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DR. WORMINGTON CONFIRMS IMPORTANCE OF OUR FUND DRIVE

"I am enclosing a contribution for the third fund drive for excavation of the Stanfield-Worley shelter. With it go my best wishes for a most successful season. This is a tremendously important project and I look forward with the keenest anticipation to seeing the report on the work already completed."

Sincerely yours,

H. M. Wormington, Curator of Archaeology
Denver Museum of Natural History
Denver 6, Colorado

Dr. Wormington is of course the noted author of *ANCIENT MAN IN NORTH AMERICA*, now in its 4th edition, the classic which all should have (\$5.25 cloth cover, \$3.65 paper). And again she donates to our Stanfield-Worley dig (Newsletter March 1961) - a really priceless confirmation. We ARE doing something "TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT". We can donate in full confidence that our work is of tremendous worth to the world - and worth our best effort. We are sure we can express the heartfelt thanks of everyone, everywhere, who is interested in the future and fate of archaeology, to the great Dr. H. M. Wormington for her encouraging "vote of confidence".

DR. WORMINGTON ALSO LOOKS AT OUR "SANDIA" TYPES

"The specimens are most interesting. Although they do bear a superficial resemblance to Sandia, I should be reluctant to classify them as such. 168/326 and 126/10058 have a somewhat greater curvature of the unshouldered edge than is normally characteristic and 7/721 would seem to me to be an Archaic point that has lost the barb on one side through breakage and then been rechipped. This, of course, does not mean that the first two points may not be related to the Sandia type but recently I have seen a good many asymmetrically shouldered points that cannot be of any great age and I feel that one must be very cautious in attempting comparisons when one is dealing with surface finds. These certainly do not look like the Archaic points that I am familiar with and it is entirely probable that they belong to the Paleo-Indian tradition, but using the name Sandia (a type about which we know discouragingly little) seems unwise."



126/10058

Dr. Wormington's report on these single-shouldered local points, suggesting they could possibly be Paleo-Indian, is of great interest. It is an alert which we should follow up, sending all single-shouldered points to Dave for photographing and reporting to see if they run consistently to type. And we must note carefully if any of them seem to be eroding from below Archaic material. The point illustrated is of an indeterminate silicious material, a dirty grey color (apparently patination), has a rough-hewn look and no fine secondary chipping. Unless held at an

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angle to the light, many of the chip scars are not readily visible. Central ridge fairly prominent, thickest part 478 thousandths of an inch, average about 435. (See these three points in the Holland Collection, Birmingham Museum of Art.)

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1963 DONORS: Albert Fisher, M.D.; L. H. Hull; Mrs. Robert R. Reid, Jr.; Mrs. G. Donnell Axford; Dan Josselyn.

Charles H. Worley donated to his own famous dig before the echoes of the opening salvo of our drive had ceased to reverberate last month. Verne H. Reckmeyer was a close second (we list donors by postmark), one of our steady old donors and a new Trustee of our Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc., which has the chore of handling our fund money. Mr. & Mrs. B. Bart Henson join us as most welcome new donors. Orville H. Peets, well known for his experiments with the atlatl and our only Delaware donor, is with us again this year. CATHEDRAL CAVERNS, INC., Helen Gurley, President (we don't know Jay's title in the concern), joins us again and sends magnificent color photos of the "World's Greatest Caverns", Grant, Ala., - they continue to open new wonders for the public! Lawrence D. Maples, Jr., is "back for more" again this year. Miss Evelyn Ware is now in her junior or third year with us (note: we never "graduate" donors!). And here is Mrs. Robert Wickham, donating to her dad's dig again, and good news about that nice family - C. H. Worley is a great-granddaddy again! Nollon Boone wins the special mention of being our first to promise volunteer services at the dig this year, along with his generosity - a most welcome new "double donor". Our Jack Cambron, always a devoted worker, and now our President in addition to his typological work, publications, etc., etc., becomes our first solicitor this year, sending in two fine checks: THE DECATUR DAILY, B. C. Shelton, Publisher (who also has given us wonderful publicity); and the FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS, Decatur, Paul Hutto, Public Relations - our gratitude for this continued support from these alert and progressive members of our business community, and may you have many imitators! Dan Josselyn again meets his promise of every-month-until-financed - yes, you may "buy on time".

AIR MAIL: Dr. H. M. Wormington, whose donation we were proud to boast (in fact, about to bust!) on the first page, wrote air mail. She had been detained at the new work at the famous Tule Springs Site, 15 miles northwest of Las Vegas, Nevada. Dr. Richard Shutler, Jr., Curator of Anthropology, Nevada State Museum, is heading a 25-man renewed attack on this strategic site buried under as much as 50 feet of overburden. Giant earthmovers proceed to make 6-inch cuts, removing 30-ton loads - but this "big digging" terminates at the bottom, where trowels, dental tools and paint brushes take over. It is good to know that this important and somewhat controversial site had the benefit of Dr. Wormington's presence.

Donations now from Alabama, Colorado, Delaware, South Carolina (in the past also from Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Ohio, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and even Germany!). We invite other areas to share in this opportunity which is so unique (the word derives from "one horse"), and as far as we know this is the one annual fund drive to finance professional archaeology, amateur assisted - an enthusiastic, economical combination you can't beat!

No one has found complete remains
Of what is known as Dalton Man;
We would like to be the first
Right here in Alabam'!

The personnel is organized,
The plan of operation made;
All we need to start the dig
Is YOUR financial aid.

C. H. Worley

HERE & THERE IN ARCHAEOLOGY

We had to frame a color snap from one of our Christmas cards, signed "Madeline & Tom" - Lewis, of course. They are surely one handsome young couple, and judging by their grins we could wish it might happen to all of our good friends. They claim they are not doing any archaeology, but you know how secretive archaeologists are - we suspect they have found that long-sought spring which early explorers knew was in Florida.

Thomas F. Kehoe, Provincial Archaeologist, Wascana Park, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, writes that they are "exploring the possibility of organizing a province-wide archaeological society" and wants to know about our Alabama set-up. In turn, we can recommend HUNTERS OF THE BURIED YEARS by Alice B. Kehoe, "The first reliable guide to the prehistory of the prairie provinces" of Canada, popular among amateurs up there. Canadian and U.S. archaeology do not stop at national borders. (School Aids & Text Book Publishing Co. Ltd., 1935 Albert St., Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, \$2.00 postpaid, tax and duty free.) And answering Dr. Kehoe's letter to our Associate Editors, we are happy to add the Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History to our exchange list.

Ed Mahan, Program Chairman, Marshall County Chapter, is really on the job, getting out "attendance cards" to get YOU to meetings. We can't have programs without people - we dare not invite outside speakers to speak to empty chairs! And without programs, we can't have Chapters. Without Chapters, we can't have a State Society. So YOU are your Society - and so are WE. So let's all turn out, in all ten Chapters, and have pleasant, educational, stimulating get-togethers. And thanks, Ed - sure wish we could run up there. In fact, wouldn't it be nice to be able to make ALL the Chapter meetings!

"OUR LITTLEST DONOR" was the title of a very dear item in The Lively Tower, University Museum publication, University of Arkansas. A very little girl with blue eyes and golden curls, visiting the museum, startled Jerry Brown, the Receptionist, by asking in "a quiet little voice, 'Do you need some fossils?'" Jerry, herself obviously very nice, went through all the formalities, consulting the Preparator, filling out Donor Forms. Hester Davis (one of our donors) appeared to thank her. "Concluding with the announcement that she was four years old....the little girl left with her copy of the Donor Form clutched firmly in her hand and a proud smile lighting her face. We too felt proud, and honored."

Dallas Bordeaux, a Sioux chief residing in Pueblo, Colorado, quotes his fellow Sioux, James Blackhorse, as saying on the launching of the recent Venus probe: "It is good that the palefaces are moving to Venus, but....I pity the poor Indians up there." (Southwestern Lore, December, 1962)

NEANDERTHAL'S LAST STAND, we might title this. The *Ovibos moschatus* (muskox) herd, when attacked, forms a defensive circle and defies the enemy to the death. And the muskox can paw away snow and eat almost anything. Such won't-run and deep-freeze meat was a favorite of Neanderthal in Ice Age Europe. If man came to America during an Ice Age, it could have been by virtue of the handy muskox. This amazingly hardy member of the Family Bovidae has now taken his last stand in bleak Northern Canada and almost ice-covered Greenland (how did he get there?), and will vanish unless afforded greater protection. We do hear that a baby gorilla was successfully born in a British zoo - zoology of the future might be zoo-ology.

Margaret Perryman, busy Atlanta member, is involved in so many things that spouse Francis C. Smith apparently isn't taking any chances and insists that she use her maiden name. Her latest is a really exceptional photograph of the High Falls, Tolwaliga River Monroe County, Georgia, on the cover of the Southern Power and Industry magazine. And more power to Margaret - life is such a wonderful experience that we are very much in favor of living it with all our might.

Nothing new under the sun - or ground? Archaeologists, excavating ancient antique shops in Egypt, find that antiquities were even then being faked. (Southwestern Lore.)

Man bites dog, at long last. After all the hundreds of books mooing about Mu, Atlantis et al, you wouldn't think there was anything more to say (or imagine). But we understand that "Lost Continents", by professional archaeologist Robert Wauchope, has some real meat in it. If you are interested in these matters, better tell your book store to stock a good supply.

National Geographic, 75th Anniversary Issue, January 1963, could have as well been called the National Archaeologist. Of the many archaeological mentions, most exclamatory is the Leakey's find at Olduvai Gorge of stone tools at an even lower, hence presumably older, level than where the bones of a child were recovered and dated at 2,300,000 years. Only yesterday man was a brief, sudden creature of the past 500,000 years

or so! How do our theories always get so far ahead of our facts? And we loved the sentence: "New knowledge - the most frustrating, rewarding, and enviable of pursuits." Admittedly, it reminded us that we amateurs in Alabama are ourselves adding new knowledge at the Stanfield-Worley, and clearing up some other important preconceptions. As others have remarked, man is in a race between self-understanding and self-destruction. While man has his faults, he also has wonderful possibilities, and we should prefer to see his self-understanding win. (Thanks to Elizabeth Cline.)

John R. Humbard, P.O.Box 37, Balboa, Canal Zone - did you note this new "international" member last month? Well, that used to be little Dickie Humbard who we used to see around the Birmingham Anthropological Society. Know what? He is doing skin-diving off-shore archaeology now! Early Spanish material. His wife says he's about to run them out of the house with old bottles. Yep, this is our old man Dick Humbard's boy, who has just made Dick a granddaddy. Cigars?

SEMI-PROS? If you notice Joe Watkins and Elberta Reid, President and Corresponding Secretary of the Birmingham Chapter, trying not to carry their noses just a wee bit elevated, try to take into consideration the fact that they are studying anthropology at the University Center! Bravo! And this is just one of several very promising signs we see in this Birmingham Chapter - it may be old, but not decrepit. (But that amateur standing?)

BEEF - without cattle. We are not getting any "personals" from our far-flung chapters. Hows about slipping us a spot of news (or gossip) about your friends (or enemies)? People are people everywhere, and nice, and things happen to them - and we gotta make friends in print until we can all afford jet propulsion (waiting for wings is risky).

U.S. AND WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY NOTES, HAPPENINGS AND ABSTRACTS

OUR BOW TO COLORADO: Dr. Omar C. Stewart was the only anthropologist or archaeologist on the staff at the University of Colorado in the spring of 1946, with only 20 students enrolled. In the fall of 1962, seven other professors had been added, student enrollment 965. We bow, we scrape, we admire and we congratulate. Man can split the atom and sail the very heavens - he has developed a science which could give him most of the answers - but he seems more likely to use it to destroy himself - all for lack of studying and understanding HIMSELF. If every institution of claimed "higher education" had 965 anthropology students, the future would look a lot brighter for the human (so-boasted) species.

SOUTHWESTERN LORE, the quarterly publication of the Colorado Archaeological Society (University of Colorado, Boulder, \$2.50 annual subscription), furnished the above information. And we fairly drooled with envy to note that the University offers information, advice and trained supervision for amateur excavation - with the "urgent request to make use of this latter service in order to avoid site destruction". Amen! Of course the University of Alabama has joined cooperatively with "us amateurs" since we took on projects of worth. And Dave DeJarnette has proved to be a real whiz and a heck of a nice guy. But he does about four jobs, and had the sad handicap of not being born quadruplets. We don't expect to catch up with Colorado right away, but all concerned should be figuring on how to get Dave an assistant so more time could be spared for making use of our increasingly large pool of amateur volunteer labor. (By gosh, at least we have a LARGER Society membership than Colorado!)

Once again, we take the liberty of quoting some pungent and interesting items from "THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Denton, Texas, in the February 1963 issue:

"NEWSLETTER of the Archaeological Survey Assn. of Southern California, V.9:3. Winter 1962. We have just added this newsletter to our file of newsletters. We were amused to note that there is one newsletter which has more typographical and spelling errors than ours. We also noted with interest that another "miner" has been added to those who regularly mine the INTERAMERICAN for news notes. (STONES & BONES Editor's Note: Thank goodness, Dr. Compton mines us occasionally.) The publication under discussion we found very interesting and informative."

"THE TUNDRA TIMES: The first Indian-Eskimo newspaper in history published its first issue on October 1, 1962 in Fairbanks, Alaska. It will bring the Alaskan native

voice to the public twice a month. It will present issues that directly concern the Arctic Eskimos, interior Athabascans, Aleuts of the Aleutians and other Indians of Alaska. The Editor is Howard Rock; Guy Okakok, Martha Teeluk and Alfred Ketzler are contributing editors. We are intending to subscribe to this unique news organ. We will let you know the subscription price when we find out."

"RITUAL OF A BORORO FUNERAL by Vladimir Kozak. Natural History. V.LXXII:1. January 1963. pp. 38-49. A simple interment ends a full month of highly elaborate ceremony and preparation. The skull is covered with blood which the women drip on it from slashes they make in their arms with pieces of shell. Then it is covered with bright-colored feathers. The interment is, of course, a secondary burial. The Bororo live on the Sao Laurenço River, State of Mato Grosso, Brasil.

DIVINE LEAVES OF THE INCA by David J. Rogers. Same issue of NH. pp. 32-38. The true role of the use of coca among the Andean Indians is still in doubt. This article discusses historical uses as well as modern experiments to ascertain the nature and effects of coca. Apparently it does aid in making adjustments to the climate and altitude of the Andean region. An interesting article."

"INDIAN NAMES: 'Considering that those who recorded Indian names had their own accents and spellings, that they were often careless and sometimes drunk, that the usually recorded a name from memory and without phonetic symbols or phonetic devices, one need not be surprised that....a list of names like the following appears for one group of Indians: Meskwaki; Muskwaky; Musquawki; Musquakie; Miskwukeyuk; Mus-quack-ki-uck; Musquakkink; Musquattaminies; Messenecqz; Meskwakiag; Mechecaukis; Mechuquakis; and many others. But when they first encountered the white man, according to the story, a Frenchman asked them how they were called. The particular Indian addressed belonged to the Fox clan of the Meskwaki and gave the name of the clan, not of the tribe. The Frenchman translated Fox into Reynard and the Indians were known by that name and as the Fox in English. From some kind of confusion Renard also appears as Chien so that the Indians were also called Dogs.' From The Miracle of Language by Charlton Laird. p.99. A Premier Book. 50¢. This book is highly recommended. Informative; readable."

"CONFIDENTIAL: We cannot drop any names but one of the very important people in American anthropology believes that man was in America 75,000-100,000 years ago." (STONES & BONES Editor's Note: Some of us unimportant people do, too.)

"GREAT STONE FACE: A stone head similar to the Malakoff heads found in 1943 in a gravel pit at Malakoff, Texas, has been dredged from the Rio Grande. This was sent to Dr. George Agogino, F.I.I. of Baylor University for an opinion. The geologists at Baylor came up with the startling opinion that the stone had been altered by man (what did they expect, chipmunks?) More usefully, they believe that this alteration was by no means recent. So, another archaeological mystery."

"MORE 'AMATEURS': Polaroid has invented a 60-second color print as you probably know by now. Edwin H. Land, inventor of the "picture in a minute" Polaroid-Land camera and film, left Harvard before getting his bachelor's degree, though he is now a visiting professor at M.I.T. Where he acquired the "Dr" which often preceeds his name we do not know. Howard Rogers, largely responsible for the new color process has little formal technical training; the chief of the black-and-white division is a girl who majored in fine arts at Smith College but managed to work in a course in organic chemistry a few blocks up the street at M.I.T. Our point, of course, is that in anthropology comparable people would be scorned by many Brahmans as "amateurs". Of course most parents and presidents are."

"Tennessee's legislature will not repeal the law prohibiting the teaching of evolution. (Radio). Of course, not. These legislators cannot prove that they evolved."

"ALMOST WHITE" - Reviewing this new book by Dr. Brewton Berry of Ohio State's Department of Sociology and Anthropology, published by the Macmillan Co., New York, Dr. Berry states the Indian is now more numerous than ever, but his identity is becoming obscured in our swelling population. A native of Orangeburg, S.C., Dr. Berry has followed the trail of the Indian aborigines, who numbered some 800,000 (Wonder who counted them? - Ed.) at our nation's founding, through innumerable generations to their present descendants, many of whom are "almost whites".

Known as "mestizos" because of their mixture of white, Indian and, in many instances, Negro blood, the racial and cultural marks borne by this minority group have been increasingly difficult to identify. The mestizos have been forced into remote, self-sufficient communities east of the Mississippi.

They are known among their neighbors by such various labels as "Brass Ankles" in South Carolina, "Jackson Whites" in New York and New Jersey, "Melungeons" in Tennessee and Kentucky, "Guineas" in West Virginia, "Carmelites" in Ohio, "Red Bones" in Louisiana, "Wesorts" in Maryland, "Moors" and "Nanticokes" in Delaware, "Ramps" and "Issues" in Virginia, "Cajuns" in Alabama, and "Lumbees", "Haliwahs", "Smilings" and "Croatan" in North Carolina.

"Officially classified as Indians are many persons whose ancestry is largely that of other races," he said. "Individuals with as little as 1/256th part Indian blood have been included in allotments of tribal lands." (It is statistics like these that make you wonder how early the marriages were occurring, since a 20 year generation would put your Indian ancestor back to the 1700's - Ed.)

"Even so, there is no evidence that the Indians are fewer in number than they were in 1492. This would be true even if we counted as Indians only the full-bloods." The vague definition by the Government Bureau of what is an Indian is not the only reason for doubting predictions that the red man will vanish, according to Dr. Berry.

"Two world wars, compulsory military service, the depression of the 1930's, industrial developments in their areas and construction of highways and other communication means have done much to speed up the process of mixing", he said, "and the isolation that once characterized these groups is breaking down." For the most part, however, restricted as they have been by their own and their neighbors' social and ethnic barriers, mestizos remain on a rather low socio-economic plane.

Dr. Berry has summed up their status in these words: "Poor, isolated and pathetic these 'racial orphans' eke out a precarious existence. Their Indian blood has been diluted with that of the white - and, in many instances, the Negro. They have forgotten their tribal identification. What is worse, they have in most cases lost even their pride in Indian ancestry. But they have not vanished."

Dr. Berry, whose book "Race Relations" is the most widely-used textbook in that field, has been a member of Ohio State's faculty since 1946. He has taught at the University of Missouri, Pennsylvania State University and the University of Rhode Island, where he was head of the Department of Anthropology and Sociology.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the February meeting, Mrs. Elberta Reid was elected as Recording Secretary in accordance with amendment to By-Laws creating two Secretaries, the other being Corresponding Secretary & Treasurer. A highly interesting program on "Communications" illustrated by informative slides, was presented by Britt Thompson. At the March meeting Mr. Magin Fabre, a native of the province of Oriente, Cuba, and who graduated from the University of Oriente and is now a resident of Birmingham, will speak on "Social and Economic Conditions in Cuba".

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 108, Auburn University. At the February meeting, Dr. Franklin McAnn of the English Department, who was formerly a geologist doing work in New Mexico, gave a talk on "Navajo Saddle Blankets". On Sunday, February 10th, the Chapter made a trip to sites about 20 miles from Auburn. At the March meeting, Mrs. Douglas Diamond is to speak.

The Madison-Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas Church in Huntsville. The guest speaker at the February meeting is to be Mr. Huston Wright, a local chapter member, whose subject will be "Florida Archaeology", illustrated with slides and artifacts. Due to increasing attendance at the meetings, name cards will be given everyone in order that all may become better acquainted. Also, a door prize made and to be presented by President Cornell, will be given the lucky member or visitor.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant in Guntersville. At the last meeting, Mr. E. C. Mahan gave a report on seven pre-projectile point sites of the Western USA. Color slides were shown that were taken by him in 1956 when he worked at the Lewisville Site. Ten visitors from the Madison-Huntsville Chapter were present. At the next meeting, there will be a program covering the Paleo-Indian Culture, the speaker not yet determined. On January 17th, Chapter member

Gordon E. Sibley discovered a fluted Cumberland point in Marshall County.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the last meeting, Program Chairman Jack Friend conducted a discussion on the importance of Archaeology. At the next meeting, he will give the previously scheduled talk on his visit to archaeological sites such as Machu Picchu and Tikal, ancient Sun Kingdom cities of the Americas, supported with slides and recorded Indian music, also examples of Pre-Columbian art.

The Montgomery Chapter submitted no report for this month.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the Electric Auditorium. No report received.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. At the last meeting, Mr. A. W. Beinlich Jr. gave a most interesting talk on "Projectile Point Terminology and Types". All members were urged and requested to spend at least three weekends working at this summer's dig at the Stanfield-Worley Cliff Shelter. (Note this well - you other chapters - Ed.)

The Nockalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House. At the February meeting, with 24 members present, President Brannon announced the visit of Dr. Dockstader to Birmingham. There was a general discussion of sites and artifacts by those present, with Dr. E. M. Lindsey passing around his latest finds. A field trip was planned for Chapter members on a Saturday as soon as the weather permits.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Room 100, Comer Hall, University of Alabama. At the last meeting, Joe Benthall spoke on Williamsburg and other historic sites in Virginia. At the next meeting, Prof. DeJarnette will speak on a cave he explored in Yucatan last year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR FEBRUARY: The heartiest of welcomes to each person on this fine list!

Victor Adams, 46 Constance Road, Birmingham 5, ENGLAND
Milton Arthur, 207 Miller St. (P. O. Box 451), Albertville, Ala.
Mr. & Mrs. Monette L. Butler, 520 Windsor St., Florence, Ala.
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Dr. Frank Soday, c/o Skelly Oil Co., Skelly Bldg. (P.O.Box 1650, Tulsa 2, Okla.

William S. Steele, Plantation Manor, McCalla Ave., Bessemer, Ala. (Temporary Addr.)

Alvin V. Walls, Apt. 26, 2100 - 11th Ave. So., Birmingham 5, Ala.

(For the first time in many months, we received this month more direct notices of changes of address than returned Newsletters! Our thanks to those responsible!)

BIG DEAL FOR STATE SOCIETY: Following considerable negotiations, your Associate Editors have finally been successful in having the Society declared a non-profit organization for Newsletter mailing purposes, and you will note the greatly lowered (\$-wise) stamp on this issue. The mailing process is a bit more complicated from a labor angle, but from the Society's standpoint, we are most proud of this accomplishment. HOWEVER, it will still cost your State Society the sum of EIGHT CENTS when a Newsletter cannot be delivered at the address to which it is mailed, so PLEASE cooperate with us in our efforts to keep publication and distribution costs to a minimum, by notifying us promptly when your address changes.

1963 DUES: State Secretary Rodger Schaefer very dolefully reports that as of February 15th, a total of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY THREE of our 402 State Members had not paid their dues for this year. If YOU happen to be one of those 233 who have overlooked taking care of this obligation, PLEASE let this appeal urge you to immediate action, so that your State Society will be in a better position to know where it stands financially. Our Constitution states: "Dues shall be considered delinquent after March 31st."

BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ARTS LECTURE: The evening of February 11th, in spite of storm, sleet and icy roads, was a most enjoyable one for those who attended the lecture of Dr. Frederick J. Dockstader. Dr. Dockstader, who is presently the Director of the Museum of the American Indian in New York City, gave an extremely fascinating talk on the mores and pottery of the Southeast. He is the Director of the Heye Foundation, and Supervisor of the entire Museum affairs.

The colored slides which he presented, illustrating some of the treasures of our southeastern Indian past, showed motifs of beauty and originality that are, without a doubt, the most impressive we in his audience had ever seen. The decorations, the types and the fantastically patient work that went into some of the items such as the steatite and diorite effigy bowls, reflected much beauty.

As Dr. Dockstader said, "some of the pieces would be art in the truest sense, regardless of the cultural age from which they came". His highlights of background information made the evening a very memorable one.

Prior to the meeting, some of our State members, Professors from Birmingham Southern College, University of Alabama and Howard College, and local businessmen, had dinner with Dr. Dockstader, as guests of Wm. M. Spencer, Chairman of the Museum Board.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR BIT?: Every one of us, in all the Chapters, has available not only our own miscellaneous treasures, but usually through our friends, has access to many fine artifacts. This is just a suggestion that at your next Chapter meeting, you make it a point to discuss ways and means of accumulating some 2x2 colored slides, preferably paid for out of Chapter funds, and preferably made to illustrate some facet of beauty, art and workmanship that could be available in a variety of ways and used to give talks. Almost all of the cities and towns throughout Alabama have various civic clubs, such as the Rotarians, Kiwanis, Lions, DAR, Boy Scouts, Women's Clubs, etc. They are frequently populated with a harried program committee which is constantly on the alert to get someone to fill a program. If each of our Chapters made it known that they had someone or other who could and would be glad to give a 20 or 30 minute talk at noon or in the evening, it would be just one more way of spreading the story of archaeology and what it means, and how it is properly pursued here in our State. One never knows but that through this means you may strike a group of sparks which will add to the donors necessary to finance our research, and what is perhaps more important, we may, in our own small way, educate more and more people into a thorough understanding of

the value of archaeology and the study of man's past.

We repeat, are you doing your bit? Why don't you give this a try?

FLORIDA STATE MEETING: Returning from a south Florida shelling trip, your Associate Editors attended the afternoon session of the Annual Meeting of the Florida Anthropological Society at Tampa on February 16th, and were rewarded by being permitted to listen to some most excellent papers which made us regret we didn't get there earlier. The State President, Cliff E. Mattox, who attended our State Meeting at Auburn last December and is listed as a new member of our State Society this month, was most cordial, and conducted the session in a very capable manner. Most enjoyable of the of the five papers (to us) heard, were (1) a discourse on "Marine Salvage and Underwater Archaeology" by Col. Harry Cannon, a member of a chartered group bringing up treasure from a Spanish fleet sunk off Cape Canaveral in the early 1700s, illustrated by beautiful slides, also actual silver and gold coins, a lovely gold ring set with an uncut diamond, and wedges of silver; and (2) an illustrated talk by our Society's good friend William C. Lazarus on "Current Excavations at Fort Walton Beach" covering digging being done in the City Mound in Fort Walton, where a laboriously recovered "Thing" is being assembled and is now some 90% complete - a four legged pottery object now lacking only a head or something, and which will soon be on display at the Fort Walton museum.

WM. M. "BILL" SPENCER is in St. Vincent's Hospital (Room 210) recovering from an operation for a torn knee cartilage. His enthusiastic work promoting the Museum (and our own Research Association) goes on by phone. May he be up, about, and going his usual fast pace, soon!

WM. S. "BILL" STEELE is now at Plantation Manor, McCalla Ave., Bessemer, Ala., recovering from his recent serious operations. He is in good hands and is improving, and hopes to be back in Birmingham soon, but does not know when. (We need him! - Ed.) A card from any of his many friends would be appreciated, we're sure.

DR. JAMES B. CHRISTENSEN, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Wayne State University, is scheduled to visit Birmingham Southern College as Visiting Lecturer of the American Anthropological Association. He will be there on Thursday and Friday, March 7th & 8th. Those of our members who can attend will be welcomed at 2:00 P.M. Thursday, March 7th, for the Cellar Meeting in Room 213, Phillips Hall, when Dr. Christensen will be showing a film and slides on the Masai Tribe.

ARCHAEOLOGY IS A FUN KIND OF GAME: The cup of your Associate Editors seems ever full with the exciting hobby of archaeology. The "By-Products", often unexpected but always interesting, fill the cup to overflowing. During a visit last summer, the H. J. Hesters of East Point, Ga., expressed an interest in our modest fossil collection - every piece a gift from the generous and education-minded Al Beinlichs. Last Fall, in introducing the study of animals to her 3rd grade students, Mrs. Hester used the theme "We learn about animals of long ago from fossils". To help bring the fossils to life, she introduced (in absentia) her fossil-collecting friends the Milt Harrises. To help bring them to life, she introduced a newspaper article and picture about our State Society's summer dig. That she successfully presented her subject was evident in an art session which followed, for it pictured both a real-life dinosaur and two digging Harrises! "The Diggers" painted by Leon Martin, age 8, of Central Park School in East Point, now occupies a prominent place in the Harris den - a delightful reminder that archaeology is a fun kind of game, in lots of ways! Thank you, Mary, for being the kind of teacher who makes the past real; thank you, Leon, for making the present so very pleasant!

LETTER: James Fuller, of our Montgomery Chapter, writes: "Why not plan at the next State Meeting to have a seminar or symposium on a subject of general interest and one of educational value? While the programs at State Meetings have been excellent and entertaining, they have failed to give us something to take home to serve as a background of knowledge. Possibly we as a New Chapter have missed the presentation of material such as pottery identification and classification, the same for projectile points and tools, an explanation of the system of site labeling for the master map, and other subjects. If a large group was expected, there might be more than one seminar with a choice of subjects." (Editor's note: Here's a thought for next December, or an opportunity for some of our traveling "experts" to really help one of our newest Chapters!)

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A GLOSSARY OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL TERMS

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SPINDLE WHORL - A perforated object of pottery clay or stone, usually shaped like a disk, which is thought to have been used on a spindle shaft to reduce the wobble.

SPOKESHAVE - A chipped stone flake with a deeply concave edge used for shaping wooden shafts.

STAMPING - A kind of pottery decoration in which a carved wooden stamp is pressed repeatedly into the soft clay of a pottery vessel before it has dried.

STEATITE, SOAPSTONE - A soft rock composed mainly of talc, a mineral which has a soapy feeling. Ornaments, pipes and bowls were made from it.

STRATIFICATION - Formation in strata or layers. When village site deposits show more than one stratum formed by successive groups to occupy it, the lowest stratum is the oldest.

STRATIGRAPHY - The arrangement of strata with respect to position in which they were laid down by human occupation or by nature.

SUBSTRUCTURE - A flat-topped mound constructed to support a temple or council house; usually called a temple mound.

TEMPER - A substance such as crushed shell, crushed rock or sherds, sand, etc., which is added to pottery clay to prevent cracking when vessel is fired.

TRAIT (CULTURE TRAIT) - Any object or other evidence that is the result of human behavior or action.

TYPOLGY - A study of arrangement of specimens separated into types.

UNIFACED - Term applied to chipped stone artifacts that have been worked on one face only.

WOODLAND CULTURE - A widespread culture in eastern America which appeared in the Southeast about 2,000 B. C. The presence of pottery differentiates it from the Archaic which preceded it.

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