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#### DUES 'R DEFINITELY DUE!!!

Some 200 members for 1974 have not as yet paid their 1975 dues. Notices will be mailed out to these persons on April 2, 1975. Members are requested to mail their dues so they will be received prior to April 22; otherwise they will not receive the May issue of the Newsletter and will be dropped from the mailing list until the dues are paid. During May each member will receive a special mailing of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alabama Archaeological Society. So get your dues in early and avoid missing any issues of the Newsletter.

#### ALABAMA AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGIST

At the February 19 Board of Directors Meeting in Cullman it was motioned and passed that the Alabama Archaeological Society select a committee to establish the standards and procedures to select an Alabama Amateur Archaeologist of the year (see report on the Board meeting contained in this issue). The committee members are: James W. Cambron, Chairman; Members, E. Milton Harris, B. Bart Henson, C. Roger Nance, Jerry J. Nielsen and Margaret Searcy. Marjorie Gay will serve as ex officio member of the committee. The policy established by this committee will be published in future issues of the Newsletter.

#### SUPPORT ARCHAEOLOGY IN SCIENCE FAIRS

High school students may receive support and encouragement from local chapters of the A.A.S. The Muscle Shoals Chapter annually presents a book to the winner of the Archaeology Division of the Science Fair in the Florence area. At least two of the past winners have become active members of the Muscle Shoals Chapter. This type of recognition should help promote a scientific approach to amateur archaeology as opposed to a collecting for collectings sake approach. Cther chapters might be interested in encouraging young amateurs in such a way.

(Charles E. Moore, Muscle Shoals Chapter)

PEOPLE WHO MCVE AND DC NOT LET US KNCW,

MAKE US UNHAPPY AND COST US SOME DOUGH!

#### HIGHLIGHTS CF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Marjorie Gay, president, called the meeting to order at 8:15pm with 24 directors present.

Rodger Schaefer, secretary-treasurer, reported that as of February 15th we have 488 paid members for 1975; meaning that we are about 60 members behind this time last year. It is estimated that our membership will drop to approximately 600-640 from 1974's membership total of 694. At the present time Newsletter costs are running about \$830 per year and Journal costs are around \$3,500 per year. With the increased dues at the new rate of \$7 we should receive around \$4,400 in dues which will just about pay for the publications, but not other expenses. So even with the increased dues we will still be operating slightly in the red. E. M. Harris audited the books for 1974 and the following is the audited and corrected report for the year. Balance on hand on December 31, 197 - \$2,876.66; Income - \$6,540.27; Disbursements - \$6,829.82; Balance on hand December 31, 1974 - \$2,587.11. The Ten Year publication cost \$3,674.88, mailing costs were \$28.26 during 1974, so we currently have a \$349.04 deficit on this publication which should be eliminated by the end of 1975.

Britt Thompson reported that a lot of other people besides Marjorie Gay are contributing articles to the Newsletter and that he hopes that this is a new trend for 1975.

David L. DeJarnette reported that a number of articles were on hand for the June issue of the Journal and that the number included would depend on the space available once the articles are typed and readied for the printer.

The committee members as presented in the March issue of the Newsletter were approved by the Board of Directors.

No chapters have invited the Society to hold our annual meetings at their locations as of this time. B. Bart Henson moved that the Program Chairman and the President be empowered to arrange the time and place of the summer meeting and coordinate the meeting with a site dig or survey if at all possible. This motion was seconded and passed. As soon as the arrangements are made, notice will be placed in the Newsletter. The winter meeting time will be held earlier (a week prior to the Auburn-Alabama game) as previously agreed at the past December meeting in Tuscaloosa.

Howard King, program chairman, requested that the chapters give a chapter report at the Winter Annual Meeting.

Ned Jenkins, publications chairman, stated that a number of manuscripts are on hand for consideration. The committee will consider each of these articles and prepare their recommendations for submission to the Board.

Dr. Albert Trouse, publicity chairman, asked for clippings from local newspapers on old articles of the early history (prior to statehood) of the area for the Bicentiennial Beginnings of Alabama. These articles are to be sent to Mrs. Drusilla McGowan, 418 Wrights Mill Road, Auburn, 36830.

B. Bart Henson moved that the Society: 1) publish the Constitution and By-Laws in the Newsletter. It was decided that this would be done as a special mailing rather than devote an entire Newsletter to this information; 2) use the society emblem on our stationary and publications in the future, dependent of course on using the remaining paper stock on hand before printing up new letterheads, etc; 3) continue the scholarship fund of \$250 again this year at the University of Alabama; and 4) recognize an outstanding member of the society each year. Marjorie Gay is to appoint a committee composed of professionals and amateurs and herself to establish the criteria (see Page 1). The only definite criteria thus far agreed upon is that the award go to an amateur. All four of the above were seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45pm.

#### RECONSTRUCTION OF FORT CONDE

On Monday, March 10, 1975, groundbreaking ceremonies were held in Mobile to kick off the beginning of the reconstruction of the French Fort Conde located in downtown Mobile, Alabama. The site of the fort is within the right-of-way of Interstate 10 at the location of the new tunnel under the bay. In 1964 the University of Alabama began archaeological salvage investigations at the site which continued until 1972. The reconstruction of this fort is a Bicentennial Project of the City of Mobile. Much of the information to be used in this reconstruction was gained from the archaeological investigations sponsored by the Alabama Highway Department. This is just one example of what fine cooperation between agencies can do to preserve the heritage of the State of Alabama.

#### BEST FRIEND OF CHARLESTON

A recent letter from <u>Douglas Clare Purcell</u>, Executive Director of the Historic Chattahoochee Commission in Eufaula, reports that the "Best Friend" will be giving free rides from 10:00am until 3:00pm on Saturday, April 5th. The "Best Friend" is a replica of the 1830 engine used on the South Carolina Canal and Railroad Company lines of Charleston and will be in Eufaula for the April 3 - 6 Pilgrimage reported earlier in the Stones and Bones. Short rides will begin near Reeves peanut warehouse, travel north along the river and last 10 to 15 minutes. It will pull two passenger cars which carry 25 passengers each. This will be a public service of Southern Railway and is an event which you and your children will remember for many years to come. Further information concerning the events scheduled for the 10th Annual Eufaula Pilgrimage can be obtained by writing to Mrs. Robert Schaffeld, General Chairman, at Box 33, Eufaula, Alabama 36027

#### CERTIFICATION

This is especially for members of the Society for American Archaeology but is also of great importance to all who read Stones & Bones. Of the approximately 4,250 members of SAA, about 20 are also members of the Alabama Archaeological Society residing in Alabama, with many more members living in other states.

Have you received your copy of the Report of the SAA Committee on Certification (of archaeologists)? Even more important, HAVE YOU READ IT? Did you send for the Proceedings of the 1974 Conference on Cultural Resource Management? (See February 1975 Stones & Bones, Page 2). These proceedings contain papers, comments and the general discussion about the various responsibilities and problems which confront the archaeological discipline today. The conference was attended by about 125 archaeologists and agency officials from about 17 western states. The following is a comment by W. James Judge of the University of New Mexico, "In brief, as my friend Leo Flynn pointed out to me on our way to these mettings, the academic training of archaeologists as anthropologists has rarely been put to the test in the past. In the immediate future, it will be, and the effectiveness of that training will be measured in very pragmatic terms, and it will be measured in large part by a non-archaeological audience."

Other background material on this subject was contained in the letter of July 15, 1974, to SAA members from President McGimsey on the subject, "The Exploration of New Directions for the Society and the Profession of Archaeology." This concerned the proposed Arlie Seminars which were held during the latter months of 1974. The conclusions of one session helped outline the recommendations set forth in the Report of the SAA Committee on Certification mentioned above. The results of all the Arlie Seminars is to be available in published form to the SAA membership at the May 8-10, 1975 meeting in Dallas.

I urge you to reread all of this material which you have available and carefully read the report received in March. Consider the following comment by William Mayer-Cakes of Texas Tech. University, "Certainly somebody must seriously look into this matter of certification and licensing before we are licensed by somebody else on their terms."

President McGimsey asks for comments to be sent to him (Charles R. McGimsey, III, University Museum, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville 72701) and calls for good attendance at the Business Meeting on May 9th at 5:15pm. On Thursday evening, May 8th, there will be an open session to discuss the final report in detail. Mark May 8th on your calendars now and plan to be prepared to join in the discussions!

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

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#### ELIZABETHAN COIN FOUND

Discovery of an Elizabethan-era coin at Miwok Indian Village has added new credence to the theory that English explorer, Sir Francis Drake sailed into San Francisco Bay in 1579 and landed near what is now the site of San Quentin Prison.

Historians have never been able to agree on whether Drake landed inside the bay or on the Northern Coast. But recently, archaeologist Charles Slaymaker told the California Park Commission that he found the coin at Rancho Olompali, a Miwok site north of Novato near the northern tip of the bay.

The English sixpence, bearing the image of Elizabeth I, was believed minted in 1577, two years before the arrival of Drake. Slaymaker said he sent the coin to the British Museum for verification. He also said he found a glass paste bead of the type used by the English for trade with the Indians. Robert Poner, chairman of the California Heritage Preservation Commission, said if the artifacts were left behind by Drake, it would make Olompali the oldest Indian-Anglo contact site in North America.

(Juanita Battles, Gadsden, Alabama)

#### MAN IN MISSISSIPPI

The Monday, January 20, 1975, issue of the Daily Herald contains an article on Man in Mississippi before 6,385 B.C. The article reads in part: "A Monroe County site which is almost too good to be true has yielded evidence which indicates North Mississippi was inhabited by man before 6,385 B.C. according to Sam McGahey, senior archaeologist for the Department of Archives and History. The site, located near Amory, was found by a local Indian artifact collector and is in extremely good condition. The site was covered by several feet of soil and has thus been protected from modern intrusions which have rendered many other early sites practically useless. The site is located in the area of the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway. McGahey states, "An archaeological site is something like the scene of a crime, if you can seal it off you can keep your evidence preserved," but if untrained people wander through, "they can remove the evidence."

Previously the earliest date firmly established for the state was 3,500 B.C., but the new site has yielded spear points carbon dated to about 6,385 B.C. McGahey said there were three types of spear points, each a period older than the one carbon dated. The ages of these have not, however, been established yet.

(Justin Salyards, Gulfport, Mississippi)

#### PLEASE HELP

The last page of the March issue of the Newsletter contained a form compiled by Eugene Futato to be distributed to all the Society members. This form contains questions which will help in the study of the growth and change in the Society in the past few years. This study cannot be accomplished if the questions are left unanswered or the form unmailed. Take a moment and help us out.

#### ALABAMA'S PREHISTORIC PAST

This is the title of an Interim Term course to be conducted through the University of Alabama from May 12 through 30, 1975. The course includes field trips to Moundville, the Florence Mound and Museum, Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter and the Fort Walton Mound and Museum. Lectures will survey Alabama Archaeology from man's first appearance during the Late Pleistocene until Historic contact. Interested students may contact Dr. John Walthall, Department of Anthropology, P.O. Box 6135, University, Alabama 35486 for further information.

(John Walthall, Tuscaloosa, Alabama)

#### SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

Members from almost all the 50 states as well as eight foreign countries attended the 8th annual meeting of the SHA in Charleston which was held jointly with the 6th International Conference on Underwater Archaeology on January 7-11, 1975. This is the largest meeting either society has ever held and the quaint charm of Charleston was most certainly a drawing card as was the varied and interesting program. An additional factor was the planned discussions on the certification of professional archaeologists (see page 4 of this Newsletter for further discussion of the certification question). Although a great deal of discussion and proposals were offered, the SHA continues to be divided on the issue. It was, however, agreed that the SHA would work with the SAA to try and reach an agreement on some of the objectionable points of the SAA proposal. At the parallel sessions of the Underwater Archaeology conference the subject of certification of underwater archaeologists was also being discussed. Again, the membership is divided on this issue. The members of SAA are scheduled to vote on the certification program at the May meeting in Dallas. Come May, Dallas should be flooded with anthropologists and archaeologists, if they are awake to what is going on, how it will influence them and the fact that they should make themselves heard.

(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

### NOW GOLD EARRINGS! (By Ralph A. Fisher, Sr.)

A recent dig in the vast Astrakhan Steppe of the southern Soviet Union by Soviet archaeologists has uncovered the burial mound of a child considered to be the child of a chief. A gold earring dating to over 3,000 B.C. was among the artifacts buried with the child. "The mound is contemporary with the Cheops Pyramid of Egypt," claim the expedition supervisors, including Fedorov Davydov, who stated that the earring..."dates back to 3,000 years before Christ," Davydov said, "In these European regions at that period, the people made jewelry of stone and copper, and here suddenly we come up with this gold ornament, and can claim it as the most ancient example of gold found in the Steppes of Eastern Europe." This find was first reported in the Soviet newspaper Prayda.

(Juanita Battles, Gadsden, Alabama)

#### SOCIETIES AND PUBLICATIONS

American Society for Conservation Archaeology, \$10.00 per year to Floyd W. Sharrock, Department of Anthropology, University of Montana, Missoula, MT 59801.

Society for Historical Archaeology, \$7.50 per year to Michael J. Rodeffer, P.O. Box 325, Ninety-Six, S.C. 29666. New members for 1975 will receive a bonus of the Journal for 1974 which means two Journals for one membership.

Society for American Archaeology, \$15.00 per year to SAA, 1703 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20009

Boxes and Bowls. This publication covers some of the art work of the Indians of the northwestern coast of North America. It describes wooden or basketry containers and also very decorative masks and animal figures. A summary of the history of the Indian tribes is also included. \$3.95 S/N 4703-00025.

Suiting Everyone: The Democratization of Clothing in America. This is a beautifully illustrated history of clothing and styles of dress in the U.S. from pre-Revolutionary War days to the 1970's. There are examples of early clothing advertizements, and a description of the development of the machinery and technology which made a wide choice of apparel within the reach of most everyone. \$11.05 S/N 4701-00119.

(The above two books are available from the U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. 20402. The order number must be included with your check or money order.)

Civil War Naval Chronology 1861-1865. The activities of the U.S. Navy during the Civil War are listed chronologically and will be interesting to culture historians as well as military historians. There are more than 500 illustrations such as battle scenes, shipboard life, the vessels themselves, maps and documents. An appendix includes the Journal of a U.S. Marine Corps private, information on the Confederate Naval forces and Admiral Farragut at Mobile Bay as well as sheet music of the period. Cloth bound, \$13.10 S/N 0846-00050.

Army Lineage Series, Armor-Cavalry, Part I: Regular Army and Army Reserve. This contains the story of the armored cavalry division of the regular and reserve army from its beginning to the time the horse soldiers were transmogrified, and is one of a series about the history and heroics of the U.S. Army. Histories of the armored regiments and tank battalions of World War II are also included. Cloth bound, \$8.50 S/N 0829-00063.

(Above two publications are available from Public Documents Distribution Center, 5801 Tabor Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. 19120.)

Anyone interested in military history is invited to write to Council on Abandoned Military Posts, Box 171, Arlington, Va. 22210, a non-profit organization interested in the preservation of old military posts.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

#### NEW MEMBERS DURING MARCH

John W. Morris, 520 Crest Street, Florence, Alabama 35630
Horace V. Draa, 5062 Chauntecleer Court, Mobile, Alabama 36609 (Family)
Michael Moquin, 3703 Nolen Avenue, SE, Huntsville, Alabama 35801
William David Smith, 304 West High Street, Somerville, Tennessee 38068
Bobby J. Bishop, 4312 Clayrest Drive, NW, Huntsville, Alabama 35805
Ronald Morrow, Route 3, Box 445-G, Cullman, Alabama 35055
James E. Jennings, 1401 W. Crawford Street, Dalton, Ga. 30720
Library, Museum of the American Indian, 9 Westchester Square, Bronx,
New York 10461 (Institutional)

Winston Baker, 601 11th Avenue North, Alexander City, Alabama 35010 (Family) Mrs. W. A. Jenkins, 3513 Mill Run Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35223 New Member during February was incorrectly reported as Tommy Walder, our apologies to Mr. Tommy Walden of Albany, Georgia.

#### CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets at 7:30pm on the first Thursday of the month in Room 217 of Beeson Hall at Samford University. The April program will be given by Ms. Helen Mabry on Indians of Colombia. The March program was a slide and talk presentation by Edward Alderson on several digs along the Tallapoosa River and Stone Age artifacts in present day usage in New Guinea by Dennis Braswell. All interested persons are invited to the meetings. Choccolocco Chapter's March 20th meeting featured John W. O'Hear of the University of Alabama who presented a program on the archaeological salvage program being conducted in the Rother L. Harris Reservoir in Randolph County. Cullman Chapter held its March 17th meeting at 7:30pm in City Hall and was treated to a program by Joseph Watkins, Jr. from Birmingham on the Inca culture of Peru. Featured speaker at the April meeting will by James VV. Cambron, of Decatur, Alabama.
Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the

Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Huntsville Public Library. The March program featured John Martawho showed a film on the Ancient Peruvians. The chapter reports continued interest and participation by their members in their various chapter activities and they are proud of their continued growth.

Muscle Shoals Chapter held the March 10th meeting at UNA Visual Arts Bldg, Room 121. Charles Moore, president, spoke on the chapter enrollment and attendance, with discussion of what can be done to increase attendance at the meetings and to encourage new membership in the chapter. The April 14 meeting will be held at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence, speaker and subject were not set as of the time of this writing.

### PARTING THOUGHTS

If you haven't paid your 1975 dues, please do so immediately. We appreciate the articles being contributed to the Newsletter...keep it up!

#### 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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