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SUMMER MEETING - EARLY MAN CONFERENCE

The speakers and agenda for the Summer Meeting have been pretty well set for July 15 in Florence at the University of North Alabama, with the Muscle Shoals Chapter acting as host. There will be an application form and more details in the July issue of the Newsletter, but the agenda for the "Early Man Conference" is tentatively as follows:

- 8:30 a.m. Registration, coffee, doughnuts, exhibits
- 9:30 Board of Directors Meeting
- 10:45 Business Meeting
- 11:10 "A Model of Late Paleo Activity in the Middle and Western Tennessee Valley" - Charles Hubbert, University of Alabama
- 12:00 Lunch - Buffalo Steak Indian Dinner
- 1:10 p.m. "Use of the Backhoe in Studying Early Man in the Southeast" - Jefferson Chapman, University of Tennessee
- 2:00 "Variations in Hunting and Gathering Subsistence" - Robert H. Lafferty III, University of Alabama
- 2:50 Coffee Break
- 3:00 "Early Man Evidences on the Coastal Plain and Central Alabama" - Calip B. Curren, University of Alabama
- 3:50 "An Analysis of the Dalton Culture in the Central Mississippi Valley" - Dan F. Morse, Arkansas Archaeological Survey
- 4:40 Adjournment
- 4:50 Guided Tours to the Indian Mound and Museum

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

"I wanted to thank you for the Scholarship money I received from the Alabama Archaeological Society. Dr. Krause, Chairman of the Anthropology Department, informed me last Monday that I had been chosen by the Department to receive the award. It was a real thrill to be able to attend the Honors Day Program when the award was announced.

"I want you, also, to know that I am using the money for the interim (May) course that the Department of Anthropology offers in the Yucatan. I have never been to Mexico before and am very excited about being able to see for myself the lovely Mayan ruins.

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"Again thank you so very much for the scholarship award."

Yours sincerely,
Anne Noble
University of
Alabama

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter: The Chapter meets the first Thursday of each month at the Red Mountain Museum, 1425 22nd Street South. Call Tom Hutto for further information at 956-1895.

Cullman Chapter: The May program, given by Howard King, was "The Ryan Creek Watershed", which concerns mapping and collecting of sites within the watershed of Ryan Creek and its tributaries.

East Alabama Chapter: Frank Schnell, Columbus (Ga.) Museum of Arts and Sciences, was the guest speaker at the meeting on May 10. He reported on the work of the Museum at the site of Cemokechekobee (9ClA62), a Rood's Landing mound. The Rood's Landing Phase of the Mississippian Period on the Chattahoochee River was first defined by Dr. Joe Caldwell. Frank has 9 dates ranging from 920-1330 A.D., which is about 100 years earlier than the Cl4 dates reported previously. The June meeting will be on Wednesday, June 14, in Thach Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The program will be updates on the work being done this summer by the several archaeologists with Auburn University.

Huntsville Chapter: The speaker at the May Chapter meeting was Mr. Bill Giedon, who gave a presentation on Russell Cave. Mr. Giedon showed slides of the cave and of the exhibits on display in the museum nearby, and gave a demonstration of flint knapping. The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00. Beginning in June, the Chapter will meet in the Arts Council Conference Room, at the north end of the Von Braun Civic Center.

Montgomery Chapter: The Chapter will meet June 6, 1978, in the Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Liberal Arts Building, AUM Campus. Meeting time is 7:30 p.m. The speaker will be Eugene Futato from Mound State Park in Moundville, and the program will be "Lithic Technologies at the Bear Creek Watershed". Everyone is invited to attend. The Montgomery Chapter meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Liberal Arts Building.

Muscle Shoals Chapter: The Chapter held its April meeting on April 10th at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. There

Muscle Shoals Chapter (Cont.)

are now 54 members and 36 members and visitors were present for the April meeting. The Lost Lake Point was the "Point of the Month" for study. Al Beinlich gave an interesting lecture and slide presentation on "Bone, Antler and Tooth Artifacts". He also showed slides of the Stanfield Worley Shelter excavation in which he participated. The May meeting was held on May 8th and was a picnic supper on top of the Indian Mound. The program was a "Show and Tell" presentation by Chapter members. The "Point of the Month" for May was the Dalton.

NEEDED

Information on the two stone figures representing male and female and called "Adam and Eve", that were found of the Link Site in Humphreys County, Tennessee, in 1895. These figures were recovered from the same location as the 46 flint specimens now on display at the McClung Museum, University of Tennessee at Knoxville.

Any information to the past history or present location of these two figures will be greatly appreciated.

A description of the female figure, "Eve", as given by William J. Seever, follows. This was taken from "The Antiquarian", Columbus, Ohio, June 1897.

Both of soft limestone, yellowish color, coarse texture. Bodies well modeled and all features, especially about the head, very bold and clear.

Female - Eve

Height - Approx. 24"

Weight - 50 lb.

Position - Kneeling, arms down, hands on knees. Hair drawn closely behind the ears, terminating by a peculiar paddle-shaped fillet down the back. Eyes are designated by shallow, oval lines. Mouth is open with thin well-cut lips.

The description of the male figure, "Adam", taken from T.A.S. Journal, Vol. XI, #2, Fall 1955.

Height - 27"

Weight - 99 lb.

Position - Half kneeling position, the right knee drawn up almost to the height of the shoulder and the right arm resting upon the thigh. The left arm is lacking.

From "The Antiquarian":

Hair - shown by well-defined ridge across the forehead, covering the ears and cut square on a line with the neck. Above the ears

the hair is shown drawn together in a circular knot.
Eyes - Very prominent
Mouth - Tightly closed - thick protruding lips.

The purpose for locating these two stone figures is to fill some of the vacant spots in the history of the Duck River Cache.

Please send any information to: Buddy Brehm; 5311 Indiana Ave.; Nashville, Tennessee 37209.

CORRECTION

In the ESAF News, included in this mailing, AAS Journal Editor Eugene Futato is mistakenly referred to as a graduate student. Mr. Futato is a professional archaeologist, with the Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama.

NEW MEMBERS - AAS

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The Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc., extends its appreciation to all who have made financial contributions to the Association during the 1960's and 70's. The Association, you may recall, was formed in the early 1960's to raise money to make an archaeological study of the Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter in Northwest Alabama. The late Dan Josselyn and Henry McCary, the Association's first president, fired the enthusiasm for this pioneer project to finance a professionally-directed archaeological study with funds donated by the private citizenry. You will recall that through the efforts of archaeologist David DeJarnette and his University of Alabama student crew,

assisted by members of the Alabama Archaeological Society, notably good use was made of the donated funds by completing an excavation of the Stanfield-Worley Shelter that identified a new cultural horizon for Alabama, the Dalton horizon, dating 9000 years old or older.

With your donations the Association has been able to continue to finance many more worthwhile archaeological projects in Alabama, some of them corroborating other finds and some of them actual breakthroughs - such as establishing radio-carbon dates for the Copena Culture and the famous Indian mound site at Moundville.

The Research Association, as announced in last month's Newsletter, is disbanding with a hearty thanks to all for contributing to archaeological research in Alabama.

However, even though the Research Association is disbanding, please DON'T STOP DONATING to Alabama archaeology. The Alabama Archaeological Society is incorporated to receive money on a tax-deductible basis just as the Research Association was. The Society's Board of Directors has stated its intention to perpetuate the principles and ethics of the Research Association, to use such donations to fund archaeological research for special projects conducted under the leadership of qualified professional archaeologists within the state of Alabama.

So continue to donate to Alabama archaeology by making your checks out to the Alabama Archaeological Society, marking them "for Research" and mailing them to:

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THE LIDDELL SITE

The Alabama Historical Commission has announced that the Liddell Site near Camden in Wilcox County has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places. Randy Cottier was commended by Warner Floyd for the background information on the nomination form.

The Liddell Site is a 30-acre village midden complex ranging from pre-ceramic to a Late Mississippian-Early Historic period. A large number of urn burials and pits were uncovered during salvage work from 1961 to 66 performed by the University of Alabama. The site is the largest known example of the burial urn culture in Alabama. The burial urn cultures have been described as Late Proto-Historic to Early Historic manifestations terminating sometime around 1700 and were the cultures encountered by de Soto.

CONFERENCE ON HISTORIC SITE ARCHAEOLOGY

The 19th annual conference of CHSA will meet in Old Salem, North Carolina on Friday and Saturday, September 29-30, 1978. For 18 years this conference has met the day prior to the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. The SEAC has expressed dissatisfaction with this arrangement, and so at the meeting in LaFayette, Louisiana, the CHSA Board of Directors voted unanimously to dissolve the union. This will be an advantage as the meetings can be held at historic sites. The Conference on Historic Site Archaeology Papers will continue to be published as in the past. There will also be contributed papers and the winners of the John M. Goggin Award for Method and Theory in Historical Archaeology.

Membership dues for the Conference on Historic Site Archaeology are \$8.00. Send your check to: Stanley South, Chairman; Conference on Historic Site Archaeology; Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology; University of South Carolina; Columbia, South Carolina 29208. Do this today and you will receive further meeting announcements and the conference publication.

The CONFERENCE ON HISTORIC SITE ARCHAEOLOGY PAPERS - Volumes 3 and 5 are still available for \$6.00 each. Volumes 7 through 11 are \$8.00 each. An Index for Volumes 1 through 6 is \$1.00. Volume 11 has contributions from Roy Dickens, Garry Wheeler Stone, John R. White, Charles Fairbanks, Marvin Smith and others. Order from Stanley South at above address.

Marjorie Gay
Standing Rock

ESKIMOS MEET VIKINGS

Evidence for "very early" contact between Europeans and Eskimo ancestors in the Canadian Arctic has been discovered on the

sunken floor of an ancient pit house of Baffin Island in the Hudson Strait. The evidence is in the form of a two-and-one-eighth-inch-high wood carving of what is believed to be 13th century Viking man. Though Eskimo carvings have been found on several sites in Greenland, the Baffin Island figurine is the first of its kind found in North America, according to Moreau S. Maxwell, professor of anthropology at Michigan State University.

MSU team members Deborah Sabo and George Sabo identified the relic last July, during an expedition supported by the National Science Foundation. The carving, of fine-grained wood (probably fir), depicts a figure wearing a long hood-robe pleated in the front, below the waist; a cross rests on the chest. That particular style was unique to Vikings at the time and differed identifiably from costumes worn by Norsemen in later centuries, according to Maxwell and several other independent experts.

The conclusion is further supported by the presence of other artifacts at the Baffin site almost identical to those found at other, confirmed 13th century sites of Canadian Thule (ancestors of present-day Eskimos) Eskimos. This evidence of early contact between Vikings and Baffin Eskimos "introduces new horizons to the study of the effects and influences of Europeans upon the aboriginal culture of the Canadian Thule Eskimos", Maxwell says.

(From Science News, March 4, 1978 - Vol. 113, No. 9, 129-144)

Barbara McAdams
Vernon

BOOK REVIEWS

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF LONDON, by Ralph Merrifield. Noyes Press, New Jersey, c. 1974. \$9.95, illustrated with a map and photos.

It is amazing how many ancient sites there are in the London area. Sites of all kinds are described in this book, from Neolithic to Anglo-Saxon. Roman towns, forts and buildings are given good descriptions.

This is a good book for those who may want to visit London's ancient sites as well as those who will enjoy reading about them. Included in the book is a list of sites, their locations and how to get there. Also there is a list of museums and a list of books on the subject.

UNEXPECTED FACES IN ANCIENT AMERICA - 1500 B.C. TO 1500 A.D.: The Historical Testimony of Pre-Columbian Artists, by Alexander Von Wuthenau. Crown Pub., New York, c. 1976. \$12.95, illustrated.

The author has gathered quite a large number of terracotta heads in an attempt to prove his theories that old world

racess were in ancient America. He examines numerous faces, in order to show his opinion that there were many Negroid, Semitic, Japanese and Irish peoples in ancient America.

After some 35 years of the study of Pre-Columbian faces, his theories about Ancient American inhabitants are mostly those of an artist, not those of an archaeologist. The author is a professor of Mexican art at the University of the Americas in Mexico City.

Margaret Perryman Smith
Atlanta

GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

Several recent issues of the Federal Register contain information of interest to the archaeological community.

Friday, January 28, 1977, Vol. 42, No. 19, pages 5374-5383 - contains the proposed guidelines of the National Park Service, "Recovery of Scientific, Prehistoric, and Archaeological Data: Methods, Standards and Reporting Requirements".

Wednesday, February 16, 1977, Vol. 42, No. 32, pages 9391-9394 - contains the procedures of the Farmers Home Administration. "Procedures for the Protection of Historic and Archaeological Properties, Proposed Redesignation - Revision".

Wednesday, February 23, 1977, Vol. 42, No. 36, pages 10782-10804 - contains "The Proposed Policies and Procedures for Environmental Consideration" for the Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense..

BOOK REVIEW

The University of Alabama Press has announced a pre-publication sale of a book sponsored by the Historic Chattahoochee Commission entitled THE ARCHITECTURAL LEGACY OF THE LOWER CHATTAHOOCHEE VALLEY IN ALABAMA AND GEORGIA. Edited by Dr. Gregory Jeane and Douglas Purcell, this volume is handsomely illustrated with 195 photographs and 61 sets of architectural drawings. The book is approximately 304 pages in length and records the architectural heritage of the region from the early pioneer days to the turn of the century, including folk and early central hall houses, Greek revival and Victorian architecture. It identifies endangered structures in the Chattahoochee Valley and gives a detailed photographic record of their interior and exterior as well as drawings of their floor plans, trim, elevation and other features. The book includes structures in each of the 18 Alabama and Georgia counties represented by the HCC. The special pre-publication price is \$39.50; the book may be ordered from the University of Alabama Press; P. O. Box 2877; University, Alabama 35486. A brochure on the book may be obtained by writing to the HCC at P. O. Box 33, Eufala, Alabama 36027.

Marjorie Gay
Standing Rock
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THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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

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

The Society is a non-profit corporation. Tax deductible contributions may be made to the Society to help finance archaeological research and projects conducted throughout Alabama. The membership blank below may be used for this purpose.

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