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LAST REMINDER ABOUT THE ANNUAL WINTER MEETING

If you have not already made plans to attend the Annual Winter Meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society please do so today! On December 7, 1974 many fine speakers will gather at Ferguson Center at the University of Alabama to deliver informative talks about archaeological topics (see the complete program on page 2 of the newsletter).

Display space has been made available for anyone who would like to exhibit archaeological material. In addition, arrangements have been made to display a mobile exhibit which gives detailed information about the lives of prehistoric Alabamians. A guard will be present to ensure the safekeeping of your exhibits.

On Saturday night at 6:30pm, you are cordially invited to attend a Bar-B-Que at Mound State Monument in the Conference Building. Dr. Richard A. Krause, Department of Anthropology, will donate all of his gourmet skill in preparing a feast that will be long remembered (i.e., he will cook the pig!) The Museum will be open from 6:00pm until 6:30pm so that you can view the new exhibits and burial areas before the Bar-B-Que.

The November issue of the newsletter contained a registration form to be used for the meeting. In case you haven't sent yours in yet, please do so as quickly as possible so that proper arrangements can be made for the day's events. Registration is \$2.00, Buffet Luncheon is \$3.50 and the Bar-B-Que and Tour of Mound State Monument is \$3.00. Please mail your checks to Charles E. Adams, P.O. Box 2967, University, Alabama 35486. Checks should be made payable to the University of Alabama as all the arrangements are being handled by Conference Activities at the University.

The Winter Meeting promises to be one of the best yet and we hope that a large percentage of the membership will be able to attend.

(Carey Oakley, Tuscaloosa Chapter)

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!!!

1975 dues were due as of October 1, 1975 and we would like to ask that everyone make a special effort to send in your dues before January 1, 1975.

WINTER MEETING AGENDA

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8:30am	Registration, Lobby, Exhibits and coffee, Room 304		
9:00am	Board of Directors' Meeting, Room 312		
10:00am			
	Charles E. Moore, President, Alabama Archaeological Society		
10:15am	The Law and the Future for Archaeology in Alabama, Mark Raab,		
- 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0,	Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Auburn University		
10:45am	A View From the Top of the World: Alaska Archaeology; Richard A.		
20, 200211	Krause, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama.		
11:15 a m	Chuala - An Alabama Town on White Oak Creek; David Chase,		
, 154111	Auburn University in Montgomery.		
11:45am	Buffet Luncheon - Partyroom		
1:00pm	· ·		
1:30pm	Business Meeting The Tallies Basessein Davis at its Northwest Temposees Alfred Guthe		
1.50pm	The Tellico Reservoir Project in Northeast Tennessee; Alfred Guthe,		
2:30pm	McClung Museum, University of Tennessee.		
2.50pm	Physical Variations Among Prehistoric Populations of the South-		
	eastern United States; Kenneth Turner, Department of Anthro-		
3:00pm	pology, University of Alabama. Break		
3:15pm			
0.15pm	Brief 1974 Archaeological Field Reports: Archaeological Investigations in the Rother L. Harris Reservoir;		
	Bruce D. Bizzoco, Mound State Monument, University of		
	Alabama.		
	Archaeology of the Collier-Boone House; Mack Brooms, Office of		
	Archaeological Research, University of Alabama.		
	Hammermill Paper Company Survey and the Ivey Knoll Project;		
	David Chase, Auburn University at Montgomery.		
	Excavations at TVA's Bellefonte Power Generating Plant Site;		
	Eugene Futato, Office of Archaeological Research, University		
	of Alabama		
	Excavations at TVA's Murphy Hill Power Generating Plant Site;		
	J. B. Graham, Office of Archaeological Research, University		
	of Alabama,		
	Archaeological Investigations at Gainesville; Ned Jenkins, Mound		
	State Monument, University of Alabama.		
	Historic Weeden Site, Twickenham, Alabama; John Martz,		
	Huntsville Chapter, Huntsville, Alabama		
	Archaeological Survey for the Soil Conservation Service; John		
	O'Hear, Mound State Monument, University of Alabama.		
	The Jefferson Dormitory Project; James Parker, Office of Archae-		
	ological Research. University of Alabama.		
	Archaeological Investigation in Baldwin County; Carlos Solis, Mound		
	State Monument, University of Alabama.		
	Recent Excavations at the Early 18th Century Site of Port Dauphin;		
	Read Stowe, Department of Sociology, University of South		
	Alabama.		
5:30pm	Adjournment, tour of Mound State Monument Museum 6:00pm - 6:30pm		

December 1974

6:30pm

Bar-B-Que, Mound State Monument, Conference Building.

FROM KING FEATURES SYNDICATE, INC. IN BOSTON, MASS.

"Question you never asked: Who's giving archaeology a bad name? a renegade archaeologist has teamed up with a gang of international art thieves and is helping them find treasures all over Central America. A number of carefully looted excavations have been found and the experts say the looting has to have been carried out by a well-trained, highly skilled archaeologist."

Another black mark against archaeology is the destruction of many important sites without even a record of their existence being kept nor even an initial survey or recording of the site. Lack of money is usually the excuse for these sites being destroyed, but are not a large percentage of the available funds often used for projects which could wait until another day? In this time of rapid change and inevitable soil disturbance, salvage archaeological investigations cannot wait another day!

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

STUDENTS UNCOVER THE OLDEST SITE IN THE EAST

What began as a practice session in setting up an archaeological dig for students at the University of Pittsburgh turned out to be the real thing when they uncovered what may be the oldest site yet found on the eastern seaboard. So states an article from the November 1974 issue of the Science Digest recently out Archaeologist James Adovasio led his students to a restored group of 19th Century buildings called Meadowcraft Village outside of Pittsburgh intending to teach them the fundamentals of setting up and working an archaeological dig. When they first began excavations last summer the students uncovered bones, seeds, tool fragments and a partially burned bark basket about 4,000 years old. Carbon 14 samples were taken for dating and to the surprise of everyone involved, the dating produced a figure of 14,000 to 15,000 years making the site the the oldest yet encountered east of the Mississippi. The site is protected by an overhanging rock which offers natural shelter and this is the reason that it apparently was so heavily occupied over the years. Because of this protection, the site has remained dry and undisturbed, holding a wealth of primitive artifacts and other abundant evidence of human habitation.

This new information accidentally uncovered indicates that the site was used by Ice Age tribes who, contrary to most theories, had migrated much further east on the North American continent than was previously thought.

(James W. Cambron, Decatur Chapter)

A SPECIAL PLEA

A special request is being made to all the membership to pay their 1975 dues between now and January 1, 1975. We have over 600 dues notices to send out (at 10¢ each) requesting payment and then the same mailings again sending the membership cards to those paying their dues. It would save considerable postage and envelopes (about \$60) if one of these mailings could be eliminated. The secretary would appreciate your cooperation in getting your 1975 dues paid as soon as possible thus saving the society money and the secretary a lot of work.

NEW FRONTIERS

An article with the above title appeared in the August issue of the Journal of the National Rehabilitation Association. The article was a synopsis of a June symposium on the care, treatment and rehabilitation of handicapped people. The unusual thing about this particular symposium was that nine distinguished experts representing medical fields (neurology, radiology and psychiatry) all gave talks on the potential use of parapsychology in the treatment of numerous physical and mental handicaps. This unique event was hosted by the Department of Neuro-Science, University of Florida College of Medicine. Among the speakers was Dr. J. B. Rhine, who is among the most prominent people in the field of parapsychology.

This information is being related, simply to lead up to the point that parapsychology, or the study of the mysterious psychic powers that some individuals seem to possess, is beginning to be taken more and more seriously by prominent people in numerous fields, and apparently anthropologists and archaeologists are among those beginning to weaken in respect to what most serious professionals have thus far been considering "unscientific nonsense."

Margaret Mead has recently been credited in McCall's Magazine as having made some major contributions toward the advancement of parapsychology as a science, and now according to a news item in the September-October issue of Psychic it appears that at least one archaeologist has made some good connections in the mysterious area of the supernatural. Here's the way it goes. A professor of anthropology at the University of Toronto credits four Canadian psychics with leading him to sites where he has uncovered hundreds of thousands of artifacts across Ontario. Professor John Emerson apparently talked at length about this at a recent meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association and said that one of the psychics specializes in locating sites with his psychic power and "almost quivers and comes alive like a bird dog..." when he gets on a site. The professor states that this individual has given him enough information on where to dig and what will be found to keep him busy for the next ten years.

Now quivering on a site like a bird dog probably isn't anything special... perhaps some of us here in Alabama do that. Finding sites is something else again. Wonder if that "bird dog" gives lessons?

Incidentally, for those who may not be familiar with the magazine, Psychic is published by a rather impressive psychic research group. Former Astronaut Edgar Mitchell is a research editor and Dr. Wernher von Braun is a member of the board of directors. Others associated with the magazine are specialists in several fields with impressive credentials. Thus far the main problem with psychic phenomena is the lack of consistency and control which makes research difficult. If this gift could be controlled, then buried sites could be located and inventoried by psychics, and very few of the sites would have to be excavated. More time would be available for the extensive lab work necessary because less time would have to be spent in the field looking for sites. In the meantime, however, good walking boots and sharp eyes remain the best bet for finding sites, and don't expect to find too many psychics in the field this winter.

(William Wesley, Huntsville Chapter)

MEETINGS

Society for American Archaeology will hold its annual meeting a bit closer to Dixie. The 40th Annual Meeting was to have been held in Montreal. Due to soaring hotel prices and the fact that the alternate hotel is being torn down, this meeting will be held in Dallas, Texas on May 8-10, 1975. The deadline for contributed papers and research reports is December 1, 1974. The Program Chairman is S. Alan Skinner, Department of Anthropology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas 75275.

Historical Archaeology. The 8th Annual Meeting of the Society for Historical Archaeology will be held jointly with the 6th International Conference on Underwater Archaeology at the Mills-Hyatt House in Charleston, South Carolina, January 8-11, 1975. The overall theme is "The Spirit of 1975" and the planned program will fill every minute. There will be concurrent paper sessions, tours of archaeological sites, films and guest speakers, a reception at the Charleston Museum, a candlelight tour through some of Charleston's old homes, and an "Eighteenth Century" banquet and entertainment. You should plan to arrive on Tuesday afternoon as Registration commences Tuesday evening with a Happy Time and the showing of a film "Chambers of the Sea" at the Charleston Museum. There may be tours to other archaeological sites scheduled for after the meeting on Sunday and even on Monday. Registration fee will be \$15.00 which includes the "Eighteenth Century" banquet. Students may register free for the Conference but must pay \$5.00 to attend the banquet. Pre-registration would be appreciated before the first of December. Mail pre-registration to the INSTITUTE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Columbia, SC 29208, giving name, address, affiliation and the \$15.00 fee. Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Mills-Hyatt House, P.O. Box 1013, Charleston, SC 29402. A very special rate of \$18.00 per room (double or single) is offered to those attending the conference. Fold-away beds may be placed in rooms at the additional cost of \$5.00 per person. Send your name and address, indicate the date you will arrive and depart and the number and names of additional persons sharing the room. Be sure to mention that you will be attending the Conference of the Society for Historical Archaeology so that you can get the special room rate. Reservations will not be held after 6:00pm unless a deposit is made. Reservations should be made at least 21 days in advance of the opening of the meeting.

The American Ethnological Society will hold its 1975 meeting in association with the Central States Anthropological Society, April 3-5, 1975, at the Detroit Hilton Hotel, Grand Circus Park at Washington Blvd. in Detroit. Helen Codere (Department of Anthropology, Brandeis University, Waltham, Mass. 02154) is serving as chairperson of the AES Symposium, tentatively entitled "Material Culture."

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

CHRISTMAS IS A COMMIN'...

Why not consider one of the Society's publications as a present? Price and ordering instructions are listed on the back cover of your newsletter for easy shopping!

NANTH WAIYA MAGAZINE !!!!!

NANIH WAIYA is the name of the sacred mound of the Choctaw Indians of Mississippi. It is also the name of a quarterly periodical published by a group of Choctaw students who are interested in the preservation of their cultural heritage. An extension of the "Foxfire concept" of learning, the educational project started in the summer of 1973. Since then the Indian magazine, which features tales, legends, personalities, recipes, home remedies, and "how to make" articles, has won national honors from The National Trust for Historic Preservation in the United States and AMERICAN GIRL MAGAZINE.

The Choctaw students record in words and photographs the arts and crafts of their elderly tribesmen, as well as contemporary Indian affairs. The magazine is published by Nanih Waiya Fund, Inc., a non-profit organization seeking the preservation and promotion of Choctaw culture. The Indian periodical may be obtained by sending your complete name and address along with \$6.00 (4 issues) or \$10.00 (8 issues) to NANIH WAIYA MAGAZINE, Route 7, Box 72, Philadelphia, Mississippi 39350

(Richard A. Marshall, Mississippi)

CF SPECIAL INTEREST FROM THE...

Anthropology Newsletter, Vol. 15, No. 9, November 1974. Everyone has negatives or prints they would like to preserve. For just 50¢ you may obtain a copy of "Procedures for Processing and Storing Black and White Photographs for Maximum Permanence" from East Street Gallery, 723 State Street, Box 68, Grinnell, Iowa 50112.

The Committee for the Recovery of Archaeological Remains (CRAR) serves as the link between the archaeological profession and federal agencies. Raymond H. Thompson (Arizona) has been elected to serve as the chairman for two years starting in July 1975. This seven member committee has just voted to expand the membership to nine. Current members are: J. C. Brew (Peabody Museum and Southern Methodist University); James F Deetz (Brown); Emil W. Haury (Arizona); Charles R. McGimsey III (Arkansas); Douglas W. Schwartz (School of American Research) and Fred Wendorf (Southern Methodist University). They have also voted to hold two meeting a year.

The Pre-Historical Society of North America has as its objective "to preserve the ancient Indian archaeological remains in North America." The Circle Foundation (P.O. Box 1225, Coolidge, AZ 85228) will act as the agent and spunsor the society. Their concern is with sites not on Indian reservations, but on privately owned land. The founder and president, Ward B. Carr, asks the public to respect the Antiquities Act of 1906. For further information about the Society, the Foundation or membership, write to Mr. Carr at the above address.

(Three articles above from Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

SAVE US ALLA LOT OF UNNECESSARY EXPENSE - PAY YOUR 1975 DUES NOW!

ANOTHER 1974 DIG DCNATION!!!!!

Following publication of the 1974 listing of dig donors last month, we are pleased to be able to acknowledge one more contribution received last month:

J. Andrew Douglas, Mobile, with a generous increase to NINETEEN the number of donations he has made over FOURTEEN years of steady participation, a fine record!

In spite of not having engaged in any actual excavation this year, we are going to be able to report a fine addition to the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc.'s funds for the dig scheduled next spring; when final figures are included in the January 1975 Newsletter. So, if you still want to be included in that total, use the coupon at the bottom of the inside back cover of YOUR Newsletter, today!

ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

The faculty members of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Alabama have nominated <u>Bascom Mack Brooms</u> to receive the 1974-75 AAS Scholarship. In a unanimous decision, the faculty selected him from a number of worthy candidates. Brooms is a graduate student in good standing in the department and has participated in numerous archaeological excavations in several areas of the state. The faculty of the Anthropology Department feels that he will make an excellent recipient for the first of these annual awards and commends the Alabama Archaeological Society for their effort in furthering the scientific study of Alabama's prehistoric past.

(John Walthall, University of Alabama)

MORE ON BARTRAM'S TRAIL

Mrs. Elizabeth Yamaguchi of Tuskegee, after much research, contends that William Bartram in his travels of 1773 to 1776 could possibly have crossed through the area of the Tuskegee National Forest. Bartram carefully identified trees and plants observed on his route and collected seeds and roots for his London employer. As a result of this, plants native to southeastern North America may be found in gardens all over the world. Mrs. Yamaguchi's husband, Dr. Shogo Yamaguchi (a botanist) has identified the same plants and trees in the area of the Tuskegee National Forest which Bartram noted in his writings. The trail crosses from Georgia into Russell County, Alabama. It is believed the trail continues across Lee, Macon, Elmore, Montgomery, Lowndes, Butler, Conecuh, Monroe, Clarke, Escambia, Washington, Baldwin and Mobile Counties. Will the trail be marked as a recreational area in time for the celebration of America's 1976 Bicentennial Year? To find out how you can help to insure that the dream of the trail will become a reality, contact the Alabama Environmental Quality Council, P.O. Box 11000, Montgomery, Alabama 36111

THE DECEMBER MEETING IN TUSCALOOSA WILL BE A GREAT ONE! DON'T MISS IT! REGISTRATION FORMS WERE INCLUDED IN YOUR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER --- MAIL IN THE FORM AND YOUR FEE - SEE YOU THERE!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING NOVEMBER

Nancy Jane Emig, U. T. Normandy Project, Rt. 1, Riley Creek Road,
Manchester, Tennessee 37355 (for 1974)

Caroline E. Richbourg, 672 Cumberland Road, NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306

David L. Bowling, Route 5, Arab, Alabama 35016 (Family)

Ken Brazelton, Route 2, Box 461-C, Huntsville, Alabama 35811

Dr. Richard A. Krause, Department of Anthropology, P.O. Box 6135,
University, Alabama 35486 (Family)

Joe F. Smith, 1807 East Twelfth Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37404

CHAPTER NEWS

Choccolocco Chapter met on November 21 at the Regar Museum in Anniston. This was a general meeting for the nomination of 1975 officers. Officers for 1975 will be announced soon in the newsletter.

Cullman County Chapter met November 18 at City Hall at 7:30pm with the State Society President, Charles Moore, presenting the program for the evening.

Huntsville Chapter met November 19 in the Fellowship Center in the Old Twickenham Hotel at 7:30pm. The speaker for the evening was A. J. Wright who gave a very interesting talk on the Mound Builders of the Ohio Valley. The chapter secretary reports that several young people have expressed interest in joining the chapter and they welcome them and their new ideas and bright outlook.

Muscle Shoals Chapter met November 11 at the University of North Alabama in Room 121 of the Art Building. Twenty-two were present at this meeting which was held during the regular class meeting on Point Identification with Charles Hubbert presiding.

A special thanks goes to the Choccolocco Chapter and the Muscle Shoals Chapter for not missing a single newsletter this year with contributions to the Chapter News section of the STONES & BONES. Only these two chapters kept a perfect record for the year, but the Cullman County Chapter and the Huntsville Chapter ran a close second with eleven out of twelve months of reporting. This is greatly appreciated by the newsletter staff as it is the function of the newsletter to keep the membership informed of the occurrences around the state.

We hope next year to be able to improve this record and have numerous more chapters with a perfect record for 1975. We didn't hear from the four non-active chapters this year, but perhaps with a little encouragement from everyone these four will reactivate in 1975. We look forward to seeing all of our members at the Winter Annual Meeting in Tuscaloosa!

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.

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