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MINUTES OF THE 1963 ANNUAL MEETING HELD DECEMBER 3 AT THE BIRMINGHAM MUSEUM OF ART, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Joe Watkins, president of the Birmingham Anthropological Society, the host Chapter, welcomed members of the Alabama Archaeological Society to Birmingham, and introduced J. W. Cambron, president of the State Society. R. L. Schaefer, secretary, gave an activities report which included the Annual Meeting held in Auburn, a summer workshop held at the Stanfield-Worley dig site, and 3 Board of Directors meetings. The 1963 total membership is 407. The treasurer's report shows that we have \$928.29 on hand as of November 26. The cost of printing the two 1963 Journals remains to be paid, but the State Society should end the year slightly in the black.

Representatives of 9 of the 10 chapters (all except Mauvilla) were present and gave activity reports. It is noted that all chapters have been very active and held regular meetings with good attendance. Probably the outstanding chapter for the year was the Madison-Huntsville Chapter, which has some 73 paid members, has held meetings every month and had only one meeting with less than 50 persons present.

D. L. DeJarnette reported that the first issue of the Journal for 1963 is at the printers, and it is hoped that it will be in the mail before Christmas. Several more manuscripts are still needed for Issue No. 2. At present, only 2 long articles and a few short items are on hand. An appeal was made to the State Society membership to submit more articles for publication in the Journal.

E. M. Harris reported for the Stones & Bones Newsletter, and stated that 12 issues had been printed in 1963. All were well filled and at present 460 copies of each issue are being mailed. An appeal was made to the various chapter secretaries to be prompt in getting in their chapter reports in order to keep the membership-at-large acquainted with their activities. Also, members were requested to keep the State Society informed of any change in address, and to submit articles of interest to the State membership for publication in the Newsletter.

D. L. DeJarnette reported on the Eastern States Archaeological Federation Annual Meeting and stated that the ESAF now has a membership of 5,992. He stated that we should be thinking about presenting one or two papers next year at the annual meeting which will be held at Attleboro, Mass., November 7 & 8, 1964.

J. W. Cambron reported that all the manuscripts for the Point Type Book have been edited at least once, all the illustrations have been made, and the printers should be working on the book within the next month or so. It is now hoped that the Point Type Book will be ready for sale in the early part of 1964.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for 1964: President, Steve B. Wimberly; First Vice President, Dr. A. G. Long; Second Vice President, Dr. E. M. Lindsey; Secretary, R. L. Schaefer; Treasurer, B. E. Calaway; Editor of the

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Journal, D. L. DeJarnette; Editor of the Newsletter, Brittain Thompson; Associate Editors, Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Harris; ESAF Representative, D. L. DeJarnette; Directors-at-Large to be elected for 3 years, James W. Fuller, T. W. Cornell, A. B. Hooper III and Mrs. John A. Searcy. Upon motion made & seconded, these nominations were duly accepted and elected.

Several persons from the Springville, Alabama area approached the Secretary & President with the idea of organizing a chapter at Springville. Arrangements will be made for a meeting at this location, and it is hoped that we may establish a chapter there during the coming year.

D. L. DeJarnette introduced the principal speaker, John W. Griffin, who was to talk on "Excavations at Russell Cave National Monument". Mr. Griffin did his undergraduate work at the University of Florida, graduate work at the University of Chicago, at one time was Archaeologist for the Florida Park Service and is now Regional Archaeologist for the National Park Service.

According to Mr. Griffin, Russell Cave was originally explored by amateur archaeologists who worked intermittently for several years and then went to Washington and interested Mr. Carl F. Miller as to its possibilities. The National Geographic Society bought the site and Mr. Miller's work has been published in the NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE. Following this work, the site was donated to the U.S. and is now under the National Park Service. The National Park Service has made an additional dig and is erecting quarters which will show a site in situ. Russell Cave is a rock shelter. It was not inhabited before a big rock fall. The true archaeological zone is about 11 feet thick above the rock fall. It appears that the site was inhabited only during fall and winter. The people who lived in the rock shelter lived on the river during the spring and summer. The period of occupation covers from Early Archaic through Middle Woodland (7,000 B.C. to about 1,000 A.D.). In addition some hunters of the Mississippian period occasionally frequented the rock shelter. The Stanfield-Worley shelter had an occupation slightly older than Russell Cave, but in general the finds fit in very well with each other and the same general point types and artifacts are found. In the past, there has been a big gap in archaeological data between the fluted points of the West and the Woodland culture. Both the Stanfield-Worley and Russell Cave digs are beginning to fill in this period from 5,000 to 10,000 years ago. Mr. Griffin's talk was well illustrated with color slides, and was most enjoyably received by over 300 persons in attendance. We in Alabama can be proud that the U.S. National Park Service is opening this monument to the public and we are sure that most of our members, after hearing Mr. Griffin's talk, will visit Russell Cave in the near future.

Prior to the business meeting, during the intermission and following the program, those in attendance greatly enjoyed viewing the exhibitions of Alabama artifacts brought in and very attractively displayed by both individuals and chapters. As usual, this was one of the highlights of the meeting, and all who participated are well due the expressed appreciation of the State Society for their efforts. Also, the Birmingham Chapter as hosts, are to be congratulated for their hospitality and most excellent arrangements for the meeting.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA, INC.

For the benefit of recent members, this Association, composed of 8 of our members, functions much as a special committee devoted to increasing the effectiveness of the Alabama Archaeological Society. Its special concern is with our annual fund drive to finance cooperative summer excavations by the State Society and University of Alabama. Besides being a promotional instrument, the Association is set up to meet the strict legal requirements necessary to make donations tax deductible - without which we could not interest the larger donations, which represented \$4,625 or 67% of all 1963 donations. While this arrangement puts a lot of extra work on a few members, it has functioned as an effective and necessary tool.

Donations for 1963, plus a small 1962 surplus, totaled \$6,952.70. The Association contributed toward the publication of the "Journal of Alabama Archaeology", Vol. VII, Nos. 1 & 2, which reported the "Stanfield-Worley Dig", since membership fees were not adequate to cover this as they usually do. For this participation, it was agreed that half of the proceeds of sales from the large printing would return to the Association. From these sales (as of Dec. 4), \$227 had returned to the fund. This gave a total of \$7,179.70, in excess of our aim of \$7,000 for 1963 - our FOURTH ANNUAL FUND DRIVE to do what was widely predicted to be impossible. And most gratefully we acknowledge the assistance of many non-members, who donated \$1,745; and many people in other States (and Puerto Rico, Ireland and Germany!) who donated \$1,164. THE PEOPLE, working TOGETHER - the most effective, but most difficult, thing for us to do - yet as simple as pooling our interests, efforts and resources in a FUND DRIVE.

Expenses: We contracted a bargain with the very cooperative University of Alabama to provide supervision, student assistance, equipment, make the study, prepare the report, etc., for \$6,000 - which has been paid. (For free we got the priceless authentication of this academic cooperation - science seeks unquestionable, verified truth - the best of work is useless unless properly authenticated.) We spent \$160 to get an early radiocarbon date on our 1963 work, as it should be of great promotional value in 1964 if it proves to be ANOTHER breakthrough. We have contracted to make available \$50 per month to help defray expenses of CONTINUING EXPLORATION and EVALUATION of sites to locate the BEST for 1964 excavation - a possibility which archaeology has neglected badly - and results already look very promising, and we are indeed fortunate to have the small surplus which makes this possible.

Our annual fund drives to finance professional-amateur summer excavations have (1) established the oldest date for human habitation in the Southeast; (2) proved the first transitional site at last linking Paleo and Archaic cultures; and (3) excavated the first Morrow Mountain burials, with numerous burial offerings telling us much about these Early Archaic people. (Note: All this is available in the Stanfield-Worley report, \$3.00.) Our 1963 radiocarbon date may give us a FOURTH archaeological breakthrough.

THIRTY YEARS of Alabama archaeology had missed these major breakthroughs. Are we a success? No wonder we have grown from 4 to 10 Chapters, with many fine new members. And, best of all, we have brought new honors to amateur archaeology, and shown a new way to reap more of its vast potential. Let us hope ours will not long remain THE ONLY ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IN ARCHAEOLOGY. Congratulations, and thanks, to all the wonderful people who have participated in so many ways.

ANNUAL REPORT ON YOUR NEWSLETTER (Read this carefully!!!)

Your Newsletter commonly runs to 9 pages (plus supplementary page), with about 700 words per page, 6,300 per issue, 75,600 per year - or book length. A great deal of this script is written twice, occasionally 3 times, in an effort to write clearly, interestingly, accurately and effectively. Besides this work on the part of your editorial officers, secretary Rodger Schaefer tackles each month the tedious job of keeping our membership records up to date, Chapter secretaries send in monthly reports, Dave DeJarnette sends pertinent items regularly and many contributors go to the trouble to keep us widely informed. Finally, there is the "wooly mammoth" monthly grind of cutting stencils, printing, collating, stapling, folding, stapling again, addressing, stamping, sorting by city & State and delivery of the bundles to the Postoffice.

It may occur to you, as it often does to us, that a heck of a lot of work goes into your Newsletter. Such being the case, you will agree that we should make every effort to make it as interesting and useful as we can. We judge from a good many generous reactions that your Newsletter rates high in its field - but that does not mean it can't be improved.

So we very earnestly solicit suggestions from readers. What would YOU, each of you, individually, like to see in the Newsletter you receive each month? If we are in

a routine rut, give us some new ideas.

We also wish to give you our own criticism. We feel that more illustrations would be desirable - not just any old illustrations merely for the sake of illustrations, but pertinent and valuable illustrations, such as the Sandia-like projectile point we published with Dr. Wormington's valuable comment. The trouble here is that illustrations add to the already excessive problems of preparation and printing - but we shall keep this in mind. Our greater criticism is that we do not hear often enough from members - hundreds have never written us a line! A number of very active and able members do not inform us regularly of their work. In fact, some entire Chapters are blank spaces in our script except for their brief monthly reports - which sometimes are not received. We could name our "good reporters" on our fingers.

The Alabama Archaeological Society is just a name for a lot of people with mutual interests grouped together. The more "together" they are, the more validity they give to the Society. We are spread all over Alabama now, and many other States. The only way we can do much getting together is in print. We urge members to send us their news, Chapter news, biographical items of interest, general news items and clippings, questions, comments, and what-have-you. In short, this is YOUR Newsletter - make it even more so by your contributions in script.

CLOSING 1963 FINANCIAL PAGE

The Montgomery Art & Archaeology Society (interesting combination), Mrs. Owen Bruce Gregory, Treasurer, sent in a nice check to close our Financial Page for 1963 with a Chapter donation. We appreciate this, knowing the "non-profit" condition of Chapter treasuries. One of our members suggested that each Chapter might have a piggy bank for members to feed spare dimes and quarters at meetings, in 1964, for the "Chapter donation" as separate from individual donations.

We are aware that we have had many group donations to which individuals donated separately. If any of these good people wish their names entered upon our final listing in the forthcoming study of the 1963 work, please let us know - we feel that it is quite an honor. And we ask, PLEASE, that any donor missed in our Sept. 1963 issue (or not mentioned since) let us know NOW so our final listing can be correct. And any who assisted the 1963 dig at the Stanfield-Worley, Asbury, or other, IN ANY WAY, who were inadvertently left out of the list in the Oct. issue, PLEASE let us know. We are having nightmares about leaving someone out - so PLEASE!

Finally, if anyone still wishes to get on the 1963 donor list, be sure to say so with your donation - else it will automatically go to the 1964 fund. We must also add our deep appreciation for the many services rendered which it would be impossible to list - the solicitors, the speakers, the many publications which gave us notice, radio and TV stations, the many professionals who encouraged us, and so on. And surely all will want to give special thanks to Dave DeJarnette. It was a fine cooperative effort, and has been for 4 years, as you have read in the foregoing Annual Report.

EARLY HISTORIC INDIAN SITES IN ALABAMA

(A Message From Our 1964 President)

The Alabama Archaeological Society has been concentrating recently on the search for "paleo" and "archaic" man in Alabama; however, it has not lost sight of another important aspect of Alabama archaeology, "the early historic Indian period (post 1500 A.D.)". This is the period during which the Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto and other early adventurers probed the Southeastern United States in futile search of material riches. However, we ourselves are richer for the efforts of these men because they left us the journals of their travels through aboriginal Dixie. But these journals are not sufficient within themselves to furnish us an accurate picture of "early historic Alabama". We must remember that these journals represent accounts of contacts with aboriginal Indian towns in an un-mapped land, and it now remains for us to clarify the picture of early historic Alabama through archaeological methods.

A notable example of the use of archaeology in testing our knowledge of de Soto's travels through the Southeast is the work carried out by the Alabama Museum of Natural History at the "Coosa" site near Childersburg, Ala. In 1540, according to the journals of de Soto's chroniclers, he and his men visited the Creek Indian town of "Coosa". Until the late 1940's it appeared to historians that de Soto's "Coosa" had been confirmed as being located on a knoll between Tallasseehatchee and Talladega Creeks near the point where these 2 creeks empty into the Coosa River on the outskirts of Childersburg. The Alabama Museum of Natural History carried out archaeological explorations at this location, with such studies indicating that the "Coosa" site dated from the late 18th and early 19th centuries instead of its being the "definite de Soto contact site" which it had been considered to be by most historians. Now, we do not know the whereabouts of de Soto's Coosa and with the flooding of river banks and terraces through the construction of power and navigation dams in Alabama, coupled with road construction and other construction projects which destroy archaeological sites, we are fast losing a last opportunity to put de Soto's journals to use in reconstructing early historic Alabama.

"Mauvila", another important de Soto contact site has been sought by historians and archaeologists but its location has not as yet been verified. Supposedly, Mauvila lies somewhere near the southern tip of Clarke County, Alabama. But does it? Archaeologically, there is but one answer: "intensive archaeological research". There are no governmental or known private agencies which can provide funds for the required archaeological research. Volunteer manpower is needed. Therefore, the Alabama Archaeological Society is faced with another challenge, and its volunteer forces have another opportunity, as in the case of the Stanfield-Worley Shelter archaeological project, to join together in concentrating on this important phase of Alabama history, "early historic Alabama".

Each of us who has followed the pursuits of the various Chapters of our State Society is acquainted with the methods of "conscientious surface collecting of archaeological sites", wherein the collector keeps together the finds from one site and catalogues them so they will not become inadvertently mixed with a collection from another archaeological site. This provides a collection of artifacts which can be studied with the foreknowledge that we aren't merely studying a "mess of relics" haphazardly collected.

In future editions of the Newsletter, suggestions on how to carry out the worthwhile program of tracing de Soto's route by archaeological means will be presented and it is our intention to keep in close touch with those who desire to enter into a volunteer program of surface collecting aimed at locating early historic Indian sites in Alabama. Some of our members are already engaged in surface collecting historic sites, and there is reason to believe that others will desire to do so.

In summary, while our prime objective at present is to search for paleo and archaic man in Alabama and to finance such search, we have a further opportunity to contribute significantly to the sum total of man's knowledge by entering into a program aimed at locating historic Indian sites and endeavoring to identify them as to time and tribe.

--- Steve B. Wimberly

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

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Denton, Texas, provides, among many others, the following items of interest:

"THE GEORGE McJUNKIN AWARD: This award has generated so much interest that the Award Committee has decided to increase the number of these annual awards from 3 to 5. The 1963 recipients are: E. Milton and Beatrice Harris of Birmingham, Alabama. They have been very active in the Alabama Archaeological Society, getting out the newsletters, helping greatly with the Stanfield-Worley dig, giving generously of their time and money to Alabama archaeology. This is a joint award. Robert Owen Browne, Oak

View, California. Browne is highly recommended by qualified professionals as an assiduous worker and scholar as well as a professional-level archaeologist. He gathered material which will appear as a monograph of the Society for American Archaeology next year. Frank H. Watt of Waco, Texas, has long been active in Texas archaeology. He has held a local society together and has edited the Central Texas Archaeological Journal. Earl Brewster of Cherokee, Iowa, for whom the Brewster Early Man site, excavated by Dr. George Agogino, F.I.I., was named. An assiduous worker, Brewster traveled all the way from Iowa to Wyoming to work as a volunteer on the Brewster Site dig. James Wanica of Portales, New Mexico, is an important amateur archaeologist of long standing. He worked with the late Dr. E. H. Sellards, F.I.I. The past few years he has concentrated on Blackwater Draw. He organized the El Llano archaeological society which was largely responsible for preserving the four mammoth which were excavated by Dr. Agogino. It was also through his efforts that the State became interested in the site which resulted in \$20,000 worth of excavation this past summer. We salute these people and hope that their example may affect amateurs far and wide."

"PRE-COLUMBIAN ART: A magnificent catalog replete with superb illustrations and with a commentary by Hasse von Winning, F.I.I., has been prepared for a traveling exhibition from the Stendahl Galleries in Los Angeles, California. These catalogs usually sell for \$1.00 at the exhibiting institutions and they are worth it if you have any interest in the subject matter, and shame on you if you do not!!"

"OHIO ARCHAEOLOGIST: Vol.13:4. October 1963. This volume is devoted entirely to Ohio Flint Types by Robert N. Converse. As we have repeatedly stated we need studies like these for all sections of the country. They are rapidly increasing in number. The illustrations in the present case are excellent and are intended to show the typical range of each type. Though the illustrations are not, at least in many cases, actual size, they are large and clear enough for easy identification. This is a highly useful compendium for reference."

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION, Bureau of American Ethnology: "Dear Britt: I just finished reading the December issue of STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER and was particularly interested in the part dealing with the TRAGEDY AT NATURAL BRIDGE...it sounded very familiar for though I was not mentioned I did write the quote. This came from my John H. Kerr Reservoir report, Bulletin 182 of the Bureau of American Ethnology series...From talking with the finder I gathered that the bones were in fairly good state of preservation and we could have gotten untold information about the physical types...I believe Dave and the others did themselves proud in the Stanfield-Worley report. The illustrations are especially useful." (signed) Carl F. Miller, Archaeologist.

Carl Miller is of course famous as the first excavator of Russell Cave, and one of our good professional friends. You will recall that he wrote a most inspiring letter in behalf of our cause, which we attached as a supplement to our March 1961 Newsletter so it could be conveniently detached and "spread around" - and we went \$1,844.78 OVER our goal that year! We are most pleased that he hasn't forgotten us, and even seems to follow our fortunes closely - though such close reading by such important people makes us wonder how many boners we pull, and resolve to watch our step. And thanks, Carl, for filling us in on the author of the Natural Bridge tragedy - we were informed only of the Editor, Roberts. We greatly appreciate correction of all omissions, and commissions, and your generous interest in our enthusiasms - hope we live up to it.

(P.S.: ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE KERR BASIN, by Carl F. Miller, nearly 450 pages, over 200 photos, lots of line drawings and lots of Virginia & North Carolina archaeology, obtainable from the Government Printing Office, Washington 25 D.C., \$4.00).

ANOTHER MOUND DESTROYED, ANOTHER REASON: Dr. Charles R. McGimsey III, despite the technical details which must engross him, and the dignity which a doctorate tends to impose, can unlace and write up an archaeological safari as if it were a picnic - mindful of our ex-librarian bookish Margaret Smith. In the ARKANSAS ARCHAEOLOGIST, Nov. 1963, he almost literally takes one on such an exciting adventure. Laverne Harris, amateur, 300 miles away, had spotted a mound being bulldozed. Dr. McGimsey and Jim Scholtz hightailed it (at 4:00 A.M.) and with the help of enthusiastic amateurs and

assorted townspeople were able to delineate "at least 6 and possibly more superimposed rectangular houses" at vertical intervals of "only a few centimeters to nearly 50 cm". And this despite the fact that "the top 10 to 12 feet" had been removed and "a great deal of information doubtless had gone by the board (bulldozer)". "Scratch One Starting Ramp" is the odd title of Dr. McGimsey's very readable paper. It seems the mound was close to the highway and was used "as a starting ramp by local drag racers" who paid little attention to crops and fences. "As the cause of an archaeological salvage project, that is a new one on me!" Dr. McGimsey closes. What next! (You can receive these interesting Bulletins for \$3.00 per year, Arkansas Archaeological Society, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.)

This same issue also reviews what sounds like a better than usual paper on projectile point classification: "A Descriptive System for Projectile Points from Table Rock Reservoir, Missouri", by Richard A. Marshall, University of Missouri College of Arts & Sciences, Columbia, 50¢. In a discussion of the Plainview point in the Sept. 1963 SOUTHWESTERN LORE, Agogino & Daguid close with the firm statement: "Our greatest problem is development of a valid and standardized classification system and the better understanding of the relationship between Clovis, Plainview, Meserve and similar point types". There is everywhere this growing emphasis on the need of a more valid, and broadly standardized, system of projectile point classification. Since we unfortunately have no centralized control in this field, our deplorable local isolation can be tackled only by wide distribution of all papers on the subject. We urge you to get this paper - and suggest that all papers be made as economically available and widely advertised.

"THE CHESOPIEAN", A Journal of Atlantic Coast Archaeology: We have just received our first copy of this publication. It is published 6 times a year (Editor, Jerome D. Traver, 5809 Gamage Ct., Norfolk 18, Va.) and if the previous 5 issues were as good as Vol. 1 No. 6, we in the Alabama Archaeological Society will have to look to our laurels. The Chesopiean combines news, stories, site reports, photographs, line drawings and a fine format. We note their dues are only \$3.00, same as ours, and they, too, notethat 1964 dues are NOW due. We suggest you join and broaden your archeo horizon.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the December meeting, Ron Eason gave a travelogue, illustrated by excellent slides taken by Joe Watkins and himself, of archaeological remains of temples in Palenque Province, Mexico. New Officers elected for 1964: President, Joseph F. Watkins Jr.; Vice President, Frank Parsons; 2nd Vice President, Ronald D. Eason; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Elberta Reid; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth Cline. At the January meeting, Joe & Ron will continue their travelogue to Palenque by showing additional slides and relating their experiences at Bonampak and Laconja, Mexico.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University. At the December meeting, John Cottier Jr. gave an illustrated talk on archaeological work done in Yucatan, Mexico, during the past year on Mayan ruins, he having spent most of the year there with a group from Tulane University.

The Madison-Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the First Methodist Church, Huntsville. During 1963, the Chapter had 12 meetings, increased its membership to 74, had most interesting speakers at meetings including Dave DeJarnette, Jack Cambron, Dr. A. G. Long, Dr. F. Fenenga, Tom Cornell, Huston Wright, Verne Reckmeyer, Wm. E. Marsalis Jr. & James S. Farrior. Average attendance was over 50. The chapter President, Tom Cornell, has guided the membership toward good amateur archaeology and away from the destroying effects of unsupervised digging, and has high hopes that members surface collections will one day lead the Society to another Stanfield-Worley or even better site.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant, Guntersville. At the December meeting, there was a general discussion of local

activities. New Officers elected for 1964: President, Gordon E. Sibley; Vice President, Carl Ogle; Secretary-Treasurer, Larry Smith. Appointments made: Program Chairman & Entertainment, Dr. A. G. Long; Attendance Committee, A. B. Hooper III, Milton Arthur & Shermon Heaton; Membership, Acton Boone; Publicity, Larry Smith.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the November meeting, Dr. Ellis W. Nollon Jr., who is Professor of Philosophy and English at the Mobile College, spoke on "Recent Trends in Biblical Archaeology". New Officers elected for 1964: President, Jack Friend; Vice President, Earle D. Getchell; Secretary-Treasurer, Bert O. Yerkes. No meeting is to be held in December.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the last Meeting, President Gregory covered recent events and current business. Mr. David W. Chase, Curator of the Museum, gave a talk entitled "Pottery Types of the Southeast - Part 1 (Woodland)", and Lt. Cliff Hamby, USAF, talked on the archaeological situation near Glasgow AFB, Montana. (Further report in STATE NEWS).

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the Electric Auditorium, Decatur. At the December meeting, Jack Cambron talked on "Copena People" and displayed Copena artifacts. New Officers elected for 1964: President, Rodger L. Schaefer; Vice President, J. W. Cambron; Assistant Vice President, Bill E. Calaway; Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Dowell; Chapter Projects, G. M. O'Mahoney.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. At the November meeting, Clarence F. (Pop) Smith showed slides and commented on his recent trip throughout the Southwestern U.S. New Officers for 1964: President, John Carroll; Vice President, Donald I. Smith; Secretary-Treasurer, James H. Baker. No meeting will be held during December.

The Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the December meeting, Dr. Lindsey gave a report on the State Society meeting in Birmingham, and, with George Freeman, discussed the possibility of exploring nearby caves for future archaeological investigation. New Officers elected for 1964: President, Thomas Clontz; Vice President, George E. Freeman; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Hazel Barker; Publicity, Mrs. Richard Battles; Board of Directors, Thomas Clontz, George E. Freeman, Floyd Anderson, Mrs. Evelyn Worthington, John D. Petric, Richard E. Battles and Jess Raley.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Room 25, Martin ten Hoor Hall, University of Alabama. No meeting was held in December, but at the January meeting, D. L. DeJarnette will give a "Report on 1963 Field Session", and there will be a business meeting and election of officers for 1964. The meeting is set Jan. 7th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR DECEMBER:

Howard C. Brown, 521 Maple St., Birmingham, Ala. 35206
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Jimmy Walder, 125 Fairground Road, Florence, Ala.

BAD ADDRESS: (This member was listed last month also. Can't someone help him & us?)

Charles M. Hubbert, formerly of Birmingham and Huntsville, Ala.

REPORT ON MONTGOMERY CHAPTER ACTIVITIES: Regional reconnaissance of archaeological resources of local riverine systems, begun last April, is continuing. Sites sampled and recorded number 18 in Autauga County, 2 in Dallas, 2 in Lowndes, 10 in Elmore, 26 in Montgomery and 6 in Macon. Work is being done in close coordination with landowners who, thus far, have proven very helpful and cooperative. Sites recorded involve time levels from archaic through recent historic. Surface collections are cleaned and studied at the Museum in recently set up lab facilities. Field and lab reports are being combined and reflect site evaluations in terms of probable cultural complexes and advisability of further investigation. This series of reports, when consolidated, should amount to a fairly complete archaeological appraisal of this part of central Alabama - something that is badly needed. (Editor's Note: Some digging into yesteryear activities is suggested as an added project, such as endeavoring to contact former members of the probably inactive Alabama Anthropological Society.)

Several sites have been selected as project test areas where sample excavations will be applied to determine extent and diversification of occupation. Two such sites have already been partially explored. One of these, the Shine Mound (MT 6) on the Tallapoosa River, is earmarked for a sewerage processing plant and will be over 50% destroyed by next Spring. Thus far, one 10 by 10 foot square has been explored down 4 levels. Three house floors, superimposed, were found and plotted. One burial associated with the second floor occurred but no burial furniture. At least 3 components seem to be involved. The latest occupants made a Lamar-like grit tempered pottery. The earlier level pertains to a Moundville-like culture who made mostly plain-handled shell tempered ware. Our first burial may relate to that level. Traces of what seems to have been a Woodland camp tend to define the evidence left by the first occupants except for a few chips of quartz which might relate to site use in archaic times. Upon completion of this investigation, it is hoped that the report with photographs may be published.

A second site is also under investigation in Autauga County (AU7). This is a 2 component site whose earliest level involves an unknown Woodland occupancy. Pottery range includes well made grit tempered plain ware of plain, check stamped (like Wakulla), pinched (similar to Alexander, Tammany and Tucker Ridge types) and stab and drag punctated motifs. One burial found with this level was semi-flexed female. Goods involved only a shell gorget made of a fresh water mussel. This lay above chest. Second occupation appears to have been proto-historic Creek or Choctaw village. One burned house was explored with burned posts in place. Restorable pottery vessel recovered from floor. A pit in floor of same house yielded large shell tempered and incised sherds together with bone tools. House intruded into shell dump of earlier level and sherd types were badly mixed in that section.

One other site (AU17) is a very productive pottery and archaic site with a level producing Long Branch Fabric Marked ware overlain by an Alexander series type ceramic culture. This is earmarked for investigation next spring. --- David W. Chase

(Editor's Note: Thanks for this fine report. Hope you boys are coordinating with Dave DeJarnette on these salvage projects. Maybe some of us from North Alabama could be of some "labor" help to you in continuing your investigations.)

FIRST RECIPIENTS OF GEORGE McJUNKIN AWARD OF HONOR, we are proud to boast, are our associate editors Milt & Bea Harris - and a rare joint award for a husband and wife team. It was as recent as March 13, 1961, that Jim McCary wrote us that Milt and Bea were retiring prematurely from Liberty National Life, might like to adopt a hobby, and "These are really nice people and I sincerely believe that they will make a real contribution to Ala. archaeology in the future" - gift of prophesy, Jim? We shall not confess how many letters, Newsletters, etc., we thrust upon them - but May 4th they joined up, and ever since have been as busy as bees in spring, proving Jim really does have that gift. Their amazing Liberty National efficiencies and will to work - well, we don't see how we got along without them. Their generosity - ditto. And luck! - working patiently with trowel under Dave's exacting supervision, Milt expertly uncovered the first Morrow Mountain burial, and Bea retrieved the only fluted Dalton found at the Stanfield-Worley. And ethics! - they always ask, "What should we do in this case" before doing

anything. To all of this they bring the pleasant, friendly personalities which turn even archaeological science into a lot of fun - the essence of cohesive effort. In short, we are in full agreement with the award.

It was "following a suggestion made by Dr. George Agogino", Fellow of the Inter-American Institute, that Director Dr. Carl B. Compton decided the Institute should make annual awards to amateurs who have "contributed significantly to the advancement of one of the various aspects of anthropology". It is interesting that this is the first "integrated" Award of Honor in archaeology, as far as we know. George McJunkin was thus honored because he was the provocative key to the discovery of the first Folsom points, which at last broke the back of the old orthodoxy by leading to proof of man's great antiquity in America - long denied in spite of much evidence. The story of George, as stories do, got badly twisted. "Responsible" authors wrote in great detail how he found the strange fluted points, showed them around, etc. But with Dr. Carl's wide contacts, he got the facts from Charlie R. Steen. George was likable and talkative, and often talked about the big bones on the Crowfoot ranch where he worked - but he died in 1923. In 1925 one of his friends, Carl Schwachheim, looked up the "big bones" and later, taking some cattle to Denver, he took along some bones to show Dr. J. D. Figgins of the Denver Museum of Natural History - a bison man who recognized the bones of a large extinct type of bison. Summer of 1926 he sent a small field party to excavate bones - and found Folsom points - and radically revised American archaeology for the better. Thus, in a very real sense, this Award of Honor is also in the name of the sheer "happenstances" which have led to most of our major discoveries!

Milt and Bea have a handsome certificate or "amateur diploma" to frame and hang - fortunately, their decorator approves it highly. We should like to salute this Agogino-Compton invention for the recognition and encouragement of good amateur work. And we must repeat the last line of the announcement of the award in the December 1963 Newsletter of the Interamerican Institute (previously quoted on Page 6 of this issue): "We salute these people and hope that their example may affect amateurs far and wide."

BILL STEELE, bless him, sent us our very first Christmas card this year. Bill hasn't been well (but you can't get a good man down!) and is staying at the rest home Plantation Manor, McCalla, Ala. - in case you did not know his current address. We'd call Bill "all alone in the world" if he didn't have scads and scads of friends everywhere. Drop him a line of jolly good cheer for '64 if you haven't, and give his address to any other of his friends you may know. We had the pleasure of seeing Bill not too long ago and, yes, he is still "a card"! With many pleasant memories, a very, very happy New Year to you, Bill.

MRS. ALICE L. WRIGHT, R.N., sent 2 artifacts and a tooth for identification - which she found right in her own yard! The tooth is an unerupted deer tooth, confusing because the root had not formed - nice tender venison. The artifacts, quite well patinated, looked to be Archaic flake tools. The sharp side edge of one showed considerable small chipping on one face, we judged as the result of use as a scraper. The other, a triangular flake, had a small section of a side edge adjacent to the tip, and another adjacent to the base, worn smooth - apparently a specialized scraping tool used on a hard substance. Such tools are often discarded as "just chips", and Mrs. Wright is to be congratulated for her close observation.

ROBERT L. UPDIKE writes from Norfolk thanking us for our "very interesting" Missing Link booklet, and observes: "I see now what the Tennessee Archaeological Society Bulletin meant when they said that you people in Alabama were doing some exceptionally good work". This reminds that despite our considerable fame there are still a lot of people who do not know, and would like to know, what we are doing. We have sold only some 150 copies of the Stanfield-Worley report - which all those seriously interested in archaeology will want. Our Research Association has great public relations value, having written some 400,000 words of letters in 1963 - about 5 average books. But the assistance of all members is needed - we urge ALL OF YOU TO WRITE SOME LETTERS. Our new discoveries, and innovations which can be so valuable to amateur archaeology, will achieve value only to the extent that they are made known.

GADSDEN TIMES - gets our "progressive paper" award: "It is difficult to appreciate the vast amount of time that went into the manufacture of the human race. Hampered by ignorance, religious dogma, and the theory of a seven day creation wherein Man was fashioned out of dust, and woman from a rib, there are many who prefer to remain without inquiry in the backwaters of knowledge." (December 1, 1963)

The above does not sound at all like the "benighted South" which other sections delight in kicking around. Our congratulations to the Gadsden Times, staff writer Alan Baughman, and to all the readers of this progressive newspaper - for a paper cannot much exceed the intelligence of its readers and stay in print.

"But there are at least 41 people here in Gadsden who prefer to seek the truth about our history...members of the Gadsden Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society." And we suspect that they had a hand in interesting Alan Baughman and the Times. Gennie Lindsey thoughtfully sent us the clipping, a long and well-rounded presentation, including: "Alabamians are doing something new - one of those things that 'couldn't be done'. But they have proved that it can be done by doing it. A democratic cross section of the people of Alabama successfully established a volunteer fund-raising organization to finance archaeological research. Like most states, Alabama has no public funds for archaeological research."

Also listed in the article are the officers and directors of the Gadsden Chapter, but since these have been succeeded by the new slate appearing in CHAPTER NEWS for the Noccalula Chapter on Page 8 of this issue, we are not listing the 1963 set-up here, but believe you will agree the Chapter is well organized. If you also agree that it would be nice to publish in the Newsletter the names of officers and members of one Chapter each month, please send us the information, you secretaries.

And thanks indeed to Gennie for remembering that we have a Newsletter to fill every month, and are usually starved for Chapter News & items. We shall see that the Gadsden Times receives a copy of this Newsletter, along with our compliments & thanks.

DICK HUMBARD generously and thoughtfully brought us a very interesting and useful new publication of the Geological Survey of Alabama: "CURIOUS CREATURES IN ALABAMA ROCKS, A Guide Book for Amateur Fossil Collectors", by Charles W. Copeland Jr. You will want these 45 pages of compact information for reference even if you don't know a fossil from a wassail - though you soon will. An up-to-date geologic time table, list of the phyla, and other features make this indispensable in every progressive home. The younger generation most certainly must be given this basic information on geology and evolution. This type of simplified but accurate, and well illustrated, publication is a wonderful thing to introduce people to this age of science in which we live - and may not live long if we do not better understand, support and use the scientific era - by far man's greatest and most valuable accomplishment. Yet, dangerously, the vast majority of the people even in this "enlightened" country have not discovered the wonderful development we call "science" - from scire, to know. We immediately wrote congratulations to Philip E. LaMoreaux, State Geologist, and the author. (Circular 19, Geological Survey of Alabama, University, Ala., price not stated but you might try 50¢ or send a dollar for 2 copies and give one to a young friend.

DR. JOFFRE L. COE has opened a new museum in Pearson Hall, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. His stratigraphic Archaic material will be of great interest to all. (Thanks to Vic Josselyn for this item) (Vic is Dan's brother, and visits Alabama much too rarely).

MRS. ROBERT W. GAY, Standing Rock, Ala., writes expressing her pleasure in attending the Annual Meeting, meeting old & new friends, describes some of the field work she is doing as well as the preparation of her findings, and states her intention of joining the East Alabama Chapter at Auburn even tho it is a bit distant. Nice of you to write!

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