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### FAYETTE CHAPTER

Following are activities and members of the newest chapter to A.A.S. Congratulations! The next A.A.S. Board Meeting is expected to grant approval.

The following is a list of the minutes that we have conducted since we have started getting up our club.

On October 10, 1985 a group of people met at Brewer State Junior College to discuss the possibility of starting an archeology club in Fayette County. Nine people were present and it was decided there was sufficient interest for such a club. Another meeting was planned for October 24th and Ronny Howell was asked to find a speaker for that meeting.

The Fayette Archeological club met October 24th at Brewer State Junior College. Twenty one people were present and the following officers were elected---Ronny Howell, President, Carl Porter First Vice- President, Ned Nichols 2nd Vice President, and Shirley Porter Secretary-Treasurer. Bill Adkinson former president of the Tuscaloosa Chapter, was the guest speaker. Bill gave a demonstration on flint knapping and pottery marking. Mr. Jack Black of the Fayette Art Council asked the club to present an artifact display November 24th at the Fayette Civic Center. On this same day some of the late Lois Wilson's Indian art would also be unveiled. The club decided to meet Thursday November 21 to discuss this display.

The Fayette Arch. Club met Thursday November 21 at the Fayette Civic Center. With 16 members present plans were made for the upcoming artifact display. It was also decided to change the meeting place to the Civic Center. The club also decided that no meeting would be held in December because of the holidays.

The Fayette Arch. Club display was Sunday November 24 at the Fayette Civic Center. Several members from Fayette and Winfield participated and filled a large room with artifacts. An estimated 600 people attended the exhibit.

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The following is a list of current members.

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Mr. Joby Sanford	Route 1	Fayette, Alabama	35555
Mr. Carl Porter	Route 1 Box 288A	Fayette, Alabama	35555
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Mr. Donald Newton	Route 5	Fayette, Alabama	35555
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Mr. John Franklin Phillips	412 Temple Avenue N	Fayette, Alabama	35555
Mrs. Billie Fowler	Route 1	Bankston, Alabama	35542
Mr. Ned Nichols	P.O. Box 637	Fayette, Alabama	35555
Mr. Danny West	537 5th Street NE	Fayette, Alabama	35555
Mrs. Danny West	537 5th Street NE	Fayette, Alabama	35555
Mr. Junior Logan	Route 4	Fayette, Alabama	35555
Mr. Mack E. Mangum	P.O. Box 195	Winfield, Alabama	35594
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The following is a list of officers.

President	Ronnie Howell
1st Vice President	Carl Porter
2nd Vice President	Ned Nichols
Secretary	Shirley Porter

The Fayette Arch. Club met Thursday January 23 at the Fayette Civic Center. Twelve regular members were present with 4 visitors from Tuscaloosa. John Franklin Phillips, author of The Indian Heritage of America and other books, was the guest speaker. Mr. Phillips showed some of his artifacts and some slides of some of his finds. The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday night of February.

The Fayette Arch. Club met Thursday February 27, 1986 at the Fayette Civic Center. Twenty-seven were present for the meeting. Mr. Bill Atkinson from Tuscaloosa had the program on several of his findings. The next meeting will be the fourth Thursday night in March.

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For further information on the newly formed Fayette Chapter, contact Shirley Porter, Secretary, at 932-3331, or write to Shirley - Route 1, Box 288A; Fayette, Alabama 35555.

Shirley Porter  
Fayette

### SOAPSTONE BOWL STOLEN IN 1935

The bowl was unlawfully removed from the rear yard of the owner's farm homesite at the Gold Hill community in the southern part of Chambers County, Alabama. It had been in the possession of the owner's family for over 120 years and had been used as a water bowl for dogs and chickens. Its origin is unknown, but soapstone is known to have been quarried in Chambers and Tallapoosa Counties by both Indians and early settlers.

The bowl is blue-gray in color and irregular in shape, wider at one end. The exterior sides are nearly straight to curved, and rough finished. The interior has a smooth finish and sloping sides down to a nearly flat bottom. The bowl is approximately 2.5 feet long by 1 foot to 2 feet wide by .8 foot deep.

If you have any information that might assist in its recovery, please notify Baker Dean, Jr., Telephone No. 205/745-2494; or write to him at P. O. Box 508; Opelika, Alabama 36801.



Baker Dean, Jr.  
Opelika

### CHAPTER NEWS

#### Birmingham Chapter

The Birmingham Chapter met on February 13 at the Red Mountain Museum. Charles and Mary-Eliza Moore from Florence gave an excellent slide presentation entitled "Archaeology of the Southwest". They also brought

baskets, pottery and dolls that are typical examples of the arts and crafts produced by Indians currently living in this area.

Eloise Clark

The March meeting of the Birmingham Archaeological Society was held at the Red Mountain Museum Auditorium on March 13. Dr. Roger Nance, Professor of Anthropology at UAB, presented a program on Guatemala that was extremely interesting. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings. The times are 7:00 p.m. for Eloise Clark's great coffee and cookies and 7:30 for the program.

Annette Weeks Otts

#### Huntsville Chapter

The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room of the United Way office on Traylor Island. Visitors are welcome. For more information on programs and other chapter activities, call Program Chairman Houston Wright at 881-2485.

The March program was a joint presentation by Houston Wright and Charles Hubbert. The presentation was a continuation of the discussions on Paleo man and of the test excavations currently under way in southern Madison County. Slides showed the excavation from ground level, inside a trench, and from the air. A fire hearth was found at approximately 12 feet; and an early Archaic projectile point associated with the midden, at 6 feet. Also, depth-finder studies indicate that the adjacent sand bar extends about halfway across the river. There was also a discussion of earlier excavations in the area, including during WPA days. The possible significance of the preliminary findings in the initial survey was discussed in relation to the earlier excavations, the old sloughs, sand bars and general topography of the area.

Dorothy Luke

#### Tuscaloosa Chapter

The Tuscaloosa Chapter's March meeting was held at the Tuscaloosa Public Library on March 3. Nominations for officers for the year were made for the coming April election, and an informal discussion on proposed future chapter activities was held. Several members brought artifacts of which the materials from which they were manufactured was noted, along with the regional area from which the materials originate. A booklet containing information for the identification of human bones was distributed to each attending member. A similar booklet concerning identification of local projectile point types was distributed at the earlier February meeting. One member, Bill Adkison, recently made application for the Archaeological Associates certification, as mentioned in the January 1986 issue of Stones & Bones, which we hope to hear more about soon.

The next chapter meeting will be on April 7 for election of officers, with a program following, at 7:00 p.m. at the Tuscaloosa Public Library. The chapter meets there monthly - every first Monday - at that time.

Jack Wilson

#### WELL DONE!

The Tuscaloosa Chapter is going into its fourth year now since being reactivated, and would like to commend its past Presidents: Bill Adkison, Jeanie Allan, and Rick Walling for their efforts in providing the programs, speakers, outside activities and other assistance to the chapter during the past three years. We would also like to express our appreciation to all of our other chapter officers, and to all of those people who have helped and assisted us during this period. Thanks all.

Jack Wilson

#### MASAPA

The Mid-South Association for Professional Anthropologists (MASAPA) was organized in 1983 to formalize an already existing network of anthropologists committed to furthering the application of anthropological knowledge. MASAPA encourages interaction between the sometimes isolated anthropologists in the Mid-South, and supplies professional services, including job-hunting advice, to unemployed members, and continuing education and training for those who are employed. We sponsor social functions and serve as a psychological support group for anthropologists. MASAPA offers a job network, publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, sponsors speakers, and publishes a yearly directory of members.

MASAPA currently has 38 members, most from Memphis. We are seeking involvement of anthropologists from Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Kentucky, and other areas of Tennessee. Annual dues are \$15 for individuals and \$30 for institutions. For further information contact Bridget Ciaramitaro; Department of Anthropology; Memphis State University; Memphis, Tennessee 38152. Phone: 901/454-2751 or 901/685-1760.

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#### SEAC

The Southeastern Archaeological Conference, founded in 1937, is one of the oldest and largest regional archaeological associations in the United States. The purpose of this letter is to invite members of the Alabama Archaeological Society to join our organization.

There are many advantages to joining SEAC. For annual dues of only \$15.00 (individual) or \$17.50 (family), members receive the following benefits:

- Two issues of the magazine "Southeastern Archaeology". This is the only publication in existence that focuses on the archaeology of all the southern states. Each issue includes articles and book reviews written by some of the leading archaeologists working in the Southeast today.
- Two issues of the SEAC Newsletter. This publication contains announcements, book notes, and news of interest to our members.
- The opportunity to attend SEAC's annual meeting. This three-day meeting regularly takes place in the fall (late October or early November), and draws participants from throughout the Southeast. Activities include papers on current research, archaeological films, and social events. The next two meetings will take place in Nashville, Tennessee (1986) and Charleston, South Carolina (1987).

To join SEAC, mail check or money order, payable to SEAC, to Ann Cordell; SEAC Treasurer; Florida State Museum; Gainesville, Florida 32611.

Vincas P. Steponaitis  
Binghamton, New York

#### "ARLINGTON OF THE SOUTH"

Bulldozers have been furiously churning through the woods at Fort Mitchell, Alabama, carving a road into the heart of Russell County's most historical site. Like a blaze on a tree, the swath of red clay marks the beginning of what some envision as the "Arlington of the South", Fort Mitchell National Cemetery. After years of political tug of war in Washington, D. C., the resting place of veterans throughout the Southeast has finally come to rest here. With construction of the \$7 million cemetery only months away, the County has started to develop a park at Fort Mitchell. The Fort, built in 1813 by the Georgia Militia, borders the southern edge of a 280-acre cemetery.

The County's Fort Mitchell Park is an 80-acre tract originally intended to be included in the cemetery site. But the VA excluded it from its final plans, leaving upkeep of the historical area to the State and County. The County began developing the park recently with a \$50,000 grant from the Alabama Department of Natural Resources. A circular drive to the Fort, paved trails, a pavilion, parking lots and picnic tables should be completed before the end of the year. For the second phase, the County hopes to build a rough replica of the Fort at its original site, now just a grassy knoll less than a mile from the Chattahoochee River.

(The preceding was from an article in "Chattahoochee Tracings", Newsletter of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission; Volume 13, Winter 1986.)

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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Ceramics, Chronology and Community Patterns: An Archaeological Study at Moundville, by Vincas P. Steponaitis. Offers a detailed study of ceramics at Moundville (located on the Black Warrior River in west-central Alabama), one of the best known and most intensively studied prehistoric sites in North America. In addressing matters of culture history, the study presents a detailed and well-documented Mississippian chronology - one of the very few in existence. (1982, ISBN: 0-12-666280-0; \$47.50.)

Available directly from Academic Press by writing Academic Press; Promotion Department; 6277 Sea Harbor Drive; Orlando, Florida 32821, or by calling toll free 1-800-321-5068. (In Florida call 1-800-345-4100.) Orders must include ISBN's. If personal check or money order is sent, please add applicable sales tax.

For more information, contact Patty Branton; Academic Press; Promotion Department; Orlando, Florida 32887; 305/345-2751.

The Murphy Hill Site (1Ms300): The Structural Study of a Copena Mound and Comparative Review of the Copena Mortuary Complex, by Gloria G. Cole, Office of Archaeological Research, University of Alabama; Research Series No. 3 and Tennessee Valley Authority Publications in Anthropology No. 31, 1981. 368 pages, tables, figures, plates; \$27.50.

Available from: TVA, Mapping Services Branch; 200 Haney Building; Chattanooga, Tennessee 37401.

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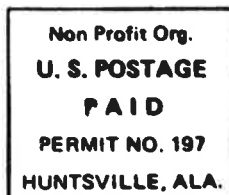
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