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1963 ANNUAL MEETING

That time is almost here again - and we hope every Chapter is busy with plans for attending and exhibiting at the 1963 Annual Meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society.

THE DATE: Sunday, December 1st, 1963

THE PLACE: Birmingham Art Museum, 2000 - 8th Avenue North, Birmingham

THE HOST: Birmingham Anthropological Society, Joe Watkins Jr., President
Mrs. Martin Hullender, Chairman of Arrangements

Registration, at a small charge, will be between 12:00 noon and 1:00 P.M. The business meeting of the State Society will be held from 1:00 to 2:30 P.M., so get your ideas, compliments and complaints concerning new or old business ready for submission at that session. After a good cup of coffee with cookies, and a short break, the regular program will commence. Final arrangements have not been completed on the program as we go to press, but you may be assured that what you see and hear will be well worth your trip to Birmingham.

Everyone is urged to exhibit. All chapters are invited to bring sufficient material for a large table. Stolen from A. B. Hooper's clever words in the Marshall County Chapter Newsletter: "Cambron will know what it is, DeJarnette will have seen one before, Josselyn can place it in its proper family, Mahan will wish he had found it, someone can make one better, Britt will talk about it, Brosemer will want it, Wormington wouldn't have believed it, the Lewises should see it" - but all of us will have a wonderful time looking and learning.

It will be nice to have each and everyone of you, plus your friends, in Birmingham on December 1. THIS IS YOUR MEETING. Make it a good one by attending and participating!

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

On October 4th, 1963, the Board of Directors of your State Society met at Cullman, Alabama, and the following is a concise review of what took place:

The report of the Treasurer, Bill E. Calaway, indicated that the Society should end up the year in the black, after paying all expenses and providing for publication of the two 1963 Journals.

President Cambron reported that the preface, introduction and nomenclature for the Point Type Book have been finished, and Dave Hulse has completed all of the illustrations. The original draft is now being edited by D. L. DeJarnette, and this work is being rapidly completed. Knowing how publication of the book is being anticipated, everyone working on it has promised to finish their part of the job as soon as possible, so that publication can be accomplished during the early part of 1964.

November 1963

A letter was read from Dr. Joffre Coe, President of the Eastern States Archeological Federation, asking for more papers to be read at the Annual Meeting November 9-10 in Philadelphia. D. L. DeJarnette reported that he will attend the meeting and deliver a paper. Dave also asked that everyone reply as promptly as possible to his request in a letter for information to include in his annual report for our State Society.

On the subject of our Journals, D. L. DeJarnette reported that Issue #1 for 1963 was in the hands of the printer & should be ready for mailing shortly. He also reported that he needs several more short articles for Issue #2, and suggested that for future Issues, Dr. A. G. Long prepare an article containing a number of his fine photographs and that Horace Holland and Ed Mahan complete articles on which they are working.

The 1963 Annual Meeting of our State Society was discussed, and full information as at present available, appears on Page 1 of this Newsletter.

Our fund raising organization, The Archaeological Research Association, reported that they are anxious to continue annual digs searching for Paleo Man in Alabama, and our good mentor, D. L. DeJarnette, reported that he would be available again next year. Your Board of Directors voted in favor of a continuation of this work.

A Nominating Committee with Britt Thompson as Chairman, was appointed, including representatives of the 7 Chapters present at the meeting, and this Committee met immediately following the Board session.

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Gennie Lindsey (Mrs. Dr. E. M.) writes: "We wanted to make a contribution to the research program in honor of Prof. DeJarnette, and now that we have these 4 children clothed and shod for the winter we feel we can" - Dave gave them an "excellent program". We get excellent reports on the quality of the work done by Dr. & Mrs. Lindsey, but Gennie writes amusingly of her very innocent beginning: "I first became interested in Indians as a child. I grew up in Kentucky Cumberland Plateau area...My first experience with Indian relics was the so oft repeated story of the old Indian burying the gold. He had come through about dusk with the pony loaded down with gold and had disappeared into this mountain never to be seen again. I've spent many an hour hunting that gold as a child. An uncle told me where he thought it was buried, and in my early teens with friends we dug for days on the rocky hill." Yes, that was the sort of stuff and nonsense we also got before Gennie's generation. If we consider everything, we find some excuse for the destructive collectors which the past has produced. Only now are we getting in a position to start at least a few of our youngsters on the trail as young scientists in true amateur archaeology. How enriched our knowledge of the past would have been if this had begun long ago, and several hundred years of wholesale destruction prevented. But let us adopt a better-late-than-never optimism, and start the younger generation with new knowledge and new ethics, and hereafter gather knowledge rather than relics. And thanks to Gennie for this sad little story out of the past, and to the Lindseys for practicing and supporting the NEW interest in Indians.

Mr. & Mrs. Stanford E. Smith made it FOUR straight years with their donation. Its in a bit late because, like many of us, they thought they had taken care of it back in the Spring. These fine folks are the kind who make it possible to always say: "See" so & so in Sheffield or Decatur or Mobile or wherever it may be - they'll give you a hand or information". Archaeology does have the nicest persons, and these two are just about tops!!!

Our deadline approaches so it looks as if this would close our financial page for this month. Next month will be your last chance to get in on the 1963 donations - in case you have forgotten or put it off. We are only \$117.30 short of making our goal of \$7,000 this year. If all members who have taken NO interest in this "biggest thing in amateur archaeology" were to send only a dollar each - we'd go way over our quota! But, darn it, it really isn't the money - most of all we want the interest and enthus-

iasm of our members in a big way. They would get so much more out of their hobby. If we have not aroused them by setting new records and gaining new fame for the amateurs, how do you suppose we can? But then it took the Leakeys 30 years of working alone, like a couple of tiny ants, even in the fabulous Olduvai Gorge before they attracted some finance. If it took 2 great professionals that long, even where the entire evolution of man seems to have taken place in the last couple of million years - well, come to think of it, we amateurs have performed 4 miracles in the past 4 years! We have kept alive THE ONLY ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IN ARCHAEOLOGY. And let's continue until we have dated all the old, the real old, stuff in Alabama - and rewritten the archaeological history of America! See you next year!!

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

Once again, we have available "THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, Denton, Texas, (no summer publications) to supply the following absorbing articles from the July-October issue:

"PRE-HISPANIC INDIAN DENTISTRY: A. Porter S. Sweet, Michael G. Buonocore & Irwin F. Buck. Dental Radiography & Photography. V.36:1 1963. Eastman Kodak Co., Rochester, N.Y. This is a beautifully illustrated discussion of the practice of tooth "decoration" or, as some call it, tooth "mutilation" in which the Indians of precolumbian America indulged. Various types of such decoration are shown and a classification of types is given. Such mutilations and decorations such as inlays of jade, hematite and gold are found all the way from the United States through Mesoamerica well into Ecuador and Peru. A most interesting article."

"NAYARIT: A large tomb containing 17 figurines was recently opened about 20 miles south of Ixtlan del Rio. There were some 70 items in the tomb including figurines, necklaces, obsidian mirrors, conch shells, bowls, etc. Strangely, there were 2 distinct types of figurines in the tomb; one type was similar to the very large Jalisco figurines found in the deep shaft at El Arenal a few years ago while the other group of figures consisted of typical Nayarit squatting people seated on 2-legged stools. This tomb was bought by an anonymous donor and all objects were given to the Los Angeles County Museum. There were 2 shell objects: a large conch shell and a shell amulet. Dr. Gordon Fergusson used fragments of the shell to get carbon dates of 2010 & 2230 \pm 100. This is 400 to 600 years earlier than many archaeologists have allowed for Nayarit and is in close agreement with Covarrubias that Nayarit culture extended to B.C. date."

"TEOTIHUACAN: 350 B.C. - 700 A.D. Perhaps the single most exciting activity of the past year in archaeology has been the vast new excavation at Teotihuacan, the "place where men become gods". With a government grant of \$1,320,000 and under the direction of Jorge Acosta, 37 archaeologists and restorers are making this the most spectacular of Mexico's archaeological monuments. At its height the city had more than 250,000 inhabitants. The streets were paved with a sort of rock-hard stucco painted red and polished. Evidences of human sacrifice were found and a huge bowl containing human thigh bones suggests cannibalism. A 1500 year old flute which visiting British Symphony Conductor Sir Malcolm Sargent said had very fine pitch and that the nearest thing to it was a Roman flute. Suddenly, at the height of their civilization the Teotihuacanos disappeared. Acosta believes that this was due to a religious civil war. Evidences were found that a great fire destroyed the city and brought an end to this high civilization."

"POTHUNTING, OLD STYLE: "...we found a place like a grave, but it was much bigger and longer than we had seen yet. It was also covered with boards, so as we mused what it should be, and resolved to dig it up, where we found, first a mat, and under that a fair bow, and there another mat, and under that a board about three quarters (of a yard) long, finely carved and painted, with 3 tines, or broaches, on the top, like a crown...we found bowls, trays, dishes and such like trinkets. At length we came to a fair new mat, and under that 2 bundles, the one bigger, the other less. We opened the greater and found in it a great quantity of fine and perfect red powder, and in it the bones and skull of a man. The skull had fine yellow hair still on it

and some of the flesh unconsumed; there was bound up with it a knife, a packneedle and 2 or 3 old iron things...We opened the less bundle likewise and...the bones and head of a little child...We brought sundry of the prettiest things away with us, and covered the corpse up again." A Journal of the Pilgrims at Plymouth. Mourt's Relation. The 1622 text edited by Dwight B. Heath, F.I.I. xxiii & 96 pp. Ill. Citadel Press, N.Y. 1963. \$3.95. As you see, this is a most interesting book."

"OKINAWA MAN? Douglas Jenson Comstock, 11 years old, found a fossil fragment of a jaw with teeth near an excavation project in Okinawa. He took it to the armed forces museum. (There is an editorial in this fact!). James M. Watson, an amateur anthropologist from Pompano Beach, Florida, thinks that the fossil is at least 500,000 years old. Prof. Hiroe Takamiya of Okinawa University and a graduate in anthropology from the University of California concurs. The fossil was sent by air to Dr. Henry Shapiro of the American Museum of Natural History for his opinion and we should hear more about this soon. (AP. July 13, 1963) Credit: M. Smith."

"THE WORLD OF ARCHAEOLOGY: by Marcel Brion. Macmillan Co., Dept. 400-010, Riverside, N.J. 2 Vols. 1963. Ill. \$15. A rather lavish popular presentation of the developments in archaeology throughout the world. World-wide in scope but dealing almost entirely with the high cultures. We gather that this 2 volume set will be very useful for the armchair archaeologist since, from the prospectus, it appears to be factual, well indexed and free from esoteric terminology. Seems as if everyone is making money out of archaeology nowadays except archaeologists. But we do favor popular interest."

"PEARSALL COLLECTION: The enormous Pearsall Collection of North American Indian artifacts has been given to the Florida State Museum, a branch of the University of Florida. The collection is valued as high as \$750,000 but Col. Pearsall sold it to an anonymous donor for \$150,000. His reason for the price was that it represented the amount of money that Pearsall would have received if he had invested the money represented by the collection in low interest bonds. As Col. Pearsall is 89 he is understandably anxious to see this collection in a good home. Artifacts from Alaska to the Mexican border make up the collection."

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the September meeting, Frank Parsons, 1st Vice-Pres. of the Birmingham Chapter, gave an interesting account of his recent trip to the southwest U.S. His talk was illustrated with magnificent slides that he had made of dwellings of the Pueblo and cliff-dwelling Indians. At the October meeting, Mrs. Mary Alice Carmichael showed numerous slides which she made on her recent tour of Cambodia. Temples and statuary of Angkor Wat were beautifully photographed, with many close-ups of the elaborate stone carvings. Other archaeological sites were presented, as well as present day hut dwellings and inhabitants. At the November meeting, Mr. Erasmo R. Ambrosio, who at present lives in Birmingham, will speak on "The Archaeology of Cuba". He formerly made archaeological maps for the Cuban Government before coming to this country recently.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University. At the October meeting, Dr. John Peavey Wright discussed "First Contacts of White Settlers with Indians in the Auburn Area".

The Madison-Huntsville Chapter made no report.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Reid's Restaurant, Guntersville. At the October meeting, E. C. Mahan showed color slides of the revived 1963 Asbury Rock Shelter dig. Also, Chapter member Carl Ogle displayed many of the 23 beautiful flint spear points and knives, etc., acquired this summer in Oklahoma. The average length of this material is some 10½ inches and is breathtaking to see and examine. Mr. Ogle has spent 3 years acquiring this collection.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Public Library. At the September meeting, there was a group discussion led by Bert Yerkes and Fred Ingate following study of a historical paper prepared by N. H. Holmes Sr. on "Some Inci-

dents of the Creek War in Alabama" which dealt primarily with the Indian Massacre at Fort Mims, Alabama, on August 30, 1813.

The Montgomery Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. No report received.

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at the Electric Auditorium, Decatur. At the October meeting, Jack Cambron led a round table discussion on Historical artifacts brought to the meeting by Chapter members for display.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room 8, Florence State College. At the September meeting, Pop & Stanford Smith talked to the members present regarding the Stanfield-Worley Shelter, illustrated with excellent slides. Pop Smith also reported on his recent Western trip, especially the interesting archaeological people he talked to in his travels. Al Beinlich reported on his recent trip, describing Emerald Mound, 770' long, 2nd largest in the U.S. At the Oct. meeting, Dr. A. G. Long of Guntersville will entertain with his magnificent slides.

The Nockalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. No report received.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at Room 25, Social Science Building, University of Ala. At the October meeting, Prof. Edward Austin gave an illustrated talk on "To Yucatan by Automobile" covering his personal trip and with his own slides. Also, a film entitled "Heritage of Yucatan" was shown at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR OCTOBER: (Welcome to each fine new 1964 supporter of good archaeology)

Frank Barnett, 805 Watts Drive S.E., Huntsville, Ala.
Hallie S. Chapman Jr., 2601 Summer Field Road, Selma, Ala.
Phil Garrett, 601 E. Alabama Ave., Albertville, Ala.
Sherman Heaton, 306 W. Alabama Ave., Albertville, Ala.
W. H. Register, Route 2, Cedar Bluff, Ala. (Family)
Thomas E. Wise, Mt. View Trailer Park, Route 2, Madison, Ala.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS: (And thanks a million to those of you who remembered to write us)

Rev. Randolph F. Blackford, 2500 - 21st St. S., St. Petersburg, Fla.
After December 1, 1963: Suncoast Manor, 6909 - 9th St. S., St. Petersburg, Fla.
Tunstall Randolph Gray, 3416 Avalon Road, Homewood, Ala.
Charles M. Hubbert, 2606 Shepard Drive N.W., Huntsville, Ala. 35800
A. Sidney Johnson, P. O. Box 692, Auburn, Ala.
John Marston, 4703 Old Shell Road, Mobile, Ala.
Carey Oakley Jr., P. O. Box 1598, University, Ala.
Terry W. Tarkington, c/o Chemstrand Co., Decatur, Ala.
Mrs. Alice L. Wright, P. O. Box 1296, Huntsville, Ala.

BAD ADDRESS: (Some help needed here, please!)

George R. Mead, mail returned from 20029 Burin Terrace, Redondo Beach, Calif.

EASTERN STATES ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING: Enclosed with this Newsletter to Alabama State Society members is the official announcement and Reservation Form in connection with the meeting to be held in Philadelphia on Saturday & Sunday, November 9th & 10th. Outstanding speakers and programs appear to be scheduled for this year's meeting, and we hope Alabama will be represented by a good number of State members.

ASBURY CHARCOAL: In dating charcoal it is never absolutely certain that the apparently associated artifacts are being dated, for a variety of reasons. But the charcoal recovered by Ed Mahan at the Asbury shelter, in otherwise clean soil on the same level with and close to a Quad point and 2 typical uniface Paleo flake tools, was in very

presumptive association with these artifacts. If the charcoal gives a radiocarbon date somewhere between 9,000 & 10,000 years old, on the basis of other evidence there will be good reason to suppose that it gives a pretty reliable date for the Quad. "Nothing succeeds like success", so it is urgent that we get this date in time for promotion of our fund drive next year. Samples have to "stand in line" a year or more for Dr. Griffin's very generous and much appreciated free dating at the University of Michigan. Therefore our Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., which administers our fund for us, voted unanimously to spare \$160 for a quicker dating of the Asbury charcoal by Geochron Laboratories, Cambridge, Mass., Harold W. Krueger, Technical Director. Dave concurred and mailed the sample pronto - in hopes of getting a date in time for the annual ESAF meeting in Philadelphia, Nov. 9-10. Unfortunately for this prospect, Krueger writes: "We are, however, somewhat behind in our work due to many samples received this summer and I do not believe it will be possible to have your age determination ready for the Eastern States Archeological Federation meeting". Geochron, with this low price for dating, is doing a fine service, and it apparently is widely appreciated.

1961 STANFIELD-WORLEY CHARCOAL: We have of course received 2 dates on charcoal from the Dalton midden at the Stanfield-Worley shelter recovered from the test trench in 1960. These 2 samples were gathered somewhat at random from the Dalton midden, which was as much as 18" thick. In 1961, Dave excavated this midden by hairsplitting one-inch levels, and gathered charcoal samples more selectively - let's hope the bottom levels reach back further than our 9,640-year previous date. What other samples were sent to Michigan for dating we have not been informed - we hope the Morrow Mountain burials can be dated. Dave received a letter, Sept. 3 date, from Roscoe Wilmeth, Research Assistant, Univ. of Michigan: "Your 4 other samples, M-1346-1349, have been prepared, and may even have been run by now...I am sure these dates should be ready in the near future." We hope we can astound, amaze, excite and inspire you in our December Newsletter - as a Christmas present for all donors and doers.

ESAF MEETING: Sigfus Olafson, our good Larchmont, N.Y., friend, who has gone a thousand miles out of his way to be of many services to Alabama archaeology, is of course Vice President of the Eastern States Archeological Federation, and also a member of the Program Committee. He writes Dave: "...we hope that Alabama with its very progressive society and interesting archaeology can furnish a paper...I have been quite impressed by the work of Mr. Cambron and others in classifying Alabama projectile points...I think a talk by Mr. Cambron would be most appropriate..." We are most pleased to see the wide appreciation of Jack Cambron's monumental labors on projectile point typology, but from the last word we have it sounds as if Jack would not be able to attend the meeting. For Dave writes T. Latimer Ford, Program Chairman, offering a paper on "Fluted Projectile Points in a Stratified Site in Marshall County, Ala." This must relate to our Asbury shelter where the Quad was recovered. We must remember that it just isn't archaeology until we make our discoveries widely known, and aim at beefing up our fund to finance such trips.

NEW "OLDEST DATE" FOR NEW YORK STATE: We see by the New York Herald-Tribune, Sunday, August 18, 1963, that the amateurs have done it again! Our friend Sigfus Olafson, and Louis Brennan, author of NO STONE UNTURNED, have long been interested in the oyster shell heaps on the banks of the Hudson River, N.Y. - equivalents of our Alabama "shell mounds". But unlike our shell mounds, artifacts are very sparse among these oyster shells, so they have attracted little archaeological attention. However, Olafson and Brennan have been fascinated by the fact that above a layer of husky oyster shells there was a layer of humus, when apparently there were no oysters (a phenomenon noted in our own shell heaps on the Tennessee); then above the humus another layer of thin and malnourished oyster shells. Here was a history of climatic or other change, as well as archaeology. So these 2 enthusiasts, after much study of the situation, carefully gathered charcoal from ancient campfires in the lower shell layer and sent them to the Yale Geochronometric Lab., and Dr. Minze Stuiver has reported an age of 5,850 years \pm 200. Dr. Rhodes Fairbridge, Columbia University, says "The date is one of the

most interesting we have had in a long time." "Oyster knives" of flint are about the only artifacts in association, with no projectile points or evidence of fishing, but some bones of elk and deer. This was far behind the cultural level in Alabama at that time - but then the "north" always has been a little backward!!! Mauch Brammer, managing editor of a book company, and George Schottler, patent lawyer, also work with Olafson & Brennan. The most promising trend in archaeology is that we have a growing number of GOOD amateurs capable of scientific work.

Leon J. Salter, another of our good N.Y. friends, inquired of the Editor of American Antiquity, T. N. Campbell, why he had run nothing on the Stanfield-Worley. Campbell pleaded innocent of receiving any information. Leon then sent this information to Dave DeJarnette - who promised forthwith to send copies of the report to the Review Editor of both American Antiquity & American Anthropologist. And that is another of the many ways we can serve archaeology - thanks, Leon.

ALABAMA SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP: With the unstinted cooperation of our beloved State Secretary, Rodger Schaefer, and a considerable bit of loving labor, Bea Harris has reworked our ever-shifting membership list in alphabetical order and kind of membership - a feat comparable to the 12 labors of Hercules. Addresses change continually, members drop out, every month we have an encouraging list of new members in the Newsletter. It required a lot of sifting and sorting - and likely snorting. Total paid membership, on Sept. 21, 1963, was 406. We were delighted to note that we have 99 Family Memberships, and 18 Life Members. We made a personal note that our name was not among the 14 Sustaining Members, and resolved to correct that in 1964 - the little extra can do so much toward enlarging our publications. We also exchange publications with 25 organizations and regularly mail 26 complimentary copies of the Newsletter. Bea also somehow keeps track of members who paid late in the year and have not received 12 Newsletters, keeping them on the list until they do. We therefore had a regular mailing of 461 as of the above date. Let us do as little damage as possible to this list by notifying immediately of change of address (this type of mail is not forwarded - but, rather, is returned to sender at an 8¢ charge) & by NOT dropping out of the Society. New members, however, are most welcome - let's run our 406 up to 500 this year! And let us remember how much work is involved in keeping an organization going, and express our gratitude to those who undertake this work for us, and make it well worth their trouble by being GOOD amateurs and making this a GOOD society.

Rev. Randolph F. Blackford, now of Florida but so well remembered by the Birmingham group, writes that he has sold his home, is living at a temporary address, but in December will settle down again at the very elegant-sounding SUNCOAST MANOR, 6909 - 9th St. S., St. Petersburg. He has been visiting friends in the North, and has "a vague idea my dues are due about this time so I am enclosing my check for 1964 dues". Thanks indeed for the new address, the news in general, the "Remember me to all the fellows" - and the reminder about dues, which very often are a bit "vague" in our memories! Oh yes, and thanks for the check, too!

Edward C. Boss, we note with regret, is no longer editor of SPAAC SPEAKS, Newsletter of the Allegheny Chapter #1, Soc. for Penna. Archaeology, which he got off to such a remarkable start. We hope the publication will be able to climb back to the standard he set for it.

Barbara Jackson (Mrs. Philip C.) sends in the names of 2 more "good prospects" for membership. This is an excellent way to pick and choose people who will make GOOD amateurs - we could name a number who have been "hand picked" and quickly became a credit to our Society. And don't be bashful about recruiting - we have something very unusual to offer intelligent people.

ANTHROPOLOGICAL TYPEWRITER? You have noted, of course, the very fine job of stencil cutting Milt Harris does for our Newsletter. He has a smart typewriter, too, judging by one of his rare typographical errors we noted, and chuckled over, last month: "Man's greatest advantage over other appecies is his ability to communicate, to share

all knowledge." When a typewriter translates "species" into "ape-cies" to describe our kind, we suspect that it is absorbing considerable anthropology.

NOW READ THIS: Your Editorial Staff is constantly asking State Society membership for ideas and articles to be published in the Newsletter, and once in a while we hit the jackpot. The following is a letter received ^{from} Gennie (Mrs. Dr. E. M.) Lindsey of our Noccalula (Gadsden) Chapter, and presents what appears to us to be the basis for some much needed action. See if you don't agree:

"Al Beinlich first mentioned this - we were discussing how to preserve archaeology. Why not do it through the State Conservation Department? Use the same game wardens and law enforcement officers now employed. Absolutely prohibit digging except by permit from an established authority - say a Board. Fish, birds and animals are self-perpetuating under the right circumstances, but once artifacts of the past are destroyed - well, we all know that is it. So its even more important to preserve the ancient past. Hunters and fishermen wouldn't dare destroy themselves and not expect everybody else to do the same thing. Guess we really have to clean house first, then educate the other fellow.

Somehow or other we need to view the ancient past with more awe and reverence - then we will be ready to ask the other fellow to do the same thing. I believe we could expect our State Officials and Legislature to go along with us on anything we could work out.

Could we form a Finding Committee of the State Archaeological Society to discuss the pros and cons of such ideas? Then say along with our digging and research, we could do more education and conservation of archaeology."

All of us know the crying need for enforcement of the laws for the preservation of antiquities already on the statute books of our State. If the above is not the answer to the problem we all recognize as existing, let us have your thoughts. A discussion of the subject at your next chapter meeting might be productive - if so, perhaps the solution could be reached in a further discussion at the Annual Meeting.

Should anyone else have ideas along these lines you would like to have published in the Newsletter, let us hear from you. This is something crying for attention!

NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS: Here are 2 items you may have seen, but others didn't:

CODY, Wyoming, (AP) - The well-preserved body of a man thought to be more than 1,000 years old has been found by scientists in a cave near Cody, in northwestern Wyoming. Dr. Harold McCracken, director of the Buffalo Bill Historical Center here, said the mummified body was wrapped in a tanned skin of a mountain sheep. He estimated the man lived about 678, more than 8 centuries before Columbus landed in America.

BUDAPEST, Oct. 6 (AP) - Construction workers have found the well-preserved body of a red-bearded man believed to have been a Roman soldier buried 1,600 years ago. It was in a stone sarcophagus at an old Roman camp site called Intercisa.

PLAN TO COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING IN BIRMINGHAM DECEMBER FIRST

BRING SOME OF YOUR PRETTIES ALONG SO WE CAN ALL SEE & ENJOY THEM

ALSO BRING YOUR FRIENDS ALONG - THEY COULD VERY READILY BE MEMBERS

THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Objectives of the Society: "To promote the study of archaeology of Alabama and of neighboring States; to encourage careful scientific archaeological research and excavation; to discourage careless digging without records; to promote the conservation of important archaeological sites and to favor the passage of laws prescribing such; to oppose the manufacture and sale of fraudulent antiquities; to encourage the establishment of local archaeological knowledge by means of publications and meetings; to develop a better understanding of the archaeology of the State by making systematic surface surveys and collections, and to serve as a bond between individual archaeologists in the State, both non-professional and professional."

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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