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FINAL SUMMER DIG PROGRESS REPORT

During August, excavation of the Rollins Bluff Shelter, Site Fr 323, was completed. This site proved to be extremely important and the information gathered will undoubtedly shed light on the prehistory of northwestern Alabama.

As reported last month, it was possible to excavate a portion of Site Fr 323 according to stratified zones. Preliminary analysis indicates that Zone A, which occupied the uppermost portion of the site, contained material belonging to the Historic, Mississippian and Woodland periods. Zone B began approximately 8 inches beneath the surface and extended to a depth of 2 feet; and contained material belonging to the Woodland period. Zone C originated about 3 feet below the surface and contained material belonging to the Early Archaic period. Zone D was located approximately 4 feet below the surface and contained cultural material belonging to the Early Archaic and Transitional Paleo Indian Periods. Zone E contained Big Sandy I and Dalton type projectile points along with pebble tools and uniface tools. Zone F, the deepest cultural level, contained pebble tools, flakes, several blade tools and the distal end of a Cumberland projectile point.

All midden from the control block was processed by the flotation method in order to collect as much organic material as possible. This material consisted of nuts, seeds, wood particles, pollen and charcoal, and will be used to determine radiocarbon dates, subsistence patterns and environmental conditions which existed at the site during the various occupational periods.

Three burials were encountered in the center of the shelter. Burial No. 1 was an Archaic seated burial accompanied by 7 atlatl weights. Burial No. 2 was an adult male in a flexed position lying on his right side. Burial No. 3 was in extremely poor condition and only small fragments of the long bones remained.

A 7 foot deep trench was excavated perpendicular to the dripline trench outside the shelter and down the talus slope. This area was composed of homogenous sand and gravel with scattered cultural material. A large portion of Site Fr 323 was left unexcavated as it will not be inundated by the proposed Bear Creek Watershed TVA dams. It may be possible to complete the excavation at some time in the future.

On August 15, the entire student crew was moved to Site Fr 324 to continue excavations at this heavily occupied, deep-zoned site. The upper 3 feet of occupational midden contains projectile points and pottery belonging to the Mississippian period. A deep test is being excavated along the dripline to determine the depth of cultural material at this site. The mechanical shaker table is being used here. Numerous fire hearths and refuse pits containing animal bone, artifacts and nutshells have been exposed within the site.

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After work hours, members of the student crew have been making aerial photographs of the sites, and have been surveying the surrounding area for additional sites which may be excavated in the future. The University of Alabama student crew also wishes to thank the Research Association and the State Society for making the summer's survey and excavations possible, and for the volunteer labor supplied by C. F. "Pop" Smith, Jimmy Walden and Bea & Milt Harris.

During the period from July 29 to August 9, the student crew was supplemented by 13 Girl Scouts from the Deep South Council in Mobile (See August Newsletter for names and home towns). The girls set up camp between Sites Fr 323 and Fr 324, and their enthusiasm, as well as assistance, was both enjoyed and appreciated.

Work will continue on Site Fr 324 until September 1, and as the student crew will be leaving August 21, volunteer help would be greatly appreciated. Directions to the dig site may be obtained at the Colonial Inn Motel in Russellville, Ala., or the filling station at the junction of Alabama Highways 187 and 172 in Hodges, Ala.

Noel Reed Stowe, Field Supervisor

1903 - HAROLD K. KLEINE - 1968

"Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity", Horace Mann once wrote. In expressing our deep regrets for the death of Harold K. Kleine, after a long and distressing battle with cancer, we seek some modification of our grief in Horace Mann's admonition. For Hal did "win some victories for humanity". As one of the true "amateur archaeologists" he contributed greatly to the tardy recognition of Alabama's amazingly abundant Paleo archaeology. As one of the first in Alabama to adopt the lapidary art, and as a founder of the Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society, Hal was instrumental in adding greatly to Alabama's cultural interests. In these, among other ways, and as a fine friend and citizen, Hal made contributions toward a better, more productive life. He died on the evening of July 27, conscious until the end, and able to appreciate the Honorary Life Memberships conferred by both the State Society and the Birmingham Chapter. In expressing our own feeling of loss, and our sympathy to the family, we are reminded that how much one lives is more important than how long - and in this, too, Hal won his victory.

THE ALABAMA STORY - AN ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

"...and the antiquity of the Paleo-Indian was finally firmly established. Now, long neglected glacial strata were for the first time carefully examined. Archaeologists looked for additional Paleo-Indian sites wherever man, wind or weather had scarred the surface of the land, exposing the glacial earth levels to the human eye. Within a decade of the Folsom, New Mexico, discovery, Paleo-Indian sites were found from Alaska to Patagonia and from coast to coast. These sites had been exposed to the eye of man for decades, but they were only found AFTER man was convinced that Ice Age Indians actually existed. Again it shows that man must believe before he looks, and must look before he finds anything." Dr. George A. Agogino, TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST, Volume XVIII, No. 2, Page 73 (1962).

Note that last sentence, and muse on the tragedy. When we first announced the LIVELY COMPLEX pebble tools, they excited many silly remarks, often including: "Why haven't we seen them before?" Agogino answered that, above, in 1962 - and crudely made tools are far "harder to see", and to believe, than fluted points! But you will note in this issue, and doubtless will in succeeding issues, more frequent mentions of "Paleolithic-like" artifacts. WAKING UP AMERICA, to BELIEVE, then to LOOK, is our most important function - for our limited facilities cannot do the entire job of ushering in a NEW ERA of American archaeology. But those who think we can "lead the way" and do our part, this month are:

ANONYMOUS GENEROUS, and CHARTER and CONSTANT donor, and valuable activator and solici-

tor. Yet an extremely busy man, with about 9 feet in other civic enterprises. How much we owe the FEW people like this!

J. Andrew Douglas, though only 2 generations from the bonny hills and heather, has debunked a certain Scotch reputation quite thoroughly with NINE generous donations. Fascinated by the history of this fabulous family since our boyhood discovery of Scott's LADY OF THE LAKE, we have shared our enthusiasm with readers over the years - but it has been frustrating, as volumes would be required. How encapsulate, for example, Baron, General, Sir Howard Douglas, M.P., C.B., G.C.M.G., K.C.B., G.C.B., F.R.S., a founder of the R.G.S., honorary D.C.L., declined the military G.C.B., founder of the Staff College, the authority on Naval Gunnery and Evolutions (sail, then steam), and Systems of Fortifications and also Military Bridges, governor of New Brunswick, founder of a college, lord high commissioner of the Ionian Islands where he introduced a new code of laws, survived with his crew a shipwrecked winter on the Labradr coast! But in these "welfare state" times we especially cherish the personal "anti-poverty" program of Stephen Arnold Douglas. On his own at 14, apprenticed to a cabinetmaker, he applied himself vigorously to study - became a great statesman, bested Lincoln in a senate race, might have bested him in a presidential race had he not broken with "administration" Democrats - in a sort of "states rights" movement, as well as opposition to a high-handed Supreme Court exceeding its Constitutional rights. Familiar?

Edward C. Mahan, CHARTER and CONSTANT DONOR, indefatigable field worker, "collector of collectors", lecturer, educator, began his great contribution in 1954, the year following Harold K. Kleine's publication on Alabama Paleo - then almost as "controversial" as our pebble tools were several years ago. Ed liberally backed up the Paleo evidence by publishing photographs of some 40 Paleo points - more than most states could boast - and numerous Paleo-transitional and Early Archaic points (which also were unknown quantities in 1954). Paper after paper appeared, and Ed took large collections to national Annual Meetings, contributing greatly to the increasingly voiced opinion that Paleo may have ORIGINATED in the southeast. Presently Ed is embarked on a campaign to up-date these matters in the light of our increasing knowledge and discoveries, and is making a considerable tonnage of the large, crudely made tools available for study.

Alvin V. Walls reminds us of the absolute necessity of ORGANIZATION to get anything done, and that organizations begin small, and struggle, and are lucky to live through the lean years. Alvin was one of those in the Birmingham Anthropological Society in the old days, who huddled around the feeble spark of archaeological interest and fanned it to flame. The small meetings might be unexciting, but Alvin, the librarian, was there. And though retired to Bremen some years ago, this CHARTER donor has kept his interest alive and remained a CONSTANT donor - and has seen the little flame grow to a bonfire!

Aljerald Powers sends his SEVENTH donation from Sylacauga - despite the fact that he has never had the benefit of a Chapter in his area. We had the pleasure of meeting "A.J." (which we long mistook for his initials) during the summer of 1955, the year of the destruction of the amazing site some 20 acres in extent and 12 or 15 feet deep, when the new Sylacauga waterworks dam was constructed. We were unable to get a fund started at that time - and mighty was the archaeological carnage. A.J. has sent in much local news ever since, and has been most cooperative in that area.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur B. Dunning send their NINTH donation, in addition to their tremendous donations of mineral sets to sell. Arthur has of course specialized on rocks, and become Alabama's leading petrologist - and he & Kate travel all over the country selling, trading and buying rocks, and hunting rocks and minerals, and now serve the nation through Arthur's business enterprise, ALABAMA MINERALS. Outstanding have been Arthur's publications on rocks for archaeologists. (We still have for sale some of Arthur's famous sets of Alabama rocks and minerals, 75 per set, named, located, uses given, only \$4.00 while they last. Write Dan Josselyn, 408 Broadway, Birmingham, Ala. 35209)

Lawrence D. Maples Jr., had forgotten us for several years but sort of "made up for it" with his generosity this year. We hear that L.D. does field work in the good company of U. G. Roberts Jr., so he must be doing a good job - and maybe planning to publish?

Crawford Badham - CHARTER member of our fund drive, and LIFE MEMBER who intends to stick with us! (Life Membership is a bargain for younger people, prevents membership fluctuation, and avoids missed publications.) We owe a special debt to Charter donors - that was when nobody believed it would be possible to raise money, and we needed some bold spirits to start us.

Harold K. Kleine, In Memoriam - a friend thinks he would like to see his name continue on the list of donors.

Dan Josselyn plugs away at his monthly donations and is proud that he can.

"Most of anthropology is not the result of concerted, systematic development" - FELLOW NEWSLETTER, American Anthropological Association, May 1968. This seems particularly applicable to the history of archaeology - a history largely of happy accidents! The BIG FORWARD STEPS appear especially difficult - often arouse bitter opposition! Four years of research on our "unbelieved" LIVELY COMPLEX pebble tools have supplied increasing evidence that we are offered the OPPORTUNITY OF A GENERATION to initiate such a forward step. And, for once, our DONORS are making possible a "concerted, systematic development" - as contrasted with the Leakeys who had to struggle alone for 30 years before their incredible Olduvai Gorge was financed. We are proud of this notable Alabama effort.

WE'D LIKE TO CLOSE OUT THE 1968 FUND DRIVE NEXT MONTH. If you share our enthusiasm for this unique amateur enterprise, and have so much as a buck to spare, we'd like to add your name to our HONOR ROLL of donors.

IT DOES HAPPEN!!!

"I have one like that at home; mine isn't chipped."

Of all the words that stab deep into the heart of a museum director or curator, these are probably the most direct. They are particularly painful when the object referred to is a new acquisition which has just been displayed with pride, and which fills, to the best of the budget, a long-recognized need.

It is not jealousy which provokes the pain. Museums, contrary to the impressions of some, do not covet everyone's possessions. The pain is caused by the fear that the next time the owner of the flawless piece drops in, his comment will be: "Well, you have the better one now; the children broke mine!"

All of this is a plea to owners of fragile museum-quality pieces to consider allowing the nearest responsible museum to protect and display their treasures. Any honest museum will be happy to care for a fine piece and properly identify it as a loan from a private collection. The owner thereby shares the pleasures of collecting, and retains unquestioned possession of the objects shown.

The next time you find the baby playing with your perfect effigy, give it some thought.

Caldwell Delaney, Museum Director, City of Mobile

CHAPTER NEWS

Choccolocco Chapter meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Regar Museum in Anniston. July meeting plans were changed by the sudden exposure and obvious ruin of a village site in the county, and preparations were made at the meeting, with 42 present, to visit the site July 20. Material found to date places the site in the Mississippian or Woodland period. State President Dave Chase will speak to the August meeting on "The Hickory Bend Site!"

Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at City Hall Auditorium, Cullman. The University of Nevada film "Voyagers" was shown at the July meeting. The Chapter is planning a display booth at the 1968 County Fair in September.

Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Madison County Court House. The July meeting comprised workshop activities, with a number of point collections on hand from specific sites for classification and discussion. Huston Wright reported on his visit to the Smithsonian Institution, especially regarding the fine help he received from personnel there on his research on celts. Chapter members have discovered great interest on the part of residents of the Athens area in archaeology.

Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Long Building in Guntersville. At the July meeting general archaeological discussions were held. The next Chapter meeting will be held in late Fall. Chapter President Richard Stimler resigned due to returning to Auburn as a student.

Mauvilla Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Phoenix Restored Fire Station, Mobile. Following summer recess, Chapter will next meet in Sept.

Montgomery Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. Dr. Morgan Smith, Anthropologist at Maxwell AFB, spoke to the August meeting on "Excavations at Old Panama", also showing a film of an archaeological dig there. At the September meeting, Dave Chase will review Chapter field work during 1968.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Monday of each month at Decatur City Hall. A general discussion and business meeting was held in August. At the September meeting, Henry E. Millson, wellknown Pennsylvania "Rockhound", will speak on "The Romance of Gems and Minerals", using layman terms. Specimens will be exhibited, with ultraviolet light to show fluorescence, and colored slides will also be shown.

Noccalula Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the August meeting, Mrs. Doris Wood, West End High School teacher, spoke on "Col. Street's Last Raid in North Alabama", her Master's degree thesis in history, on which she had researched some 25 years. Many chapter members either took part in or visited the Ta-Co-Bet Indian Festival held August 9-11 at Scottsboro. (See story in SOUTHERN LIVING, August 1968, Page 24.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR AUGUST: Sorry, but due to the absence of State Secretary Rodger Schaefer on a deserved and prolonged vacation, these will be included in next month's list.

!!! MISSISSIPPI !!! We thrill to note, in the Arkansas Newsletter, that "Archaeology may be looking up in Mississippi, as it has in Arkansas. A State Senator contacted Dick Marshall at Mississippi State, and Tom Koehler, at Old Miss, who in turn contacted the Arkansas Archaeological Survey for information and advice, and a bill has been drawn up to appropriate funds for an archaeological research program. This is a big step for Mississippi." INDEED IT IS, and if Mississippi becomes the FIRST to follow Arkansas with a STATE FUND for archaeology, it will certainly do much to redeem its reputation for being "backward". There is hardly a more important, or needed, CULTURAL advance to be made today. Why a host of other states did not immediately follow the Arkansas lead is a mystery to us. After all, reasonable finance for archaeology is only peanuts in a state budget - and archaeology WILL NOT WAIT - a few years will see its destruction. We shall contact Tom Koehler at Old Miss, inform him of some important information we have on Mississippi archaeology, and lend what support we can.

ALABAMA, WAKE UP!!! - we may add. We can at least begin "educating" by getting a bill drawn up and introduced. We NEED A MEMBER WITH "CONNECTIONS" to volunteer his services in this respect. Just say the word and we'll form a commission to prepare the bill, and to invade Montgomery with a scalping party - and a peace pipe. All luck

to Mississippi - but let's now allow them to shame Alabama! And all thanks to Arkansas for "starting something" which MUST become a national trend to redeem, in part, this MAJOR DISGRACE of this "richest nation" with such cultural poverty.

VISITS ALABAMA: Sigfus Olafson, national figure in amateur archaeology, past president of the ESAF, one of the best friends of Alabama archaeology and CHARTER and constant donor to our fund drive, priceless correspondent sending information and moral support - we were at last privileged to meet in person. Following a conference in Knoxville on Ohio Valley Archaeology, he flew down to Birmingham. His parents were Icelanders homesteading in Minnesota - where the wolves got all their sheep but one the first night, and the last one the second night. The only "extra" Newsletter we ever published was inspired by his late mother - a fitting mother of the great American tradition. And we found Sigfus a fitting son of that tradition - independent pioneers standing on their own feet and seeking freedom rather than welfare stateism. He has lived a highly successful "self-made" life, rich in experience and anecdotes, and contributing in many ways "over and above the call of duty". His informal, friendly, down-to-earth manner "at first sight" lived up to our expectations and quite won us over. We felt both honored by his visit and proud that Alabama archaeology has grown to the dimensions that it can attract such visitors.

REFRESHING: We are fortunate to become more and more widely involved in American archaeology, with growing possibilities of being helpful. Last March 26 we received a letter from Mrs. Kenneth H. Peters, El Paso, who on the advice of Dr. Carl H. Chapman (Missouri) wrote for information on "hand axes and other older tools collected in New Mexico...(which) is still very much concerned with the later cultures". We replied that we'd like to know what she has, and in due time received a refreshingly competent paper and drawings concerning sites "High above the Rio Grande upon terraces overlain by gravels, an assemblage of artifacts resembling 'Old World' types would seem to add to the list of non-projectile surface sites". We think this paper should be published and these sites professionally investigated. We'll prospect our contacts and try to be of assistance - and welcome to a true amateur archaeologist, now one of our members.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SIREN: We sent the Orange County, N.Y., Chapter our July issue applauding their mastodon-in-the-mud recovery, and received their May Chapter Newsletter announcing a newly inaugurated "alert" or "Operational Call List" for handling such hurried emergencies. An initial phone call is made, the recipient calls 3 other designated people, who in turn call 3 each, and so on. When we see a highway destroying a site (Dick Humbard did just the other day), or other emergency - well, why shouldn't our Chapters work up "Operational Call Lists"?

PROBLUMMM!!! Howard King, Cullman Chapter, wonders if the crudely made lithic tools they are finding in that area are "Lively Complex". This is a vexing problem, due to our past inattention to such tools and inadequate reporting. Until we report EVERYTHING adequately in stratified sites, we cannot answer this problem. We, and others widely over the Americas, are finding sites with crudely made tools and NO projectile points, but crudely made tools are also found in historic burials. (As note "BURIAL CACHES" by Richard A. and John R. Humbard in our December 1965 JOURNAL.)

WHAT'S WRONG WITH ARCHAEOLOGY? Dr. Carl B. Compton, a veritable "2-way radio", sent us a Xerox from FORTUNE on "The Strange Death of Liberal Education". Death? Was there ever a "liberal" education? It seems to us that anything remotely resembling a liberal education would be liberally fortified with anthropology. And it seems to us that if even 5% of the population had ever got such an education, archaeology would not be the MAJOR NEGLECT that it is.

"AMERICAN NEANDERTHALS?" is a question proposed by member Peter P. Cooper, Director, Catawba College Museum, Salisbury, N.C. in an Occasional Paper devoted largely to "EARLY MAN IN AMERICA". A bold question, but one which someone should "dare" to raise

considering the growing evidence that American archaeology might profit by being "shook up". Much provocative evidence requiring solutions is presented, yet it is pointed out that while "Mousterian-like, earlier Levalloisian-like and even earlier tool forms have been found in the Americas...they seem to confound everyone except the people of Alabama who are trying to make sense out of the confusion". In a personal letter accompanying the above complimentary copy, Cooper writes: "During 2 salvage excavations in this area, we encountered pebble tool-like material BELOW the Hardaway-Quad level... I am familiar with the usual Early Archaic and Clovis-Folsom inventory, and the material we have found below Hardaway-Quad is different and much more crude." And he encourages us to "Keep up the good work and keep the Faith". We hope thousands will send their buck for this provocative publication - Catawba College Museum can put the money to exceptionally good use.

Eunice Ballard, efficient and faithful Southern Life & Health secretary, has now for 7 years been mailing out Chapter Report forms to Chapter Secretaries each month, and Jim McCary, Newsletter Editorial Board member, wants her to have credit for the fine job she has been doing completely on her own. So we commend Eunice, a much appreciated State Society member, who joins us in deploring the sometimes low percentage of completed Chapter Report forms returned with Chapter News for the Newsletter.

THIS JUST COULDN'T HAPPEN - to anybody else. But Alice Burns doesn't claim to know where artifacts might be - unless she LOOKS; nor what might be an artifact - unless she LOOKS. Be it a rock on a city street, or deep in a clay bank, or anywhere, she EXAMINES it. From her new habitat she writes: "I found 2 Lively Complex type pebble tools in the grocery store (decoration), went to the manager, found where he had bought the pebbles 2 years ago. The man was not home but his wife said she was sure he could tell me where he got them - then said they still had a few pebbles in the yard. I chose from the left-over pebbles there 10 classic tools and several flakes. The material is almost chalk-like but the worked and used edges are very definitive. I shall go back and try to catch the husband soon."

And we'll keep you posted, episode by episode, as "Alice in Wonderland" seeks the site, professional interest and "getting something done". That is the way she works - and we hope she gets Alabama some "pebble tool competition". (Experience suggests there will be those who "know", WITHOUT LOOKING, that Alice's finds are NOT artifacts. We have a gambling friend who has no such crystal ball, and has not seen the pebbles in question, who would like to bet \$1,000.00 that they ARE artifacts - Krieger, Wormington, Desmond Clark, Dragoo, Bordes, Leakey to judge. And he says "put up or -".)

PEBBLE TOOLS REFUSE TO "GO AWAY": J. F. V. Millar, University of Calgary, reports in AMERICAN ANTIQUITY a 9,000-year radiocarbon age for "some of the plano complexes" at a District of Mackenzie site. "Still older levels have not yet been dated...Artifacts from the lowermost levels consist of flakes and CHOPPER-LIKE TOOLS." (Our italics.) And "R. L. Humphrey Jr. excavated a shallow, unstratified site on the Utukok River, 160 miles south-southwest of Point Barrow, which was found to contain Old World Paleolithic tool types in association with Clovis fluted points."

SHOULDN'T ALABAMA invest in the casts of Dr. Leakey's Olduvai Gorge artifacts which we see mentioned in Dr. Compton's INTERAMERICAN? Our belated discovery and active promotion of America's similar stone tools makes it advisable for us to inform ourselves as widely as possible.

THE LITTLEST ARCHAEOLOGIST: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Roger Nance - but let their card announce it: "ANNOUNCE-UM NEW PAPOOSE... 'Rain-in-Pants' live with us now...Come over soon and tell-um 'HOW'...Papoose arrive July 10, 1968, name Charles Benius, weight 7 lbs. 5 oz. Brave, Roger; Squaw, Vally." HOW, indeed, young Rainmaker!!!

1968 MASTER ARCHAEOLOGIST AWARD, Guild of American Prehistorians, to Don Dickson, Gentry, Ark. Congratulations! (And should Ala. adopt the "award of merit" annual idea?)

EDUCATIONAL PAGE

LOST HISTORY OR RECOVERED KNOWLEDGE

Each day from morn 'til night we toiled
To dig out history page by page;
The writing was completely spoiled
Because we dug it out with spades.

No future scholar on such mission
No matter what his bold intent
Would open up the one edition -
The original could not be lent.

We screened our diggings and aside
Placed every single piece we found
Of evidence, each bone or stone or
fishy spine,
Each shell or bead or chip of flint
recovered from the mound.

Each feature we uncovered,
Although some tried to hide,
Was dug out very carefully
With trowel and brush and pride.

Uncovered from the book of time
To where it could be viewed
And drawn and photographed and eyed -
The pretty, the coarse and crude.

Each piece we numbered in carbon ink
And sacked away with care
With records complete on what they were
Exactly how deep and where.

We could rebuild that mound from the
spoil we saved,
The mud, the shell and stone
Put back each sample into its place
The pollen, the features and bone.

But we dug it deep and with purpose,
To sterile clay we pried.
We took out all that was there
And in our bags it is tied.

The spoil that we had set aside
We subsequently did replace;
The mound was then replanted
Of us there is no trace

There remains no trace of the ancient
fires

Where oysters once were fried.
There remains no trace of the burial
place,
Of the people who had died.

We've reburied them quite far away
In a museum made of stone
And if we don't write to describe their
plight
It'll be their mausoleum.

We will promise you that we will do
What we should have long ago,
When the data was fresh and we were keen
When the trowels went to and fro.

We will rebuild in a book of words
What we wrestled from the ground
So that all may have the benefit
Of what a few have found.

We lifted up those ancient bones
We can make them live again.
It won't be really hard to do.
We'll do it with our pen.

We'll first set down the facts we know
And describe the general plan
Of what we found and all we learned
About this early man.

We'll even get specific
About the things we can
We'll keep it scientific
The way the true facts ran.

Then when we're through, we'll publish it
We'll put it in the JOURNAL
And it will be another bit
Of knowledge, like a kernel

Of corn on an ear - a book on the shelf
With which each one can wrestle
An idea in the minds of men
In its true place to nestle.

'Tis thus the modern sleuth
Resolves the mystery
'Tain't lost knowledge at all
But recovered history.

S. A. Mosley, Morgan-Limestone Chapter

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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