated in drawings, and attention called to it in the text - this is a big national problem of our typology. And if the reverse face is different, this is critical too.

"BRUSH & TROWEL", Newsletter of the Noccoalula Chapter, Vol. 1, No. 5, promises to continue the delightful "Hazel 'n Bill" cartoon - thank goodness! But get a load of this, both barrels: "We understand that the Alabama Power Company has agreed to provide qualified personnel to assist with our summer dig on the Coosa...that our dig will be official". This is an area soon to be flooded, and Dave's crew in the area can't possibly investigate the many known sites. Noccoalula folks have been surface surveying, and dreading to see so many sites destroyed - any one of which might contain critical information, especially on the De Soto problem. They had decided to do their careful best, salvage as much information as they could. But if they can get proper supervision and authentication - !!! We do hope their dream comes true, and long for the day when any Chapter with a real will to work can get supervision. Under supervision, our members should even improve upon some big professional digs which have had to use local farmers, miners, laborers, etc.

PEGGY CROSWHITE, Editor of the fancy monthly publication of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, spent a day with Dave DeJarnette at Moundville and wrote an article on Alabama archaeology. We were astonished by how much she could digest in one lesson - even with "superb instructor" Dave.

ELIZABETH CLINE, Secretary of the Birmingham Chapter, "hopes it is hereditary" - Robert E. ("Bobby") Cline has climbed the considerable Parnassus of Eagle Scout. We recall it was indeed an eminence to be devoutly desired, but dared not try the steep ascent. Bobby was perhaps equally gratified by the many men of real stature who took the trouble to congratulate him. And we ourselves are so proud of them that we want to "pin a badge" upon them too. Frank P. Samford Jr., Pres.; Ehney A. Camp Jr., Exec. V.P.; and Charles T. Clayton, Exec. V.P. - all of LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO.; Lewis F. Jeffers, Pres., HAYES INTERNATIONAL CORP.; James E. Mills, Ed., BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD; Alfred M. Shook, Board Chairman, EXCHANGE SECURITY BANK; Frank E. Spain, SPAIN, GILLON & YOUNG; Amasa G. Smith, Regional Mgr., CHICAGO BRIDGE & IRON CO.; Robert Luckie, Pres., KIWANIS CLUB OF B'HAM; Whit Windham, Circuit Judge, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ALA.; and Robert M. Guillot, Mayor, CITY OF VESTAVIA HILLS. Gentlemen, we think this was a most considerate recognition of young worthiness. We have watched Bobby grow up and can assure you he is a most promising all-around American boy - we hope he can manage to get all the education he deserves. His father and maternal uncle are both Ph.D., and both have done notable research. His mother is graduating from Howard College, at an age when few dare, so she can teach her specialty, music, in the public schools. But there is necessarily an environmental factor too - mother has supplied a splendidly broad environment and much extracurricular study under difficult circumstances. We also wish to congratulate Bobby, and Elizabeth, and Scouting, and America.

DAVID L. DEJARNETTE & DR. A. G. LONG JR., supplied programs, and HORACE J. HOLLAND a display of Alabama projectile point types, at the 29th Annual of the Society for American Archaeology at the University of North Carolina. Judging by the Abstracts of Papers which Doc Long thoughtfully sent us, there were lots of "other fascinating attractions" too! These Abstracts of the big meetings are wonderful help in keeping up with what is cooking. We do not know if there is an excess of Abstracts for sale, but you can try the Editor, Dr. Joffre L. Coe, Univ. of N.C., Chapel Hill, N.C.

ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY STATISTICS: Without benefit of an IBM machine, Bea Harris has provided us with a breakdown of our rather amazing membership by State and COUNTRY!

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Florida - - - - - 5	New Hampshire - - 1	Texas - - - - - 4
Georgia - - - - - 6	New Jersey - - - - 1	Virginia - - - - - 2
Illinois - - - - - 6	New York - - - - - 4	Wisconsin - - - - 1
Louisiana - - - - 3	North Carolina - - 9	BELGIUM - - - - - 1
Massachusetts - - 3	Ohio - - - - - - 6	ENGLAND - - - - - 1
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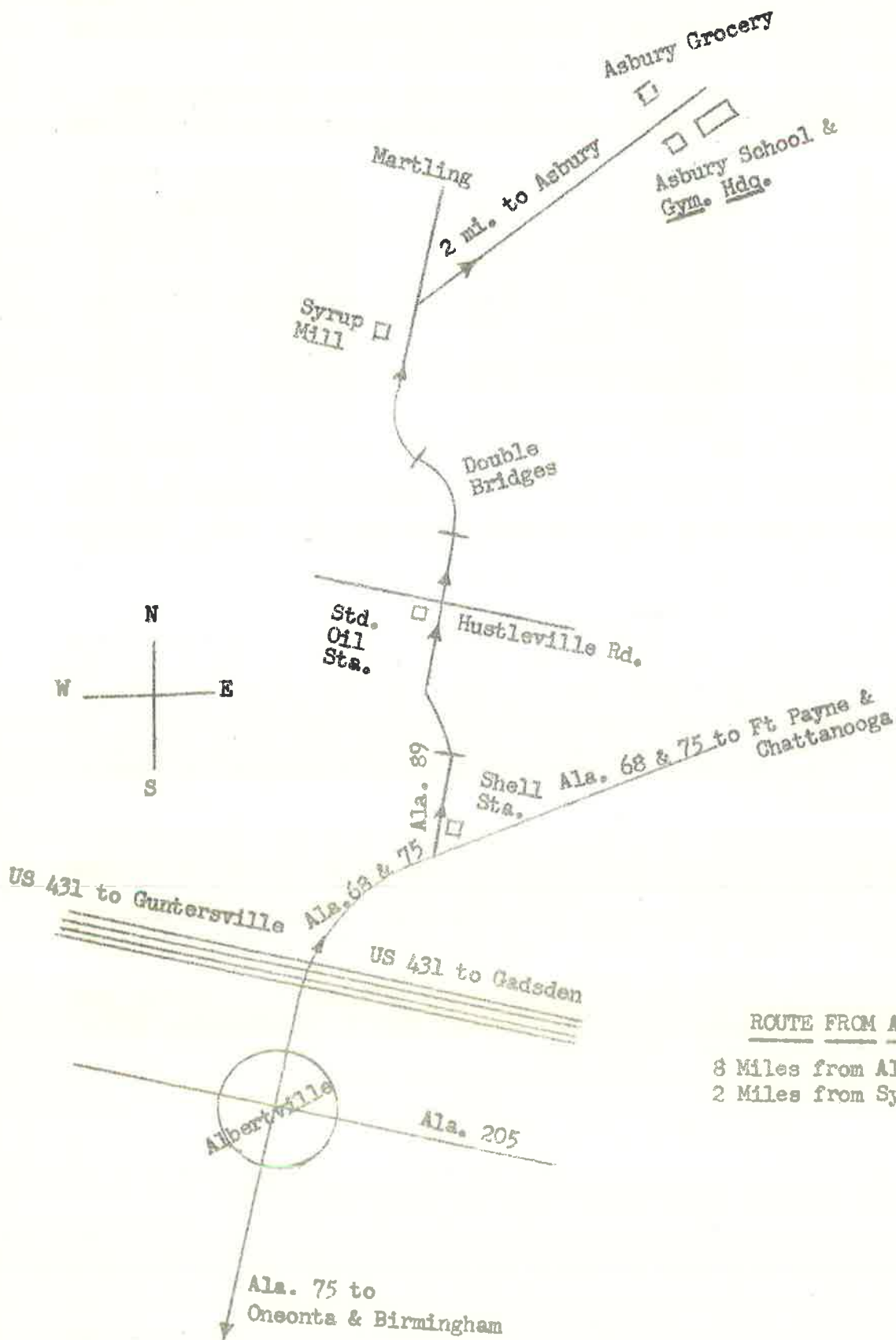
This is a total out-of-state of 93. But it does not include numerous exchanges and complimentary recipients, where we also reach Arkansas, Connecticut, Colorado, Iowa, South Dakota, Utah and Canada. We have, as you see, achieved pretty darned good distribution in the 4 years we have been doing responsible and important work. However, we think there are many more who would like to receive our publications - if only we could spread the word. Your assistance in this matter is solicited.

Oh, yes, come to think of it, we do have 441 Alabama members, for a grand total of 534 - though our amazing growth every month will soon show how misleading "statistics" can be in these days of population explosion. (We hate to mention it, again, but in a whisper, SOME MEMBERS HAVE NOT PAID THEIR 1964 DUES YET. You can gather, from Bea's digest of statistics, that considerable work goes lovingly into our publications. We of course have no paid personnel, but we do need a little money for paper, stencil sheets, postage, etc. A very fine business firm publishes our Newsletter for free - so you really get a BARGAIN.)

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