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ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The Alabama Archaeological Society will hold its annual meeting in Huntsville on Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 21, 1982. The meeting will be held in the Moreland Room of the Huntsville Hilton (401 Williams Avenue, across the street from the Von Braun Civic Center).

AGENDA

Saturday, November 20

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Display Open

8:30 - 11:15 - Morning Session - Early Man in Alabama

- Welcome - Mayor Joe Davis - Huntsville
- Introduction - Margaret Chase, President, A. A. S.
- The Migration - Dr. Richard Krause, University of Alabama
- The Environment - Dan Womochel, Auburn University
- Subsistence Patterns - Charles Hubbert
- The Archaeological Record - Carey Oakley, Office of Archaeological Research
- Comments on the Summer Meeting - Jim Lee

11:30 - 1:00 - Lunch (on your own)

- State Board of Directors Meeting

1:00 - 4:30 - Afternoon Session - Current Archaeological Research in Alabama

- Office of Archaeological Research - Eugene Futato
- Auburn University - Dr. John Cottier
- University of Alabama in Birmingham - Dr. Roger Nance
- Auburn University in Montgomery - Dr. Craig Sheldon/David Chase
- University of South Alabama - Reed Stowe/Ned Jenkins
- Jacksonville State University - Dr. Harry Holstein

Day November 1982

6:00 - 7:00 - Social (Cash Bar)

7:00 - Dinner

- Program - The Constitution Hall Project - Dr. Frances Roberts, Chairman of Board of Directors, Constitution Hall Park. (Constitution Hall will be discussed from the archaeological, historical and architectural points of view.)

Sunday, November 21

9:00 - Tour of Constitution Hall Park

Note: There is no charge for the annual meeting or for the tour of Constitution Hall Park. There will be a \$10 charge for the Saturday evening dinner. If you plan to attend the dinner, please return the enclosed form by November 12.

If you have any questions on the annual meeting, call Jim Lee at 205/881-0527.

DISPLAYS

Members are encouraged to bring exhibits of archaeological material for display at the annual meeting. Write to Huntsville Chapter President Ellis Whitt, 2107 Britain Avenue, S. W.; Huntsville, Alabama 35803, or call him at 205/883-9065, if you have material which you would like to display at the meeting.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The Huntsville Hilton, 401 Williams Avenue, S. W., is the location of the annual meeting. Call the Hilton direct at 533-1400, or call the Hilton chain toll-free number, 800-241-5838, to make reservations.

Less expensive accommodations may be obtained at several local motels, including the Sands (Best Western), 2700 Memorial Parkway, S. W.; Telephone 205/536-6661; and the Frank-Ann, 2101 Memorial Parkway, S. W.; Telephone 205/536-8511. Both of these motels are less than a five-minute drive from the Hilton.

DIRECTIONS TO THE HUNTSVILLE HILTON

If you are approaching Huntsville from the south: Drive north on 231 (Memorial Parkway); take the Governors Drive/Williams Avenue exit. Cross Governors Drive; Williams Avenue is the next street on the right. Stay in the right-hand lane; cross the railroad tracks. The Von Braun Civic Center will be to your left, and you will see the Hilton straight ahead, on the right-hand side of the street.

From the north: Drive south on 231 (Memorial Parkway); take the Clinton Avenue exit. Turn east (left) from the exit ramp, under the Parkway. Cross the railroad tracks, pass the Von Braun Civic Center (it will be to your right) and turn right at the traffic light by the Civic Center. You will now be driving by the front of the Civic Center. When you reach the next traffic light, the Hilton will be across the street, to your left.

Note: There are signs on all major approaches to Huntsville, giving directions to the Civic Center. The Huntsville Hilton is catty-corner from the Civic Center's Arena.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Cullman Chapter

The program for October was given by Dr. Roger Nance of UAB.

Huntsville Chapter

The speaker at the October 19 meeting was Mr. Van King of Moundville, who presented a most interesting and informative program on flint knapping. Mr. King is associated with University of Alabama's Office of Archaeological Research. He has been working in the Decatur area recently, participating in a survey conducted by the University. He is known throughout Alabama as a flint knapper and has made studies on heat treatment of various types of chert.

The point of the month was the Buzzard Roost. Bart Henson led the discussions.

The Huntsville Chapter will host the Alabama Archaeological Society's annual meeting on November 20 and 21. The state annual meeting will take the place of the November chapter meeting.

Muscle Shoals Chapter

The Muscle Shoals Chapter resumed its meetings on October 11. Fourteen members and guests attended. Mary-Eliza and Charles Moore gave a report on their recent tour of archaeological sites, museums, and present-day Pueblo villages in the southwest. The tour was sponsored by the Center for American Archaeology, which is affiliated with Northwestern University. The Moores devoted most of the program to the history and development of the Anasazi people, with emphasis on Mesa Verde.

The next program will be on November 8 at 7:15 at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence.

1982 ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH

In the December 1981 issue of the Stones & Bones we reported that most of the 1981 OAR activity was directed toward report preparation rather than field work. This has been the case so far in 1982 as well. We have produced 11 reports in various stages of the review and printing process this year. These reports are summarized below. Some of these, of course, are carried over from 1981 with a new status report.

1. Draft report of Archaeological Investigations at the Yarborough Site (22C1814), Clay County, Mississippi, by Carlos Solis and Richard Walling. U. S. Army Corps of Engineers - Mobile District. 343 pp. This report describes the excavation of an isolated Mississippian house and associated features. Some earlier materials were present including the largest sample of Alexander ceramics yet reported for one site. The report has been reviewed by the Corps and is being revised.

2. Phase I Archaeological Reconnaissance of the Oliver Lock and Dam Project Area, Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, by Lawrence S. Alexander. USCOE - Mobile. 296 pp. This report describes archaeological survey near Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The report has been revised and will be printed after final corrections.

3. Archaeological Testing Investigations at 58 Sites in the River and Canal Sections of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, by Judith A. Bense. Inter-Agency Archaeological Services, Atlanta. 529 pp. The report describes investigations along the entire length of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. The report has been revised and will be printed after final corrections.

4. Phase II Identification and Evaluation of Submerged Cultural Resources in the Tombigbee Multi-Resource District, Alabama and Mississippi, by Larry Murphy and Alan R. Saltus. IAS - Atlanta. 385 pp. This report describes the testing of steamboat wrecks and other underwater resources and includes a general review of methods of remote sensing and other relevant topics. The report has been revised and will be printed after final corrections.

5. Phase II Archaeological Investigations Within the Shelby Bend Archaeological District, Hickman and Maury Counties, Tennessee, by Lawrence S. Alexander. National Park Service. 262 pages. This report describes the results of surface collection and test excavations at 14 sites on the Duck River, Tennessee. The report has been revised and will be printed after final corrections.

6. Archaeology of the Gainesville Lake Area: Synthesis, by Ned J. Jenkins. Archaeological Investigations in the Gainesville Lake Area of Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, Volume V. USACOE - Mobile. 175 pp. This final report of the Gainesville Lake area series summarizes current knowledge of the prehistory of the region. The report has been revised and will be printed after final corrections.

7. The Murphy Hill Site (1Ms300): The Structural Study of a Copena Mound and Comparative Review of the Copena Mortuary Complex, by Gloria G. Cole. Tennessee Valley Authority. 385 pp. This report describes the excavation of two Copena mounds in Marshall County, Alabama, and reviews the Copena complex in terms of recent analytical concepts and current research. The report is complete and is being printed.

8. The Gainesville Lake Area Excavations, by Ned J. Jenkins and H. Blaine Ensor. Archaeological Investigations in the Gainesville Lake Area of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, Volume I. USACOE - Mobile. 173 pp. This initial volume of the Gainesville Lake series describes the field work at five sites in Pickens and Greene Counties, Alabama. The report has been printed.

9. Gainesville Lake Area Lithics: Chronology, Technology, and Use, by H. Blaine Ensor. Archaeological Investigations in the Gainesville Lake area, Volume III. USACOE - Mobile. 316 pp. This report describes the lithic materials from five sites in Pickens and Greene Counties, Alabama. The report has been printed.

10-11. An Intensive Phase II Cultural Resources Survey of Selected Areas on the Coosa River Navigation Project, Volumes I-II, by Tim S. Mistovich. USACOE - Mobile. 220 pp., total. Each of these separate reports describes the survey of selected areas along the Coosa River. Both reports have been printed.

Manuscripts currently in preparation include: (1) a report by Lawrence Alexander of excavations of 22Ts954, a multicomponent site in northeast Mississippi; (2) a report by Jeff Otinger, Chuck Hoffman, and Bob Lafferty, of excavations at 22Ts729, also a multicomponent site in northeast Mississippi; (3) a report by Charles Hubbert and Richard Wright of survey and testing along the Tallapoosa and Little Tallapoosa Rivers; (4) a report by Carlos Solis of excavations at 1Bb12, a multicomponent site at Brent, Alabama; and (5) a report by Eugene Futato of excavations in the Cedar Creek and Upper Bear Creek Reservoirs in northwest Alabama.

Field work by OAR in 1982 has included: (1) excavations for the Alabama Highway Department at 1Ja78, a Guntersville Basin shell midden with Early Woodland and Late Woodland components; (2) additional survey along the Coosa River for the Mobile Corps of Engineers; (3) survey and testing on Greenwood Island, Mississippi, for the Jackson County (Mississippi) Port Authority; (4) archaeological testing of seven sites near Decatur, Alabama for TVA; and (5) archaeological testing of Site 1Ct264 with the Alabama Archaeological Society. OAR has also performed about 25 smaller survey projects this year.

Eugene Futato
Moundville

THE PAYNE COLLECTION

Buddy Brehm has published a small 16-page booklet on the Edward W. Payne Collection - believed to be the largest private collection ever accumulated in the U. S. Mr. Payne was born in 1857 and lived most of his life in Springfield Illinois, where he became a prominent banker and landholder. He started collecting artifacts as a child and continued until his later life. The collection consisted of "hundreds of thousands" of artifacts and was valued from one to three million dollars when Mr. Payne died in 1932. Mr. Payne wanted to retain his collection intact and offered it to the city of Springfield at one time. After his death the collection was placed on sale to help settle the debts of his estate. There were no takers for the collection intact, and a public auction was set August 15, 1935. Just before the auction began, a belated effort for an option by Yale University failed as hundreds of people from all over the U. S. were gathered for the auction, and it was decided the offer was too late. The auction brought \$10,000 the first day, with a steatite pipe from Kentucky bringing the top price of \$450. The pamphlet may be obtained from H. C. Brehm, 5311 Indiana Avenue; Nashville, Tennessee 37209.

The Editors

SPECIAL DEJARNETTE PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

SEAC Special Publication No. 5 is now available. The monograph contains the following papers from a special symposium held in honor of David L. DeJarnette, organized by John A. Walthall, held November 6, 1976 at the 33rd Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Tuscaloosa.

- "David L. DeJarnette" by John A. Walthall
"A Brief Tribute to David L. DeJarnette" by James B. Griffin
"The First 101 Years of Alabama Zooarchaeology" by Cailup B. Curren, Jr.
"Daveville: an Early Mississippian Ceramic Series from the Tallapoosa River Area of Central Alabama" by Roy S. Dickens and James H. Chapman
"Archaeology at 1Je34, a Late West Jefferson Phase Site" by Hal B. Ensor
"Terminal Woodland-Mississippian Interaction in Northern Alabama: The West Jefferson Phase" by Ned J. Jenkins
"Childersburg: Evidence of European Contact Demonstrated by Archaeological Plant Remains" by Elisabeth Shepard Sheldon
"A Summary of the Historic Aboriginal Occupations of the Guntersville Basin, Alabama" by Victor K. Fleming and John A. Walthall

The publication may be ordered from the editor at a cost of \$5.00. Due to funding limitations, the publication will not be distributed as a privilege of membership in the Conference.

Order from: Mr. William H. Marquardt; Editor, SEAC; The Florida State Museum; University of Florida; Gainesville, Florida 32611.

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SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE

The 39th Annual Southeastern Archaeological Conference will be held at the Ramada Inn Convention Center, Memphis, October 28, 29 and 30, 1982.

MADSTONE

I am doing research on a relic called a Madstone. In appearance its color is variegated but primarily brown; it is about 2½ inches long by 1½ inches wide; it is tubular in shape, with a hollow running lengthwise through the center of the stone. This madstone is thought to be a chlorite tubular bannerstone. There have been stories that this madstone was used to counteract the effects of a snake bite or dog bite in the past, especially in the Appalachian region. I have found reference to the madstone in a 1956 edition of the Americana Encyclopedia, but cannot find other references. I would appreciate any information you might have about the madstone. Please write me at 644 Lakeshore Drive; Kingston, Tennessee 37763.

J. B. Gilliland

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Available issues of <i>Journal of Alabama Archaeology</i> Vol. 13-18	\$1.00 pp
Vol. 20-24 (\$2.50 to Members)	\$4.00 pp
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Special Publication 3 – <i>Archaeological Investigations at Horseshoe Bend</i>	\$6.50 pp
<i>Handbook of Alabama Archaeology Part 1, Point Types</i>	\$7.35 pp
Lively, Long, Josselyn - <i>Pebble Tool Paper</i>	\$3.00 pp
<i>Investigations in Russell Cave</i> , published by the National Park Service	\$5.00 pp
<i>Exploring Prehistoric Alabama through Archaeology</i> (Juvenile)	\$7.00 pp

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