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### 1965 SUMMER ANNUAL MEETING

On Saturday, July 10th, and Sunday, July 11th, your summer meeting will be held at the dig site near Ider, and at Fort Payne. Work at the dig site will commence both mornings at 8:00 A.M. and continue to 4:00 P.M. Demonstrations of the techniques being used will continue through both days, and you should come prepared to participate in the work, wearing appropriate clothing & bringing your lunch & beverage.

Because of the continuing soggy condition of the road in to the site, it is suggested that cars be left on the State Road, in front of the Austin House. It is only a nice half mile or so stroll through the scrub pines and over the fairly smooth rock surface to the dig. Another map is included in the back of this Newsletter to assist you in locating the dig site. From Ider, follow the "Dk 57" signs.

The State Society meeting will be held at Cooper's Restaurant which is on the north side of U.S. Highway 11, after passing through the heart of Fort Payne toward Chattanooga. Dinner (Steak at about \$2.75) will be served at 6:30 P.M. Saturday night, with an informal meeting following, including a Board of Director's meeting. Among the items on the program will be Welcome and Remarks by President Long, Report by Secretary Schaefer, Remarks by President Henry McCary of the Research Association, Report by Treasurer Wm. M. Spencer of the Research Association and Report by Dave DeJarnette on results obtained from the summer dig to date. At the Director's meeting, the petition of the Choctawhatchee Archaeological Society for affiliation as a State Society Chapter in the Ozark area, will be considered.

**THIS IS IMPORTANT!!!** It is necessary that Dave make definite reservations for dinner at Cooper's Restaurant Saturday night, July 10th. So please write Mr. David L. DeJarnette, DeSoto Motel, Valley Head, Ala., letting him know the names of each person in your party who will be present for the dinner. **DO THIS AT ONCE, PLEASE!**

There are a number of motels in Fort Payne, but if you plan to stay overnight at Black's Motel, one of the nicer motels and close to the Restaurant, a reservation (handled personally) is advisable.

Take advantage of this fine opportunity not only to see the job your contributions are financing, but also to get acquainted with your fellow archaeological enthusiasts, or renew acquaintances. **PLAN RIGHT NOW TO COME!**

### CHANGES IN DIG SITE INFORMATION

Several changes in the dig site details appearing on the first page of the June Newsletter were necessitated by circumstances, which information was communicated to your Chapter President by Special Bulletin dated June 11th. Dig Headquarters and Laboratory Location were moved to DeSoto Motel, Hammondville, from the Scottsboro Hotel. The DeSoto Motel is only 12 miles from the dig. Changes appear on map in this issue.

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Dave DeJarnette has a telephone in his trailer at Hammondville, 635-5362, where he can be reached at night. Field Assistant Margaret Clayton has a telephone in her room at the Motel, 635-5342. Mr. Austin, at the dig site, has a telephone, 632-3136, but calls there (by agreement) are to be only on an EMERGENCY BASIS during working days.

The dig site is known as Dk-57, and white painted arrows on stakes appear at all vital places, so you should have no difficulty reaching the shelter.

#### PROGRESS REPORT - 1965 SUMMER DIG

Work began at the Boydston Creek Shelter (Dk-57) near Ider on June 9 with a crew of 10 University students and several volunteers. Two days were spent in clearing the surface of the site of thick underbrush and in cutting a passable road in from the highway. Mr. Claude Thornhill of the Marshall County Chapter provided a tractor & bush-hog, and his own invaluable services, which greatly sped up this initial operation.

The site was then staked out in five-foot squares, and excavations began in a 30 foot trench at the lower end of the steeply sloping talus, using arbitrary 4 inch levels. Progress in this trench to date has been extremely slow due to almost constant rains in the area. Due to the dampness of the soil, mechanical screening has been impossible, and all sifting has been done by hand in the creek.

It was anticipated that the initial trench would be rather shallow. However, as of June 17 the trench was 44 inches deep and still very productive. This depth on the periphery of the site is very encouraging, as is the clear stratigraphy, both natural and cultural. Disturbances to the site are apparently at a minimum. Twenty inches marks the lower limits of the ceramic occupation, which follows generally the sequence established in the Guntersville Basin. Limestone tempered pottery is the prevalent ceramic type. Below 20 inches, Early Archaic material has been predominant, and includes uniface tools and projectile points tentatively classified as Morrow Mountain, Eva, Crawford Creek, White Springs & Paint Rock Valley. Charcoal samples for possible radiocarbon dating are being collected at each 4 inch level in every square excavated.

The shelter overhang exhibits several pictographs in various designs which appear characteristically in Southern Cult motifs at Moundville.

State Society President Dr. Long, seeing the shelter for the first time after it was cleared, stated that it greatly exceeded his initial estimate, and he re-emphasized his original opinion that the site is "a must". The entire surface of the site, which covers around 1,500 square feet will be excavated to bedrock. It now appears likely that the entire season will be spent at this important and productive site.

#### \$\$\$ OUR FUND DRIVE FOR '65 \$\$\$ LIMITED CONTRACT SIGNED WITH UNIV. OF ALA.

We contract, of course, with the University of Alabama to take charge of the excavations we finance. The professional supervision of David L. DeJarnette makes our work scientifically sound, a valuable and dependable addition to archaeological knowledge. This solves one of the main "amateur problems", as well as a major problem of academic finance.

Our fund has reached the point where we can sign a "limited" contract, and get to work. The University allows us to pay after completion, which gives us all summer and the enthusiasm of the dig to complete our fund drive. But PLEASE do not forget we have a WINTER PROJECT this year. We began summer projects 6 years ago with only 160 members and 4 Chapters. There is absolutely no reason why we should have any difficulty in adding a small winter project - fat and frisky as we have grown! But remember than an annual fund drive for archaeology is considered so "impossible" that no other State Society has dared to try it - so don't think it is too easy and "let George do it" - pitch in and keep Alabama archaeology FIRST.



Mr. & Mrs. J. H. McCary Jr. and Mr. & Mrs. William M. Spencer, sending in their most substantial donations, give us a welcome opportunity to tell new members (and other Societies) the history of our "only annual fund drive in archaeology", famous for breakthrough archaeology. Charles H. Worley reported a site which looked to "have everything" - now famous as the Stanfield-Worley Bluff Excavation, oldest dated human habitation in the southeast. It seemed a now-or-never opportunity for our Alabama Archaeological Society - did we, or did we not, intend to do anything important? Our J. H. "Jim" McCary III, tried a brand new expedient - interesting our very remarkable American business community. He took up this important matter with his father, J. H. McCary Jr., retiring President of the great SOUTHERN LIFE & HEALTH INS. CO., and William M. Spencer, retired attorney and great civic worker. They joined our Society and, not knowing it "couldn't be done", established our fund-drive subsidiary, the Archaeological Research Association of Ala. Inc. - making donations tax-deductible - but nobody expected the subsequent miracles to happen! Their crisp American business approach, GET IT DONE, proved to be the best thing that ever hit amateur archaeology. People WILL support really important archaeology - from 20-odd states, a territory and 2 foreign countries they have generously pitched in to help Alabamians. We are in our SIXTH year of financial & archaeological successes. We, and archaeology, owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the McCarys and Spencers for 2 amazing breakthroughs - FINANCIAL and ARCHAEOLOGICAL.

Mr. & Mrs. E. M. "Milt & Bea" Harris continue the history of our "success story". They were again brand new members, and again "efficiency experts" and products of America's business miracle - this time the great LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO. And our fireball Jim McCary III, enters the picture again - he said they were retiring and were "grand people" and might like a grand hobby (you guessed it, archaeology). He subsequently introduced them around - and shortly Milt & Bea were publishing our famous Newsletter, digging with Dave, setting up a file-card system, etc., etc. - besides their very, very substantial financial donations. They joined in 1961 and we do not see how our great growth would have been possible without their many contributions. Such "amateur archaeologists" are most needed to lend their professional specialties - in which archaeologists are stumbling amateurs. Need we urge other Societies to utilize the brains of retiring business people? We "never had it so good"!

SOUTHERN LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY (Oldest in Alabama) is another fine example of the wisdom of interesting the business community in archaeology. When retiring President McCary became interested, his successor, President W. R. Lathrop, "joined up SOUTHERN LIFE" as you might say. Year after year SOUTHERN LIFE & HEALTH has contributed generously to Alabama archaeology. Besides which, we have had a "raise" commending our good work. American business men have astonished the world, and we are most pleased and grateful to see them taking such an interest in archaeology, the forgotten stepchild even in this richest country.

W. B. LEEDY & CO., of far-flung enterprises, Chairman of the Board Henry F. Beach, affords an example of what may follow when we establish contacts with the responsible tycoons of business. You often get results when Henry McCary says to friend Henry Beach, "Henry, I'm astonished to learn that our area has the best archaeological prospects in America - but no finance of any kind. We have a lot of eager-beaver volunteers who will pitch in and enable us to operate on a shoestring - so we're raising a little fund." For the FIFTH year in a row W. B. LEEDY has responded generously - yet after our April 15 letter thanking Mr. Beach we plumb forgot to express our thanks publicly in the Newsletter! How is that for a promoter's nightmare? Our efficient Bea Harris, however, catches our errors. We made haste to send our profound apologies to Mr. Beach - and to share some good news. We here publicly express both thanks and apologies to the generous firm of W. B. LEEDY & CO.

ANONYMOUS BUSINESS CO., generously donating, highlights a problem that companies have. Doubtless each of the hundreds of employees is interested in this or that cause -

America has a wonderful way of developing volunteer organizations to do good works. But if each of the hundreds says: "You donated to X-association - I am raising money for Y-association" - well, you can see how that would be - bankruptcy! Or a lot of hurt feelings. So a company may not want public recognition of its good works - though it so much deserves public commendation. Such is the case in this instance. But we wish to thank ANONYMOUS BUSINESS CO., and to compliment for having the unusual insight to donate to ARCHAEOLOGY - a basic science and yet the most overlooked cause in America. We could name causes which get up to 7,000 times as much as we do - all fine causes - but let us not overlook archaeology entirely! If archaeology could get one thousandth part of what America gives to causes, EVERY state could have not our one yearly project, but 3 or 4! You can see how wonderful it is that business companies are beginning to discover archaeology.

OUR MYSTERY DONOR, annually so very generous, seems to be a private individual who for reasons best known to himself likes to steal down our chimney in the dark of night, as mysterious as Santa himself - and as welcome. It is rumored that he also serves archaeology in other ways - a sort of "spirit of archaeology" to bring back the long dead who desire to be properly excavated and thus resurrected into the archaeological eternity of science. Thanks, Chief-Who-Walks-In-The-Dark.

Elvira & Martin Hullender, perennial donors, take us way back to the days when the Birmingham Anthropological Society alone was holding the fort for archaeology in Alabama - and we "didn't have it so good". E. S. Ginnane, Bill Steele, the late scholarly E. C. Horton, Dan Josselyn - we seldom ran out of fingers and had to take off our shoes to count attendance at a meeting. We recall when such veterans as Ed Mahan and Britt Thompson were "new members". But such a friendly little group, squatting around the little campfire of archaeology, fanning to keep it going - not dreaming it would ever grow to the present bonfire. Martin and Vi - haven't seen them for a time!

THE BIRMINGHAM ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY, before you get the notion that it may have grown decrepit with all those years, has voted us \$125.00 this year! The Treasurer was not present at the meeting so they were not sure if they had that much - but they would go into business and raise it if necessary! That old pioneer spirit, and the squirrel rifles and coonskin caps, community log-raising, sharp cider all around - if they could build America, what's to keep us from maintaining it? And a tall one to the pioneers of archaeology - and thanks!

Frank J. Parsons, now the President of the BIRMINGHAM ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY - say, didn't we - by George, we did! We rang up a donation from Frank in the very first batch this year, February, before we opened the drive. TWO donations - isn't that nice of Frank! And we were pleased to see that he contributed one of the very able and readable educational pages which we are getting from our Chapters. Thanks again!

Georgia L. Dunn, so constant over the years, sends us an annual letter, too. As usual, she "can hardly wait" to help with the dig - that priceless enthusiasm. And "If and when" Dr. Vernon Leslie, Director of the Pennsylvania Institute of Anthropology (who is much impressed by Alabama archaeology), comes down again she hopes to introduce him around more widely. After Georgia's "southern hospitality" of last year, Dr. Leslie seems to have felt like Ogden Nash:

"Everybody has the right to think whose food is the most gorgeous,  
And I nominate Georgia's."

Dr. & Mrs. E. M. "Mike & Gennie" Lindsey, our fine supporters in the "new generation" of archaeology, in our enterprising Noccalula Chapter at Gadsden, surely aren't letting us "old timers" forget the value of new blood. How many publish so soon, as Gennie did on the salvage dig conducted by the Chapter to save a site from inundation, and complete destruction by a gravel pit operation beside? (Journal of Alabama Archaeology, Vol. X, Nos. 1 & 2) Gennie writes: "Our oldest, Cindy, just returning from a trip to Mexico." How wonderful - how about a note to the Newsletter on the archaeological wonders of Mexico, Cindy? A real nice family - wish they would visit B'ham more often.



Tom Cornell - Tom, a good friend of ours who has been away becoming a geologist, heck of a nice fellow, dropped in the other day. He is on the "space team" at Huntsville now, and would like to get back into his Boy Scout work and Alabama archaeology. We felt that we knew just the right man for him to contact, and hope you 2 are fast friends by now. Tom is making it easy for the Huntsville gang by mailing their checks for them, and sends the second batch:

Mr. & Mrs. Charles W. Sneed, who joined us in '63, and have been faithful to the cause ever since.

Bion W. Duncan, steady customer ever since '61, and a "digger with Dave" too. We hope Bion is repolishing his educated trowel with Dave right now! Remember we can DO MORE each summer if we have the manpower, and womanpower - a most helpful, educational and delightful donation.

Mr. & Mrs. Amos J. Wright Jr., who joined last - but wait - no, this is also their SECOND donation this year! Could this be a trend?

Mr. & Mrs. Harman A. Ladwig, and Ernest Hogan join us to make TWELVE NEW DONORS this year. We are STILL finding fine friends of archaeology who wish to be of real help - and our fund drive offers a way to do just that. A hearty welcome added to our thanks. (And if the good Huntsville folks would hand Tom a note along with the check - well, we'd like to know something more about them.)

Dr. Edward K. Austin, immediate past President, Tuscaloosa Chapter, and Walter J. Alves, M.D., we can't resist grouping to brag about the professional men we can boast in our avowedly amateur Society. They add a fine leaven of scientific background, and valuably put their own specialties at the disposal of archaeology - where most of the recent advances have been of an interdisciplinary nature.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur B. Dunning - and their donation this year gives us an example of the great value of interdisciplinary specialties. Arthur strayed a bit from the fold, specializing in geology, and those of us who "knew him when" have been astonished by his ability in this field - winning him the honor of Curator of Minerals at Birmingham Southern College! And Arthur is now bringing his specialty to bear on archaeology, where more geological knowledge is so badly needed. His paper on the "Tallahatta Formation" in our last Journal has enabled Ed Mahan, to cite an instance, to identify a north Alabama fluted point as being made of south Alabama (Clarke County) material - so Paleo Man got around!

And in addition to the cash donation, Arthur donates FIFTY boxes of his famous Rocks and Minerals sets of Alabama specimens - to sell for our fund! Two boxes to a full set of 50 specimens, \$2.50 - every specimen named, major use given, county of origin, a most educational donation! Every archaeologist, every family with children, your school, your museum, your library, rockhounds and all active minds should own a set. We sold out last year with orders still coming in - from distant states! - so get yours while they last. Address Frank J. Parsons, 336 - 20th Ave. N.E., Birmingham, Ala. 35215. (As we recall, postage is about 35¢.)

Mr. & Mrs. Rodger L. Schaefer send their FIFTH generous donation - sustaining members too - and Rodger our Secretary & Treasurer - and can you remember when he wasn't? And we've never heard Credith even murmur about the strain this must be on domestic felicity. "It's quite a lot of work", we did hear Rodger say once, mildly. Taking care of our work, keeping 600-odd members straight, collecting & handling dues, issuing membership cards every year. New members - just 17 last month - and 4 changed addresses. And we receive memos, etc., etc., from Rodger. "Quite a lot of work" - well, we reckon! And we reckon it would take a book to do justice to Rodger, and his immense contribution to organized archaeology in Alabama. But then we couldn't really do him justice unless we paid him to do just our job, so he could quit his other one. But we can be grateful for such people who give of themselves, so that we may have a Society, and work together to do something intelligent about Alabama's immense archaeological potential.



Good folks, your donations are now digging! Our Dave De Jarnette is back on the job, and our Margaret Clayton, now a seasoned veteran of our digs, again his field assistant. And a fine bunch of 10 students are getting field experience and summer credits - the unusually good experience which our select and famous sites afford. We are also "excavating" much-needed archaeologists for the future. What we can pay them, though small, does help - many students have to pay for field experience. And our digs help to educate us, and win more friends for archaeology....Your donations do a lot more than dig - we think you are doing a mighty big and fine thing! KEEP THEM ROLLING!!!

#### U.S. AND WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY NOTES, HAPPENINGS AND ABSTRACTS

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, 5133 NT, Denton, Texas, is the source of the following items which appeared in the June 1965 issue, the last issue until Fall, so relish them:

"THE TEETH AS WEAPONS by Dr. R. G. Every, a New Zealand dentist with degrees from that country and from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Dr. Every makes a very strong hypothetical case that "we can recognize in man complex and precise mandibular movements which sharpen the teeth and enable him to use them as weapons (to bite and kill) and as tools (to divide, hold and speak). The use of teeth for these purposes is evidence of biological progress. But this idea conflicts with the current one-that man's teeth are, comparatively, weak and inefficient and that it was their feebleness that obliged him to invent tools." Dr. Every hypothesizes that man's dental activities are revealing as to his behavior and that, also, his teeth are still very efficient weapons. This paper from the Lancet (London), March 27, 1965, pp.685-688 is a most interesting and provocative one. 40 hypotheses are listed. Xerox copy 45¢ (Sharp copies)."

"MUSEUM: In 1921 Dr. J. Howard Wilson (Ph.D. Columbia) built a private museum at Castine, Maine. Wilson and his wife had spent many years in travel, visiting many prehistoric sites and acquiring materials which, together with a fine U.S. collection, are now housed in this museum. The museum also serves as a sort of headquarters for the Maine Archaeological Society. This Society has a fine record of scientific excavation and, we might add, membership is one of the best bargains we know about: \$1 per year. Write Norman Fossett, Treas., M.A.S., R.F.D. Augusta, Maine. Send a dollar and find out what they are up to."

"PETROLOGY IN ARCHAEOLOGY: Dr. Vernon Leslie, F.I.I. in New World Antiquity, Vol. 12:3/4, March/April 1965, discusses this question at length. His thesis is that there is little meaningful definition in the literature of the various lithic material used by precolumbian man in the Americas or, for that matter by any of the people who used stone for tools. Leslie suggests the setting up of some 6 categories of stone. This is the first serious attempt that we have seen to set up a classificatory nomenclature for lithic materials. We applaud the effort but we are rather sure that the same old confusion will continue. We still haven't been able to educate people away from "arrowhead" terminology to any great extent though we have made some progress. In any event, we highly recommend Dr. Leslie's paper. It is sound, scientific and thorough."

"PREHISTORIC MAN IN THE NEW WORLD. We have long maintained that one way to "instant fame" is to get appointed editor of an important publication and then to get eminent authorities to write the articles contained therein. While we do not by any means denigrate the abilities or reputation of the editors of this volume, Jesse D. Jennings and Edward Norbeck, perhaps some way could have been found to give more credit to the very eminent authors who wrote the papers, but we hasten to add that Jennings did write one of them. There is not a single one of the authors - Alex D. Krieger, James B. Griffin, Pedro Armillas, Henry B. Collins, Robert F. Heizer, Erik K. Reed, Waldo R. Wedel, William H. Sears, Robert Wauchope, Irving Rouse, Clifford Evans, Alfred Kidder II, Gordon F. Eckholm, Betty J. Meggers, Morris Swadesh and Ignacio Bernal - who is not famous throughout the world as an Americanist anthropologist. The book: University of Chicago Press. 1964. 648 pages, charts, maps, ill., index. \$10.00. This book is the result of the now famous symposium at Rice University and is a volume in the Rice Semicentennial series. Highly recommended as a reference work."

"GEMS AND MINERALS: A most interesting handbook titled: "A Field Guide to the Gems and Minerals of Mexico" by Paul Willard Johnson has been issued by the Gemac Corporation, Box 808, Mentone, Calif. Besides its major subject there are references to museums, archaeological sites, natural phenomena and other attractions of interest. It should also serve as a valuable supplement for any traveler who would like to get off the beaten tourist path and see something different. A major feature is an extensive English-Spanish/Spanish-English glossary of gem, mineral, geological and mining terms seldom found in most dictionaries. There are also an extensive bibliography and notes on sources of additional information, maps, etc. Price \$2, postpaid we assume. We have a copy of this little book and can see where it could be valuable to a variety of persons including archaeologists interested in Mexico and adjacent areas. I suspect that our copy will become rather dogeared before too long. Actually, it is presently on loan to one of the local university students who is finding it fascinating."

"Readers are entreated to send in news items and news of their own activities. Things which may seem rather ordinary to you may be of great interest to others. Let us decide."

#### CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. The June meeting was comprised of a roundtable discussion of ways and means to build up interest among the membership so as to improve attendance at meetings, together with other subjects. A field trip was planned for June 13th.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University, No report received.

The Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Court House Annex (Elks Bldg.) No report received.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Oyster House, Guntersville. The June meeting featured a talk by A. B. Hooper III on "Burin Faceted Projectile Points and Pebble Tools", a very informative report on the heretofore little known burin. The pebble tool portion was equally interesting to the group.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the May Meeting, Mr. V. H. Mizzell gave the second part of his "Lesson on Archaeological Techniques", covering the location and laying out of sites of an archaeological nature. The June meeting will be addressed by Mr. James C. Smallwood on the subject of outdoor and indoor photographic technique as might be applied to archaeology. No further Chapter meetings until September.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Museum of Fine Arts. At the June meeting, Mr. David Chase, Assistant Director of the Museum, spoke on "The Excavation of the Old Colome Town (on the Tallapoosa River), describing and analyzing work done so far. The site is deep and numerous cultural groups are present, and the clear stratigraphical arrangement should be valuable in relating and sequencing other one culture sites. New Officers elected: President, Donald V. Anderson; Vice President, David W. Chase; Secy-Treas., Mrs. Harry W. Clements Jr. A Field trip was arranged for weekend of 6/19-20, and 6 new members were added.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3, Florence State College. At the May meeting, James W. Cambron talked to the Chapter on "Working Flint and Uniface Tools", giving a very instructive program illustrated by blackboard diagrams.

The Noccaculla Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House. At the June Meeting, David L. DeJarnette spoke to the Chapter on numerous Indian sites which have been worked, and the materials found. The Chapter membership is endeavoring to assist with Joe Benthall's dig at Woods Island before the water level rises too high. Three new members added, including one from Fort Payne.



The Selma Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Meadowview Christian Church. No report received.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Room 24, Martin ten hoor Hall, University of Alabama. At the May meeting, part of the program was devoted to summaries given by anthropology students at the University of their plans for the coming summer, and since they have participated in the State Society's summer digs in recent years, you will be interested in knowing that: John Cottier is returning to Merida, Yucatan, to work with Dr. E. W. Andrews of Tulane University on identifying artifacts from the Mayan sites around Dzibilchaltun; Creig Sheldon will be supervising a University of Alabama-National Park Service cooperative salvage project in the proposed Miller 's Ferry Lock & Dam Reservoir on the Alabama River near Camden; Joseph Benthall will have a crew on Woods Island on the Coosa River where valuable historic sites are being destroyed, an Alabama Power Company-Coosa Studies Salvage Project; Roy Dickens will have a crew in the area of the proposed Jones Bluff Reservoir on the Alabama River near Selma, a University of Alabama-National Park Service cooperative salvage project; Bennett Graham will be working with Prof. Charles H. McNutt on an archaeological project in Tennessee; Randy Luxenburg will take part in a Miami of Ohio University archaeological project at Dzibilchaltun, Yucatan.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING JUNE: (Hope you'll join in on our summer activities!)

Edwin H. Auerbach Jr., 185 Lee St., Montgomery, Ala. 36101  
Blake Boyd, 1112 Goodson Road., Hartsville, South Carolina  
Bennett Graham, 1608 Chamberlain Ave., Chattanooga, Tenn. 37405  
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Ealon L. Marks, 131 Garfield Ave., Florence, Ala.  
R. C. Wood, 123 E. Lancaster Ave., Talladega, Ala.

#### CHANGES OF ADDRESS:

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John R. Humbar, 770-39-05, USS Sumner (D.D. 692), FPO, New York, N.Y.  
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Thomas E. Wise, Happy Sand Trailer Park, Slidell, La.

WE SINCERELY REGRET to read (in the International Memo, Guild of American Prehistorians) of the death, April 26, 1965, of Judge S. P. Dalton, discoverer of the famous Dalton point. We are glad that through the good offices of our Bill Spencer, Judge Dalton had received a copy of our Stanfield-Worley report - the first good stratified excavation and dating of his Dalton point, which must have pleased him. We were subsequently proud to have him join our Society. He will be immediately recognized in the Happy Hunting Grounds as a good amateur, respecting the archaeological record of the Indians, and the tribes will gather, the campfires will flicker on the teepees and the aroma of roasting buffalo will announce a hearty welcome. Our own respects to a "good amateur".

Philip C. Jackson Jr. (JACKSON SECURITIES) has received an appointment (one of 6 in the entire U.S.) from the State Dept. "to go to Venezuela (and take his wife!)" - as Barbara writes with understandable enthusiasm. Phil will advise on housing and finance. A fine honor, and a wonderful adventure - and we preen a bit in the reflected glory to have this happen to one of our own members.

OTHER HONORS TO OUR MEMBERS: We also read in the above International Memo that THREE of the 5 recipients of the 1965 MASTER ARCHAEOLOGIST awards by the Guild of American Prehistorians are members of the Alabama Archaeological Society! Jack Cambron and David Hulse for their projectile point type book, and Margaret Smith for the publications on her researches - the FIRST woman to receive the Master Archaeologist award!



One "amateur problem" has been lack of recognition of outstanding work. Dr. Vernon Leslie, Director, Penna. Institute of Anthropology, conceived this award. It is especially designed to encourage PUBLICATION. Thomas E. Lee, Director, Anthropological Assn. of Canada, and Carl B. Compton, Director, Instituto Interamericano, are on the Executive Council making the selections also - also making it quite an honor. (Our member Ron Miller is Executive Secy. of the Guild of American Prehistorians, and we must also borrow the following from his jamb-packed newsy Memo):

TRYING ARCHAEOLOGICAL ETHICS? Amateur archaeology affords a splendid opportunity to acquire the inviolate "professional ethics" of science. So we were most interested to note that the Kansas Anthro. Society has a new Chapter with 28 enthusiastic members - in LEAVENWORTH! Archaeological rehabilitation? Most everything else has been tried. We shall watch to see what the inspiring interests and fine concepts of science can do.

PROJECT ARCHY AGAIN: On Saturday, June 19, some 22 young, beautiful & energetic Girl Scouts of the Deep South Council, Mobile, Ala., will arrive at the State Society's summer dig site for 2 weeks to participate in our dig and do one of their own. Mrs. R. B. Andridge of Mobile will again be Director of the Project. This is the 9th season the girls from all over the southeast will have participated in such work under the supervision of Dave DeJarnette, and the 6th summer they have worked on our digs. They will set up camp near our dig site, and their own site will be close by. We hope to have their names and home towns for inclusion in next month's Newsletter, and most wholeheartedly welcome their cheerful presence and helpful assistance.

ED MAHAN: It is most pleasant to report that heretofore indefatigable Ed is again ambulatory after having been house confined for several weeks following a recurrence of his disabling affliction. So now we can count on his occasional appearance at the dig site he, Doc Long and Claude Thornhill investigated one snowy winter day and where Doc experienced a chilly immersion following a misstep on a crossing log.

BRITT THOMPSON: All who know this most outstanding exponent of Alabama archaeology will be unhappy to learn that he has been sidelined for an indefinite period following surgery on June 17 at St. Vincent Hospital in Birmingham. At press time, it is possible to report favorable convalescence from the initial operation, also the second on June 22, but the date when he will be able to resume any or all of his perhaps too numerous activities and duties is impossible to state. Drop him a line at home, but no flowers, please - he'd rather put them into the dig fund as cash!

HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY: The amazing demand for the Cambron & Hulse point type book leaves us completely breathless and a bit embarrassed that as of now, the first edition is completely sold out. Work is progressing on printing another edition, but in the meantime it is going to be necessary to acknowledge orders and promise to fill them as soon as additional copies are available. So don't delay about ordering your copy, making your check for \$5.25 payable to The Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc., and mailing it to Mr. D.L.DeJarnette at P O Box 6126, University, Ala.

Rodger L. Schaefer, our most capable State Society Secy-Treasurer, journeyed to Ozark on June 4 and spoke to the newly formed Choctawhatchee Archaeological Society, discussing the operation of our State Society. Also, he presented "Man Enters the Western World", illustrated by slides covering the evolution and geological changes of earth through the dawn of civilization.

JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, JUNE 1965 ISSUE: This will be the largest single issue ever published by your State Society (running to some 125 pages), and will be a real bonus for our membership. It should be ready for mailing around the end of this month and reports on the several digs conducted last summer.

SECOND TERM CREW: Names of the first term student crew appeared on the first page of the June Newsletter. The second term student crew which will commence work shortly after the middle of July will consist of: Margaret V. Clayton, Field Assistant, Eu-

faula, Ala.; Carol Hill, Lab Assistant, Leighton, Ala.; Stephen Brewer, Fort Payne; Patrick Finley, Anniston; Gene Forrister, Childersburg; James Newman, Tuscaloosa; Sarah Teal, Nashville, Tenn.; Jean Texada, Northport; and possibly others.

Arnold J. Amenda, President of the newly formed Choctawhatchee Archaeological Society, apparently has another hobby than archaeology at which he is equally adept, since he recently won the Bob Lisenby Trophy and the championship of the One Day Invitational Golf Tournament at the Ozark Country Club.

BIG DEAL: The site of Ben Franklin's outdoor privy, it is rumored, is the subject of archaeological inquiry. Is nothing sacred?

Dr. James E. Fitting, Editor, Michigan Archaeologist (And Dave says doing a fine job), pays us the compliment of wanting to exchange publications.

JUNE EDUCATIONAL PAGE CORRECTION: The writers of the Educational Page which appeared in the June 1965 Newsletter ask us to correct the second paragraph to read: "artifacts found in the Fairford vicinity had been collected by Robert Slater and John C. Young, not by Robert Slater and Fred Ingate."

ZIP CODE NUMBERS: If your Zip Code Number doesn't appear on your address label on this and future Newsletters, please let us know that number. We shall shortly be obliged to show it to continue our very favorable mailing arrangement. It would be greatly appreciated if Chapter Secretaries would obtain Zip Code Numbers for all State Society members of their chapters, and send them in to Mr. Schaefer. And when sending us an address correction in the future, PLEASE BE SURE TO INCLUDE YOUR ZIP CODE NUMBER!

THE ARKANSAS ARCHAEOLOGIST appears in a "slick", and printed and bound and beautiful. But we object that we missed the opening page of chat by Dr. McGimsey, or Rusty Davis when she takes over the editing - they both write like human beings, and nice ones. The Newsletter also contains a complaint from President Pete Shiras, Shiras Bros. Printing Co., "Dear Rusty: The Young site report arrived a couple of hours ago. It's great. I hid out in the rest room away from the phone until I read it all. Daniel, our shop superintendent, hammered on the door - said he was afraid I'd had a heart attack and died in there. A really private office is impossible around this place." (You can enjoy both of these publications for \$3 a year - Univ. of Ark., Fayetteville.)

JULY EDUCATIONAL PAGE: Your Editor believes Dave Chase makes a mighty fine suggestion in the last 2 paragraphs of his proposal for chapter activity. Why not get this organized and going through a separate committee which could be partially formed at the summer annual meeting? Suggest a sum be appropriated from the State Society treasury to cover items such as postage, phone calls, etc., and that Dave Chase be named as initial Committee Chairman if he will accept the job.

WHAT GOES? "...fluted points in Nova Scotia...an extensive site which produced Paleo-Indian artifacts, including fluted points, gravers, uniface scrapers and end-scrapers with graving spurs on the edge." According to our usual patter, are they supposed to be way up there? (American Antiquity)

"LIMITED AND EQUIVOCAL": "Of particular interest is the possible association of Clovis points with Archaic materials, as suggested by the limited and equivocal findings in the Curwensville survey." "Limited and equivocal" - we'll buy that much. (This quote also from American Antiquity)

Charles Nash (Memphis State University) rides again, each summer, conducting the field school at Chucalissa Indian Village - "a continuing project that is designed to provide very closely controlled data from a Mississippian village." Maybe we should do more of this - and less hurried "salvage" archaeology. And drop in to see Chuck, and his archaeologically reconstructed Indian Village, when up Memphis way.

HELP!!! -VOLUNTEER, THAT IS: Dave can use all he can get, all summer long, at the dig site. So plan, if you can possibly do so, to spend some time up there with him.



## EDUCATIONAL PAGE

### A PROPOSED NEW ROLE FOR CHAPTERS

With the formation or anticipated formation of new chapters in the State Society and the growing membership in our several chapters, the question invariably arises "What jobs can be assigned either the new member or the new chapter?"

Understandably, the newly joined individual may fall into one of several categories which would tend to dictate his potential as a contributor to archaeology; he may (1) be one who has no direct experience with the science and knows of archaeology only in terms of what he has read, or (2) he may be a weekend surface collector, or (3) he may have dug to a limited degree, or (4) he may have been doing extensive digging and collecting, or (5) he may either be a professional, had professional training or experience or did some work under professional supervision and is to one degree or another, acquainted with up-to-date data gathering methods.

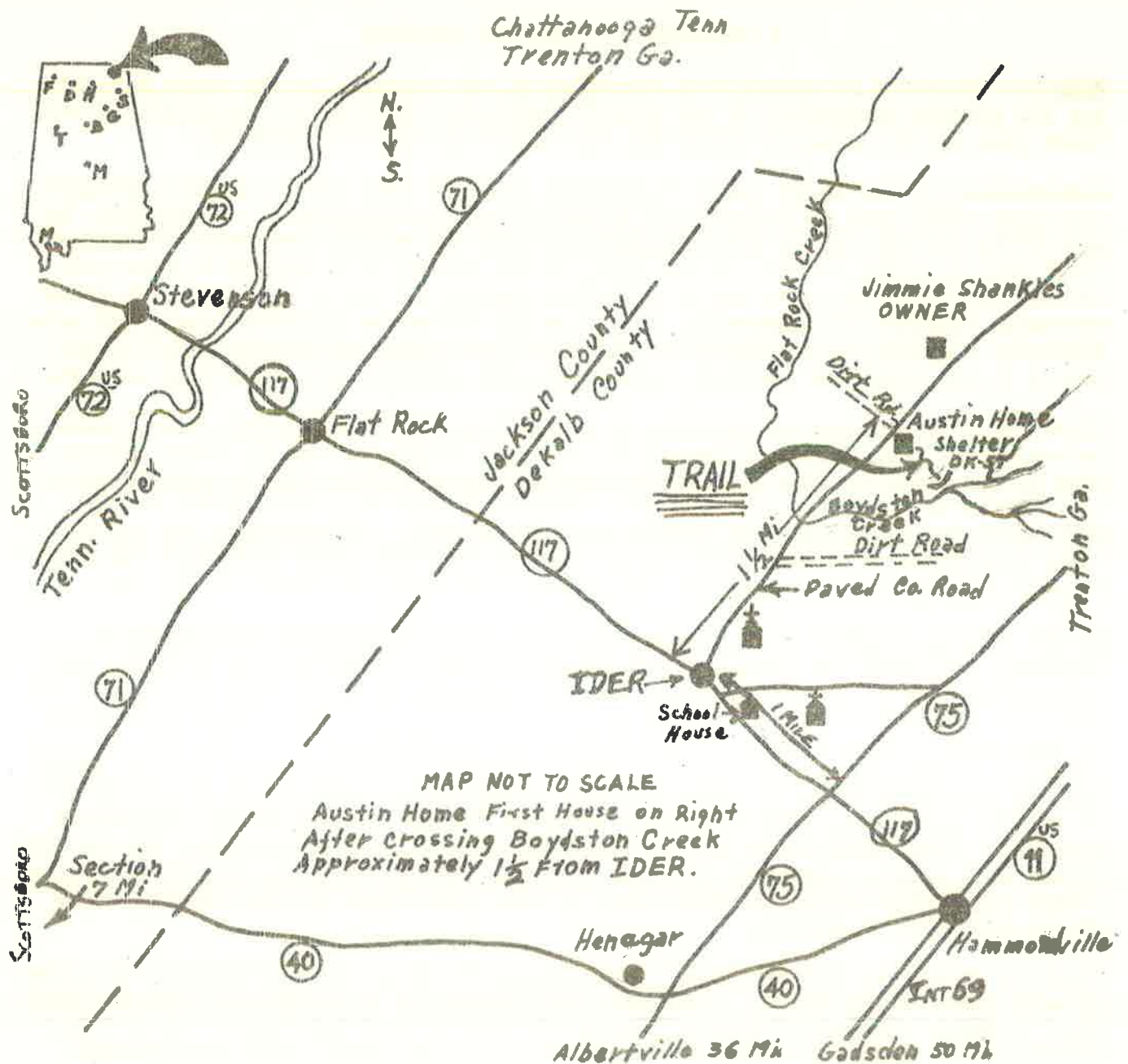
There are 3 main phases of activity in archaeology - data gathering, data interpretation and publication of the results of such findings. Within these activities we are bound to find elements of colorful appeal which tend to satisfy popular notions of "romantic archaeology". There are also many more facets of the work which may be regarded as tedious and uninspiring. Nonetheless, all activities, regardless of their lustre or lack of it, are critically important and **MUST** be performed if we are to improve and perfect our interpretations of the past.

In the typical chapter it is hard to find one with professional background or training, and since the processes of interpretation and publication of finds are customarily the duties of the professionally trained, it would seem appropriate to look for effective roles for the non-professional in the realm of data gathering. In many ways, with a modicum of instruction and experience, he can do this without immediate professional supervision. This activity specifically may involve locating and recording sites, surface sampling, cleaning and cataloguing specimens and, in special instances, pattern testing or strat testing deep sites for analytical purposes. These activities are all time consuming and the professional who is committed to a greater degree to the work of interpreting, writing, mapping and supervising major digs would, it would seem, be more than happy to have some of these chores delegated to others.

There is a dire need for knowledge, description, location and distribution of sites in most parts of the state. Associated information as to condition, previous digging evidence, ownership, salvage status and size is also pertinent. It is conceivable that chapters located in various parts of the state could incorporate such site reconnaissance activity into their field agendas. Were such a program to be implemented on a broad scale, we might see Alabama as one of the most thoroughly surveyed states in the country.

Within the chapters, field trip programs could be systematically oriented in such a manner as to blanket site areas in the chapter home county as well as in adjacent areas. Site numbers could be assigned on a block basis from a central controlling facility - for example, State Society Headquarters or at the University. Sites when found would be numbered from the issued block, specimens washed and sacked in labeled containers and sent to the facility with accompanying field notes. Thus, chapters and their individual members would then be participating in a broad survey of a dimension heretofore unseen. All participants would be playing a vital role in the reconstruction of Alabama prehistory on a grand scale.

David W. Chase, Montgomery Chapter



#### SOME NOTES ABOUT THE DIG:

Starting Date: June 9th  
 Director: David L. DeJarnette  
 Field Asst.: Margaret V. Clayton  
 Lab Asst.: Carol Hill  
 Headquarters: DeSoto Motel, Hammondville, (Valley Head Postoffice)  
 Information: Scottsboro Hotel  
 Lab: DeSoto Motel, Hammondville, (Valley Head Postoffice)  
 Working Days: Every day EXCEPT Monday  
 Working Hours: 8 A.M. to 4 P.M.  
 Student Crew: First Term:

Phyllis Ann Blakeley, Reform, Ala.  
 Patricia Coan, Alexander City, Ala.  
 Jerome Hiza, Huntsville, Ala.  
 Dan Trotman, Birmingham, Ala.

Douglas Breland, Mobile, Ala.  
 Kelly Goodowens, Huntsville, Ala.  
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