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THIS COULD BE OUR BIG OPPORTUNITY

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An old, scholarly and respected scientific Society has expressed a willingness to consider, for possible publication, our forthcoming report on our first "pebble tool" excavations - the Crump Store and Stutz Bluff Shelter sites excavated in 1966 (Lr 20 and Lr 34).

This considerable and unexpected honor astonished us, quite. One is inclined to think of long-established scientific societies as a bit overly conservative, and unfortunately there have been those who have insisted upon making the Lively Complex pebble tools controversial. The objective scientific attitude, coupled with exploratory intellectual curiosity, is good to see.

But let us hasten to temper our enthusiasm with caution. Our manuscript will have to pass referees and a selecting committee, in competition with the very high quality of papers this Society publishes. Though this is not to say that our hopes are not high. Those most qualified, as Krieger, Wormington, Desmond Clark and Dragoo, stress that the mystery of the Lively Complex MUST be pursued to a solution. And we get the same MUST from Menghin in Argentina, Bordes in France, Vertes in Hungary, Muller-Beck in Switzerland, and Leakey in Kenya.

While 2 excavations of course cannot provide all the answers, Lr 20 and Lr 34 were the best of 30-odd sites with pebble tools which a season of special exploration supervised by Margaret V. Clayton (now completing her Ph.D. studies at the University of Georgia) could discover. These sites in depth have far more to offer concerning pebble tools than the mere surface collections reported by Lively, Long & Josselyn. And the perspective of 4 years of observation of these and other large, crudely made artifacts from many areas in Alabama and several other states has broadened our view considerably.

A GOOD paper should have a GOOD chance. Dave DeJarnette (still receiving compliments on his work of 30 years ago - AMERICAN ANTIQUITY, January 1967, p. 37) and our several specialists who will participate in preparing the report, are challenged and invigorated by this possibility. Don W. Dragoo, who discovered pebble tools several years before we recognized them and is actively engaged in their pursuit, has generously offered any assistance he can give.

PUBLICATION BY SUCH A SCHOLARLY AND HONORED SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY WOULD GIVE "CONTROVERSIAL" PEBBLE TOOLS THE SOBER AND ACCEPTABLE INTRODUCTION TO THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL WORLD WHICH THEY MERIT AND GREATLY NEED. That is our foremost obligation, and the greatest goal we could presently achieve. We have, indeed, an inspiring opportunity.

And this is opportune in another way. Eight years ago the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc. was formed to finance archaeology by SUBSCRIPTION, so every TRULY INTERESTED person might "do something about" Alabama's amazing and neglected

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archaeology. The object of this "only annual fund drive in archaeology" has been a highly SELECTIVE attempt to achieve new archaeological horizons. If, as a cumulative result of these 8 years of very considerable effort and some \$50,000.00 generously donated, the above "dream" should become a reality - well, such an extraordinary contribution to archaeological progress would be a fitting reward for all.

THE ALABAMA STORY - AN ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Since this story began, the Alabama Archaeological Society has grown from 4 Chapters to 13, and attracted favorable attention from Alaska to Argentina, France to Kenya. To introduce, and of course justify, our annual fund drive to more recent new members, we have decided to run this "success story" serially this year.

On October 23, 1959, member Charles H. Worley (only 70 years young) wrote Rodger L. Schaefer (who seems always to have been our Secretary!) about an apparently remarkable shelter site. Rodger sent the exciting letter to this Newsletter, and Steve Wimberly went up to Colbert County to check the site - a really magnificent shelter, with a fine spring, in an area of high Paleo potential. There was a very dry, deep, charcoal-speckled midden - with the full range of Alabama pottery, from fiber to shell temper, in the upper 40 inches. It looked like a MUST.

But Alabama has made no financial provisions for its remarkable archaeology! And experts advised us that YOU CAN'T RAISE MONEY FOR ARCHAEOLOGY. You know who "goes where angels fear to tread". We published in our February 1960 issue 2 impassioned pages titled: SOMETHING MUST BE DONE, ending with the threat: "And we are not going to be bashful about making appropriate requests".

Can you really "start a fire" under archaeology to move it along? Is the wide interest in archaeology so superficial that no one will DO anything about it? Did anything happen? (Don't miss the next episode!) Last month, these folks made donations:

Albert Fisher M.D. (to get a bit ahead of our story) was the first person last month to throw a faggot on this now "perpetual Zoroastrian fire" - which he has fed every year from the beginning!

John E. Wood M.D., only a day later, sent his FOURTH steady donation since discovering this opportunity in 1966 - and with a fine raise this year! The medical profession is surely upholding its unsurpassed record in archaeology.

Tom Cornell, our immediate Past President, was next in line, for the EIGHTH year, and with his usual "hope to send more during the year" - which he usually does. Tom, now retired (not really - his good works are multiple and can use all his time), writes that he has "been going out with Charley Brosemer and Edwin Burwell...The 'relic hunters' are hard to cope with...the 'grave robbers' and other characters ...the fossil sites have been fine. We have been quite active in the field of paleontology...some very rare and scarce specimens".

Thomas R. Horne, Fairhope, who discovered us in 1965, doubled his ante this year! What do you know about that?!

Ernest Goldman joins us as our FOURTH new donor already this year - a good omen surely - and puzzles us with his address, St. Stephens. We seem to recall a St. Stephens concerning which we published an interesting item supplied by Dick Humbard years ago. It incurred the wrath of an itinerant preacher and he predicted that the hoot owls would take over the town - and they did.

Dan Josselyn, one of our charter and annual donors, again this year holds to his promise of monthly donations - which, he says, look smaller and grow bigger.

As if in answer to Tom Cornell's expressed hope that we have "good plans for a summer dig", Read Stowe sent us a detailed report, with map, on 6 sites that he, Steve Wimberly and Randy Gray have investigated. Randy gave us a verbal report, and Steve brought in some pebble tools from an interesting shelter site. This capable exploratory trio, with the aid of 4-wheel-drive Scout and machete, is invading very difficult

and unspoiled territory, and will make tests, and Read writes: "we have barely scratched the surface of this area". Such EXPLORATION, and careful SELECTION of sites, are the most needed things in archaeology to discover if we have anything which we have been missing, and to further the many "unfinished" aspects of archaeology. With better exploratory efforts this year, we should be able to discover a better-than-average site to excavate and add something NEW to Alabama archaeology.

CHARLES H. NASH

We have just received most unfortunate and depressing news from Memphis State University: "I am informing you of Mr. Nash's death, February 16, 1968 - 6:30 PM at Baptist Hospital. Regretfully, Sylvia L. Jackson, Secretary."

Last October we received a letter from Ann Kibel, who had chosen "The Lively Complex" for an oral class report. Majoring in Graphics, she had rather dubiously decided upon "Indians of Tennessee" as one of her electives. "After all, it was something different...Well, now it seems that the class is much more than just 'different'. Dr. Nash is a charming person who could melt hard rocks...I love going to class".

We were pleased to receive this student confirmation of a feeling which we had long entertained about Chuck Nash, as he was widely and fondly known, despite the fact that we never met him in person. But now and then there was a letter - just a letter, and nothing one could "pin down". But there was something about Chuck which casual words couldn't hide.

And of course we knew about his fine work, as Director of Chucalissa Museum, in the gradual excavation and reconstruction of this Indian village. We regretted in a recent Newsletter, in which we devoted a full page to an appreciation of Chuck (January 1967), that he could "only apply incidental time" to his "Archaeological Report of Chucalissa". If this can now be completed we should like to donate, and to solicit donations, for its publication as a memorial to Charles H. Nash.

We greatly appreciate the thoughtfulness of Sylvia L. Jackson in informing us so promptly of this regrettable event.

JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY

Last month, we promised to list for you in this issue the presently available back issues of our Journal, and you will find them below. Single copies are \$2.00 each, and your check or money order should be made payable to Alabama Archaeological Society and mailed to David L. DeJarnette, Mound State Monument, Moundville, Ala. 35474.

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V, No. 2 (mimeographed)	1959	IRONSTONE TOOLS, Nash. PETROGLYPHS & PICTOGRAPHS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY, Cambron & Waters. ANALYSIS OF PIGMENTS FROM PICTOGRAPHS, Carstens & Knudsen.
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VI, No. 1	June 1960	MY EMBARRASSING BLADE, D. W. Josselyn. THE TRANSITIONAL PALEO-INDIAN, Cambron & Hulse. A WALTON COUNTY MOUND, M. J. Floyd Jr.
VII, No. 1	June 1961	FLINT CREEK ROCK SHELTER (PART II), J. W. Cambron. A LECROY BIFURCATED SITE, C. M. Hubbert.
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TENNESSEE VALLEY, J. W. Cambron & D. C. Hulse.

- IX, No. 2 Dec. 1963 A REAPPRAISAL OF THE AVERETTE COMPLEX, D. W. Chase. THE HOLLAND SITE, H. J. Holland. TRIBAL IDENTIFICATION, Jewel C. Green. DIGGING UP BONES, Dan & Phyllis Morse. MYSTERY HOLES IN ROCKS, E. S. Greer Jr. PETROGLYPHS AND PICTOGRAPHS, J. R. Mitchell. NON-LITHIC PROJECTILE POINTS, D. W. Josselyn. PREHISTORIC PORCUPINE IN ALABAMA, P. W. Parmalee.
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- XIII, No. 2 Dec. 1967 A MULTIPLE COMPONENT SITE IN NORTH ALABAMA, E. M. Harris & U. G. Roberts Jr. RANDOLPH POINTS REDIVIVUS, Frank Manley. LAMELLAR BLADES OF POSSIBLE PALEO INDIAN PROVENIENCE FROM ALABAMA, O. W. Brock Jr. ST. CLAIR COUNTY LITHIC ARTIFACTS, Mrs. R. N. Hahn. HISTORIC MATERIAL FROM PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, Mrs. R. N. Hahn.

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY PUBLICATIONS DEALING WITH ARCHAEOLOGY

We also promised you last month to give you a listing of Alabama Geological Survey Bulletins dealing with archaeology which are still available. Here they are, with subjects and prices. Checks or Money Orders should be made payable to University of Alabama Museums and mailed to David L. DeJarnette, Mound State Monument, Moundville, Ala. 35474. The number to the left below is the Bulletin Number:

- 15 ANTHROPOLOGICAL STUDIES AT MOUNDVILLE. PART I, INDIAN SKELETONS FROM THE MUSEUM BURIALS AT MOUNDVILLE. PART II, POSSIBLE EVIDENCE OF SCALPING AT MOUNDVILLE; by C. E. Snow. 57 pp., illus. Price \$1.00.
- 16 CONDYLE-DIAPHYSICAL ANGLES OF INDIAN HUMERI FROM NORTH ALABAMA; by C. E. Snow. 38 pp., illus. 1940. Price \$1.00.
- 17 THE BESSEMER SITE; by D. L. DeJarnette & S. B. Wimberly. 122 pp., illus. 1941. Price \$2.00.
- 19 MCQUORQUODALE MOUND, A MANIFESTATION OF THE HOPEWELLIAN PHASE IN SOUTH ALABAMA; by S. B. Wimberly & H. A. Tourtelot. 42 pp., illus. 1941-1943. Price \$1.00.

- 20 MOUND STATE MONUMENT. 19 pp., illus. 1967. Price 35¢.
- 21 TWO PREHISTORIC INDIAN DWARF SKELETONS FROM MOUNDVILLE; by C. E. Snow. 90 pp., 2 plates, 1946. Price \$1.20.
- 23 THE FLINT RIVER SITE, Ma 48; by William S. Webb & D. L. DeJarnette. 44 pp., 2 plates, 1946. Price \$1.20.
- 24 THE WHITESBURG BRIDGE SITE, Mavlo; by William S. Webb & D. L. DeJarnette. 44 pp., illus. 1948. Price \$1.00.
- 25 THE PERRY SITE, Luo 25; by William S. Webb & D. L. DeJarnette. 69 pp., illus. 1948. Price \$1.20.
- 26 LITTLE BEAR CREEK SITE, Ct 08; by William S. Webb & D. L. DeJarnette. 64 pp., illus. 1948. Price \$1.00.
- 32 GUNTERSVILLE BASIN POTTERY; by Marion D. Hemilich. 69 pp., illus. 1952. Price \$1.00.
- 36 ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATIONS IN MOBILE COUNTY AND CLARKE COUNTY, SOUTHERN ALABAMA; by Steve B. Wimberly. 262 pp., 7 plates, 1960. Price \$4.00.

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the first Wednesday of each month in Room 213, Reid Chapel, Samford University. At the February meeting, Read Stowe, Tuscaloosa Chapter, spoke on "Archaeological Field Methods".

THE PASTFINDERS, Birmingham Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary, at their January meeting, enjoyed slides and a stimulating lecture by State President Dave Chase on "The Amateur Role in Modern Archaeology". The February meeting featured Mrs. Roger Nance, showing slides and discussing a 3 month's honeymoon excavation in shelter near Monterey, Mex.

Choctawhatchee Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at Houston Memorial Library, Dothan. At the February meeting, Chester Clardy of Kolomoki Chapter, Blakely, Ga., spoke on his Mexican trips and accomplishments of his Georgia Chapter. Professor David Phelps of Florida State University will address the March meeting on "Indians Around Florida and South Alabama".

Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at City Hall Auditorium, Cullman. Joe Watkins, Birmingham Chapter, spoke to 70 members and guests at the January meeting on "Yucatan Maya Indian Culture", showing excellent slides of Maya Indian ruins. At the February meeting, Spencer Waters, Decatur Chapter, will discuss "Petroglyphs", displaying unusual artifacts and discussing cave drawings and pictographs. A field trip led by Don Wilbanks to Winston County is planned. Chapter members Eulis King, Don Wilbanks and Dale White are continuing giving programs in 3 Cullman County Schools, discussing archaeology to over 300 students in January.

East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM in Comer Hall Auditorium, Auburn University. State President Dave Chase spoke to some 50 members and guests at the February meeting on "Location of Prehistoric Settlements". The March meeting will hear a lecture by Chapter member Dr. Albert C. Trowse Jr., illustrated by slides, on "Ruins of Maya Ceremonial Complexes of Guatemala".

Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Long Building in Guntersville. At the February meeting, Chapter Member Claude Thornhill spoke on "Famous Indians of the Historical Era", elaborating on some 10 who at one time lived within a 50 mile radius of the Pisgah - Jackson County area.

Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM at the Phoenix Re-

stored Fire Station, Mobile. At the February meeting, Chapter member Fred Ingate gave an oral review of articles in AMERICAN ANTIQUITY and ARCHAEOLOGY, including use of aerial cameras from control cable supported balloon over coastal waters of Greece. Chapter member Van Mizzell also gave a short outline of his recent research on location of the Mauvilla site. The March meeting will be held at the Church Street entrance of Mobile City Hall to attempt to identify Indian artifacts that have been in possession of the City of Mobile for a number of decades.

Montgomery Chapter meets on the first Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the February meeting, a film strip was shown covering the excavation and restoration of the ancient city of Dura which existed 245 AD. The speaker for the March meeting will be Dr. Morgan Smith, Maxwell AFB Department of Anthropology.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at Decatur City Hall. At the February meeting, Chapter member Bob Tucker's fine "Introduction to Archaeology" gave old and new members a comprehensive outline of the science of archaeology. The March meeting will be addressed by Chapter member John Gustafson on "Dating Methods". An all day field trip for chapter members is to be planned at the March meeting.

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3, Florence State College. State President Dave Chase spoke to the January meeting on "The Amateur Role in Modern Archaeology", discussing amateur contributions such as how to record a site, regional surveys, cataloging of surface collections, photography, mapping and map reading, ethical problems such as pothunting, buying, selling and trading artifacts, also discussing State antiquities laws.

Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. The February meeting comprised a thorough discussion of the Chapter's participation in the Coosa Time Tunnel again this year, also special exhibits at the Gadsden Museum. State President Dave Chase will give the program at the March meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING FEBRUARY: (We are overwhelmed, but WELCOME to all 40 of you!)

Nancy Antoine, Dorm. 3, Room 104, Auburn University, Auburn, Ala. 36830
Kevin Austin, 132 Garfield Ave., Florence, Ala. 35632
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Gary Borland, Route 4 Box 79, Guntersville, Ala. 35976
Richard A. Box, Route 1 Box 495, Anniston, Ala. 36201
Michael E. Buffington, 521 Meadowlark Trail, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37412
Dr. Liz Cahoon, Route 1 Box 325, Auburn, Ala. 36830
Dr. & Mrs. Franklin M. Conary, P O Box 83, Anniston, Ala. 36201 (Family)
Anne H. Cox, P O Box 36, Dadeville, Ala. 35853
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BAD ADDRESSES: (If anyone knows a new address for these folks, please write us!)

Clarence R. Heath, formerly P O Box 469, Rt. 1, Jacksonville Mobile Home Court,
 Richard D. Radford, 602 Laurel Hill Rd., Chapel Hill, N.C. 27514 (Jacksonville, Ala.)

YOUR 1968 DUES: Please be reminded that unless these are paid before March 31, you will become delinquent. So if you have neglected this important matter, use the inside back cover of this or a previous issue to mail your 1968 dues to our State Secretary, Rodger L. Schaefer, 1414 - 15th Ave. SE, Decatur, Ala. 35601. - TODAY!

NEED MATERIAL FOR CHAPTER PROGRAMS? We are indebted to Al Beinlich, Muscle Shoals Chapter, for furnishing the following sources of films on archaeology and other related subjects which make interesting chapter programs. You may write them for lists of available films which are either supplied at no cost or for a reasonable charge:

University of Texas, Visual Instruction Bureau, Drawer W, University Station, Austin, Texas 78712
 New Mexico State Highway Department, P O Box 1149, Santa Fe, N.M. 87501
 University of Missouri, Extension Division, Communications Department, 119 Whitten Hall, Columbia, Mo. 65201
 Pennsylvania State University, Audio-Visual Services, University Park, Pa. 16802
 University of Nebraska, Bureau of Audio-Visual Instruction, Lincoln, Nebr. 68508

Dave DeJarnette writes: "I definitely feel we should compile a list of 'important' sites for the attention of the National Park Service. This would be an ideal project for the Society along with the evaluation and mapping of such sites. This may be a big step toward the long needed (and long lacking) protection and preservation of significant sites in Alabama." We mentioned in our February issue, page 4, that Congress had directed the National Park Service to inventory and prepare a register of the significant archaeological sites in the U.S., and that the Tennessee Society would cooperate. We hope our Directors can come up with some plans to implement our own participation. This is the first time we have heard about such broad congressional interest, which if successful could lead to other things. After complaining all these years about the lack of "official" interest in archaeology, we ought to take full advantage of this opportunity!

AID-TO-THE-EDITORS-SECTION: - which we appreciate, and encourage, and hope will in time enable us to "know everything". Leon J. Salter, N.Y., sends us a clipping from ARCHAEOLOGY in which "the mysterious pebble tools in Alabama" are mentioned by Frank Manley - who also provided our December JOURNAL with a most pertinent discussion of projectile point typology problems. Leon also sent a clipping from NATURAL HISTORY with a criticism of the proposition that man played a significant role in the extinc-

tion of the large Pleistocene mammals, by Dr. L. S. B. Leakey, and a rebuttal by Dr. Paul S. Martin. Ever since the thousands of fluted points in Alabama became apparent, suggesting a far greater Late Pleistocene population than formerly supposed, the possibility of man "eating all the elephants" or at least tipping the scales has aroused our interest.***Miss Alice De Lamar, Florida, sent a clipping from SCIENCE NEWS saying that further excavations at the famous Choukoutien site are again finding fossil remains of "Peking Man" (*Sinanthropus pekinensis*). When the Japanese invaded China in 1937, all of the recovered skeletal material disappeared without a trace. Miss De Lamar also sent a clipping from NATURAL HISTORY on "Chipping Stones" by modern Australians, which contains some ethnological tips of interest to archaeologists. We wished the author, Richard A. Gould, had been more of a lithic technologist and photographer. Nor have we found that teeth must be worn "flat" in order to resharpen lithic tools, nor that "civilized" jaw muscles lack requisite strength. Our own experiments find the "canine dental punch" quite effective.***William Samuel, Mountain Brook, Ala., wrote that we would be interested in SCIENCE, January 26, 1968. We have not seen it yet but Leon Salter, above, did send a clipping from July 28, 1967, SCIENCE. It seems that in Northwestern Spain "A remarkable variety of tool-making techniques and types of tools were found" in apparently undisturbed association - including choppers and chopping-tools, trihedral picks, so-called Camposanquian picks, Clactonian flakes and notches, proto-bifaces, evolved bifaces and denticulates. These are supposed to extend over an archaeological developmental period of many thousands of years - not to be on a single level! But their headache won't get really bad until they hear that we are finding equivalents of most of these lithic tools, considered "Old World" varieties, in Alabama, U.S.A., "New" World! We'll guarantee to duplicate the 4 pebble tools illustrated.***G. C. Watson, Archaeological Department, Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, Regina, very helpfully writes: "Regarding your query in STONES & BONES Newsletter - a 'Buffalo Rubbing Stone' is a name locally applied to large glacial erratics that have been polished by being for centuries used as rubbing posts by buffalo (bison) to remove loose hair." In addition to supplying information asked for in our February issue, page 3, Mr. Watson very gratifyingly states: "I enjoy and look forward to your fine publication".***Kenneth M. Brown, who, as he says: "Once wrote you an irate letter about the pebble tool scare", recommends to us very highly PHOTOGRAPHY FOR SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATION, Alfred A. Blaker, W. H. Freeman & Co., 660 Market St., San Francisco, Calif. 94104. Equipment, films, exposures, quality backgrounds, lighting, magnification, filters, special problems - "this short, concise, and well-illustrated book contains specific answers to many of the problems involved in illustrating archaeological specimens". We could use that - and we hope something is said about PUBLISHING good photographs more or less "as is"! Kenneth, while taking "Army leave" from the University of Texas, got a chance to "get in some work at the Frazier Site with Dr. Wormington"!!!

WE REGRET the passing of Mrs. E. Alexander Lively, mother of our Matthew Lively. She had not been well for some time, but pursued her avid reading until recently, and wrote us a note with her Christmas card from Wee Haven, Sardis, Ga., where she enjoyed retirement in "God's country". An intelligent person, she had worked for an importer of Chinese art objects and collected many Oriental treasures. Her daughter Emily had lived nearby for several years past, to the joy of Mrs. Lively. Mothers often wonder at the strange hobbies of their sons, so we made sure that Mrs. Lively kept abreast of Matt's fame for the discovery of what Dr. Alex D. Krieger named the "Lively Complex". And we sent newspaper clippings and Newsletters regularly, including the news of her promising grandson, Noel Read Stowe. When we sent our first batch of fame, Matt remarked: "She'll call up everybody" - she was justly proud of her son. After 80 years of a good and interesting life, fine and attentive children, and an active mind up to the last in her tasteful home amid her art treasures - well, we think that is one of the better "success stories". But we always feel that there is a certain "salt of the earth" in this older generation which leaves the world poorer with their passing.

Mrs. Nicholas H. Holmes Jr., we note with a greay deal of pleasure in SOUTHERN LIVING, January 1968, has been voted "First Lady" of Mobile! This was for her leadership "in establishing an ordinance to preserve historic buildings" - which has sparked similar efforts in other cities. Representatives of 150 civic, educational and business organizations selected Mrs. Holmes. We didn't know - or we'd have voted for her too!

PRE-FLINT CHIPPING MAN IN EUROPE?!!! Rumania reports a site with bones of "more than 20 Villafranchian (pre-glacial) mammals", most of the long bones broken, presumably for marrow. "In addition to these traces of intentional action, there were bone tools resembling those from South African caves inhabited by Australopithecus...as well as unworked stones which had been brought from a distance of some kilometers to be used for cracking bones...The rudimentary tools and stones...argue for a conscious industry, A PRECURSOR TO THE FASHIONING OF TOOLS IN WORKED STONE, and for that reason have been dated to a PRE-PALEOLITHIC PERIOD" (our italics). (Shall we "count 10" before deciding finally that we have found man's birthplace in Africa?) And in Germany "Special emphasis is being laid on the rich finds of quartzite and Kiesel-schiefer tools and the problem of 'pebble-tool' groups". Only yesterday, it seems, we were reading that there were no pebble tools in Europe - that the Paleolithic began with the Abbevillian hand axe! NEW discoveries, ALL OVER THE WORLD (including Alabama!), should remind us that archaeology has hardly begun, and perhaps the most exciting discoveries REMAIN TO BE MADE. (For further details on the Rumanian discovery, see COWA, Balkans issue, Area 6, No. III, 232 Bay State Road, Boston, Mass. 02215, \$10.00 annually.)

OUR EDITORIAL POLICY ON GRAMMAR? - we were asked. Ha! Our firm policy is not to have one (a policy, that is). We have our good readers at heart - not the silly business of dodging split infinitives and dangling participles and remote syntax. Oh, like old Sam Clemens, we don't mind throwing in "a touch of good grammar for picturesqueness" now and then. But we also agree with Sam about that "foolishly correct" stuff in a high stiff collar that "flaunts itself in the reader's face, struts and smirks and shows off". We never knew anybody addicted to reading books on grammar, or that liked the stuff or even understood it! It's OK to clutter a dead language with excessive grammarosity - it is dead anyway, so you can't make it any worse by having some 60 "correct" forms of possum, potes, potest, possumus, potestis, possunt, etc. Our learned linguist friend assures us that we can't know what a given word CONNOTED at any given time in those dead languages. And what a word DENOTES (grammatically) is meaningless - in a living language. A "square" is NOT a rectangular person. A poor fellow who has to teach grammar will, when mellowed by a few beers, wonder why he "can't write - I know all the rules!" Clemenses' books on our shelves are still "read to rags", as he would say. Our professor friend would say something "correct" and a little flaunty like such as "perennially reperused". See what we mean? Language is to be used. We are lost when it uses us. EFFECTIVE is the only qualification (we shun "adjective") worth applying to writing. The late eloquent Churchill, who swayed the world and won the war with oratory, was well hep to the arbitrary, inflexible, dictatorial, handcuff effect of grammar. When an editor with grammaritis red-penciled a preposition, which the mighty Churchill had deposited with effective terminal finality at the END of a sentence, the eloquent old warrior roared: "Such arrant pedantry I cannot up with put!" We do not feel that we can improve upon Churchill. To borrow the only phrase we can think of which EFFECTIVELY expresses our stand on this crucial matter, to us grammar is "a mere gizzard of a trifle". Webster, we may add, agrees with us, defining "rhetoric" as "the art of expressive speech" - which sure makes a gizzard out of grammar.

"HOW TO VISIT A SITE", Arkansas Newsletter, included the whimsical advice: "Do not find artifacts in back-dirt piles...It is very embarrassing!"

AMEN! The "Gary Stemmed" point "is subdivided into 9 varieties" in a Texas Salvage Project publication. (Come on over and work on our "Flint Creek" - for a starter.)

EDUCATIONAL PAGE

"WHO REALLY SETTLED CULLMAN?...It has been said that John G. Cullmann was the founder of Cullman in 1873...It is the years before Mr. Cullmann, or any other known white man set foot in Cullman County that I am interested in learning more about...The Cullman County Chapter and others interested in archaeology are constantly working trying to find these answers." (We borrow this from an interesting article in the CULLMAN TIMES, January 14, 1968, by Donald M. Wilbanks, as a prelude to his Educational Page concerning one of the most important archaeological opportunities - an advantage we did not have, but can now confer.)

WHAT PART SHOULD YOUNG PEOPLE PLAY IN AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGY?

Being the first vice-president of the Cullman County Chapter, one of the newest chapters of the State Society, it has been brought to my attention that there is a need for younger and better educated participants in the field of amateur archaeology. Each of us will need someone to carry on the work we are now doing. I am concerned about the continued interest in amateur archaeology in this age of space exploration and modernization if we do not encourage young people to learn more about this marvelous study. So many great people have dedicated their lives to archaeology, it would be unfortunate indeed for their efforts in this field to be futile.

We should remember that the young people have more time to devote to amateur archaeology than do many of us. There is time after school and on Saturday when, with proper encouragement, the young people could collect material which could be studied to gather more information about our sites. This could easily make amateur archaeology a family project.

Young people, like every other beginner in amateur archaeology, must be taught the importance of the material they find, how to catalog it, keeping each site separate, and they should be discouraged from haphazard digging. If we, as members of the State Society, do not encourage our own children and other young people, there will be no need to work toward salvaging information from the past. We have an obligation not only to learn about the past, but also to encourage the adults of tomorrow to do the same. Is it not our aim to preserve this information for future generations? To what possible purpose would this important information be used if there should be only a small number of people to appreciate it?

There are many members in our society who have shown that they realize the necessity of helping our younger members to participate. Each one of us should follow their fine example.

We must never let the great work in amateur archaeology falter because we have failed to prepare the younger generation to share our love for delving into the past history of mankind.

Donald M. Wilbanks, Cullman County Chapter

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