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1967 STATE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society will be held on Sunday, December 10th, 1967, at the Birmingham Museum of Art, 20th Street and 8th Avenue North, in Birmingham. Present plans are for the Museum to be open at 12:30 PM for setting up artifact exhibits, with registration from 1:00 to 2:00 PM; the Society's business meeting is to commence at 2:00 PM, followed by a coffee break, with the formal program to start at approximately 3:30 PM.

So make YOUR plans NOW to be present for this opportunity to meet with your statewide fellow amateurs and discuss your accomplishments. Display tables will be available for sharing a look at your latest finds with others in attendance. Activity reports from each chapter will be a feature, as always. Arrangements for our featured speaker are not yet completed, but you will not be disappointed, we promise. Further details and the full meeting program will appear in the December STONES & BONES Newsletter.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Your Board met October 14th, 1967, at Charcoal Steak House, Birmingham, with President Tom Cornell presiding, and the following matters were discussed and decided:

Secretary-Treasurer R. L. Schaefer reported on membership and financial figures. E. M. Harris reported on Newsletter developments.

D. L. DeJarnette reported by proxy on the December JOURNAL, stating that additional material is needed for the issue, and asking for prompt cooperation by membership.

Joe Watkins of Birmingham Chapter reported on Annual Meeting arrangements.

D. L. DeJarnette reported by proxy on arrangements for Annual Meeting speaker.

R. L. Schaefer read and explained proposed changes in the State Society constitution affecting classes of membership and increases in annual dues, brought about by increased publication and mailing costs, also desire to enlarge JOURNAL sizes. These changes were approved and will be submitted for adoption at the Annual Meeting.

Increased charges for back JOURNAL and Newsletter issues were also approved.

J. H. McCary III received permission to work on idea of a State Society annual award to deserving members as a memorial to recently deceased Bill Steele.

Approved procedure for having copies of publications of other societies with whom we exchange, come to one address making news available for our Newsletter, and then go to Tuscaloosa for filing in the University of Alabama Library permanently.

Subject of uniformity in publication of future Handbooks discussed, also possible publication of inserts for Part I of Handbook of pages on new point types.

President Cornell suggested earlier determination of site for 1968 dig so as to make fund raising task a bit easier.

Bart Henson invited the State Society to hold 1968 Annual Meeting at Huntsville, and tentative acceptance was voted.

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President Cornell appointed a Nominating Committee, Britt Thompson, Chairman, to present a slate of officers and new directors for next year.

SUCCESSFUL!!! - - - 1967 FUND DRIVE BY POPULAR REQUEST - - - SUCCESSFUL!!!

For the EIGHTH year - ALABAMA MAKES IT! So now we have 8 "milestones" standing like a "financial Stonehenge" in bold relief on the archaeological horizon. Congratulations, and thanks, to all.

We had 99 donations this year. Surprisingly, and thankfully, 26 of these were NEW donors. And, amazingly, there were 15 loyal CHARTER DONORS who have never missed a year! Fortunately, 17 donors from 13 other states joined us - and saved our bacon! Among our bacon-savers also were 14 non-members and 8 business donors. Six CHAPTER donations set a new record.

Total donations were \$4,669.00. Bill Spencer, our Research Association treasurer, invests our funds profitably as soon as they come in. There were also book sales, plus a bit of surplus in the till. We shall be able to meet our contract with the University of Alabama for the 2 excavations this year. Our EIGHTH "fantastic"!!! Our GRAND TOTAL is now on the way toward \$50,000 worth of SELECTIVE archaeology! Additional donors since we reported last month are:

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel N. Wexler, Sam & Betty, joined us from Dothan this month as NEW and most welcome "archaeological financiers" - the one SURE way in which all amateurs can contribute valuably, and a way which only the ALABAMA AMATEURS provide! That "most remarkable site I ever saw", as Dr. Gagliano of LSU called it, in the Dothan area, seems too eroded for excavation. But we'd like to trench the dry (Pleistocene?) lake bed it is centered on in an exploratory way, study the pollen, maybe get a C-14 date, dream of finding mammoth bones!

Mr. & Mrs. Oscar Carroll Dunn, Oscar & Dorothy, of Ozark, another of our Choctawhatchee Chapter stamping grounds, also joined as NEW donors from that area. This interest is most encouraging. It is understandably difficult to get fired up over excavations hundreds of miles away - and with one's local archaeology getting no attention. We dream of having enough professionals to supervise test excavations by all Chapters. Exploratory archaeology is our weakest link. In the meantime, the more we highlight ALABAMA archaeology, anywhere, the more likely we are to inspire a larger program.

Arthur Dunning's fine 3 sets of rocks and minerals, 75 specimens, with names, uses, etc., continue to bring in money and send out education. We urge you to give a set to your school while they are still available - \$1.25 a set, or \$1.50 if mailed.

Mrs. Francis C. Smith, "The Margaret" of considerable archaeological fame, and a valuable donor in many ways, is one of our unfailing 8-year CHARTER donors. The pleasant rambles of Francis & Margaret, which we are often privileged to share in her fascinating letters, remind us that our archaeological hobby should be a lot of fun. And when we read her papers on their discoveries, in several Journals, we are reminded how archaeologically useful and important our fun can be - if reported!

Jimmy G. Walden, of Florence, adds up to our 26th NEW DONOR for '67 - how about that? All these new donors are like the new growth of spring, widening the sphere of archaeological interest. We have not had the pleasure of meeting Jimmy, but we have many pleasant memories of the Muscle Shoals gang from one of our Annual Meetings, and from the Stanfield-Worley dig which they aided so grandly.

Edward C. Mahan, despite retirement, illness, more hospitalization, remains another of our NEVER-FAILING CHARTER donors. Ed, one of the most satisfactory buddies you will ever run across, was ill much of his life until his trouble was correctly diagnosed as a "dead" lung from a childhood abscess, and the lung removed. The remaining lung has served Ed well in a vast amount of surface surveying contributing valuably to our knowledge - especially his publications of great numbers of fluted points when it was

still doubted if the east had a Paleo representation. But the recent bout with pulmonary edema has been rough on that one lung. However, Ed sounds like his old sweet self, writing: "With Mary (Mrs. Mahan) by my side I am indeed a fortunate man." Mary is a retired head nurse, and also a sweet and interesting person. Among Ed's several claims to distinction, he has original American blood - his father, engineering in Central America, married a beautiful Mayan girl. Ed has repaid his native ancestry with unusual devotion to America's archaeological past, and unusual contributions. But in the presence of Ed, one heck of a nice and unassuming friend, one almost forgets that he stands out as one of the notables in Alabama amateur archaeology. We suggest that what Ed calls the "Bedford County fluted", which he introduced, be herein after called the "Mahan fluted".

Dan Josselyn, enthusiast, donated for the 8th consecutive month, and bought a set of Arthur's rocks for the Edgewood School.

And following, for the record, is a complete list (we hope) of all the fine people and organizations who made cash contributions to the success of our Fund Drive to finance the 1967 dig - our "1967 DONOR HONOR ROLL". The figures at the right show the total number of years donations have been made. Our heartfelt thanks to each of:

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ON BURYING ARCHAEOLOGY SAFELY

Archaeology, fortunately, is usually buried - stabilized, stratified, protected. Today "civilization" is very active in burying a lot of archaeology still deeper - highway and other construction fills, cities built over ancient cities, millions of acres of reservoirs which will deposit a blanket of silt, burying the bead-like strings of sites commonly dotting stream banks. We might take more thought on BURYING ARCHAEOLOGY SAFELY for posterity. Much more careful surface surveys, to map sites, are in order. And good habitation sites, even though silted over or wooded and no artifacts visible, are often even more important to record - they may represent unspoiled sites. The best topographical maps available should be stored with the archaeological record - they are good indicators of site possibilities. Instead of major salvage of a few prominent sites, perhaps deep testing of many would provide more useful information for the future. When reservoir plans are in the making, commercialism of the rich topsoil of good middens is common, and seems to arouse little concern as the sites "will be under water anyway". Posterity will take the view that we could have silted such sites for absolute protection, and that commercial interests have no right to the common property of man - his history. Limiting public funds largely to "salvage" archaeology, thus saying where archaeology MUST expend its meager manpower, has harmed archaeological progress. More emphasis on BURYING SITES SAFELY, and providing the funds saved for more progressive problem-oriented archaeology, might help to avoid those periodic dead ends of archaeological progress - as the Hrdlicka era, followed by the Folsom era, where we have "marked time" for another generation.

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the first Wednesday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. State President Tom Cornell addressed the October meeting on "The Malo Archaic Shell Mound", displaying and discussing artifacts and other material from this mound on the Tennessee River near Huntsville; also, he discussed aims, objectives and accomplishments of the State Society. At the November meeting, the main subject will be plans for hosting the Annual Meeting in December.

THE PASTFINDERS, Birmingham Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary, was completely charmed at its September meeting by State President Tom Cornell, who spoke on "The Whitesburg Site" and displayed maps and artifacts. At the October meeting, Mrs. Robert Reid, a member of the Auxiliary, will show slides and discuss her recent trip to Yucatan. The group plans to make a trip to Kymulga Cave in the near future.

Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Huntsville Public Library. At the September meeting, Dr. Walter B. Jones spoke on "A Modern Lithic Culture - New Guinea", giving a most interesting presentation, with color slides, on a recent trip he and Mrs. Jones took to New Guinea for another firsthand look at the aboriginal culture, finding very little change in native culture since he was there during World War II despite the continuous work of missionaries.

Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Long Building in Guntersville. At the November meeting, Chapter member Gordon Sibley will present a color slide illustrated discussion on Point Types.

Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Phoenix Restored Fire Station. At the October meeting, the revived (through initiative and leadership of Fred Ingate) Chapter commenced programs originating within the membership, limiting individual appearances to once yearly. At the November meeting, Mrs.

R. B. Andridge (who has directed Girl Scouts of the Deep South Council at our summer digs for a number of years) spoke on "Archaeological Definitions and Terminology". An election of officers to be held at the November meeting. The Phoenix Restored Fire Station in downtown Mobile is used as a fire fighting museum.

Montgomery Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the October meeting, Chapter member Ralph Allen spoke on "Stone Tools", presenting a most interesting program which traced origin of some of our earliest points. The Chapter will again co-sponsor the Elmore County Mobile Museum of Indian Lore at the South Alabama Fair October 9-14.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at Decatur City Hall. A. W. Beinlich Jr., Muscle Shoals Chapter, addressed the October meeting on 2 subjects: "A Shell Mound Excavation" (an objective discussion of the problems of a Chapter taking on a site excavation) and "Contemporary American Indian Art" (an interesting discussion of present day Indian arts and crafts supported by a fine display). The New Mexico film "Highway Salvage Archaeology" was also shown. At the November meeting, T. W. Tarkington will speak on "What do you find in Caves?"

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3, Florence State College. Three films on salvage archaeology from the University of Nebraska were shown at the September meeting, describing 2 sites in Nebraska and one from South Dakota (very good films). At the October meeting, Chapter member Horace J. Holland will give an account of his recent European trip.

Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. Chapter member Dr. E. M. Lindsey at the October meeting discussed the Gadsden Centennial Celebration to be held in 1968 in which the Chapter will participate. Members brought points and other finds to discuss and observe. The Alabama Power Company has asked Chapter members to loan for a display at Lock 3 Dam, artifacts found on or near Woods Island, and members are to contact Dr. E. M. Lindsey.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING OCTOBER: (So Nice to have you in our group)

William Pendleton, P O Box 2235, Muscle Shoals, Ala. 35660 (1967)
Roger M. Cunningham, Box 162, Star Route, Stout, Ohio 45684
Henry J. Hager Jr., Apt. 110, Brentwood Apts., 19th Ave. S.E., Decatur, Ala. 35601
Jeff Landreth, Route 10, Norwich Road, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27107
Larry C. Miller, P O Box 961, Rome, Ga. 30161
W. D. Steadman, P O Box 1288, Asheboro, N.C. 27203

BAD ADDRESS: Ronald Fowler, formerly Route 1, Arab, Ala. 35016 (Anyone know him?)

EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING: Formal announcements which include a reservation form have reached us and are being enclosed to most State Society members with this issue of the Newsletter, regarding the meeting to be held at the Marriott Key Bridge Motor Hotel, U.S. Highways 29 & 211, Washington, D.C. 20007, on November 3rd through 5th, 1967 - a really worthwhile meeting for those who can attend.

LECTURE ON GREECE: Members of the State Society are cordially invited by the Birmingham Art Association, Mrs. Horace Hammond, President, to attend a slide-illustrated lecture by Richard F. Howard, Museum Director, on "The Golden Age of Greece, 6th & 5th Centuries B.C." at 8:00 PM on November 6, 1967 at the Birmingham Museum of Art, 20th Street & 8th Avenue North. This promises to be most interesting and informative!

SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE: For the benefit of those who might be interested in attending (Our State Society members are invited), this conference will be held at Ocmulgee National Monument, Macon, Georgia, on November 9-11, 1967 with sessions on all 3 days commencing at 9:00 AM. On Thursday, November 9, the 8th Annual

Conference on Historic Archaeology will be held. On Friday & Saturday, November 10-11, the program of the SAC will consist of papers and discussions on pottery types. These meetings will afford those who attend an opportunity to meet and hear prominent professional and amateur archaeologists from this as well as other sections of the country.

HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY - PART II - UNIFACE BLADE & FLAKE TOOLS: by James W. Cambron and David C. Hulse, is now available and sales are well under way. This second part of the Handbook deals with types and distribution of uniface blade and flake tools, also placing them culturally and chronologically. These important tools help define the early cultural groups in Alabama and the southeast. This 27 page book is the result of a statewide survey of artifacts, and over 10 years of research. It is intended to serve as a basic guide in nomenclature and classification of types of uniface tools. Order from James W. Cambron, 211 - 7th Ave. N.W., Decatur, Ala. 35601. Price per copy \$2.25 Postpaid.

HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY - PART I - POINT TYPES; also by Cambron & Hulse. We are reluctant to announce that the available supply of this popular publication has dwindled to some 100 copies. Therefore, anyone who does not yet have his copy or desires to replace a worn book should immediately take steps to order. Make check payable to Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., and mail to David L. DeJarnette, P O Box 6126, University, Ala. 35486. Price per copy \$5.25 postpaid.

ANOTHER GREAT EARLY MAN DISCOVERY: Leon J. Salter, our astonishing friend and benefactor of North Rose, N.Y., sends us 7 exciting pages from the October issue of ARCHAEOLOGY, by Dr. Frank C. Hibben of Sandia fame. Some 500 miles south of Leakey's Olduvai Gorge a new area of Africa is being opened up and preliminary investigation has discovered 2 new archaeological sites which repeat the incredible 2-million-year history of man at Olduvai. Literally thousands of pebble tools, etc., have eroded out. Fortunately, uneroded stratigraphy remains - a photo shows a stratum of pebble tools protruding from a vertical embankment. (Green envy left us shook up, wishing we had a photo like that of our Alabama pebble tools in situ!) Among the many possibilities of this expanding knowledge of man and his half-man ancestors, we devoutly hope that someone will publish a PROFUSELY illustrated and ably discussed classification of man's evolving lithic tools. (Our Lively-Long-Josselyn publication on Alabama's pebble tools, with 300 illustrations, remains the most pretentious attempt we have seen in this direction - still available from Josselyn at \$3.00 per set.)

ARCHAEOLOGIST MEETS TOPSOIL: We are delighted to introduce a new archaeologist, Roger Nance, teaching at the University of Alabama Center in Birmingham - a fine educational opportunity for local amateurs. Roger is from California, and the west tends to think of Early Man under 20 to 70 feet of loess. So we were pleased to introduce our "thick" topsoil to Roger on a brief field trip. His trowel, investigating a well-drained knoll which has not been cultivated in the past 50 years at least, scraped away the heavy litter of pine straw and found not more than an inch of topsoil! We hope he will write his western associates why a few plowings and rains bring 10,000 years of archaeology to the same level in our area.

A. W. Beinlich Jr., Muscle Shoals Chapter, writes: "After viewing films from New Mexico on salvage archaeology, I would like to suggest (this is also the views of our Chapter) that the Alabama Archaeological Society exert the utmost pressure on the State of Alabama to authorize that a State Archaeologist and his Department work in conjunction with the State Highway Department to investigate all archaeological sites that new roads, highways and interstate roads will destroy. To us this is very important because material of historic interest may be destroyed without any records being kept." To this suggestion, we can hear loud "Amens", and only wish - - - ???

STONE BALL MYSTERY AGAIN: Henry McCary, whose interest has been aroused to ferret out all the angles of this mystery, received an informative letter from our always-helpful friend Sigfus Olafson who refers to a paper by Charles O. Forbes in the Pennsylvania

Archaeologist of June 1957: "Mr. Forbes is an amateur who at that time was connected with a trucking company that had hauled tons of such balls. Some of these were made by the McDaniel Refractory Company which at that time had been in business 35 years, shipping them over a wide area. Some of these are used in ball mills to grind porcelain for paint pigments, and all are apparently used in ball mills for similar grinding purposes. Mr. Forbes says that imperfect ones are discarded, as are the worn ones from the ball mills. They make nice lawn ornaments and I have seen flower beds enclosed within a circle of the white porcelain ones. Their origin is soon forgotten, and people then attribute them to the Indians."

The "worn ones" seems to explain our examples in descending sizes, with no surface polish. And the "refractory" origin appears to explain the beading left by a split-mold which is observed on the full-size examples. Now who can clear up the mystery of apparent impact scars and "dimples" on all parts of these full-size examples EXCEPT on the broad molding bead - which in all examined cases retains its polish?

Dr. Carl B. Compton, we note in his July-October INTERAMERICAN, agrees with our estimate that Charles H. Faulkner rendered a real service with his "Tennessee Radiocarbon Dates" in the Spring 1967 TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST. These dates are most useably arranged, by site and date, for all the known cultural periods and from earliest to latest date in each. For example, 18 Woodland sites are listed, dating from 500 B.C. to 1100 A.D. JOIN NOW, \$3.00, as this issue is something every reference shelf needs. Dr. Alfred K. Guthe, Editor, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tenn. 37916.

Dr. Edward D. Patterson, Director of the fabulous Nassau County of Natural History, Seaford, N.Y. 11783, wants to know if there are any reliable accounts of how wampum was drilled.

Irene Emanuel sends a vacation card from Augsburg - nostalgic with a real "street car" rolling down the still-cobbled Konigsplatz. Haven't heard a Korean squeak out of Bill Emanuel! No archaeology over there, Bill?

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: "Dear Mr. Thompson: The editorial on The Educational Page of the last issue (Sept.) is outstanding. We would very much like to use an adaptation of this editorial by Dave Chase in a future issue of our Arkansas AMATEUR." Larry Swaim, President. Amateur leadership is eager for EFFECTIVE EDUCATION to make archaeology more important to amateurs - and amateurs more important to archaeology!

OH MY GOSH! - those "Little People" again! In the North Carolina mountains this time! "The Margaret" sends us a clipping telling all - well, almost - about them. "Could have been the original race to cross the land bridge...some ethnologists say they could be related to the Hairy Ainu...very good and kind to other people...highly advanced forest people..." and so on. Plenty of proof, too, such as "non-Cherokee artifacts...mysterious mounds...untranslated inscriptions on rocks." Yet just who these "tiny people" were are among questions which "haunt the archaeologist"!!! Oh, our aching sides! One clearer possibility, however, is that this may help to explain some of the recent actions of courts - for much of this is attributed to a "Superior Court Judge"!

GIANTS IN THOSE DAYS, too. Dave Chase sends us an interesting issue of the Newsletter of the Morgan Chapter, N.Y. State Archaeological Association - to which Dave belonged once upon a time, and "worked for Bill Ritchie at Jack's Reef, Frontenac and Vinnette's". A paper by G. R. Hammell cites Ritchie as finding ARCHAIC POINTS as burial offerings in 8 EARLY HISTORIC Seneca graves! "About them may have been woven the legend of the stone giants. Masks of the stone giants in the Rochester and State Museums are shown with pre-Iroquoian flint points embedded in their foreheads." And Hammell further cites one Isaac Jogues, Jesuit missionary, as reported by F. S. J. Talbot (SAINT AMONG SAVAGES, Doubleday, 1961), as saying the Iroquois hunted old sites for

projectile points, and performed rites as "thanksgiving offerings to a race of invisible men who dwelt at the bottom of a lake...and cut and fashioned the hard flints in the shape of arrow heads and cast them along the shores for Mohawks to gather". So that is how our stratigraphy got so messed up - by those early "pot hunters"! Well, it teaches us to be cautious about even burial caches as certifications of meaningful provenience - alas!

SUCCESS STORY, AMATEUR!!! Now and then we have bemoaned and begroaned the fact that no one is scouting the rights of ways of Federal highways for the vast amount of archaeology they will destroy - but for which 90% of the cost of excavating, and saving, is available. But we had not read the MOBILE PRESS REGISTER of August 20th!

We had heard from Fred Ingate, Mauvilla Chapter, that our Nancy Holmes (Mrs. Nicholas H. Jr.), immediate past president and now publicity chairman of the Mobile Historic Development Commission, was extremely busy in that connection. Now we learn that the big push was to learn something about Fort Conde, oldest French masonry fort on the gulf coast, built in 1717 to protect the settlement then 6 years old. It had been pretty much "lost" in the mists and traditions of the past. With the help of an extensive bibliography of writings on the fort, prepared by Mrs. John Cottier, it was determined that the new highway would further destroy this oldest French masonry landmark on the gulf coast at the juncture of Church & Royal Streets - where a parking lot fortunately made immediate excavation of a corner bastion possible.

The University of Alabama and Dave DeJarnette moved in, putting Jerry Nielsen on the job. Individual members of the Mauvilla Chapter, besides putting in many hours working out details to bring about this project, have continued to be of assistance (including Girl Scout Nancy Sloan, one of the Deep South Council girls who camped and dug with us in Franklin County this past summer).

By August 20, the excavation included 83 five-foot squares, up to 7 feet deep, uncovering enough of the fort foundations to delineate the plan. When the block bounded by Church, Royal, St. Emanuel and Theatre Streets has been cleared for cloverleaf and tunnel construction, further archaeological excavation will be able to reconstruct much of the lost history of Fort Conde, destroyed in 1820, once the capital of the French in Louisiana. The year 1717 was when Crozat, after sinking a large fortune in a fruitless attempt to develop the then embrative colony named in honor of Louis XIV of France, admitted failure. New Orleans, not yet founded, did not become the capital until 1722.

Every city in Alabama, and the State itself, might well sit at the feet of the Mobile Historic Development Commission and learn how to get such matters accomplished - through cooperation. It includes as member organizations the Allied Arts Council of Mobile, American Association of University Women, Art Patrons League, Downtown Mobile Unlimited, Historic Mobile Preservation Society, Jaycettes, The Junior League of Mobile, Mobile Area Chamber of Commerce, Mobile Branch American Institute of Architects, Mobile Junior Chamber of Commerce and the National Society of Colonial Dames in the State of Alabama. The Commission is itself a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Mrs. Stephens G. Groom is president this year - and, as you might expect, the ladies are very prominent in both the lists of officers and directors. Commissioners Langan, Outlaw and Mims of Mobile are most cooperative. Stomps and cheers for such fine cooperation and cultural awareness of the value of preserving the great and neglected STORY OF MAN!

YOU DON'T DARE MENTION, we have learned, any similarity between Alabama and European artifacts. Nevertheless, Read Stowe brought in a couple of artifacts from our first dig of the summer which had been made BEFORE THEY WERE REMOVED FROM THE CORE (Shh-hh - resembling the European Levalloisian method of taking advantage of the inertia of a large piece of stone).

PAPERS FOR DECEMBER JOURNAL: As stated in the Minutes of the October Directors Meeting, additional papers are needed at once. Get your material off right away to the Editor, David L. DeJarnette, P O Box 6126, University, Ala. 35486. TODAY!!!

EDUCATIONAL PAGE

HOW ABOUT THAT?

We were very happy to read that a Sister State is now raising funds for archaeological research. Hoping to obtain some such consideration for archaeology in Alabama, we have approached several of the people vested with responsibility to spend our tax dollars most advantageously, but none of the powers-that-be whom we know want to talk about spending any part of our money for archaeological research. As a matter of fact we have yet to introduce a subject that was received with a more uniform lack of enthusiasm. It seems that Alabama is so far behind the Joneses in education, every available dollar must be spent to improve our educational opportunities; therefore not one cent is to be had for archaeological research. How about that? Would you believe the age of sophistry right here in Alabama?

Now, we are willing to concede that the big slice of our educational dollar should be aimed at producing more and better technicians. After all, technology makes possible the high standard of living we like so well. Having a tendency toward the practical we admit that most of this generation's youth will wish to study mechanics of one form or another; that's where the money is and everyone likes to make a buck, but we can't help feeling that somewhere, in the rush to spend millions to the end that our sophisticated technology may be justly complimented, there should be a small sum, say five hundred thousand for a starter, devoted to an effort to pierce the wall of ignorance regarding early man in America. Surely there is yet a time and a place for education, for no better reason than the pure joy of knowing.

We have before us a late edition of a highly respected source of reference. In this volume we find that early man entered America ten to twenty thousand years ago. These "first Indians" are assumed to have followed the Bering Strait route and down the west coast to South America; but, and dig this, because the Mississippi River was a very wide and swift stream at that time, fed as it was by receding glaciers, man may not have reached the eastern shore of the Mississippi until a much later date, possibly five to seven thousand B.C. is the assumption. (Editor's Note: Stanfield-Worley date in north Alabama is 9650 \pm 450 B.P.)

This same old tale in new works of reference bothers us quite a bit. We know that the story of man is, for the most part, logical assumptions and of course that Piltdown thing still smarts. The whole theory of man's antiquity is so much more assumption than fact, the story of early man in the Western Hemisphere so nebulous and taken for granted, there is no ready yardstick to measure the magnitude of American anthropology as it relates to the whole. But, by Jove, we have learned a great deal more than this in Alabama, even without State funds. So, we feel justified in dubbing the exhilarating adventure that archaeology affords the inquiring mind a form of education worthy of a place in the receiving line when money is allocated to ingrain knowledge in the mind of man.

T. L. Clontz, Noccalula Chapter

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