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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Marjorie Gay, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with 16 directors present.

Rodger Schaefer, Secretary, gave a report on the membership (total of 615 1975 members as of October 15th) and the Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 1975 (\$4,345.88).

The Editor of the Journal Report, submitted by David L. DeJarnette, stated that the December 1975 issue of the Journal is almost ready to be printed, and that articles for the June 1976 issue and part of the December 1976 issue had already been received.

Mr. DeJarnette also reported that the Ten Years book is presently out of print and requested that this book be reprinted at our earliest convenience. Estimates for this reprinting are being gathered for presentation to the Board at the Winter Meeting.

Howard King, Program Committee Chairman, gave a report on the plans for the Winter Meeting in Montgomery. The complete schedule appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dru McGowan, member of the Publicity Committee, reported that little aid has been given the committee in publicizing both the society and archaeology in general. She stated that statewide publicity has been promised but presently no one has submitted any information to be publicized.

Bart Henson's report on the nominees for offices for 1976 is contained elsewhere in this newsletter.

Steve Wimberly gave the report of the Temporary Ways and Means Committee as follows: the state legislature has passed the following items. 1) Established is a council of Archaeological Research, composed of a representative from each institution of higher learning with archaeological programs, plus a representative from Mound State Monument. 2) Established is an Alabama Archaeological Advisory Committee to work with the Alabama Historical

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Commission. 3) Established is a council for establishing forts, roads, trails, etc. as historical monuments. Also passed was a bill giving the Alabama Historical Commission the authority to hire peace officers to guard against and control vandalism at sites.

Eugene Futato gave a special timely report on the results of the membership survey which was included in past issues of the newsletter. Exerpts of this report will be included in next month's issue of the Newsletter.

1976 NOMINATIONS

The Nominating Committee presents for your consideration (per the requirements of our constitution) the following slate for your approval at the November 22, 1975 meeting. As usual, other nominations from the floor, for any office, are acceptable for consideration by the attending membership.

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(Submitted by Bart Henson, Chairman for the Nominating Committee 1975).

SPECIAL THANKS

A special plea was made in last month's issue for assistance in completing the set of Arrow Points in the Mound State Monument Museum Library. This plea was heard and answered by Milo Howard, Director of the Department of Archives and History in Montgomery. Thanks to this assistance we now have almost a complete set available to our researchers, and we are very grateful.

ATTEND THE WINTER ANNUAL MEETING IN MONTGOMERY ON NOVEMBER 22, 1975. IT WILL BE ONE THAT YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

A FAR OUT BOOK

A new book has been published this year entitled "The UFO Controversy in America" by David Michael Jacobs (Indiana University Press, Bloomington, 362 pages \$12.50). I feel that my \$12.50 can go for much more important books, but a two page report of the book is given in SCIENCE, 22 August 1975, Volume 189, Number 4203, p. 627, by Richard Berendzen, Department of Physics, American University, Washington, D.C. In his book, Jacobs restricts himself to the U.S. and periods 1896-97 and 1947-74. His documentation is from not only newspaper and magazine articles but also includes the files of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, the archives at Maxwell Air Force Base, well-known books, official Air Force letters and the personal collections of J. Allen Hynek, Chairman of the Astronomy Department at Northwestern University. Jacobs, an assistant professor of history at the University of Nebraska, has omitted the publication by the U.S. Government Printing Office which was produced in 1969 for the Condon Study. "UFOs and Related Subjects: An Annotated Bibliography," L. E. Catoe, editor, contains more than 1600 entries. Jacobs does not settle the UFO controversy, but only presents what has been recorded. After the easily explained cases are disposed of, there remain some reports which might fall in one of three categories; 1) we could understand the case if the observational data were more extensive and precise, 2) they (UFOs) are caused by natural phenomena not yet discovered or perhaps not yet understood or 3) the sightings are not of this world nor our technology, but from another time and place. With very few photographs in the book, there is only one UFO picture in the book, Jacobs presents no arguments or conclusions for either side. He does rely on the "Responsible" reporting and then lets you decide between the scientific and the sensational.

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

MEMBERSHIP IN THE AAAS

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(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

HOLD YOUR ORDERS!!!

The First Ten Years of the Journal of Alabama Archaeology is presently out of print. Plans for the reprinting of this fine publication are being made, but in the meantime please hold your orders until we can get some definite information concerning when they will be available and the new price.

ESAF REPORTS...

...Because of the high cost of mailing and printing, the ESAF will be unable to mail individual schedules for their upcoming November 14 - 16, 1975 meeting to each member. They, therefore, request that we print the schedule here and extend the invitation to attend the meeting for them. The revised program is as follows:

Thursday 13 November

7:00 - 9:00pm Registration at the hotel (see below)

Friday 14 November

9:00-9:15am Opening Address (Fred Kinsey, President, ESAF) at hotel

9:15-11:30am State Research Review (William Gardner) at hotel

1:00-5:00pm Bicentennial and Archaeology (Bruce Rippeteau) at hotel

5:30-6:30pm Reviews of Film: The Big Dig (Hranicky) at hotel

7:00pm Executive Meeting at hotel

8:30pm General Business Meeting at hotel

Saturday 15 November

9:00-11:30am Hopewell Symposium (Martha Otto) at C.H.S. (see below)

1:00-4:30pm Visit to Mound City Archaeological District (Ray Baby) with departure by bus or car as announced. The archaeology laboratory of O.H.S. will be open for visitors all day.

7:30-10:00pm Annual Dinner with Speaker James Griffin at the hotel

Sunday 16 November

9:00-12:00am General Session (Cara Wise) at hotel

The meeting will be held at the Sheraton-Columbus Inn at 50 N. 3rd Street in downtown Columbus, Ohio. The host society is the Ohio Academy of Sciences. Advance registration should be sent to Martha Otto, Ohio Historical Society, Columbus, Ohio 43211, and checks should be made payable to the ESAF. Fees are \$3.50 each for registration; \$5.00 each for the Mound City Trip; \$9.25 each for Dinner. Payment can either be made in advance or at registration.

INDIAN TOM TOMS ON COCOA BEACH

In line with one of its missions, to find past life on Mars, Viking 2 took off on September 9, 1975. Prior to the launch, officials had taken part in an ancient Indian ceremony to ward off evil spirits, in this case, lightning. Air Force officials, wearing Indian headdress, danced to tom toms on Cocoa Beach and buried a table knife, taken from a local restaurant about ten years ago. The knife was supposed to direct the lightning away from the launch pad. While there is no proof... who is to say if the ceremony was successful? There were black clouds with thunder and lightning before the launch, but right on schedule the minilab took off successfully on its year long trip to land at Cydonia on Mars. Part of the experiments will be to test some of the Martian dirt in the spaceship's laboratory.

(Atlanta Constitution report 9/10/75)

Everyone is cordially invited to the Annual Meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society in Montgomery - further details elsewhere in this newsletter.

WINTER ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE
NOVEMBER 22, 1975

- 8:00am - Registration and Coffee, Queen Bess Room, Holiday Inn Midtown, 924 Madison Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama.
Tours of Fort Toulouse, State Archives and the Governor's Mansion (on your own). Lunch on your own.
- 12:00am- Board of Director's Meeting, Holiday Inn Midtown
- 1:00pm- Welcome by Mr. John H. Brooks, Jr., President of the Fort Toulouse Foundation, in the Capitol Building. Followed by short archaeological reports on current research around the state by Keith Fleming, Blaine Ensor, Jim Knight, Ben Coblentz and Mark DeLeon.
- 2:00pm- General Business Meeting and Chapter Reports
- 2:45pm- More short archaeological reports by, David Chase, Eugene Futato, Ned Jenkins, Roger Nance, Carey Oakley and Read Stowe.
- 3:45pm-Break
- 4:00pm-Main Speaker, Dr. James B. Griffin.
- 5:00pm-Adjournment
- 7:00pm-Buffer/Banquet at the Holiday Inn Midtown Banquet Room, Awards presented by Warner Floyd of the Alabama Historical Commission.
Talk on Fort Toulouse by Mr. John H. Brooks, Jr.

PLEASE fill out (right now) the preregistration blank at the bottom of this page and mail it in. This is especially important if you plan to attend the buffet/banquet, as an exact count of the number of people planning to attend must be given in advance. For those who will be unable to attend the buffet-banquet, but do plan to attend the meeting, a registration fee of \$1.00 will be charged to help defray the costs of the meeting.

A great deal of planning has gone into this meeting to insure that everything goes well. The meeting places are beautiful, the food promises to be delicious, the speakers will definitely have interesting information to report and a good time will be had by all those attending. Make your plans now so you won't be left out.

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Although this list is being published, our books for 1975 are not closed, and since we are still short of funds obligated this year, your donations are needed.

PREREGISTRATION FORM- MAIL TODAY

THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORTS

Very shortly the Alabama Historical Commission will receive the annual grant award from the U. S. Department of the Interior. We do not know the amount of the grant but there will be money available for archaeological projects. The projects can be either survey or development types. Development or excavation projects can only be done at sites listed on the National Register of Historic Places. All grants will be on a 50/50 matching basis. Persons interested in securing grants should contact the Alabama Historical Commission, 725 Monroe Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36130, 832-6621 for further information.

(W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director)

"A SEVERE CASE OF THE APATHIES"

The Alabama Archaeological Society has a fine reputation in the Southeast, one that we can all be proud of and one that we should all be willing to work hard to preserve. It appears, however, that an epidemic of "apathy" is infecting a lot of formerly devout and hard working members and chapters around the state. Before this goes too far, it would be advantageous for all of us to begin to work together to get to the roots of the dilemma.

Beginning next month, a series of articles will appear in these pages concerning the problem of apathy in our ranks and an attempt will be made to find workable solutions. This is intended as a forum, not just one person's opinions. The first subject to be covered is Local Chapters vs. State Society: Who is Failing Who? It is hoped that members interested in sharing their views will contact the newsletter headquarters and present their honest opinions. One person cannot possibly see all sides to any question.

(Judith Nielsen, Associate Editor)

PROGRESS

Under a program sponsored by Bird and Son, Inc., East Walpole, Mass., a \$500.00 grant has been awarded toward the restoration of the Clarkstown Covered Bridge over Crooked Creek near Bethel in Cullman County. It is one of the 13 remaining covered bridges in Alabama, is recorded on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Bicentennial Trail Site. Bird and Son, established before 1795, started as a paper mill, but today is a diversified manufacturer of building materials, paper products and industrial machinery. They have awarded \$100,000 in matching grants as a Bicentennial contribution. Nationwide, 115 American landmarks were selected. The Eufaula Heritage Association has also received a grant which will be used to mark structures and bicycle and hiking trails in their Seth Lore Historic District which features 75 structures. (Information from the Preservation Report, August-September 1975 and National Trust Preservation News, December 1974, contributed by Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING OCTOBER

Hal B. Ensor, 249 Willowbrook Estates, Northport, Alabama 35476
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John H. Brooks, Jr., 700 Cherry Hill Place, Route 7, Montgomery, Al. (Life)
Conrad Dean, Route 2, Box 115, Empire, Alabama 35063 (Associate)

MEMBERS STILL MISSING

We would certainly appreciate it if anyone could help us locate the following lost members: Gaye Brock formerly of Route 2, Vernon, Alabama; Joseph R. Beicher, Jr., formerly of Milledgeville, Georgia and Frank Kent Reilly, III, formerly of Auburn, Alabama.

CHAPTER NEWS

Cullman Chapter met October 20th at 7:30pm in City Hall. The speaker for the evening was Maurice Jones from Decatur who gave a fine talk on "Getting History from Civil War Bullets."

Tuscaloosa Chapter will meet on November 4th in Room 204 Ferguson Center at the University of Alabama. Blaine Ensor will speak on Excavations in Jefferson County, Alabama conducted during this past summer. There will also be a business meeting.

At the Board of Director's Meeting in Cullman on October 15th it was decided that in the future the Chapter News Section of each Newsletter will contain the list of all chapters, whether reporting for that month or not, the regular meeting time and place of meeting, as well as the name and telephone number of at least one chapter officer who will have the information about the next chapter meeting. This has been initiated because of a few difficulties which have occurred wherein some members have driven a considerable distance to hear a speaker at a chapter meeting, only to discover after arriving at the supposed meeting place that the meeting had been cancelled or held at another date than that posted in the newsletter. Some society members may be visiting in another city and would be able to call the person listed to find out the time and place of the next meeting. Although it was decided that this would be a good policy and one that should be initiated, neither the Board nor the Newsletter have updated lists containing this information. Therefore, if the individual chapter secretaries or presidents or program chairmen will please provide us with this information, we will begin to print it each month. Again, we need the regular meeting time, date and place, and the name and telephone number of one person who will be able to provide additional information concerning chapter meetings, programs or speakers.

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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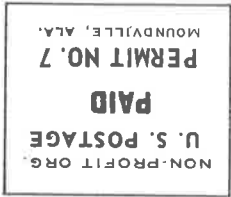
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