## Alabama Archaeological Society

Associate Editors Bart Henson Dorothy Luke



Editor
Amos J. Wright
2602 Green Mountain Rd.
Huntsville, Alabama 35803

Volume 22

MEMBER OF THE EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION

Number 11

#### 1980 WINTER MEETING

The Winter Meeting will be held November 22, 1980 in the Media Center on Pine Street at the University of North Alabama in Florence. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The focus of the meeting will be the Archaic Culture. We expect a full agenda of outstanding presentations.

The meeting will be sponsored by the History Department of UNA. Registration for the day-long meeting will be \$2.00 The noon meal of Indian dishes is \$5.00.

In order to assure yourself of a luncheon ticket, please send your reservation with check as soon as possible. The College Food Service needs to know for how many to prepare. They will, of course, have some extra servings prepared, and these will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. But to assure yourself of an outstanding Indian-oriented dinner, mail your reservations promptly. For your convenience, a reservation form is included in this issue of Stones & Bones.

#### Directions to Meeting Location:

The Media Center is the same building in which we held the lecture portion of the Summer 1978 meeting. It is located on Pine Street, one block north of Norton Auditorium. Pine Street is a two-way street on the west side of downtown Florence, heading north. As you go north on Pine Street, you will see Norton Auditorium. Pass the auditorium and take the first right, which leads into a large parking lot. Then follow the projectile point signs, marked AAS, to the Media Center.

#### Suggested Motels in Florence:

For those who might want to stay overnight either Friday and/or Saturday, we suggest the following motels.

Holiday Inn - located on Court Street, which is the main north-south street in Florence (Pine Street is one block to the west). It is also on U. S. Highways 72 and 43 as you enter Florence from the south. Phone: 766-2331.

Quad-Cities Inn - across the street and one block north of Holiday Inn. Phone:  $\overline{766-7220}$ .

Howard Johnson (Phone: 764-5421) and Travelodge (Phone: 766-5350) are located on the same highways, on the east side of town.

#### Displays

Members are invited to bring display exhibits of publications and archaeological materials of interest to meeting attendees. In keeping with the Archaic focus, lithic artifacts of all Archaic phases are encouraged. The Muscle Shoals Chapter will provide exhibit tables and security personnel.

#### AGENDA - 1980 WINTER MEETING

8:30 a.m.	Registration begins - Media Center Lobby.	Coffee, donuts and
	breakfast snacks will be available.	

9:00 a.m.	Round-Ta	able Discussion on Man-Land Relationships in the Archaic
	Period.	Panelists will include several experts on the period;
	audience	participation is invited in this discussion.

(Board of Directors Meeting will be held at this time in a Media Center classroom, after which Board members will join the membership and participate in the round-table discussion.)

11:30 a.m.	Business	Meeting/Election	of	1981	A.A.S.	Officers
------------	----------	------------------	----	------	--------	----------

12:00 noon Indian-Style Lunch in the Great Hall, Student Union Building.
Luncheon Speaker: Dr. Richard Krause, Director of the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Alabama.

1:30 p.m. Reports from archaeologists on their recent activities

4:30 p.m. Adjournment

4:40 p.m. Guided Tours to the Indian Mound Museum in Florence

#### Indian Mound Museum

After the conference adjournment, the Indian Mound Museum, operated by the City of Florence, will be open (admission free) to anyone registered for the Winter Meeting.

Charles Moore Florence

## NOMINATIONS FOR 1981 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President	Mr. Joe Watkins, Jr Birmingham
First Vice President	Mrs. Margaret Chase - Montgomery
Second Vice President	Mr. Mack Brooms - Montgomery
Secretary/Treasurer	Mrs. Bettye T. Henson - Huntsville
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. Rodger L. Schaefer - Decatur
Journal Editor	Mr. Eugene Futato - Moundville
Associate Journal Editor	Mr. Carcy B. Oakley - Moundville
Associate Journal Editor	Ms. Janice Gilliland - Coker
Associate Journal Editor	Mr. Ned Jenkins - Montgomery

Newsletter Editor Associate Newsletter Editor Associate Newsletter Editor ESAF Representative ESAF Alternate Representative

Director
Director
Director
Director
Director
Director
Director
Director

Mr. Amos J. Wright, Jr. - Huntsville Mr. B. Bart Henson - Huntsville Miss Dorothy Prince Luke - Huntsville Mrs. Marjorie Gay - Standing Rock Mr. Robert Gay - Standing Rock

Mr. John Cottier - Auburn
Mrs. Caroline Dean - Opelika
Ms. Janice Gilliland - Coker
Mr. Charles E. Moore - Florence
Mr. Jim Parker - Moundville
Dr. Craig Sheldon - Wetumpka
Mr. Michael C. Wells - Birmingham

#### CHAPTER NEWS

- Birmingham Chapter: The Birmingham Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the Red Mountain Museum. Call Tom Hutto for further information at 956-1895.
- Cullman Chapter: The October program was given by Mike Wells. His talk and displays were on "The Evidence of Early Man in South Alabama".
- East Alabama Chapter: The Chapter meets on the first Thursday of each month in Thach Auditorium, Auburn University, at 7:30. For information call Dru McGowen at 821-2595.
- Huntsville Chapter: The October program of the Huntsville Chapter consisted of a slide presentation on the Shroud of Turin. The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month in the Arts Council Conference Room, north end of the Von Braun Civic Center, at 7:00.
- Muscle Shoals Chapter: The Muscle Shoals Chapter met October 13 at the Indian Mound Museum in Florence. Houston Wright of Huntsville presented a very interesting slide narration entitled "The Origin of the Mississippian Culture". The Maples Point was the "Point of the Month", and the study of it was led by Charles Moore. Plans for the November 22 A.A.S. Winter Meeting were further discussed.

#### PREHISTORIC INDIANS OF THE SOUTHEAST

This hard-bound book containing 300 pages, an extensive bibliography and many illustrations, is an outstanding work by the author - Dr. John A. Walthall. The thrust of the book centers around Alabama archaeology - in fact, the subtitle is "Archaeology of Alabama and the Middle South". Walthall has done substantial archaeological work and research in Alabama and was a member of the University of Alabama faculty at one time before moving to his present position as State Archaeologist for Illinois.

His book covers Paleo to Protohistoric periods, with concentration on Alabama and related sites in the southeast, using those sites as a correlation to the Alabama sites and resulting in a clear, uncomplicated and fascinating summary of all phases and subphases of prehistoric people in Alabama. This book is written to the level that professional archaeologists will find useful as a reference work, but it is not encumbered with the technical terminology found too often in today's site reports. Anyone interested in archaeology and Alabama will find this book very useful and very interesting reading. Your editor has had the opportunity to read this book, and it is highly recommended as an addition to your archaeological library. The flyer enclosed with this edition of Stones & Bones can be used for ordering from the University of Alabama Press in Tuscaloosa.

The Editors

#### PUBLICATION

HOPEWELL ARCHAEOLOGY - THE CHILLICOTHE CONFERENCE - David S. Brose and N'omi Greber, editors. The Kent State University Press, 1979. xiv + 309 pp., \$12.50 (paperback).

The book Hopewell Archaeology - The Chillicothe Conference presents the results of a conference of Middle Woodland scholars held in Chillicothe, Ohio, in March of 1978. The principal aim of the conference, as David Brose states in the Preface, was to bring together archaeologists from the midwestern and eastern United States for a series of papers and discussions about the Middle Woodland period in general and the Hopewell phenomenon in particular.

I will state at this point that a conference such as this was a long-overdue event, and the published results will become an essential general reference work on Hopewell archaeology. A total of 44 authors present 34 papers, the majority of which are grouped by geographical region.

The regional papers in <u>Hopewell Archaeology</u> are concerned with select sites or groups of sites, and for this reason, one is able to read selectively. Several papers, though, including those in the "Topical Papers" section, will be of interest to all who are interested in the prehistoric Woodland Indians. The subjects discussed here range from prehistoric exchange systems in the Southeastern United States (articles by Sharon Goad and John Walthall, Stow, and Karson), to subsistence strategies of the Middle Woodland period (by Richard Ford), to a discussion of the contributions that a study of human skeletal remains can make to our understanding of what exactly Hopewell is (by Jane Buikstra).

Four papers in particular concern the Woodland period in Alabama. Two of these, by Goad and Walthall et al., were mentioned earlier; the remaining two deal with the recent excavations in west Alabama and east Mississippi on the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway (by Ned Jenkins), and on the Hopewell-related Copena culture and Porter phase of north and southwest Alabama (by John Walthall).

# PRE-REGISTRATION FORM NOVEMBER 22, 1980 ANNUAL WINTER MEETING ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## Media Center University of North Alabama in Florence

NAME :			
Last	First		Middle Initial
ADDRESS:			
		Number In Party	Amount Enclosed
Registration Fee: Luncheon (includes tax and gratuity)	\$2.00 5.00		
3 .,.		TOTAL:	

Make check payable to the Muscle Shoals Chapter of the Alabama Archaeological Society and mail to:

Mr. John C. Adams Secretary/Treasurer Muscle Shoals Chapter, A.A.S. 206 Terrace Street Sheffield, Alabama 35660

DEADLINE FOR LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS IS NOVEMBER 17. MAIL YOURS TODAY.

· 6	3	

Walthall's articles provide concise summaries on the current states of Copena and Porter archaeological knowledge in terms of subsistence practices, social organization, and relationships to the "Hopewell interaction sphere". The Copena culture of the Tennessee Valley in north Alabama, probably the major southeastern Middle Woodland culture that participated in the Hopewell interaction sphere, is discussed at greater lengths in his articles than is the Porter phase of the Lower Tombigbee-Mobile Bay area, as more research has been carried out in northern Alabama.

Likewise, Jenkins' contribution on the Miller-Hopewell culture of west Alabama and east-central Mississippi summarizes the recent work that has been done in this area. He discusses first the history of attempts to define the "Miller culture", from Jesse Jennings' early excavations in the 1940s up to the ongoing work of the Office of Archaeological Research at the University of Alabama. The Miller I phase (c. 100 B.C.-A.D. 300) and the Miller II phase (c. A.D. 300-600?) are discussed in terms of their ceramic relationship to the greater southeast as a whole.

Both the Copena and Miller cultures and the Porter phase are eruditely discussed by these archaeologists, who show these complexes to be regionally developed cultures, adapted both socially and ecologically to specific environments, all the while trading and receiving in trade exotic chert artifacts, copper objects, galena, ceremonial pipes, ceramic artifacts and ideas from other areas of the eastern and central United States.

In sum, Hopewell Archaeology - The Chillicothe Conference is a book worth consideration. On a professional level, it provides current data in a generalized fashion on the Middle Woodland period in various regions of the eastern and midwestern United States. As a book for the interested public, it presents in readable form information on recent investigations in Hopewellian archaeology, with a large bibliography for further reading. For both groups, it is a book well worth having.

Tom McCulloch Vanderbilt University

#### IS THERE AN ARTIST IN THE CAVE?

The seemingly advanced cave paintings of Cro-Magnon man are not, as some suggest, the products of an enhanced artistic sense. Rather, they resulted from eidetic imagery - or photographic memory - which was common to primitive adults of the Paleolithic period. So says Princeton University's Julian Jaynes, who suggests that engravings such as these - reproduced from the cave of La Mairie at Teyjat - were "projected" from vivid memory; their superimposition, he says, indicates they were projected regardless of what was on the wall in the first place.

(From Science News, June 14, 1980)

The Editors

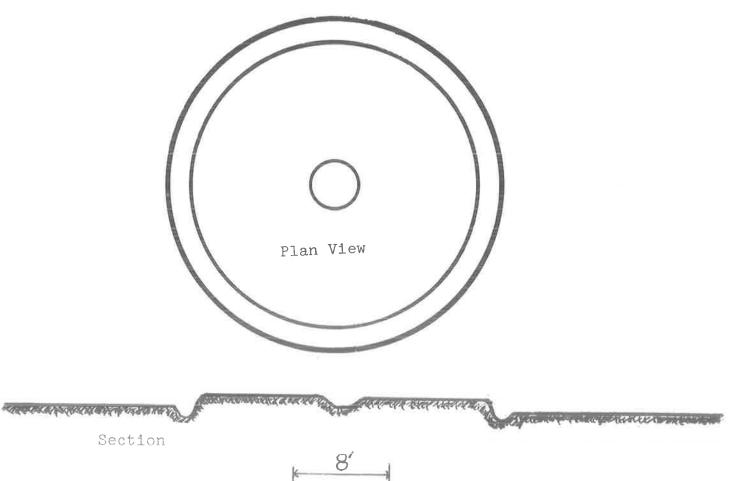
#### WHAT IS THIS FEATURE

Mr. Harold Whitesides who resides on a farm in Morgan County, Alabama called to your editors' attention an unusual "feature" on his property, as described and sketched below.

The feature has the appearance of a low mound, circumscribed by a ditch, with a central depression. The mound is approximately 24 feet in diameter, one foot in height, and the ditch is one foot deep and four feet across.

Logically the feature could be related to an early homestead as there are foundation remains of an early dwelling within 1000 feet. Syrup mill, well house foundation, outhouse, grave plot, gazebo and other possibilities were considered and discarded as they did not seem to fit. A metal detector survey of the feature failed to reveal any metal, as would have been expected for a historic origin. A small bluff shelter about 1000 feet to the West was noted to contain flint chips on the surface.

What is this feature, and is it historic or prehistoric? Your comments are invited.



#### MONITOR, U.S. CIVIL WAR IRONCLAD, CAN'T BE RAISED

Since last summer's 33 dives to the USS Monitor wreckage off Cape Hatteras, N. C., to examine it and retrieve some materials and artifacts, three technical conferences were held to discuss the examinations.

Monitor is too fragile to be raised, say the experts. The 118 years since the sinking have taken their toll in corrosion and mechanical damage.

Sea Technology attended the dedication of an exhibit of Monitor artifacts at the Naval Museum, Washington, D. C. Navy Yard and the showing of a new film, "Down to the Monitor". Larry Tise, director of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, was asked if the turret alone was salvageable. "Salvaging the turret is unthinkable", he declared. "The only way would be to destroy the site".

(From Sea Technology, July 1980)

The Editors

#### BOOK REVIEW

Four Masterworks of American Indian Literature - edited by John Bierhorst. Straus and Giroux, New York, 1974. 371 pages; hardbound.

In <u>Four Masterworks of American Indian Literature</u>, Bierhorst presents new translations and arrangements of four classic themes: the Aztec "hero myth" Quetzalcoatl, the Iroquois ceremonial Ritual of Condolence, the Maya prophecy Cuceb and the Navajo ceremonial Night Chant.

For each selection, Mr. Bierhorst offers an explication of the subject matter, a detailed literary analysis and an extremely helpful pronunciation guide. In addition to containing a comprehensive foreword and individual introductions to each of the four sections, Bierhorst's book is heavily annotated (38 pages of notes and bibliographical entries for the Quetzalcoatl section alone!). Names of personages and places are spelled in the traditional manner; where modern spellings differ, they too are listed. Drawings, maps - even musical notation - supplement the text of this most interesting book.

The Editors

PUBLI	CATION	IS AVAILABLE				
Available issues of Journal of Alabama Archaeolog Vol. 20-24 (\$2.50 to Members)						
Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter Excavations (Journal Vol. VIII Nos. 1 & 2 - Reprint)		377	\$5.00 pp			
Special Publication 1 — Fort Mitchell						
Special Publication 2 — The Archaeological Seq						
Durant Bend, Dallas County, Alabama			THE PRODUCT OF THE PROPERTY OF			
Special Publication 3 — Archaeological Investiga						
Handbook of Alabama Archaeology Part I, Point Ty						
Lively, Long, Josselyn - Pebble Tool Paper						
Investigations in Russell Cave, published by the Na	ational Park	s Service	\$5.00 pp			
CHECKS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: AL	ABAMA AF	RCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY				
MAIL CHECKS TO: MR. EUGENE FUTATO, Off 1 Mound State Monument, I						
	MEMBE	RSHIP				
The coupon below may be used EITHER to APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP in the Society, or for the PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUES. Please be sure that your name and address are CLEARLY entered, and that appropriate boxes are checked.						
TO: THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, for						
☐ NEW MEMBERSHIP ☐ PAYMENT OF ANNUAL DUE	:S 🗆 RE	EPORTING OF NEW ADDRESS	MAIL TO:			
Name			MRS. BETTYE T. HENSON SECRETARY AND TREASURER			
Address			7608 Teel Drive, S.W.			
City			Huntsville, Alabama 35802			
(Residents of Foreign Countries, including Canada & Mexico: \$1.00 additional for Regular, Associate or Institutional Membership,						
\$10.00 additional for Individual Life and \$15.00 additional for Joint Life Membership)						
☐ Life (Individual)	\$180.00	☐ Associate (Students under age	22)			
☐ Joint Life (husband & wife)		☐ Sustaining (individual)				
☐ Annual (individual)	9.00	Sustaining (husband & wife)				
☐ Annual, Family (husband, wife		☐ Annual (institutional)				
and children under age 18)	12.00	Contribution (tax deductible).	\$			

### Alabama Archaeological Society

Mr. Amos J. Wright 2602 Green Mountain Road SE Huntsville, Alabama 35803

STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER

Non Profit Org.
U. S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 197
HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

MR. VERNOM J. RANGET - I 025 RE 10th PLACE 021 RESPIELT FLORIDA 12602