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FINAL PROGRESS REPORT - 1969 SUMMER DIG

With the end of the second session of the 1969 summer field season, 8 additional squares have been excavated at the Rollins Bluff Shelter, Fr 323. All were dug down into the sterile sand; the deepest went to the 25th level approximately $8\frac{1}{2}$ feet below the surface. These squares were marginal to the test trench excavated last season with the most productive squares being along the outer edge or talus of the shelter. The cultural material from these squares should, in the final analysis yield important substantiating data concerning the association of Lively-Josselyn Complex material with the Dalton Phase.

A feature of special interest was found in Square 75R5, Level 6, Zone C. This was composed of a cache of 20 Copena blades which varied in length from 4 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Work was also resumed at Fr 324. Help in excavation was rendered by members of the "Archy" encampment of Girl Scouts. (A list of their names appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.) The 1968 excavation backfill was removed and 3 additional squares were excavated to subsoil. At the present time this material has not been analyzed.

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Picture the Grand March from Aida playing havoc with your goose bumps - your vertebrae xylophoning like mad - the percussion instruments nothing less than pebble tools. That might give you a slight idea of how we feel - and haven't the words for.

Lightning DOES strike twice. Last month we announced that our "BRING BORDES" plea, or madness, with "hundred-dollar dinners", had a response from Andy Douglas of Mobile and that Leon Salter of North Rose, N.Y., had bid for 2 of those expensive tickets - and we mentioned how Leon had come to our rescue in the first rough year of our fund drive. We of course thanked Leon a few days after we thanked Andy, and in both cases we may have elaborated slightly on the Bordes potential.

The return mail brought the suggestion from Leon that time might be of the essence - and a check for an additional \$1,700.00 to put our BORDES FUND in the clear and ready to get down to international business!!!! Wham! - that "Leon lightning" again!

We doubt, seriously, that such things ever happen. Were our pants down! Imagine - within the month of announcement! We didn't bother about the pants - just took a tug at our pandanus leaf, or whatever the well-dressed primitive wears nowadays, and went!

And results continue incredible. Charlie Faulkner had sent down some of those amazing

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Kentucky Lake large tools some time ago, which Bordes certainly should see, so we wrote Charlie of our moon-madness and he took the matter up with Dr. Guthe - and they sure would like to have Bordes too. Don Dragoo has a couple of thousand or so also amazing tools from a high terrace - and like the Kentucky Lake material also associated with Paleo, another must for Bordes. To which Dr. Don agreed emphatically.

These would not only greatly extend the vast archaeological service Bordes can render in America - they triple our chances of interesting him in a modern "trans-Atlantic" archaeological phenomenon. A "Kon Tiki" on wings. Do you wonder that mice with cold feet are pranking up and down our xylophone?

"Such data were available from the site of Combe Grenal, a deeply stratified rock-shelter in the Dordogne region of France excavated by Francois Bordes. They are undoubtedly the finest and most complete Mousterian data in the world. Soil analysis has been done of all the deposits...pollen profiles have been made for all the 55 Mousterian occupation levels. The sophisticated excavation techniques...make it possible to reconstruct the relation of each tool at the site to other tools, to hearths and clusters of animal bones...The kind of analysis we carried out might well have been impossible without the basic work on the classification of stone tools done by Francois Bordes of the University of Bordeaux. The archaeological taxonomy devised by Bordes for the Middle Paleolithic has become a widely accepted standard, so that it is now possible for prehistorians working with Middle Paleolithic materials from different parts of the world to describe the stone tools they excavate in identical and repeatable terms... According to what has become known as la methode Bordes, stone artifacts are classified according to explicitly stated attributes of morphology and TECHNIQUE OF MANUFACTURE". (our italics) That is what Sally and Lewis R. Binford say about "our man BORDES" in the April 1969 SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, in a very abstruse study, NSF financed.

And what "identical and repeatable terms" of international utility and understanding might Bordes apply to make our Alabama, Tennessee, strange and unnamed lithic tools understandable around the world? As Don Dragoo wrote us about his Wells Creek, Tenn., material: "Many of the forms in Bordes' European classification seem to be present". But, for lack of having had THE MAN over here to say, one gets bored for the simples if he identifies a NEW WORLD tool by an OLD WORLD name.

Yes, and those "explicitly stated attributes of morphology" and that "technique of manufacture" - stones or no, they are mouth-watering. And Bordes, accustomed to more lithic technologies than our standard "thin biface", won't have any trouble in recognizing our vast numbers of "other" tools, and won't be afraid to name them. Looking in a 1966 publication the other day, we noted that the "other" than thin bifaces, common flake tools, etc., were dumped in the discard uselessly as "crude tools" - 108 of them. We got troubles!

A good young archaeologist had shrugged off "pebble tools" consistently - until he came to Alabama and saw for himself. But how many can come to Alabama? And at the rate we have been going, it would take a generation of attrition of skepticism to bring America's large percussion-flaked tools adequately to attention and get something really going nationally - as it must. So what Bordes might do in a couple of weeks has plum' clogged our computer.

Sigfus Olafson and Dan Josselyn, as one might expect, have signed up for the BORDES BANDWAGON - bringing our fund to \$2,200.00. This is all to the good - we want to do America proud and win over France itself as well as Bordes while he is here. An even wider margin of safety would look even better, so there is plenty of room on this high rostrum if there are others who would like to participate in the uniquely unheard-of event of "d--- amateurs" bringing a great lithic technologist over for a strictly WORKING SESSION to try to BREAK A DEADLOCK and get American archaeology going again. It

wouldn't surprise us a bit if this turned out to be the most rewarding international archaeological conference ever held in America.

We have just received the news that Dr. Joe F. Volker, President-elect, has graciously extended the invitation and cooperation of the University of Alabama in Birmingham to Professor Bordes. Dr. Volker's letter to Professor Bordes also says: "The University of Alabama in Birmingham would be very pleased to appoint you as Visiting Professor in the Department of Anatomy during the visitation period", of which Dr. Carl Senenig is Chairman. This invitation is greatly appreciated, and should further help to interest Professor Bordes.

We hope, we hope, we HOPE to be able to tell you next month that Professor Francois Bordes, University of Bordeaux, has accepted our invitation to come to Alabama, and the invitations of the Universities of Alabama and Tennessee, and the Carnegie Museum. We do not see, short of the impossible, how he and his great University, and country which has done so much with its own archaeology, could fail an opportunity to serve archaeology so well - France might "win a second Revolution" for us. (Read your history.)

And we must express our pride in the donors to the BORDES FUND, and our gratitude to them - and add that we doubted there were as many as 20 people within our reach who would respond, and doubt if even this archaeology-shaking dream would have been possible without Leon J. Salter, a thousand miles removed from Alabama. We shall do everything possible to reward our donors with BORDES HIMSELF!

TENTH ANNIVERSARY ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

If we could have envisioned the labors involved in 10 years of fund drives, all in one craggy heap, we surely would not have begun. If we had known it would add up to some 4 million words from this typewriter, and the one we wore out, that alone would have scared us off. Yet, hindsightedly, we wouldn't have missed it. And we don't think archaeology should have missed it. Besides some breakthrough results of the fund-drive excavations, there has been a considerable national involvement and cooperation, which archaeology sorely needs. There have been at least some thoughts given to PLANNED archaeology, as contrasted with just following the dams and bulldozers - which archaeology desperately needs before it is too late. There have been challenging thoughts thrown out as a burr beneath the too complacent archaeological saddle where too often we nod. Surpassing friendships have been sealed despite much intervening space. And communication, man's supreme gift, has been given a greater opportunity. True, some 99% of man's efforts to stir accomplishment fall among the tares, but the one tall, stately stem which finds nourishment is a splendid token of what man can do - and possibly in some future will. And it nourishes the spirit with hope that man has a future - and may even discover that he has a past. This month, the people who inspire thoughts of man's potential are:

LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY - Jack D. McSpadden, Executive Vice President, for the NINTH year in succession, sends the very fine Company check. This is the world in which we all have to live, and in which our children will have to live - and the shaping of it is in millions of thoughtless hands, ignorant hands, conniving hands. How different, and how wonderful, it would be if we all gave it thought, and shouldered our bit of responsibility toward making this a better world. It is good indeed to see a great Company like LIBERTY NATIONAL, even though immensely occupied with the countless responsibilities of insuring our persons and financing our properties, take a larger view of community affairs and accept a larger responsibility toward community improvement - and this in the obscure but fundamental area of science. Enlightened management of this caliber deserves both our thanks and cogratulations, and we can only wish their "tribe" would somehow increase.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip C. Jackson Jr., also sending their fine NINTH consecutive check, are in a position where people so often are consumed, in one way or another, to the loss of the deeper interests of the community. Socially prominent, and Phil grown famous as Vice President of far-flung JACKSON SECURITIES - under such crowded circumstances of good fortune it is difficult indeed not to fall victim of Wordsworth's complaint that "The world is too much with us". And that can be a very serious loss to the deeper interests of the community which they can so well serve - and many do serve, but not too many ever breathe the rare atmosphere of archaeology. We are lucky, and happy, and grateful that the Jacksons make a place for us in their full life.

Thomas R. Horne, now donating his FOURTH time from Fairhope, arouses our curiosity. In what way is he "different"? We might solve a major problem if Tom could tell us. You see, we haven't exactly "inspired" our members in the southern half of the State. That is certainly their own business, and rightfully so - but it is a loss to archaeology, and we think that a failure to develop such an interest is a loss to them. And what makes a few of our "deep south" members different? Thanks, Tom.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom W. Cornell - and here is surely a difference we'd like to fathom. Donating whenever they can - goodness gracious, now their lucky THIRTEENTH - and doing even more work. Steady as they come, always dependable for good work - truly one of the "rocks" on which to build. We had hoped to build Alabama archaeology on about 500 such rocks, a foundation to endure, a torch to carry and a legend to continue. But we have failed, despite all the effort we could make. The sands will shift, the torch will go out, the "ALABAMA AMATEURS" will not continue as a unique outfit standing alone. If only we had found the "Cornell secret" - !

Roland K. Josselyn, Quincy, Mass., born in Georgia, a life itinerary like the wanderings of Marco Polo, who still prefers to work at 85 and continue his many community interests, provoked a welcome opportunity which we too seldom get. A newspaper reporter asked us the other day: "What's the use of archaeology, anyhow? They don't think much of it down at the paper." Einstein and archaeology - few are literate enough to understand such things easily. It is a strange thing that the mind of man, if it does not have facts, creates fictions - often horrendous hobgoblins and monsters. Not long ago an elderly man was being crushed in the "press" at Salem, Mass., the torture designed to make him confess to witchcraft. The poor devil's tongue popped out like a toy balloon, and was savagely rammed back in with a walking cane. And Quakers, 2 men and a woman, were hung on Boston Common. Man was long the pathetic victim of the horrible hobgoblins of his mind, often the most vile of all animals. All facts help to free us from these awful monsters. The facts of archaeology, since they concern man himself, have done much to free us from our own self-misunderstanding. We are beginning to know man as he is - and may some day face him as he is and improve him. But it is only since 1859 that the hand axes of stone made by man half a million years ago were debunked by archaeology from their "heaven axes left over from the war between God and Satan". Just 110 years, so there are still many who do not understand the supreme values of basic facts - whether they be archaeological or other. But were it not for our precious little store of facts, the press would be in constant fear of publishing anything - witchcraft accusations, & another type of press, would be waiting.

Dan Josselyn was born in a shack gold-mining town in California, served by one of those almost legendary contraptions known as a "stagecoach", and the Digger and the "Hundred and eleven" (from the 3 vertical scars on the face) Indians rewashed the "tailings" from the Blue Gravel Mine. How strange the many thousands of accidents and trivial circumstances which bring our wandering paths to where they are. For the past 10 years Dan has valiantly devoted all of his time to archaeology, and long had hoped his passing would merit a notice in at least one of the outstanding archaeological publications - well, maybe a "time capsule" from which his restless spirit could emerge and see an "archaeology of tomorrow" which he thinks will come.

Anyway, these our donors all think that archaeology can be better, and that "plain people" can contribute to that betterment - and for 10 years have proved it. Thanks! We'll wind up - or unwind, whichever - our TENTH ANNUAL FUND DRIVE next month, and give you a list in the November issue of all those people who contributed to better Alabama archaeology this year. New members, old members, non-members, Martians - anyone may join up in the meantime.

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter will hold its first Fall meeting on Thursday, September 11th, at 7:30 PM in the Birmingham Art Museum. It will feature a talk on "Pre-Columbian Art" by William M. Spencer Jr., longtime friend of Alabama archaeology who also is Treasurer and General Counsel of our Archaeological Research Association, a Director of the Art Museum and a donator of many of its most interesting and valuable objects.

Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at City Hall Auditorium, Cullman. Tom Cornell, Huntsville Chapter, and past State Society President, will be guest speaker at the August meeting, on "Point Type Identification". He will show slides and discuss many artifacts from his collection. Also, new members from Cleveland will display their collections from that area.

Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Madison County Court House. At the July meeting, Mr. Charles H. Faulkner, University of Tennessee, gave a slide illustrated talk on "Salvage Work on the Nickajack Reservoir Project". The August meeting will feature a discussion illustrated with slides by Mr. Jack East, a chemist at Oak Ridge, Tenn., on "Lithic Materials".

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Tuesday of each month at Decatur City Hall. At the August meeting, Jack Cambron presented a film prepared by himself and Spencer Waters on "Pictographs and Petroglyphs in the Tennessee Valley". State Society President T. R. Gray, Birmingham Chapter, will speak at the September meeting on "Geologic History of North Alabama", illustrated with slides.

Miscle Shoals Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 4th Monday of each month in Room 100, Science Hall, Florence State University. At the July meeting, the Lawrenceburg Chapter of the Tennessee Archaeological Society showed 43 cases of artifacts from their area for comparison with those from our area, presenting a fine group of exhibits. Mr. Jack East, chemist from Oak Ridge, Tenn., will speak at the August meeting on "Lithic Technology".

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING AUGUST: (An individual welcome to each of you!)

Robert S. Doherty, 1818 Runnymede Ave. S.W., Decatur, Ala. 35601
Mrs. E. R. Griffith, 807 Linden Hall Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37415
Douglas S. Hill Jr., P O Box 151, Cleveland, Ala. 35049
James L. Johnson, 1321 Magnolia St. S.E., Decatur, Ala. 35601
George K. Lawson, Route 2, Otway, Ohio 45657
Mrs. Clyde Porter, 3125 Warrington Road, Birmingham, Ala. 35223
Jerry Ryan, 1510 Sherman St. S.E., Decatur, Ala. 35601
Paulette Stubbs, Route 1 Box 140, Morris, Ala. 35116

BAD ADDRESSES: (All of these were returned last month marked "Moved - Left no Address" and help in locating them would be appreciated:

McKendree H. Floyd Jr., formerly 900 Euclid Ave., Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. Anton Heyn, formerly 2363 Kildeer St., New Orleans, La.
Anna Lorenzen, formerly Quarters 607-B, Maxwell AFB, Ala.

1969 STATE SOCIETY WINTER ANNUAL MEETING: Word has just reached us that the Noccalula Chapter (Gadsden) voted at its August meeting to host our Winter Annual Meeting this year. The tentative date is December 6, and further final details will be furnished in this Newsletter as they become available. So bear this in mind in making plans for December, and be sure to be on hand for this momentous occasion!

PROJECT ARCHY: For the NINTH consecutive year, Girl Scouts from the Deep South Council, Mobile, contributed admirably to the success of our Summer Dig at the Rollins Bluff Shelters near Hodges, Ala. With Mary Louise Andridge, Mobile, Ala., as Director, ably assisted by Lollie Gravette, Silverhill, Ala., Muriel Dimock, Biloxi, Miss., and Ruby Cobb, Mobile, Ala., the 21 capable young ladies camped for their 2 week stay at an accessible spot located between the dig sites. Participating in every one of the vital functions of an archaeological excavation were the following:

Lorraine Boiter, Spartanburg, S.C.	Patti Brameyer, Waverly, Miss.
Peggy Lee Davidson, Fort Clayton, C.Z.	Judy Carol Duncan, Greenville, S.C.
Vicki Denise Dye, Monroe, La.	Cheryll Fike, Monroe, La.
Barbara Frantz, Spartanburg, S.C.	Sarah Leigh King, Charlotte, N.C.
Mary Margaret McDonald, Mobile, Ala.	Bette Maynard, Marion, S.C.
Susan Morris, Benton, Ky.	Mary Susan Nolan, Oxford, Miss.
Andrea Page, Balboa, Canal Zone	Patti Jane Prather, Belmont, N.C.
Lisa Lee Scott, Knoxville, Tenn.	Pamela Jean Shankwitz, Miami, Fla.
Carolyn Royce Snapp, Greenville, Tenn.	Tricia Spencer, Birmingham, Ala.
June Thompson, Warner Robbins, Ga.	Marcia Whitlock, Baton Rouge, La.

Brenda Woodmansee, Mobile, Ala.

During the course of their stay at the dig, a representative from the Girl Scout National Headquarters spent several days observing the entire operation, since PROJECT ARCHY is going national next year, and the girls will hail from any of our 50 States rather than just from the southeast as in the past.

JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, 15th year, No. 1 - a good issue, "going places" rather than repeating the old story. Madge Hahn has done a service in showing great quantities of small tools, reminding us that we have "classified" only a few of the more geometric types. Roberts & Harris render a very timely service by calling attention to the fact that crudely fashioned cubic tools coexisted with the familiar Middle Archaic, and that in order to understand our "crude tools" they must be typed in context just as projectile points, etc. Such tools have, unfortunately, if mentioned at all, been lumped uselessly as "crude tools". If America has a "pre-projectile point horizon", and it is looking impossible that it could be otherwise, it has to date been lost in our inattention to "ugly" artifacts. And we know that all got a chuckle out of Mrs. Richard Battles' ONE FOOT IN A GRAVE.

"MARYLAND, my Maryland" - tra-la, la-la! - has a STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST, Tyler Bastian, we are graciously informed, via State Secretary Schaefer, by Mrs. Iris McGillivray, Secretary of the Archaeological Society of Maryland, Inc. And the Society only born in 1964! How on earth? Well, there is also an Archaeological Society of Maryland (with no Inc.) and both "were driving forces", we read in the BALTIMORE EVENING SUN. And Iris (we do feel friendly toward that gal) gives credit to a lot of the "right people", groups, arms of government, institutions, and even "archaeologists from neighboring states". In short - ORGANIZATION - and Organizers - and people to be ORGANIZED. Like Dr. McGimsey says over in Arkansas, where they beat us all to the draw, it can be done if you go at it like that. (Even if it breaks into some of your TV programs, or other big deals.) Congrats, you folks!

"GOD'S BIRDS" - Manuk dewata - the Malays called them. In 1760 (when they were still thought to be footless and wingless!) Linnaeus named the largest species Paradisca apoda - and they are still Paradise birds, wonderfully beautiful. Alfred Russel Wallace, as a naturalist musing sadly on the eventual extinction of these lovely and ir-

replaceable creatures as man became more "civilized" (?), remarked that the remarkable cycle of nature "is disturbed or broken by every advance of man's intellectual development" - if it is properly called that.

We received the justly indignant first ENVIRONMENTAL NEWSLETTER of THE ALABAMA CONSERVANCY, Mary Burks, Editor, 3733 Dunbarton Drive, Birmingham, Ala. 35223, \$5.00 a year. We back their fight against all the pollutions, etc. We applaud the slim victories here and there, as the National Speleological Society's purchase and saving of Huntsville's Shelta Cave which now "belongs to research, education and the future", where "its remarkable ecosystem faced death through sealing".

Among the hundreds of ways in which we now threaten "the death of the world", the new mania for "ream-the-stream channelization" - wholesale, all of them, hundreds per State - provides a specific reason why archaeologists will want to join the fight actively. Biologists call attention to the fact that the entire ecology will be upset, catastrophically for water life. Perhaps "canals" will make more efficient sewers, but think what they will do to the beauty of meandering streams. And think what channelization, and "denuding 100 or more feet on each bank", would do to the archaeological sites strung like beads along the banks of streams - thousands of them! Georgia is up in arms, Alabama has flexed its muscle, dry your powder and check your gun flints. We commend the earth as man found it, not as he is making, or unmaking, it - God's birds, if you will.

FOR ROCKHOUNDS (and treasure seekers): "During the 1830's Alabama became a focus of a 'gold rush' which lasted until 1849, when greater prospects for gold appeared in California...many of the miners in Alabama abandoned their mines and went west, carrying to California knowledge of mining and gold recovery learned in Alabama...the mining towns of Arbacoochee and Chulafinee were typical mining towns. Arbacoochee included 20 general stores, 5 bar-rooms, a school and 2 churches...Slight trace is seen of these towns today and most of the prospect holes and mines have been taken in by woods and undergrowth." State Geologist Phil LaMoreaux informs that BASE AND PRECIOUS METAL AND RELATED DEPOSITS OF ALABAMA, by Suzanne I. Spaine, is now available for 75¢, and includes a list of mines and prospects by county - order from Library, Geological Survey of Alabama, Box "O", University, Ala. 35486. And have at it - we never heard that a "mother lode" was discovered. (Remit 10% of find.)

NEWSLETTERS, as you have without a doubt noted, are difficult to keep readable. So let us crib a bit from one which defies successful imitation - as the most integrated coffee you ever heard of: "I have on occasion dranken coffee. I like it black, mixed half and half with cream." Or the other view: "While stagecoaches carried both kind of passengers, the pony express would only carry the male." Vicious: "You must take it easy if your heart attacks you." Safer: "Now that the dinosaurs are safely dead, we can call them clumsy and stupid." Good definition for some of our script: "Slush is snow with all the fun melted out." Hopeful, we'd say: "The President keeps all his secretaries in a cabinet." Bees and birds this time: "Where did our pioneers come from? I am not sure but I know it is not the stork." We are going to have to stop even though: "The best way (to stop a boat) is to dig your pole in the bottom of the river. Friction can always stop you this way even if the boat goes on" - as does this delightful newsletter, THE GATE POST, of GATEWAY (formerly Mercy Home), where nice folks take nice care of nice kids. But we imagine a few dollars and a request would put you on the mailing list for some things you can't buy, anywhere, fresh from the hearts of the young. (5201 Airport Highway, Birmingham, Ala. 35212)

MAN WITH WINGS - we were wondering if we just missed. Supposing that the common "leather bat", actually a mammal with wings, began just sailing from tree to tree like our little "flying squirrel", and the better they got at "flying" the more they prospered - so that finally they could flap and really fly - well, with lemurs way up our family tree somewhere, why mightn't we have been men with wings if we had evolved from the "flying" lemur? (No, this monstrosity is not from THE GATE POST!!!)

EDUCATIONAL PAGE

TOWARD A BETTER STATE SOCIETY

When an individual talks, it is generally accepted that he isn't telling himself anything he didn't already know. This infers education to be what the other fellow has to say or present. Recently, several comments have been received from our membership regarding articles in other State Society publications which might be worth considering for our own operation.

One State Society has been concerned regarding the relationships between their chapters and the state society. They indicate that from their point of view, chapters are a way of extending activities in the state so that they last all year. As a rule, chapter meetings are good in that they promote learning programs. They also serve to keep the state society in on the "know" of local activities, both good and bad. However, one bad thing has been noticed, that several of the chapters seem to forget that they are a chapter of the State Society. They have become so independent that they feel they are set up as a separate organization. Membership has been built on a local basis and not on a state basis. Many of their members felt that the state society was stepping over the bounds if anything like the rules of procedure or code of conduct was brought up. Fortunately, one state society reports that this is not the situation with most of their chapters. They hope they can find more ways for the state organization to be more useful to the chapters as well as to the individual members. In general, the situation within Alabama is somewhat the same. Some of our chapters have not encouraged state participation and these chapters are usually the ones that lose interest over the years. In any case, the real problem may be the fault of the state organization. Too often, we rush out to organize new chapters but give them very little help beyond this. One of the ways in which we could increase our service to the local chapters would be to build up a library of slide programs. Many of our members could contribute slides equipped with script or notes that would make interesting chapter meetings.

In addition, each chapter no doubt has certain members who would be willing to talk to other chapters in the general area. A list of these speakers probably could be obtained and made available to all chapters for consideration.

Another point of concern to many of our members involves our summer digs. One state society conducts several short summer digs in which society members are invited and encouraged to participate. They announce these digs and their location sometime in advance by publishing in their newsletter a notice of adult training sessions in archeological methods. Members then send in an application indicating which of the digs they would like to participate in and the time that they are available. In this way, the state society is able to conduct a number of digs with very little cost since these particular people receive no pay. There has been an indication that many of our members would gladly give up a week's vacation to participate in such digs if they were solicited to do so and given sufficient time for planning their vacations.

Chapter digs in general have been discouraged by our State Society. However, we need to recognize the fact that most of our amateur members have a real interest in archaeology and want to be kept active. These chapter digs, if conducted properly and on salvage sites, might contribute considerably toward archaeology. Therefore, maybe the State Society should sponsor these type digs and have a professional or someone with proper training located at each of such digs during the summer and make them a part of the overall state digs. Will you, our members and readers, give us the benefit of your ideas as to how we can better serve and be served through our chapter and state groups? Write, please!

Rodger L. Schaefer, State Secretary