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RADIOCARBON DATE FROM ASBURY ROCK SHELTER

Since the radiocarbon method will not date stone artifacts, we have to date organic remains in "presumptive association." Our Dalton midden at the Stanfield-Worley shelter was unusually "presumptive", since there was a sterile layer above it and Early Archaic began above the sterile layer. Presumptive matters often are not as good.

Last summer we excavated 2 classic Paleo tools and one of the big family of Quad-Dalton relations which are so varied they can never be exactly typed on the "table top", but must await the verdicts of good stratigraphic and geographic studies. But we do know they are all old, and have no reason to suppose any survived the Early Archaic. So when we found one at the Asbury Rock Shelter, where fluted fragments were found almost certainly older than anything found at the Stanfield-Worley, we were much excited. Especially because within inches of one of these artifacts there was a little puddle of charcoal - in otherwise clean soil. We were justified in "presuming" some association, and certainly obligated to run a check.

A report from Geochron Laboratories, Cambridge, Mass., on their "Sample No. Gx0093", our Asbury charcoal, is disappointing - age 4575 ± 320 years. That date gets well into our Shell Mound Archaic, where such points and tools are not found, so there can be little question that the charcoal had NO association with the artifacts. A smouldering root, rodent hole or other intrusive agency can be blamed, though intrusive evidence was not visible to the excavators - who worked carefully with trowels. Heavy rock fall, however, made this a difficult excavation. There would not have been as much overburden protecting the level where the artifacts were found, so 4500 years ago intrusive contamination would have been easier than today at the 54-inch level.

However, the obvious fact that there was no association reminds us that we could have been wrong if the date had "looked to be" in association. Had it been 10,000 years, we'd have wanted to accept it with our eyes closed. Better a clean miss than a doubtful hit! In our enthusiasm for radiocarbon dating we have often abused this useful new tool.

??!! - TTWOO N-E-W CHAPTERS - !!??

JANUARY 31 "Dear Rodger: I am enclosing herewith application forms and...dues of the following (?)...These are from the newly inspired group at Selma. Britt and I had a wonderful time there last night and I think we will have a petition forthcoming for a new Chapter in Selma. The meeting was arranged by Hallie Chapman and Mr. W. R. Pate...dinner at the Country Club and meeting afterward. There were around 35 people present...I think we are getting off to a good start here. One of the most enthusiastic of any I have seen - and they want to do it the right way.

(Signed) David L. DeJarnette

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FEBRUARY 5 "Dear Britt: Please forgive my delay in writing to thank you for coming down and being with us on our first little meeting. It was a huge success thanks to you and Dave. Joe also did his part in the success of the evening. We are getting together next week to form a Chapter and I am hoping that we can organize the type of club that will be a credit to the State Association...Your letter is much appreciated and I'll use it as a guide...We will need all the help that we can get....
(Signed) Hallie (Chapman)"
(Editor's Note: They are rolling - officers & all as of present time. State Officials take note.) And Mr. Chapman included a fine news release in the SELMA TIMES-JOURNAL by Ben Windham covering the meeting, the planned Selma Chapter, and archaeological fundamentals.

FEBRUARY 6 "Dear Mr. Galbreath: As per our telephone conversation of Feb. 5th, I and some of the other officers of the Alabama Archaeological Society will meet with you and other persons in or around Springville who are interested in forming a chapter of the Ala. Arch. Soc...Sunday, Feb. 16th at 3 P.M. at the High School in Springville...A Springville Chapter would make a fine addition to our State Society and we are looking forward to meeting with you and the rest of the persons in the area who are interested in Archaeology.

(Signed) Rodger L. Schaefer"
(Mr. R. G. Galbreath, Auto & Electric Supply Co., Springville, has been in touch with Dave for some time, and sounds like a fine prospect for archaeology.)

Well, what more can we say? Amazing though the recent growth of the Alabama Archaeological Society has been, this impending spurt astonishes us. And we feel a certain humble pride that these good and enthusiastic people desire to form and affiliate. We are reminded, however, that our obligations of precept and example increase. To a great extent, amateur archaeology will prosper as it is enjoyed; and it is enjoyed to the extent that we become an integral part of science, making real contributions to the pathetically neglected study of man. We have matured a great deal in the past few years, and should be able to assist these NEW CHAPTERS to a better start than we had. Our very deep and sincere thanks, and congratulations, for their interest in furthering the gradually accelerating progress of Alabama archaeology. (And for all members we thank our participating officers. There MUST be organization, and we are fortunate to have able members who are willing to make the considerable sacrifice to manage our affairs.)

Following the above quoted letter of February 6th, Dave DeJarnette, Jack Cambron and Rodger Schaefer met with a group of people at Springville, February 16th, at 3:00 P.M. to help organize a local chapter of the State Society at Springville. Mr. Galbreath headed up the group and invited the people to attend the meeting. Approximately 26 were in attendance, and considerable enthusiasm was shown. This group intends to meet on Sunday, February 23rd to organize a local Chapter. Rodger Schaefer discussed the history and aims of the Society. Jack Cambron discussed the proper methods of digging and sites which can and cannot be dug. Dave DeJarnette discussed the Archaeological Research Association and the annual summer dig. Rodger Schaefer also discussed the proper procedures for organizing chapters, and left with them copies of the Constitution of the State Society in membership form.

"By Popular Request" - 1964 FUND DRIVE OPENS

And how many fund drives can make that boast? This, we think, is remarkable, promising and pretty darned nice - to have folks so eager to go they couldn't wait for the formal announcement of the opening of the fund drive!!!!

Vic Josselyn was down from New York to visit his brother over the holidays - Vic had helped Steve Wimberly with the original testing of the Stanfield-Worley. He concluded that we had done such a good job that our efforts deserved support. And, having a New York friend who loves fine woods and woodwork, Vic also bought one of the few remaining masterpieces made and donated to our fund by

Charles V. Brosemer, who was "the man with the hands" until we learned that he is also "The man with art in his hands". His artistry, and the remarkable color and figure of the Chittam Wood root which he laboriously digs, never fail to evoke oral amazement.

Mr. & Mrs. R. R. Reid Jr., surely before they had their Christmas bills paid, sent their check! Mrs. Reid, you will remember, was Elberta Gibbs of Gibbs-Doster Drug Co., who took that course in anthropology and graduated head of the class. To which we may add the even greater honor of making good use of that education!

Col. William J. Given of distant California starts our year off with an encouraging new donor - a timely reminder that there are undoubtedly many who would like to discover our project. Give them the chance! Bill Given you will meet, and enjoy, elsewhere in these pages - hope we can lure him to Alabama.

Albert Fisher, M.D., sent his "perfect score", donating for his fifth year - and sometimes a couple of donations per year. As we have often remarked, medical amateurs have played an indispensable part in archaeology - a great tradition to perpetuate.

Harold S. Biggs, of Bynum, is a second new donor - this early in the season, and "jumping the gun". This is as surprising as it is welcome. The fine support we get from the Anniston area suggests that one day they will form a Chapter of their own.

William R. Armistead, who discovered us last year, along with "I hope to continue donating to the State Soc. as I am able", writes very interesting news: "I hope to open a museum in the location known as Ala. Port on Dauphin Isle Parkway between Mobile and Dauphin Island. I am deeply interested in archaeology and...hope to accurately display artifacts...have done only surface exploration..." You know, this could serve splendidly as a place to identify potsherds, projectile point types, etc. With a sound archaeological aim, we think Bill Armistead can get a lot of assistance from other Museum "exchange services" and our individual members - with properly marked and located specimens. This can be extremely educational for the general public, too, as well as interested amateurs. Can you identify Tchefuncte, Bayou La Batre, Dunlap and dozens of other pottery types found in Alabama?

Mr. & Mrs. William T. Warren Jr., who discovered us in our first year of a full drive, have been generous every year since. Mr. Warren is of course with Southern Life and Health, oldest insurance company in Alabama, where we have so many fine friends in addition to very generous Company support. As we have remarked before, the interest of the great American business community is what archaeology most needs.

The Tuesday Study Club, Aliceville - a third new donor! Mrs. Robert K. Wilson writes: "We enjoyed having Mr. DeJarnette and his program and slides were most interesting." She adds that they offered an honorarium but Dave requested that it go to our fund. "Never underestimate the power of a woman" - of several club groups which have been so kind to us, we do not recall a single male group! Where's our male "culture"?

Dr. C. J. Maginel, who discovered us last year way up in Galva, Illinois, comes back for more - and gives us our second doctor and second out-of-state donation already!

Our fine Muscle Shoals Chapter, without whose very generous cooperation we could never have managed the Stanfield-Worley, had Dr. A. G. Long Jr., over for a program - and also offered an honorarium - which also was requested to be added to our fund!

J. P. "Pete" Knudsen - of pleasant memories when we were younger, and our Society was very young, and Pete was one of the stalwarts helping to launch it for a great future. Pete was "one of the big ones that got away" when Chemstrand moved its Research Dept. to North Carolina - but he hasn't forgotten his alma mater. And note, 3 out of 12 - no, Vic makes it 4 out of 12 - out-of-state-donations. And 3 NEW donors - BEFORE we officially opened our fund drive.

This looks to be the most promising beginning we have ever had. We were warned it "couldn't be done", remember, and even after our first amazing success we wondered if

it were a "flash in the pan of enthusiasm" on the alluring threshold. But entering our fifth year so prosperously "by popular request" - well, we are indeed proud of "the people for archaeology".

We also look forward to an unusual excavation this year. We have been getting letters from Dave, such as: "Spent the day with Ed Mahan, Dr. Long, Acton Boone and Milt Harris at a beautiful shelter...dug a five-foot test...Ed and Dr. Long have done a tremendous job in locating sites...so far over 50 shelters..." Man alive, - to choose between! One where 4 fluted pieces were recovered, and a fine surface fluted Cumberland just across the creek! CAN WE DATE A FLUTED POINT THIS YEAR? - for our 4th or 5th "major breakthrough", and the biggest one yet? As far as we know, this continuing selective exploration for Early Man is itself quite a breakthrough - and surely it will pay off.

Dan Josselyn, incidentally, made his donation early, to this exploration, so expense money would not be lacking while our fund met the strict legal requirements necessary to keep donations TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

If our faith in people ever wavered, our fund drives have restored it. We had heard of the problems of fund drives, and the unpopularity of solicitors. But we never made so many friends before, and far and wide - the givers come with the gifts. Come June, we shall dig again, and add to the slender store of man's knowledge - thanks to the unexpected and wonderful thing we have "excavated" in people.

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

BIRD BONE IN HAND WORTH LOOK AT PAST: (UCLA Release). "A sort of "prehistoric bird-watching" by a retired UCLA biologist has revealed a great deal about birds in western America and the human beings with which they were associated in the past 12,000 years.

Dr. Loye Holmes Miller has for many years been asked by anthropologists to identify bird bones from the remains of ancient Indian civilizations known as middens. From these studies it appears that the bird population in the western U.S. hasn't changed much as to species or habitats since before the dawn of history.

Only one bone out of many thousands represents an extinct species. This was of a type of vulture (*Coragyps occidentalis*) from a site in Oregon. Only one species, the California Condor, was found outside its present range. Time representation of the accumulation of these remains extends back about 12,000 years, according to radiocarbon dating.

The study suggests that the Indians had a number of uses for birds other than food. Only 3 of 10,000 bones examined suggested contact with fire. It is possible, Dr. Miller said, that the Indians ate them raw.

From the types of birds identified it is likely that many of them were prized for their feathers, which were used as ornaments, in ceremonies, and for making arrows and clothing. Certain bird bones were used to make awls, beads and whistles.

"The best Indian whistle I have ever seen was made from a small bone of a crane," Dr. Miller recalls. "It produced a musical tone of great purity, similar to that of the California Pigmy Owl."

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Denton, Texas, provides the following items, which we hope you enjoy:

"ICE AGE: People have speculated for a long time about what caused the ice ages and many of them have come up with ingenious explanation. Now, Dr. Alexander T. Wilson of New Zealand's Victoria University at Wellington offers another theory. This theory sounds quite plausible for Antarctica which is what he is studying and may perhaps be logical for the northern hemisphere. His theory is, briefly, that ice and snow accumulate as an icecap. As this grows, the upper part remains cold but the heat of the earth melts the ice at the bottom and the glacier flows on this watery layer until it covers some 10 million square miles of ocean. This vast ice sheet reflects enough solar energy to lower world temperature by 4% which is a critical point and the glaciers begin to grow in the northern hemisphere. As the Antarctic glacier spread over the

ocean, colder ice came into contact once more with the rock beneath it and froze fast, stopping the movement and the sea slowly nibbled the glacier away allowing more solar heat input, thus raising the temperature again and putting an end to the ice age. Anyway, this is at least as logical as some other theories. (Time. V.83:4. 24 Jan '64 p50)"

GEORGIA: Dr. Kelly was forced to stop his excavations at Carter's Quarters in early December due to cold weather. They had run into some very interesting finds at a depth of 66 inches: fire pits along with many finely fluted leaf-shaped points. Kelly considers these to be the most important find thus far at the site. They are pre-Archaic. The difficulty is that the site is right in the middle of the area from which fill is to be removed to build a government dam and the bulldozers and scoops are snorting and fuming. It is to be hoped that the archaeological crews can get back in and, by furious work, get out a maximum of information. This seems to be a very important site and area. (Thanks M.S.)

TWO-MILLION-YEAR AGE OF MAN DEFENDED: We are indebted to Saskatchewan Archaeology Newsletter, Thomas F. Kehoe, Editor, Provincial Archaeologist, Saskatchewan Museum of Natural History, Regina (only \$1.00 per year), for an excellent summary of the defense of their potassium-argon method of dating, Drs. Evernden and Curtis, at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. As you will recall, there was much controversy, and even a few howls, when they dated Dr. Leakey's Zinjanthropus skull from Olduvai Gorge, Tanganyika, at 1.75 million years. Dr. Kehoe reports their "new tests designed to answer the arguments of the critics had substantiated the earlier analyses" and now "supplemented by other materials from different sections of Africa and from Europe." Extremely interesting new dates proposed include:

"...the Villafranchian Age, began at least 2 million years ago...previous estimates ...about one million..."

"...now possible to correlate the major glaciations of North America with those of Europe, and give absolute dates...Nebraskan of North America equates with Donau of European Alps, both 1.0 - 1.2 million years ago; Kansan equates with Gunz, 600,000 years ago; Illinoian equates with Mindel, 400,000 years ago; Wisconsin equates with Riss-Wurm (2 phases of a single glacial period) less than 200,000 years ago..."

"The earliest, simplest stone tools, the Kafuan split pebbles, are 2 million years old in Africa."

"Zinjanthropus...1.75 million years old. The Olduvai tool complex associated with this man-ape continued in use until nearly 1.11 million years ago, at Olduvai Gorge..."

"Pithecanthropus and Sinanthropus...more than half a million years old..."

"The Stillbay tool complex is 240,000 years old in Kenya...Previous estimates... about 30,000 years ago." These "relatively efficient tools" are interpreted to mean they "must have had mental capacity approaching that of modern men".

"The new data supporting the reliability of the potassium-argon method of dating... opens up new possibilities for discovering the evolution of man and his cultures...it may prove an aid to American archaeologists if efforts are made to find the evidence for the first peopling of our continent."

We were especially interested in Dr. Kehoe's last comment - for man would have to be in America a long time to be within the range of potassium-argon dating. Personally, we are glad to see the old arbitrary, and orthodox, limitations removed, and the possibility of man's unexpected antiquity in America admitted - and investigated. "Don't Fence Me In" might well be the theme song of science. (We expect there will be some who would like to cross the international fence, and subscribe to Saskatchewan Archaeology - our regional fences are not the least.)

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the February meeting, local member A. S. Stanford spoke on "Early Man" & illustrated his talk with excellent slides made from pictures in books dealing with the development of the first man and on through homo sapiens, with artist's conceptions of habitat, dwellings, clothing & tools. At the March meeting, Dr. A. G. Long Jr., of the Marshall County Chapter, will entertain with his really beautiful color

slides of named and typed projectile points from Alabama. Dr. Long's genius at photography is winning National recognition, and his archaeological zeal sometimes interferes with his occupation as an ophthalmologist in Guntersville.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University. At the February meeting, 3 colored movies from the University Library were shown: "The Loon's Necklace", "Buma", & "Ancient World Inheritance". At the March meeting, Dr. Joe Dixon, Professor at A.U., will talk on "Rocks".

The Madison-Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at St. Thomas Lutheran Church. At the January Meeting, Ed Mahan spoke on a "Paleo Site in Texas", with slides, blackboard illustrations and a general discussion. At the February meeting, Jack Cambron spoke on "The Copena People", discussing different types of burials, cremation-moss-rocks, and the various artifacts in the Copena group.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant, Guntersville. At the February meeting, Jesse Raley of the Nocalula Chapter & Editor of their Newsletter, made general comments on Archaeology, discussed Newsletters for Chapters and other chapter operations. Many members had brought projectile points to the meeting, including a fine atlatl weight by A. B. Hooper.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the January Meeting, Father Oscar H. Lipscomb commented on slides & pictures taken at the ancient seaport of Ostia, under St. Peter's Cathedral and other places in the Rome Area. At the February meeting, Mr. Seigfried Barnes will discuss and show selected items from his fossil collection including material from South Dakota & Alabama, including the Mobile Bay area, & covering a 450 million year time span.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the February meeting, chipped stone & sherds gathered from nearby sites were brought in by Jim Fuller. Also interesting shell-tempered pottery from Atasi was brought in by Mac Walker, Atasi being a good time landmark for dating due to its destruction in 1813 by General Floyd.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the First Federal Penthouse, Decatur. At the January meeting, Spencer Waters discussed a Historical Site in Lawrence County, which the Waters family located following mention of townsite in old history books. In one of the chimney sites, they found coins, buttons, shoe horns, handmade marbles, etc. At the February meeting, John Knox spoke on "Mexican Archaeology". A surface survey of Swan Creek watershed is planned for the Chapter.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. At the January meeting, A. W. Beinlich spoke on "Peyote", a strange Indian religion, presenting a vivid description of this ancient ritual, and stimulating a good roundtable discussion, including the "Black Drink" practiced by our own Southeastern Indians.

The Nocalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the February meeting, Ed Mahan showed slides and discussed the Louisville (Texas) Site, from which the oldest carbon date in Central America has been obtained. He also spoke on some of the shelters he is exploring for the State Society. The Chapter is continuing^{to} work sites along the Coosa soon to be flooded, and is actively working on projects to raise money for the summer dig by the State Society.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Room 25, Martin ten Hoor Hall, University of Alabama. At the March meeting, Bennett Graham will speak on "Excavations in Costa Rica", and Joseph Benthall will discuss "Miller's Ferry Lock & Dam Archaeological Survey II".

(Editor's Note: It is a real treat to have reports from all Chapters in this Issue of your Newsletter. Get behind your secretary & be sure he sends in his report promptly each month when he receives the blank. You & all of us will appreciate your so doing.)

ADDITIONAL CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

The Nocalula Chapter (Gadsden), with good leadership, has come along remarkably in its brief existence. Furthermore, they are eager to learn, and are aware of the various problems which confront all amateur groups - and are working on them. Their latest major program - you would never guess. They are putting on a major program to raise a Chapter donation to the fund! And they are getting into "talking money"! Our eager-beaver Nocalulans are going to be a credit to archaeology.

The Nocalula Chapter, again, is now getting out its own Newsletter - BRUSH & TROWEL - Editor Jesse Raley (whose writing won a Valley Forge Freedom Foundation Award), Secy. Hazel Barker, Assoc. Editors, Jennie Lindsey and Juanita Battles. They have "even received a couple of letters from out of state inquiring how BRUSH & TROWEL may be obtained." Tom Clontz is reported to have sparked the ambitious idea. One of their brilliant ideas is to publish brief biographical sketches of members - a fine way for our growing Chapters to "get acquainted", member to member, and a fine adhesive this can be. Board of Directors: I. L. Clontz, George Freeman, Floyd Anderson, John Petric, Evelyn Worthington, Jess Raley. Our favorite quote from BRUSH & TROWEL: "An amateur archaeologist can contribute much to the world of scientific knowledge".

The Birmingham Anthropological Society - great minds run in the same channel - came up with the same idea - a Newsletter - remindfully titled SITE SAVERS. President Joe Watkins, First V-P Frank Parsons, Second V-P Ronald Eason, Recording Secy. Elberta (Mrs. Robert) Reid, Secy-Treas. Elizabeth Cline. We think they have something in: "What would have happened had Christopher Columbus returned to the Old World and locked up his logs, charts and the stories of his trip? The acquisition of knowledge is one and only one of the aims of science. Equally important is the dissemination of the knowledge gained."

The Marshall County Chapter - not to be outdone by the others listed above, lets us know that they too are getting into the Newsletter picture, apparently with something special in mind as to the type of publication, since they are raising their dues to take care of the added expense. The first real issue will come out next month, but they will also get out January and February issues, to have one for each month of this year! Bearing in mind all these NEW newsletters, the new Chapters, the big head-start on our "Digging Fund" and the RECORD new member list (see below), we are looking for our biggest year ever in 1964, disappointing radiocarbon-14 date notwithstanding!

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR MARCH: (A rousing welcome to each of you fine people!)

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BAD ADDRESS:

Franklin T. Johnson, formerly 3011 Kirkland Drive, Huntsville, Ala.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES: Your editors are particularly pleased with the amount, and quality, of the material received from members this month. We think you will find this "live show" of unusual interest. Certainly we prefer fresh member contributions to our own.

NEWSLETTER GETS BACK TALK - the kind we like to get! In our Feb. issue we asked about the "authentication" of what sounded like an excellent program of salvage archaeology announced in the Jan. issue under "REPORT OF MONTGOMERY CHAPTER ACTIVITIES". We received a vigorous, and most welcome, letter from David W. Chase, Curator, Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. He assures us that "Standard field procedures are being applied: six inch level isolation - per 10 by 10 section of artifacts & feature record, data recorded in terms of descriptive notes, graphic level diagrams, photography of exposed features, burials and post patterns and a plane table map in both 10 and 20 scale, the former to control overall site exploration from remote datum point and the latter to record finds IN SITU. The remnant mound is being sectioned vertically on the West face to expose section wall from sterile subsoil through pre-mound to mound proper. All artifacts, burial remains etc. are lab processed and written up per level per section...Dave DeJarnette was invited to visit the site...I sent pottery types from the site to Bill Sears for his comments and appraisal."

Mr. Chase has done us all a fine service in reminding us of the vast complexities of archaeological excavation - if it is to mean anything and not be mere destruction. And we note a "shortage of volunteers" in the Feb. Montgomery Report. Now that the weather is improving, we urge you to turn out in force before the destruction of this mound site May 1st.

And we tender our belated apologies for not inquiring privately before we inquired publicly. Truth is, we are short on help here too. Our chief correspondent, due to much other writing, wrote only 400,000 words of letters last year - we'll get on him.

And we do plead a heavy editorial responsibility. We continually get new members - and amateur societies can easily stimulate destructive collecting rather than true amateur ARCHAEOLOGY. We must continually educate. Also, we are very widely read and have an increasingly good reputation to defend. So we are indeed grateful for the reassuring letter Mr. Chase wrote us.

(We hear, later, that dig attendance has picked up. And we think we can expect a good Journal paper on this operation.)

BILL SPENCER DIGS DALTON HISTORY: "I have read the bulletin with the greatest of interest since this type of artifact (Dalton) was named for me, as I first discovered a location where these points were found, on the Osage River." Well, what do you know about that!

Bill Spencer, who does get around, while in Washington last August called on Mrs. John Shapely, Curator of Paintings of the National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C. She became interested to read our Stanfield Worley Report, and to send it to her brother-in-law in Missouri. Subsequently Bill received from Mrs. Shapely a letter written to her by her brother-in-law, on the Supreme Court of Missouri- Judge S. P. Dalton! - from whose letter we take our opening quote.

How is that for "source material"? Like any good archaeologist, Bill Spencer digs all the way to the bottom. And we opine that Judge Dalton must be a good archaeologist too - he surely started something with his famous Dalton point.

COLONEL WILLIAM J. "BILL" GIVEN, U.S.A. Retired, wrote us such a fine 6-page letter from California that we had to forgive the way he began, trying to slip up on our editorial blind side with sweet-sounding blarney: "Your January S. & B. Newsletter is limp from repeated reading". But Col. Bill would like to move to Alabama - that is a convincing compliment if we ever saw one. Specifically, he likes the Mobile area - where he would find a fine Chapter. And he wants an "eating money" job.

That man! He details what he wants to know about archaeology, and suggests a detailed curriculum to supply - and supply "scientific insurance that the field is correctly covered by the amateurs." (He has Fundaburk and sent for our Stanfield-Worley - a fine start.) Then he outlines a "mass attack" on the Mauvilla problem, a regular military operation including the U.S. Army! Implements the program by suggesting it might be made the subject of a history thesis collecting all possible elements of information. Our ears really stood up when he suggested the use of Air Force photos - so widely used in Old World archaeology with amazing results. Narrow the search down to as small an area as possible and go over it microscopically.

By golly, we think Alabama, and Alabama archaeology, can use Col. Given. And we'll lay odds he'll make some employer a good man. (1018 N. Lincoln, Orange, Calif.)

GENNIE LINDSEY sends us a carbon of a very potent letter to Dave DeJarnette. That Nocalula Chapter is ambitious! Among other things they are "reexcavating" historical literature for leads on Coosa - a method others have used very successfully.

But the real red meat of Gennie's letter: "We have lots of talent and interest in the Chapter." And it is not being fully utilized! Their surface surveys on the Coosa, in areas to be inundated soon, have located interesting sites. But how the heck (Gennie didn't say that) do they get professional supervision to enable them to excavate properly and productively? They want a good dig, a formal report, a real and valuable addition to archaeology. Don't we all? And how can our tragically thin scattering of professionals ever do the tremendous job? Yet with just a few more professionals to guide us, think what the American amateurs could supply in labor and enthusiasm! And it would educate us, and keep us out of mischief. And all this free, mind you - instead of the big money archaeology usually requires. Sure, we have one good dig a year - but several Chapters might have digs too. We think archaeology is missing its biggest bet - and its only chance to do a real job.

But let's not pass the buck - we are more likely to do something about it than anybody else. What can WE do to get Dave an assistant, so one or the other would be available to the amateurs? It can be done. West Virginia agitated and educated until

they got TWO archaeologists free to work with the amateurs - and it is really paying off. Gennie has given us one of the most important thoughts we have had - so let's THINK about it. (Gennie is charmingly modest about her good letters, but does have one brag. Claims she is so inept she "can put both feet in my mouth - not many people can do that".)

DAVE DEJARNETTE writes that Dr. A. G. Long Jr. is photographing a lot of projectile points for him - our Journal, we hope. Look forward to those, but don't try to pick them up - they really are not real!

CAROLYN ANN CARR - we are a bit suspicious about what that sweet gal wants, but she can have it. Editors, nor Societies, were ever so complimented! "I've dug out the last 3 year's worth of STONES & BONES and JOURNALS and reread them - and gee! - I'm really impressed with us. We're really going places." Carolyn, darling, your success in life is assured. Just continue to "win friends and influence people" like that. We poured it in a Ming bowl and lapped it up.

Oh, there's more. Carolyn, a student member, always pays the "Annual" fee - thinks archaeology needs it. This year she hoped to pay the "Sustaining" rate, but, "I never realized that \$2 could go so far, but if I have it left at the end of the term I'll send it along to Mr. Schaefer." How does that make some of us feel? "And also... (still a matter of money - that's all students ever think of) I wish I could be home this summer and help out with whatever the Society does, but, as usual, I've got to work. I lose my scholarship if I don't earn my \$250 during the summer."

We have great hopes for anthropology - because this comes "from a lonesome anthropology student". In our experience there are not many like her. Wish we could pay our student diggers more than expense money, and enjoy Carolyn. Her letter evoked some replies, of course, and perhaps others would like to write. Box 91, Goucher College, Towson, Md. 21204. (No proposals, please - let her finish school - we need Anthropologists!)

HORACE J. HOLLAND will have one of his amazing Early sites in our Journal soon: "one of", we say, because he collected something like 100 fluted pieces in his first amazing 2 years in archaeology - surface, of course. And this has been one of his several truly remarkable extracurricular courses for his science classes at Leighton, Colbert County High - they hold projectile points behind their back and identify the types by feel! It is with great regret that we learn that Horace was hospitalized with pneumonia this winter, and after 40 days was still very weak. Rest, Horace, rest - the years may have taken a little toll since you were on that famous first Alabama football team to go to the Rose Bowl - and mow them down! Neither Alabama education nor archaeology can spare you - but certainly we can give you some sabbatical rest.

DAVE DEJARNETTE, eminent Editor of the JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, sent us some reprints of a "major paper" of ours which had managed to sneak past his editorial eye some time ago. Ah-ha, we gloated, at last we have money for those indispensable reprints - to amaze our friends, to interest new members and to spread information as it should be. Alas, our joy was premature - they were just leftovers. Our Univ. of Ala. publisher was cleaning out the office. After publication, the important thing is to put our reports where they may be useful. We GREATLY need reprints of our papers, regularly. This is another reason why you might like to reconsider that \$3 Annual membership you sent, and send \$2 more to become a Sustaining Member. ("To maintain and increase proficiency of the Society all members should participate in the SHARING OF INFORMATION." - Tennessee Newsletter.)

DR. A. G. LONG JR. loaned us the Abstracts of Papers presented last summer to the combined meeting of Physical Anthropologists and Archaeologists. We hope soon to find space to excerpt some of the more amazing of these abstracts. Dr. Long and Ed Mahan represented us, and some of our eye-popping early material, at the meeting.

RON MILLER - get a load of this! Ron has an article on amateur archaeology appearing in a forthcoming issue of the Christian Science Monitor - which has a tremendous cir-

culatation over much of the world and a high reputa for its sound and ethical reporting. This will be a generalized article designed to acquaint people with, and interest them in, amateur archaeology. And Ron renews his membership (from far Missouri) in the Alabama Society and says: "I enjoy reading your publications very much" - coming from a writer, an unusually nice compliment. Our alert Margaret Smith, of Atlanta, put us in touch with Ron last year. Getting good members may require quite a bit of work, but they are worth it. One of these days, if we keep at it, we can skim the cream of all the really worthy folks in the country. (If they can't be interested in studying the human race, applying the lessons of the past to the survival, security and progress of man's future, it seems difficult to call them "worthy" - they are just "going along for the ride".) Congratulations to Ron, and thanks indeed for his major efforts in behalf of amateur archaeology - we hope he can help a lot of fine people to discover a fine and useful hobby where they can be a real part of the science of man.

DROPOUTS IN ARCHAEOLOGY - we have that problem too! Every year we have a good many members who do not renew. We'll accept some of the blame for that - and try to do a better job. But we'd like to bet that most of those who drop out of archaeology never dropped anything in it! You really need to be a participant, not a mere spectator, and the deeper you go in archaeology, the more interesting it gets. Why not "drop in our Newsletter" for a start, as a dozen or so members have done in this issue? Write us a letter so we can "meet" you - about yourself, your artifacts, your local problems, the things you want us to publish, or questions - or the old "kitchen sink". Once you "drop something in" archaeology you will be less likely to drop out, and to make more of this really fascinating and useful hobby. One of the great tragedies, and dangers, of our times is the vast numbers of people who are "not particularly interested" in anything - no place to go and nothing to do in this amazing age! Small wonder that the cost of "drowning" our boredom is about ten thousand times what we put into archaeology! Really, we'd like to meet you - if we didn't like people, believe in them, we would not be studying them, via archaeology and anthropology, and trying to do our bit toward the survival and progress of this amazing but difficult species who has conquered his environment only to become his own worst enemy - for lack of self-understanding! Not the least, we need to meet and understand our fellow man - so write!

DAVE CHASE dropped us a note from Montgomery and in part says: "I have been corresponding off and on with (Dan) Josselyn over the past couple of weeks. He is quite concerned, as am I, over the activities of pot-hunting among both non-members as well as members of the State Society. Knowing the collector-pot-hunter mentality and attitude, I would say that a lot of this is inevitable. Many frankly join archaeological societies in order to find out more site locations which will enhance their private collections. I suggested to Dan that one possible control on this would be to require every member or prospective member to sign a pledge. The latter would simply state the member's intent to uphold acceptable standards and to shun pot-hunting or commercialization in artifacts. Put teeth in the pledge by stating that failure to abide by the terms would merit a warning to the offender; a second offense - expulsion from the Society - or suspension from membership rolls...I know that this would not be the final answer, but it would surely have some value." (Editor's Note: Your comments on this suggestion, or some modification of it, will be most welcome.)

REPORT ON FIELD TRIP: State President Steve Wimberly and family, plus Britt Thompson, spent a delightful Sunday at Montgomery recently. First business (fun) was at Dave Chase's "Shine Site" where some fine salvage archaeology is being accomplished in spite of bad weather and a paucity of volunteer workers. (Those who would like to work on this project are most welcome) In the late afternoon, Dave took his guests to the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts (a really excellent museum) where he is Curator (open weekdays 10-5 except Mondays, and 2-5 on Sundays. You members are asked to help them dig down there on that fine site, also to go to the Museum. Call Dave Chase at Montgomery 263-2236 to make arrangements and get directions. If near Birmingham, call Britt Thompson at 871-0698. There is much to be done, and it must be done quickly!

ED MAHAN sends a hilarious letter just as we are about ready to go to press, too long to do justice in this issue - you will chuckle & roar over it next month! Wait & see!

B O O K S

"HISTORIC HOTELS OF ALABAMA", Jim Sulzby, Univ. of Ala. Press. Alert Gennie Lindsey recalled that we have a Sulzby donor (3 years in a row) and inquired. Bill Sulzby is our good donor, brother of Jim, who is Secretary of the Alabama Historical Society. Gennie writes: "We have the book. It is well written and most interesting." The "historic approach" to archaeology, working back from early records, has been valuable, and one never knows under what titles one may find leads to the location of historic Indian villages, ethnological items, etc. - in addition to the values of early "Americana".

"A MILLION YEARS OF MAN", Richard Carrington, World Publishing Co., \$7.50, is favorably reviewed by no less than Ashley Montagu, N. Y. Times, Feb. 9. Montagu does seem to take some exception to a hint that Carrington may put man's ultimate dependence upon religion - which for many thousands of years has been man's "escape" from reality, avoidance of accepting his own obligations, substitution of what he may "believe" (and wishes to impose on others) for what are realistic facts, and a retreat of despair from solving his earthly problems - which so obviously religion has never done and is not doing today. Montagu takes the demonstrably workable position that "Man has become the creature who can both make and unmake himself". And where Carrington finds it "difficult to define goodness biologically", Montagu calls attention to the immense literature on the subject and defines biological goodness as "behaviour calculated to confer survival benefits in a creatively enlarging manner" - a definition of goodness which man's morals (mores, customs) never have included, indeed have consistently flouted, but which some day must be adopted if man is to progress, or even survive.

"RACE, SCIENCE AND HUMANITY", a forthcoming book by Ashley Montagu, sounds as if it should interest many. Carleton S. Coon's recent "THE ORIGIN OF RACES" stirred in about every ingredient but science. We are not too optimistic that Montagu can get much science into race, for we do not know of any adequate, comprehensive background studies on this increasingly agitated subject, though long overdue. It might require generations to complete studies in a truly scientific manner. To date, we feel safe in saying that no man even understands himself, let alone his brother.

"WORLD PREHISTORY", Grahame Clark, Cambridge Univ. Press, \$2.45, paperback, is a condensed version which may serve as a good introduction to hurried people who want the "broad" history of the human race. American archaeology, as usual, is somewhat neglected. But that may be our fault to a considerable extent - we have neglected both our archaeology and its adequate reporting.

"INDIANS OF THE NORTHWEST COAST" (northern California to southern Alaska), Philip Drucker, American Museum Science Books B3, Natural History Press, Garden City, N.Y., \$1.95, paperback. With the exception of the 1955 out of date prehistory, should be a good standard work on the very interesting northwest native cultures.

We continue to receive requests about THE book on amateur archaeology. If it is ever written, we shall be one of its best advertisers. Presently, one must "excavate" the literature for years. After all, professionals require 4 years of college specialization, summer field courses, a long apprenticeship with the old masters. We "ams" are not a whole lot smarter than the "pros". (Editor's Note: Just more of us with more opinions.)

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