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OUR 1970 SUMMER DIG

In order to stimulate more State Society interest and participation in the 1970 summer dig, the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc. has written to each Chapter President requesting that each chapter and its membership get involved. The letter read as follows:

"As announced at the Board of Directors meeting in Gadsden on December 6, 1969, our Research Association is planning another fund drive to conduct one or possibly two archaeological digs in Alabama next summer under professional supervision.

In order that the digs be conducted at sites having the possibility of providing "new" information about Alabama archaeology, we are requesting that all chapters of the Society join us in a search for sites which have a potential for revealing "new" data. You will recall our outstanding joint effort in discovering and defining the Dalton Complex at the Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter in Colbert County. This find added "new" data to our knowledge of Alabama prehistory, even adding a new cultural period designation (Transitional Paleo) to our terminology.

"New" data would not necessarily be confined to the older cultural periods. The finding and excavating of an A.D. 1540 de Soto contact site, for instance, would add significant "new" data to our total picture of Alabama history, as would the excavation of a South Alabama Hopewellian burial mound for making comparisons with the Hopewellian Copena burial mounds of North Alabama.

As reported on Page 3 of the January 1970 STONES & BONES, it is our plan to have a professional archaeologist cooperate with your Chapter in evaluating sites which promise "new" data. We have prepared forms (enclosed) which you may use to report any site or sites which you think should be excavated. If, in the combined opinion of the archaeologist, our Research Association, and yourself, the site seems likely to reveal important "new" information, we shall allocate funds to excavate that site next summer under professional guidance. It is our hope that there might possibly be more than one such excavation next summer, in different parts of the state, with members of the various chapters assisting in the excavating.

We hope that you as Chapter President can generate interest among your membership in this project. The project can succeed only if:

1. Your Chapter requests the Research Association to send a professional archaeologist to confer with your members in evaluating sites. This you may do by filling out and returning one or more of the enclosed forms.
2. The Chapter Members contribute money to the fund drive prior to June, 1970, when the summer dig will start.

In reporting sites for excavation, it is not necessary that the exact location of the site be given. Rather, members of your Chapter should meet the archaeologist and conduct him to the site, or sites, in sufficient numbers to assist him in putting down a test pit, if such is required to evaluate the site. Therefore, in filling out

one of the enclosed forms, there is no need to show exact locations, unless you wish to do so.

Remember, also, that this is not just a 1970 project. We hope to continue this as a statewide project for the years to come, with each chapter having an opportunity to have a summer dig conducted in or near its area."

The above letter was signed by William M. Spencer, President & Treasurer, and by Steve B. Wimberly, Vice President. Instructions were appended requesting that Fund Drive checks be made payable to Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., and mailed to Mr. Spencer (rather than to Dan Josselyn as set forth on the inside back page of the Newsletter) at 1500 First National Building, Birmingham, Ala. 35203. Also, completed Site Forms are to be mailed to Mr. Wimberly at Route 13, Box 826, Birmingham, Ala. 35216. (A blank sample Site Report form is being included in this issue of the Newsletter for the information of all members.)

1970 - OUR ELEVENTH ANNUAL DIG FUND - 1970

Following the initial dig donation by Mrs. Robert Wickham, of Clinton, S.C., which was acknowledged in last month's Newsletter, we are now beginning to hear from our donors of long standing, as well as others. Due to the press of work in preparation for the visit of Prof. Bordes, our otherwise indefatigable Dan Josselyn will not be available to write his individually gracious letters of acknowledgment to each donor, and we hope these will not be too greatly missed. Each donation will, however, be acknowledged in the next issue of this Newsletter following receipt. Appreciated donations received during January are:

Dr. & Mrs. E. M. Lindsey, our most enthusiastic Gadsden supporters, make their donation for the NINTH year in a row.

Irving G. Rudolph, Florence, is our first NEW DONOR this year, and we not only hope he will have many followers, but that he will be a repeater in the future.

Mr. & Mrs. Philip C. Jackson Jr., now making their TENTH annual donation from Birmingham, have long been most generous and helpful in our State Society endeavors.

Mr. & Mrs. Rodger L. Schaefer, also TENTH consecutive annual donors, make their much appreciated contribution from Decatur, where Rodger also contributes daily labor as our most efficient State Society Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Searcy Jr., Tuscaloosa, bring their annual donation total to FIVE, and we prophesy that Margaret, our 1970 State Society President, in helping to start our Dig Fund off with a bang, will do the same for statewide archaeological activity during the coming year - with YOUR assistance.

So here we go on another dig-fund-raising binge, which can only be successful if we have the financial and enthusiastic support from all other angles, of our members in all sections of our State. With the different approach we are taking to make our summer digs more of a statewide effort, we are counting on the cooperation of each and every member, including you and You and YOU!

We know we shall miss the leadership and enthusiasm Dan Josselyn has so unselfishly supplied from the very first dollar raised to finance summer digs, but you can show appreciation for Dan's herculean expenditure of energy all these years by getting your name on the 1970 list, "in his honor", if you wish.

EXCHANGE INFORMATION

TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Travis Binion, who has been doing such a good job

on the Newsletter, has resigned for personal reasons. However, Lloyd Chapman (Route 4, Chapman Subdivision, Russellville, Ky. 42276) is taking over with commendable vigor and we hope members will make an extra effort to heed his call for news, views, etc. It is good to see him pulling no punches about destroyers of archaeology - inexcusably, some "reportedly done by some members of our Society!" More welcome is the news that Richard Leakey, age 24, will follow in his father's great footsteps, dedicating his life to Early Man search. The complete text of the revised (at the Annual Meeting) SENATE BILL NO. 790 - HOUSE BILL NO. 928 will be found in the September-October 1969 issue - and good to see more and more efforts to get state laws and support for archaeology. Lloyd, by the way, is taking on the job of President as well as Editor of the Newsletter, a big job deserving all the support members can offer. Students of Paleo point variants (if anyone has tackled this problem yet) will want to see the 45 excellent photos in the Spring 1969 JOURNAL. Dr. Alfred K. Guthe, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville. \$3.00 Annual Dues.

ARKANSAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Dr. Dan Morse of course gave us an inspiring impression at our Annual Meeting of the functional capabilities of EIGHT professional archaeologists situated conveniently up and down and across Arkansas, available to all amateurs - makes us drool with envy. And we note in the November 1969 Newsletter that Dr. Morse carefully describes a new type of projectile point, with 9 illustrations showing the spread of variation. It is "a very distinctive, small, sidenotched point (which) occurs on middle Mississippi sites", first recognized by Iris Weaver and her father Paul Stricklin. Information on distribution, variation and cultural association is requested for this "SCHUGTOWN" point...Hester A. Davis, State Archaeologist, has been elected President of the 12-state Southeastern Museums Conference - and we add our vote...It is good to see a new Chapter, the Lake Dardanelle in the Russellville area, taking advantage of the marvelous "Arkansas opportunity"...We were reminded of the value of volunteer services by a float trip on the White River, 265 miles, investigating bluff shelters, at a total expense to the Museum of \$6.76...INDIANS OF ARKANSAS, Popular Series No. 1, now affords an easy way to get a good briefing (and cross these danged "state lines" which mutilate archaeology) for a mere \$1.00...John Huner, Survey Archaeologist at Conway, in reporting a hurried salvage trip, slid (rain and mud, you know) neatly into the breezy and readable style of the Newsletter which we like - and read! It seems incredible, but "everybody and his brother" are now reporting "Injun signs" - and getting action from the professionals! Arkansology, no doubt, for "archaeology" was never like that...A brochure, STEWARDS OF THE PAST, is being prepared to inform landowners, legislators and "everybody" reachable about the archaeological crisis - an educational inspiration worthy of a national adoption...And Arkansas archaeology is going to be "computerized" - wow! If you want to keep up with WHAT CAN BE DONE in archaeology you will have to join the ARKANSAS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, Central Office, University of Arkansas Museum, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701, \$4.00 - and you can get back years of JOURNALS and Newsletters at \$4.00 per year.

MISSOURI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: MEMOIR NO. 7 contains a moral as well as a lesson for all good amateurs who wonder what their surface surveys "amount to". This book of 71 pages shows what can be done with only 16 days of surface survey! And since it is available for only \$1.00 you will surely want it as one of the most practical and needed manuals for the amateur. And we hope it will "start something" in Alabama... THE MISSOURI ARCHAEOLOGIST, Vol. 31, December 1969, is an excavation report of 119 pages with a main objective "to provide a body of descriptive data in such a way that it will be useful to future investigators". Archaeology is the result of bits and pieces put together, but sometimes reports are not adequately detailed for fine comparisons with other excavations. And we are pleased to record that residents of Charleston, Missouri, gave generous assistance to the excavators in both equipment and manual labor...There was another good story of cooperation in the June Newsletter. During the construction of an industrial park in St. Louis the skeleton of a mastodon

was exposed at a depth of about 20 feet. Bob Mitchell, equipment operator, noticed and informed. The Linclay Corporation stopped operations immediately, posted a guard and notified the Museum Curator, who contacted the archaeologists at the University of Missouri, Columbia. On the following day four archaeologists were excavating. The skeleton was estimated about 25,000 years old but no artifacts were found. If you are not impressed, the September issue reported ANOTHER mastodon some 400 yards from the first, and again the Linclay Corporation accommodated the archaeologists. We advise changing "industrial park" to "mastodon park". University of Missouri, Columbia 65201, \$4.50 annually.

WISCONSIN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY publications came newly to our desk, compliments of Wayne J. Hazlett. The WISCONSIN ARCHAEOLOGIST, Vol. 38, No. 4, December 1957 is 328 pages on The Old Copper Culture of Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Indian Projectile Point Types contains 70 photos covering 22 types. These are good publications on "slick" paper. As of 1964, the address was Paul Turney, Secretary, 2243 S. Woodward, Milwaukee 1, Wisconsin, annual dues \$2.00.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA: Special Publication No. 1 is a Bibliography of the Virginia Indians with over 500 items, many annotated, and with special emphasis on archaeology. It is also indexed by topic and area. At only \$1.50 all students and institutions will want it. And Joe Benthall's many Alabama friends will want his ARCHAEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION OF THE SHANNON SITE, \$4.00 - a fully palisaded Indian village and 100 burials, half with grave goods - "certain to be a landmark publication in the field of Virginia archaeology". For the Bibliography, address Treasurer, Archaeological Society of Virginia, 1946 Lansing Ave., Richmond, Va. 23225; for Benthall, Virginia State Library, 11th & Capitol Streets, Richmond, Va. 23219...Several excavation/training projects are planned for 1970, under the auspices of the Virginia State Library...The Society has a big ambition to amass \$100,000 and use the more than \$1,000 annual interest for archaeology - we hope (but despair). The large Quarterly Bulletin, mostly site reports, is impressive.

IOWA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: A paper in the Newsletter, September 1969, by Ruth Thornton on Crosses and the American Indian reminds us that geometric designs were so universal as to be meaningless re diffusion. The Latin cross, the Greek cross, the X-cross, the double-barred cross (of the Crusaders!), the swastika, go far back into antiquity all over the world. Symbolically, crosses among various tribes of Indians represented the winds, the morning star, the dragon fly associated with water, and so on...The "rat tail copper point" is a new one on us...Members are urged to assist in mapping sites but uneven results are reflected in one County with 135 sites and 17 Counties with no sites reported...Visitors to the Effigy Mounds National Monument have now passed the millionth - will legislators and Chambers of Commerce please note?...Marshall McKusic, State Archaeologist, is excavating actively.

MASSACHUSETTS ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Editor/Artist William S. Fowler's art work in the Bulletin is true "archaeological art", illustrating the texture of the material as well as the artifact - a product of some 30 years of dedication, we understand. Where he finds time for up to more than 100 of these meticulous drawings per issue puzzles us greatly. You will have to see them to understand our astonishment...The Bulletin, large size, good paper, is very readable, offering a wide variety. Due to our limited "area terminology" which so confuses American archaeology, one does get a bit confused in reading other state literature - the more so the further one goes from the home state. And again there is that problem whether an artifact 1,500 miles away which looks much like our X artifact is in fact our X artifact, or geographic or temporal variant, or merely geometric happenstance - there are only so many geometric shapes, and all the "triangular points" in the world are not related...At only \$3.00 we think you would like to try a membership. Address Dr. Maurice Robbins, Secretary, Massachusetts Archaeological Society, 23 Steere St., Attleboro, Mass. 02703.

OKLAHOMA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Ah, they are interested in probing what volunteers in their group might do to aid the Oklahoma Indian Opportunity movement toward "helping Indians toward a better life than some of them have". We are not aware of any great success in broaching such ethnic/economic barriers, anywhere at any time. We shall be interested to hear what a true hand of friendship might accomplish - but hope the volunteers are well briefed on the problems involved and the basic needs. (In our own archaeological jaunts we now and then were able to alleviate some dire momentary need on the other side of the ethnic/economic line in our own area, and to establish real friendships, but our best efforts were very superficial.)...The OAS dig in 1969 was a real success, with always some 40/50 diggers under the supervision of Don Wykoff and graduate students. (Could we match that???)...A series of "slide programs" is being developed for Chapter use, each program to consist of about 60 slides, all invited to contribute. (Could we do that???)...Isabelle Lobdell, Newsletter editor, does it again - adding to her breezy style in the November-December issue a terminal "Love and kisses"...The fine BULLETIN, large size, good paper, well illustrated, certainly holds up well, and our congratulations to Don Wykoff, editor. In Vol. XVIII, November 1969, we were particularly interested in the Paleo points from the Dombeo Canyon (where the Dombeo mammoth was found). Two, though with different shapes and basal edge treatments, seem to fall in the rather loose and not strictly defined Clovis category. Another, called "a Clovis with some Plainview characteristics", one might also see as a Clovis trying to become a Dalton. Another looks to be a pretty nice Folsom. A fifth, called a Plainview, looks as if it might be a tool rather than a projectile point. The edges are somewhat serrated and toward the tip, one edge has special flaking straightening the curvature. We were delighted to see illustrations of some of the often overlooked "choppers" on p. 94, but wondered if at least two of the "cores" were not the large "chopper-type scrapers" found abundantly here, and in the Old World literature. No microscopic examination of the suspected working edges was mentioned. Membership only \$3.50, Oklahoma Anthropological Society, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla. 73069.

SASKATCHEWAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Newsletter No. 26 devotes 36 pages to Indian Medicine. In the Great Lakes area, an estimated 275 species of plants were believed to have medicinal properties and 27 species were utilized for smoking - are we missing something? Many of their medical discoveries (even as their discovery of tobacco) must have been far earlier than our own - as aspirin derived from willow bark, and even such sophisticated and "modern" things as vitamins and an equivalent of "the pill". The Indians north of Mexico used some 1,112 species of plants for food, too, which makes our modern larder look pretty skimpy and unappetizing. Students will want this...No. 25 reports Milnesand points in east central Saskatchewan. And, if you think you know what you are finding, refer to William Todd's ORIGINAL JOURNAL OF DAILY OCCURRENCES OF FORT PELLY 1832 - On October 20th of that year the blacksmith was making RAT SPEARS - could you identify? William Long, Secretary, 857 Elphinstone St., Regina, Saskatchewan.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INDIAN - that always "bigger and better", you know. We note in the INTERNATIONAL MEMO, Guild of American Prehistorians, Ron Miller, editor, that Skowhegan, Maine, has unveiled the "world's tallest wooden Indian", by sculptor Bernard Langlais. Would you think 10, 15, maybe even 20 feet? Well, spelled backward, he is owt-ytxis teef llat. (It had our head spinning!)

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month in Room 213, Reid Chapel, Samford University. Dr. & Mrs. Harold E. Simon featured the January session with a beautifully illustrated talk on "African Safari", which included a brief visit to the site of excavations by Dr. & Mrs. L. S. B. Leakey. At the February meeting, Dr. Karen Joines, Samford University, will speak on "Excavation of

Ancient Ai In Israel". The excavation at Childersburg under Dr. Joines, is proceeding slowly due to the weather.

The Pastfinders, Birmingham Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary, meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month in members' homes. The January meeting was held at the Planetarium, Birmingham-Southern College, with Dr. Glenn giving the program on the winter sky. Officers for 1970 are: President, Mrs. J. Donald Carmichael; Vice President, Mrs. Charles Hunter; Secretary, Mrs. William D. East; Treasurer, Mrs. William C. Jones; Field Trips, Mrs. W. T. Warren. The February meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. James P. Bradford; the speaker to be Dr. James McCabe, an orthodontist, who will talk on the teeth of the Alabama Indians.

Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at City Hall Auditorium, Cullman. 1970 Officers elected at the December meeting are: President, Don Wilbanks; 1st Vice President, Howard King; 2nd Vice President, Eulis King; Secretary-Treasurer, Mike Wells; Publicity, Mrs. Danny Gray; Special Projects Chairman, Eddie Hite; Refreshments Chairman, Mrs. Lorena Wells; Board of Directors, H. L. Estes, William Bullard and Dale White. At the January meeting, Dr. Jim Kirby, Anniston Chapter, will display and discuss artifacts found in eastern Alabama. A copy of the new Point Type Book was presented by the Chapter to the Cullman County Library.

Montgomery Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Tuesday of each month in the Museum of Fine Arts. At the January meeting, a film entitled "Digging Up the Past" was shown, and an artifact "wash-in" was held in the basement lab. The Chapter is continuing work at Mt lll, an Early Woodland Site on Catoma Creek just outside the Montgomery city limits, and doing reconnaissance into Clarke and Wilcox counties.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Tuesday (new) of each month at Decatur City Hall (new). Amos J. Wright Jr., Huntsville Chapter, spoke to the January meeting on "Mound Builders of the Ohio Valley", covering the Adena and Hopewell mound cultures and their relationship with late Archaic, Copena and the Southern Cult, also graphically illustrated the value of protecting historical sites. At the February meeting, Fletcher Jolly, Muscle Shoals Chapter, will talk on "Bone Tools".

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 4th Monday of each month in Room 100, Science Hall, Florence State University. At the February meeting, Amos J. Wright Jr., Huntsville Chapter, will speak on "Mound Builders of the Ohio Valley", discussing the Adena and Hopewell cultures which were prolific mound builders, and their relationship to Alabama's Late Archaic, Copena and Southern Cult cultures. Slides and artifacts of the Ohio Valley area will be shown.

Noccalula Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. The January meeting, held at Carnes Restaurant, was the Chapter's Annual Dinner Meeting, at which Officers for 1970 were installed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING JANUARY:

Sou. Ill. Univ. Library, Gen. Library Periodicals Rec. Clk., Carbondale, Ill. 62901
Norman E. Dowdy, Route 2, Gurley, Ala. 35748
Tommy Jones, 1107 Mountain Lake Drive, Jacksonville, Ala. 36265
Dr. Sam M. Powell, 3621 Westbury Road, Birmingham, Ala. 35223 (Family)
Dr. Harold E. Simon, 3833 Cove Drive, Birmingham, Ala. 35213 (Family)
Robin E. Taylor, 320 Brookside, Orangeburg, S.C. 29115

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION OF ALABAMA INC. announces that Philip C. Jackson Jr., Vice President of Jackson Securities, by invitation is now a member of its Board of Trustees. The acquisition of such an able and widely known member of the responsible business community is considered a "feather in the cap" of Alabama archaeology (possibly originally an Indian expression, since a feather counted a coup)

We hope for a vigorous 1970, with the Chapters and Research Association working more closely together for mutual benefit and broader archaeological interest and progress. In the Research Association, we have a unique addition which as far as we are aware no other State Society has, and we hope to continue to live up to the wide attention it has attracted now for going on 11 years.

ORGANIZATION of the sane and sound "silent majority" is increasingly becoming both a problem and a potential. A step in the right direction would be for various scattered interests with essentially mutual objectives to work together. The ENVIRONMENTAL NEWSLETTER of THE ALABAMA CONSERVANCY, for example, would carry our essential problems of archaeological conservation to 2,000 additional readers - with a vigorous objective of 30,000. And many valuable contacts might result all over Alabama. Our State Society can join for \$25 a year - 7 new organizational members were announced in the December issue, showing the wide interest of the "silent majority" in conservation of all kinds. But how many of the readers are aware of the critical need for archaeological conservation? Should we not join, and greatly multiply our own message? And individuals can join this urgent movement for \$5 a year. Mary Burks, Editor, THE ALABAMA CONSERVANCY, 3733 Dunbarton Drive, Birmingham 35223 - our forests, streams, water we drink, the very air we breathe, our wildlife, our total "life environment" which makes the earth habitable, all demand action by the "silent majority".

Dr. H. M. Wormington has a nice habit of making an "annual report" to her friends. We are certain, however, that she doesn't know but a fraction of the friends she has made over the years, so we like to excerpt and share. One of her adventures concerned: "Evidence suggesting possible contemporaneity between man and dwarf mammoths on a very early time level had been reported from San Miguel, one of the channel islands off the Santa Barbara Coast. Fourteen specialists from a number of disciplines were flown in by helicopter to spend 3 days evaluating the evidence in order to make suggestions for future research. It was a great experience, for the island is absolutely enchanting; not only because of its natural beauty, but because it is uninhabited and animals have no fear of man. It's really exciting to be able to wander along a beach among seals and sea elephants and to have wild foxes eat out of your hand." All the world afraid of man! - and wouldn't you know Dr. Marie would appreciate this beautiful exception! She has only one Chihuahua now, Tico having died in October, and Cosita, though recovering from surgery, is still grieving. As Visiting Professor at Colorado College, she has found "the students are the best undergraduates I've ever had. They actually think, and work with real enthusiasm." The College has "very high entrance requirements". In October, the 140 mile round trip, however, was beset with 33 inches of snow and at times visibility about 2 feet! It is good to hear that a Wenner-Gren grant is making it possible to share time for working on a book - which we shall bring to your attention as soon as available. (A footnote mentions an exciting archaeological find not yet available for publication.)

Sigfus Olafson - he had us smiling in spite of his misadventures. On December 24 he started from Madison, W.Va., on a circuit to visit his children - Va., N.Y. & Ohio. He slipped on some ice, "felt a sting in my ankle, thought nothing of it". But by the time his daughter met him at the airport "it was really aching" and she wanted to get a wheel chair. "Not me, I said, knowing that I was a real tough guy." But the "real tough guy" wound up spending his holidays in bed, leg in a cast - broken bone. It must have been a real tough ending for his holiday plans, but we were obliged to write him that he might be better off in bed than chasing around the country in that weather, not to mention the avaricious bugs he might encounter. For he is a real nice guy and in retirement should take advantage of every opportunity to take the best of care of himself.

THOSE 1970 DUES: Although Secretary Rodger Schaefer reports membership renewals arriving in gratifying numbers, be reminded by this if YOU haven't sent in YOUR check!

EDUCATIONAL PAGE

TOWARD A BETTER STATE SOCIETY - PART II

In STONES & BONES, September 1969, State Society Secretary R. L. Schaefer authored an Educational Page entitled "Toward a Better State Society". The article dealt with the relationship of the membership and the Society. It suggested that programs be formalized to assist chapters with their monthly meeting responsibilities, provide much broader opportunities for the membership to participate in excavations and encourage other activities which will have greatest interest to the amateur. Mr. Schaefer closed his article with a request for ideas on ways for the membership to serve and be served. He received several very good letters in return, and offered summaries of these to me as background for this article.

In particular, I direct this space toward consideration of ways to assist the chapters in their program planning. This is one of the most important phases of chapter activity since it can ultimately influence the success or failure of the local chapter which forms the very foundation of the Society itself.

Although there have been a few instances of cooperative efforts noted, chapters generally plan and develop their programs independently. As a chapter member and Society officer, I believe the chapters have the right to expect as much assistance from the Society as the Society expects from them. The availability of interesting and educational programs to all chapters seems a reasonable part of this. With this in mind, I propose that the Society provide for the present and future by forming a Board of Directors' Committee to function as a clearing house for program material. The committee would work with and for chapter program chairmen. The duties of this committee might be as follows:

1. Assemble and maintain an updated list of speakers, subject material, speaker's address and phone number, availability and willingness to travel, advance notice required, etc.
2. Maintain a list of available movie and slide programs, sources and cost.
3. Provide counselling for chapter activities such as excavations. This responsibility might include the establishment of a team of "certified" amateurs for each geographical area.
4. Assemble and publish monthly in STONES & BONES a list of subjects which chapters would like presented in future programs. This might uncover speakers who, to this point, have not been called on or provided the incentive to prepare a program.

The above would not limit chapter activities, but would provide a service when needed. Nor would it mean that the program chairman's job would be done for him. Contacts and final arrangements would remain the program chairman's responsibility.

A program of this nature will require time to formalize and institute in any form since it must receive Society approval. However, much groundwork can be completed through an indication of interest and constructive criticism from Society members now. Please direct your letters to Secretary Schaefer.

John H. Gustafson, Decatur Chapter, State Society 2nd Vice President

ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY SITE SURVEY

1. Society Chapter reporting site: _____
2. Society Member to be contacted _____ Name
by Archaeologist: _____ Address
Business _____ Home _____ Phone _____
3. Type of Site: Bluff Shelter _____ Earth Mound _____ Field Site _____
Other _____
4. Description of site, including how near the site is to a river, creek, spring,
etc.: _____

5. Approximate Dimensions of Site in feet: Length: _____ Width: _____
6. Does Site seem to have some depth of deposit (midden) warranting excavation?
Yes _____ No _____. If yes, give approximate depth of midden: _____
7. Would owner of Site permit: Surface survey of Site (yes or no) _____
Excavation by professional archaeologist (yes or no) _____
8. Has site been excavated previously: By professional archaeologists _____
By "pothunters" _____
Remarks: _____
9. If Site has been excavated previously, has any report on excavation been pub-
lished? _____

10. If Site has been excavated previously, either by professional archaeologists or
by "pothunters", are there sufficient unexplored areas to warrant professional
excavation? _____

11. Please give reasons your Chapter believes this Site warrants excavation, other
than "it should be salvaged". We know that many sites are being destroyed by
erosion, construction projects and other agents, but we are concentrating on
excavation of sites which potentially will reveal "new" information. We will
not have sufficient funds to excavate sites which are "duplicates". In other
words, "new" information concerning the prehistory of Alabama is our sole aim.

12. Do the surface finds show that the site is Paleo _____ Transitional Paleo _____
Archaic _____ Woodland _____ Mississippian _____ Historic _____.

THIS FORM WHEN COMPLETED SHOULD BE MAILED PROMPTLY TO: Steve B. Wimberly, Old Looney
Mill Road, Route 13, Box 826, Birmingham, Ala. 35216. January 1970

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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