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SUMMER ANNUAL MEETING & WORKSHOP

Saturday, July 13 and Sunday, July 14, are the dates for this event this year, and it is hoped that State Society members from every Chapter will find it possible to come. For this weekend ONLY, the working crew will be on the job both days to demonstrate techniques and show the dig in operation. The annual dinner meeting will be held this year again at the Iron Gate Restaurant adjacent to the Colonial Inn Motel on U.S. Highway 43 Bypass at Russellville, Ala., with dinner commencing at 6:30 PM on Saturday, July 13, consisting of roast beef, 2 vegetables, salad, drink and dessert for \$1.75 per person. After dinner, reports by David L. DeJarnette, Archaeologist-in-Charge; Read Stowe, Graduate Assistant and Field Supervisor; and Boyce Driskell, National Park Service Salvage Crew Supervisor, will be featured, along with open discussions. After the dinner meeting, a State Society Board of Directors meeting will be held. For those staying overnight, reservations should be made individually at the Colonial Inn Motel. Those wishing to do volunteer labor on either or both days should bring along working clothes. The crew leaves the Motel at 7:00 AM each day, and you can plan to head for the dig site at any time after that.

Since it is necessary that the Restaurant be informed as to the number to be served at the dinner meeting, please use the small slip accompanying this Newsletter to inform Dave DeJarnette that you will be present, mailing it as soon as possible.

You will miss a fine occasion if you don't make it to this meeting!

OUR NEW STATE CHAPTER

This will officially welcome the Choccolocco Archaeological Society as the FOURTEENTH Chapter of our State Society. The Chapter holds monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of each month at Regar Memorial Museum of Natural History in Anniston, and welcomes visitors from other Chapters. Present Officers are: President - Clarence R. Heath, 5210 Saks Road, Anniston; Vice President - Dr. Jim M. Kirby; Secy-Treas, Eugene L. Grace, Route 3 Box 361, Anniston; Editor - Bernie V. Bowersock; Board of Directors - Julian W. Johnson, Colon F. Atkinson, Floyd S. Bennett and Robert C. Pace. A monthly Newsletter called THE SMOKE SIGNAL is already being published, and a program of Chapter activities has been outlined, with Committees to be promulgated.

We hope to make the personal acquaintance of members of this Chapter at the Summer Annual meeting, and look forward to including their activity reports in the Chapter News section of this Newsletter hereafter. Happy to have you fine folks aboard!

SUMMER DIG PROGRESS REPORT

Although the June Newsletter announced excavations would commence in the Kinlock Spring bluff shelter in the Bankhead National Forest, permission to excavate did not arrive from the Department of Agriculture; necessitating postponement until a later date.

On June 13, however, excavation was commenced at the Rollins Bluff Shelter, to be

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known as Fr 323, which is located in a 15 foot high sandstone bluff at the head of a small cove 2 miles NW of Hodges, Ala. This site is above the pool level of the lake which will be created by the first dam on Bear Creek.

Under the direction of David L. DeJarnette, with Read Stowe as Field Supervisor, the working crew consists of 9 University of Alabama students plus State Society volunteers, with the Alabama Archaeological Society and the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., as the sponsoring organizations.

A 20 foot trench was first staked out, divided into 5 foot squares, located under the dripline at the front of the shelter, and this is being excavated in arbitrary 4 inch levels. The upper levels in this trench contained pottery, bones, pebble tools, features and Woodland type projectile points. The lower levels within the trench contained projectile points belonging to the Archaic period. An $8\frac{1}{2}$ foot deep test has been excavated at the south end of the trench to determine the natural stratigraphy of the site. Dalton projectile points were found at a depth of 4 feet.

Trenching and testing will continue at Fr 323 until the crew is moved to Fr 324, a large sandstone bluff shelter located $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of Fr 323. During the site survey, it was discovered that Fr 324 contained numerous pictographs and abundant surface material. The crew will then move to Womans Hollow which is located 4 miles south of Barton, Ala., and not too far from the Stanfield-Worley Shelter. A number of promising shelters are located in this area and several will be test-pitted.

Since limited excavation and test-pitting will be conducted in a number of sites located in Franklin, Colbert and Lawrence Counties during the summer, a map showing the location of the particular site being currently tested will be available at the Colonial Inn Motel on U.S. Highway 43 Bypass at Russellville, Ala. State Society volunteer workers are badly needed and will be welcomed throughout the summer, so y'all come! The crew will not be working on Thursday, July 4th.

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

At the May 31 1968 meeting held in Birmingham, Secy-Treas Rodger Schaefer presided due to last minute illness of President Dave Chase. The 16 Board Members present first heard Rodger's State Society status report showing membership at 578 and working balance of \$1,303.14 on hand, exclusive of life membership fund.

Petition of Choccolocco Archaeological Society, Anniston, Ala., was read together with statistics and review of activities. The Board then approved unanimously the application for affiliation with the State Society as our FOURTEENTH Chapter.

Milt Harris reported on continued regular Newsletter publications and encouraging favorable comments received; also asked for more cooperation on submission of Chapter Reports and articles for the Educational Page when requested of Chapter Officers.

Dave DeJarnette reported the first 1968 JOURNAL in press at present but may not be ready to mail for several months; also asked for articles for future JOURNALS to be submitted at once to permit earlier publication of future issues. Short reports on unusual finds such as fluted points, are also needed, and assistance on photographs of such items is available from several sources.

Britt Thompson reported that the Research Association will sponsor a 3rd printing of the Cambron-Hulse Point Type book, which will contain some 12 additional point types. Date of publication, as well as the price for the book, and the price for the additional point type sheets for those who already have former editions, are at present indefinite, but will be published in the Newsletter when available.

Dave DeJarnette reported the signing of a contract between the University and the Research Association for a mobile summer dig in a number of shelters located in the area around Russellville, Ala. The dig work week will run from Monday through Friday, as approved by the Directors at the meeting. Arrangements for the summer annual meeting to be held at Russellville would be made and announced in the July Newsletter.

The Board re-elected Dave De Jarnette as State Society representative to the Eastern States Archeological Federation, and designated Mr. & Mrs. Robert W. Gay and David W. Chase as voting delegates at the Annual Meetings of the Federation.

The Board approved the request of the Huntsville Chapter to sponsor the State Society's Winter Annual Meeting in December 1968, with details to be worked out by the Chapter as to the date, whether Saturday or Sunday sessions, or both, are to be held, and what shall comprise the program.

The name of Harold K. Kleine was approved by the Board for submission to the membership for voting to confer an Honorary Life Membership, the voting to be handled by mail ballot via the Newsletter.

THE ALABAMA STORY - AN ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Since March we have been telling our hundreds of newer members the strange story of our unique annual fund drive to finance professional summer excavations of highly SELECTIVE archaeological sites - our big breakthrough enabling every interested person to DO SOMETHING ABOUT Alabama's remarkable and neglected and rapidly destroyed archaeology. Last month a test trench had found a rich Dalton point midden in our Stanfield-Worley shelter, which had been sought for nearly 40 years, and was "one of our prime needs" as Dr. James B. Griffin himself wrote us. But was it as important as expected, A lot of people were betting on it, for our bank account in 1961 reached \$9,042.77.

Well, they won their bet! The radiocarbon age, courtesy of Dr. Griffin, of our Dalton midden was 9,640 years - oldest yet obtained in the southeast! An important aspect of that was that it made our Dalton point, which we think FOLLOWED fluted points in this area, as old as some western fluted points - thus supporting a growing suspicion that the fluted point may have originated in the southeast (as per Dr. Griffin in our June issue). It had long been firmly held that fluted points originated in the west. Another major find was 3 burials with Morrow Mountain projectile points among the grave offerings - the FIRST Morrow Mountain Men discovered. One of these burials contained 29 accompanying burial offerings, giving much information about these people who lived there between 6 and 7 thousand years ago. Add to these major breakthroughs, the vast amount of further information published in our 1962 JOURNAL; and the richly rewarding experience of many of our members who participated.

Since a great deal of archaeology in Alabama, over a period of some 30 years, had missed all this entirely, and SELECTIVE excavation hit it first shot, we considered this approach highly desirable for discovering the MOST IMPORTANT archaeology and broadening the frontiers of our knowledge. And it taught us how much we DID NOT KNOW, leading to the strong suspicion that there is still MUCH MORE TO KNOW. And thus we are now in our NINTH year of raising funds for SELECTIVE excavation, and Dave DeJarnette is excavating for us again, SELECTIVELY TESTING for THAT DREAM SITE. And supporting our drive for funds this month, we have:

LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY(which, we are pleased to note, has grown as rapidly as we have!), now in its EIGHTH year of very generous support. Jack McSpadden, Executive Vice President and our contact, was not appraised of our first year test trench - we were bashful about advertising it until it proved more than just a "pipe dream". Tapping the interest of our miraculous American "free enterprise", which has made us by far the richest country in the history of the world, and best distributed this wealth to the "common man" so that we own more automobiles, etc., etc., than all of the rest of the world together - tapping these intelligent, progressive and civic-minded interests has proved one of the great opportunities for an "ivory tower" fund drive for science which has apparently been "over the heads" of the "masses". And for many services, too, we are greatly indebted, and grateful, to LIBERTY NATIONAL - in addition, of course, to its great contribution to our State economy and sound insurance. (We only wish many other State Society Chapters had been as active as Birmingham members in interesting such support.)

Richard A. "Dick" Humbard is one of our CHARTER, and CONSTANT generous donors with now his NINTH donation. We are proud that archaeology can ignite such sustained interest, which is one of the great needs. And this reminds of the psychological law that "interest follows attention" - if we do not involve ourselves we develop no interest. The developed interest of Dick, and son John, is most "visible" in our JOURNAL

of 1964 photographs of their braving a snowstorm to run some experiments on the great "hole mystery", which, incidentally, is still unsolved.

MORGAN-LIMESTONE CHAPTER Secy-Treas Frank Hiserodt sends also the good news: "Hopefully, some of our members will be available to take turns on the shovels." That is a more important type of contribution than you may have considered it - our Stanfield-Worley excavations would not have been possible, with the time and finance available, without the excellent amateur assistance. It is also important to teach us that excavations, and recording them properly, plus final reporting are NOT excusable without years of training. And this Morgan-Limestone support reminds us that nothing is possible without ORGANIZATION, and all the cooperation and support which organization implies. We often hear, for example: "Why don't we publish more?" Well, that must be answered by every one of "WE" - as are WE supporting adequate publications? WE is US - all of us. Frank, for example: "wishes it could have been more" but "this year's budget" wouldn't stand it. How many of our Chapters have to operate on a too-scant budget? Can a "get-by" organization sustain our interest - your interest - and do you really want it that way? Thanks indeed to the Morgan-Limestone Chapter for robbing their budget, but for their sake we'd like to see them fatten it - and put it to uses the members will appreciate.

Mr. & Mrs. C. van den Berg (we like the retention of that original, and proper, good old Dutch name) are most generously with us again for the SEVENTH year. This is an interesting case of reaching people who have a reading interest in archaeology - of which there are millions. But how many, besides the van den Bergs, have been informed that the Acropolis, the Pyramids and Chiden Itza are not the whole show - in fact, that we have much older archaeology in America? And that the elusive "First American" is one of the big archaeological mysteries - maybe a lot bigger in importance than we yet know? We are dependent upon members to inform non-members.

ANONYMOUS BUSINESS DONOR, in its FIFTH year, gives us a thrill! And it raised our eyebrows to see that this check was drawn on the "petty cash account" - it looked anything but petty to us! And it should be remarked that some firms prefer anonymity to advertising for their good works, as they wish to select carefully and not be hounded by everyone who may hear they make donations. We are proud to be one of the "elect" donees from this fine firm, and most grateful.

Paul Bullock, removed from Huntsville to Florida, hasn't forgotten us! (171 Jamaica Drive, Cocoa Beach, 32931 - for friends who may not have his new address.) We do appreciate a memory like that. It has been our hope that other states would emulate our fund drive - but not one has dared to try as yet. However, this does confer a sort of advantage - we provide the sole opportunity, and interested people in some 30 states have availed themselves of it!

Mrs. Percy H. Whiting, we regret to say, has lost the late Mr. Whiting since their donation last year - but even so did not forget her fine donation. That is most appreciated. And in our thoughts we add a sort of "in memoriam" to it - the Whitings had been constant donors since they discovered us in 1964. We add our thanks to our sympathies and sincere regrets.

John E. Wood M.D. - gracious goodness, we just now opened his mail and got a fine raise this year! We have something we'd like to show to Dr. Wood. It is the skullcap of Java Man, the highly important "half man" judged to be the first find of the beginning of true man. At least it is the excellent plaster replica made by the University of Pennsylvania which Randy Gray borrowed and loaned to us. It is a thing to muse on. It was of course discovered by Dubois, a medical doctor - and greeted with such scorn by anthropologists, when Dubois "had the nerve" to call it an early form of man, that in deep hurt he locked it in a strongbox for 30 years! If we could affix a proud M.D. to our name, we'd have a cast of Java Man's skull cap in our office to remind us of the frailty of fixed opinion, and of this great contribution by a physician who had the sense to see and the guts to say!

Dan Josselyn's monthly donation got our "computer" instinct to going. If 600 members tithed a tenth - well, no, let us say just \$10.00 a month - we'd have \$72,000 a year! Then we could afford 2 "at large" archaeologists for the University of Ala-

bama, with nothing to do but work at it, and with us. And every Chapter could have its own supervised project the year around. Shuckins - such dream nonsense - but it is wonderful just to dream about what we COULD do. And we wonder why the heck nobody ever did it? Sapiens - eh?

Well, we dig - and you can dig dollars as well as donate them, though we do need some more of the latter too. But do, do, do get to the dig, and have some of the real archaeological fun. And you can never tell how big an interest will grow - we see among the first term student workers this summer (June issue) Miss Sue Farrior, Huntsville. That must be one of the fine fruits of Jim Farrior's long interest in archaeology! What archaeology can do for us actually outweighs what we can do for it.

DIRECTORS NOMINATE HAROLD K. KLEINE HONORARY LIFE MEMBER

"Not a single Paleo projectile point was recorded from Alabama in Sellards' 1952 comprehensive EARLY MAN IN AMERICA. And in the October 1953 AMERICAN ANTIQUITY, Dr. Wm. G. Haag wrote (reviewing the Alabama paper in the monumental classic ARCHAEOLOGY IN EASTERN UNITED STATES): 'Alabama prehistory begins with an intensive Archaic occupancy. It is doubtful if any earlier representation will ever be found'."

That was the opening paragraph of A REMARKABLE PALEO-INDIAN SITE IN ALABAMA where- in Harold K. Kleine dropped a pioneering bombshell. It was published in the TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST, Autumn 1953. Following so closely the above professional publications, it was something of an explosion.

There was, of course, the usual resistance to pioneering progress - especially since this was "just an amateur surface collection". But we know today that Hal Kleine proved his point with a sort of "surface stratigraphy". For he also illustrated the then unknown Alabama Early Archaic (LeCroy, 8,250 years, Broyles), the Paleo Transitional (Dalton, 9,500 years, Stanfield-Worley), several types of fluted points, and what cautious Dr. Wormington in her 1957 classic judged: "The point illustrated appears to be a good example of a Type I Sandia". The shot heard 'round the world! Today, with Paleo running out of our ears, it is easy to forget the impact of that first paper on an Alabama Paleo site.

We could write a book about Hal Kleine, his fascinating life, his many accomplishments in many fields (even surviving a rattlesnake bite!). But we are biased. To us, this PIONEERING AMATEUR BREAKTHROUGH in behalf of grossly neglected Alabama archaeology stands out. And as a "first" widely reported in the literature it will confer on Hal a sort of "archaeological immortality". Our Board of Directors considered that we should give this accomplishment which put Alabama Paleo on the world map high "official recognition", voting unanimously to nominate Hal an HONORARY LIFE MEMBER for Society consideration. We add our editorial nomination.

Hal is home from the hospital, recuperating from a series of serious operations, and we hope enjoying Jo's potato salad - yum-yum! If you can't pay him a visit, send a note - 1809 - 31st St. W., Birmingham 35208.

And PLEASE register your vote by using the mail ballot included with this Newsletter (as required by our Constitution and By-Laws) so that final action on Hal's nomination may be cleared shortly. Thanks!

MORE "GUIDELINES"

This time for scientific research! The May issue of American Anthropological Association's FELLOW NEWSLETTER doesn't seem too happy about it, and judging by past performances of bureaucratic bodies - well, need we elaborate? Twenty-one government departments and agencies financing foreign research, the Foreign Area Research Coordination Group, initialed as FAR, released their new Guidelines December 5 1967, printed in full in this issue of the FELLOW NEWSLETTER. Some excerpts: "The government should under certain circumstances ascertain that the research is acceptable to the host government...the government often needs research-based analysis and reflection which, if made public, could produce serious misunderstandings and misapprehensions abroad about U.S. intentions...government agencies should give careful attention to the language

and places in which their support is acknowledged..." This sounds a bit more like muzzled espionage than scientific research! Nor were we greatly encouraged by "Government agencies that contract with university researchers SHOULD CONSIDER (our italics) designing their projects so as to advance knowledge as well as to meet the immediate needs of policy or action." Editor Frantz' extensive editorial immediately following the Guidelines includes: "...presumably future research by anthropologists will be 'conditioned' toward COMPATABILITY (our italics) or congruity with the larger society" (assume a political function as in Russia?)..."In socialist countries, where economic, social and cultural developments are planned more extensively, research activities are regularly attuned to the attainment of established goals...this trend seems to reflect the spread of socialism or state welfarism...many traditional ways of doing anthropological research will become constrained, if not impossible...The relatively great autonomy enjoyed by U.S. anthropology in the past, both domestically and abroad, is clearly less possible today...To the extent that the latter (governmental supports and controls) are gaining ascendancy, anthropology is less likely to retain all the amenities and automatic privileges traditionally enjoyed...serious danger is that the fundamental core of the discipline may be obscured if anthropologists, along with the shift of research locales and topics, move away from fundamental research that contributes to the comprehension of all bio-socio-cultural systems."

THE ABOVE MAY SEEM A BIT OF A DIGRESSION FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER, BUT WE FEEL THAT IF THE UNHAMPERED SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF MAN, WITH THE FACTS FALLING AS THEY MAY, IS IN ANY DEGREE TO BE "GUIDED" BY THE BUREAUCRATIC-IDEOLOGICAL-POLITICAL COMBINE, IT IS A MATTER WHICH SHOULD BE WIDELY KNOWN AND WHICH SHOULD CONCERN US ALL. THE "FREE ENTERPRISE" OF SCIENCE NECESSARILY MUST OFTEN BE UNPALATABLE TO THE "FIXED IDEAS" OF SUCH FORCES - FORCES WHICH ALL OVER THE WORLD APPEAR INCREASINGLY DETERMINED TO ENFORCE "GUIDELINES".

U.S. AND WORLD ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTES

ARCHAEOLOGY AT ITS BEST: Dr. Sherwood M. Gagliano, LSU, we now boast as a member. (He found one of our Choctawhatchee Chapter sites "the most remarkable" he ever saw when he visited it with Bill Emanuel - and we hope Bill and Irene are getting "archaeologically acquainted" up there in Alaska.) And right off he renders one of the great services a member can by sending information - 2 of his own publications, in fact, 1967 and 1968. One pertains to the geological-geographical distribution (surface) of early artifacts. For example: "the deltaic plain" surface is "in no instance more than about 4,000 years old". Armed with that knowledge, you wouldn't waste time looking for anything old except in deep erosive areas. This type of approach is widely needed to direct us toward what we are seeking. On the higher "Pleistocene terrace-lands" several subtypes of the Kirk Serrated have been designated varieties, we are pleased to note - and delighted to note BINOMIAL NOMENCLATURE (which all mature taxonomic systems employ) applied. The most distinctive of the subtypes, for example, has been named the Kirk Serrated st. tammany variety - typologists will want to get on to this. The major publication concerns OCCUPATION SEQUENCE AT AVERY ISLAND - not really an island, but an upthrust salt dome in the Louisiana coastal marshes. And here is "Paleo proof" that Paleo Man DID NOT STOP at the edge of the above "deltaic plain" - as surface evidence would indicate! For he was at Avery Island, perhaps looking for both salt and the Pleistocene mammals whose bones are found there - mammoth, mastodon, horse, smilodon, giant bison, etc. Bones of both horse and giant ground sloth gave radiocarbon ages of about 8,500 to 9,750. If you are a STUDENT of archaeology you will want both of these publications - Dr. Gagliano's address appears in the listing of "new members", May issue.

Further exemplifying ARCHAEOLOGY AT ITS BEST, Sigfus Olafson, immediate past president of the ESAF, who so notably lives up to our obligation to disseminate information, sends us the story of THE PERFECT SITE - and add WOW! This is the report by Bettye J. Broyles (old-timers will remember that pretty gal from our never-to-be-forgotten annual meeting hosted by the Muscle Shoals Chapter) on her incredible St. Albans

site (in THE WEST VIRGINIA ARCHAEOLOGIST, No. 19). When the high bank of the Kanawha River caved after high water, and the profile was fresh and wet, AMATEUR Sam Kessell REPORTED artifacts at GREAT DEPTHS. Heavens to Betsy (or should we say Bettye?), deep soil coring "revealed STRATIFIED layers to a depth of 36.5 feet"!!! Bettye is now down to 18 feet, and 9,850 years ago! And get this: "Each occupation zone is separated from the one above and below by a sterile zone...only one type of projectile point in each occupation zone"!!! And a beautiful radiocarbon sequence all the way down! Interestingly, Dalton points had not yet been reached - the deepest points look as if they might be ancestral to the Kirk. Of course you will HAVE TO HAVE this publication at only \$1.00, and WILL HAVE TO JOIN at only \$3.00 to get ALL further information. (Bettye J. Broyles, Editor, West Virginia Geological Survey, Morgantown 26505)

THE "SENECA RIVER POINT", though the most publicized point type in America and in the world, may throw you. This was the first name given the fluted point, by Wm. M. Beauchamp, 1897, in the N.Y. State (where it was found) Museum Bulletin 16, p. 21, Figs. 13-14. In 1903, C. V. Hartman, Carnegie Museum, overlooked a Costa Rica fluted point - unpacked and discovered in 1950. Their importance was not then known. And what are we overlooking today because we do not realize its significance? Report EVERYTHING!

SKULLS AND SKINS: There exists a danger that the bureaucratic may turn autocratic, and archaeology like almost everything else has bureaucratic involvements today. Harold A. Huscher, Curator of Archaeology, University of Georgia, sent us a clipping from the WASHINGTON POST with the startling news that "More than 30,000 (government employees) now on the roll were retired for psychiatric reasons"! This has raised some eyebrows, including our own, and federal employees are to be "given greater protection against disability retirement", specifically including several safeguards in cases referred to psychiatrists. (Psychiatric tests of the supervision might be included!) Well, the spate of transplants has confirmed our opinion that people are allergic to people - one harmless word may be so interpreted as to make you an enemy for life! Do we perhaps have more a "thin skinned" than a psychiatric problem? In one of our more profound (?) philosophical moments the thought occurred that if skins were as thick as skulls, we'd have fewer problems.

OUR DEBT TO THE PAST: In a radio interview of one of the beatnik students who think they know more about running a university than the faculty, in response to repeated efforts to get a sensible statement out of him, he finally replied: "I just want to be myself". That would make him, of course, just a "naked ape" - without even a language. As humans, we have no "self" - we are the sum of the past, or what we buckle down and absorb of the past which thousands of generations have contributed. "I am a part of all that I have met", as Tennyson put it. Ho-hum, if any new generation is ever half as smart as it thinks itself - !

CHAPTER NEWS

Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at City Hall Auditorium, Cullman. At the May meeting, Arthur Dunning, Birmingham Chapter, talked to 75 members about rock collections and information, explaining types of rock used for different artifacts and why used, displaying beautiful specimens. A film produced by the University of Colorado will be shown at the June meeting.

Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Madison County Court House. John H. Gustafson, Decatur Chapter, spoke to the May meeting on "Dating Methods" giving good coverage of latest dating techniques including obsidian hydration, which brought up much discussion. State President David W. Chase will discuss "Amateur Archaeological Field Activities" at the June meeting.

Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Long Building in Guntersville. General discussion comprised the June meeting, and Ed Mahan was voted a \$25.00 contribution to cover his expenses investigating future State Society dig sites.

Montgomery Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. A film entitled "Shell Mound Archaeology in the Tennessee Valley" was the program for the June meeting. At the July meeting, a representative from the Parks Division will discuss the archaeological excavation and reconstruction of Fort Mims.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 PM at Decatur City Hall. Bill Varnadoe spoke to the June meeting on "Caving - A Hobby, A Sport and A Science", commenting on caves as archaeological sites and showing a series of slides taken in caves. He is founder of the Huntsville Grotto of the National Speleological Society, a past Board Member of the NSS and co-author of a book on Alabama caves. A chapter workshop on point identification and a movie with an archaeological theme will comprise the July meeting, to be held at the home of Tom Moebes in Decatur.

Noccalula Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. Meetings were held on June 6 and June 18 to further discuss the Etowah Centennial and Coosa Time Tunnel to be held in Gadsden from June 27 to July 4, and in both of which the Chapter is taking a leading part. Last month, the Rev. David Long was incorrectly mentioned as a Cherokee rather than a Creek missionary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING JUNE: (So glad to be able to add you to our numbers!)

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EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING: A "CALL FOR PAPERS" has been received reading as follows: "The annual meeting of the Eastern States Archeological Federation will be held in Ann Arbor, Michigan, on November 1, 2 and 3, 1968. Members of the Federation and all other interested parties are invited to submit titles and abstracts of either 15 minute research and site reports or longer 25 minute analytical reports to the program chairman on or before July 15, 1968. Please send these to: Dr. James E. Fitting, Museum of Anthropology, The University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104" Since the time for submitting papers is short, we hope that all who plan to file will do so promptly, and others make note of the meeting dates & place.

JOURNAL ARTICLES NEEDED: In addition to the item on articles for our JOURNAL which appears in the Directors Meeting report in this issue, this appeal is included so as to emphasize the need for prompt submission of reports on the part of our membership. One of the purposes of the increase in Annual Dues for 1969 was to enable us to have larger JOURNALS including a greater number of articles on our activities. So get busy on that report you've been intending to submit - to be included in the December or later issues of our fine publication. Take a greater pride in its content!

Dr. H. M. Wormington's thoughtful and appreciated card informs us that she has requested leave of absence from the Denver Museum of Natural History. Personal correspondence, and that relating to the Society for American Archaeology (of which she was elected President!) should be sent to her home (4600 E. 17th Ave., Denver, Colo. 80220) until September 15, then to the Department of Anthropology, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona 85281.

Ed Mahan has put 120 point types on file cards. You want all known facts about a point type - so you merely pull a card (and enter new information on the back). Would

you be interested in seeing this file card system published and made available at a moderate cost? Or would you prefer to continue thumbing through innumerable publications to find the data you are seeking, sometimes in a bit of a hurry?

SECOND TERM STUDENT CREW: Commencing July 17, a new crew will take over on our summer dig, consisting of the following: Silas W. Clark, Tusculum; Walter E. Collier, Tusculum; Randy Luxenberg Cottier, Auburn; Boyce Driskell, University; Ned J. Jenkins, Pike Road; Miss Darby Gay Luxenberg, Houston, Tex.; Miss Georgia Patterson, Buhl; Joe Frank Terrell, Greenville; Miss Stephanie Twilbeck, New Orleans, La.; and Donald F. Wiginton, Birmingham. And they could use some good volunteer help to get the job done.

A. B. Hooper III reports from Albertville that our good Joint Life Members from Penna., the Arthur J. Turners, had visited the Hoopers for the 4th straight year, and were still as enthusiastic as ever about Alabama archaeology, both here and at home.

Read Stowe, our most capable and sincere Summer Dig Field Supervisor, wishes to publicly acknowledge the fine assistance and cooperation he is and has been receiving from State Society members Harold J. Robinson Jr., TVA Geologist, and William F. Willis, Bear Creek Dam Project Director, in locating sites in that area of the State.

William H. Wesley, Huntsville Chapter, submits the following for thoughtful consideration: "It probably isn't news that a few members of the Alabama Archaeological Society sometimes sell artifacts, but it has just recently been mentioned to me that this does happen. It has often been stressed that if artifacts do change hands, they should be accompanied by documentation, and I feel an occasional reminder can do no harm. Each artifact, when changing hands, should be accompanied by a typed statement having all pertinent information and the original owner's signature. These documents should have a number corresponding to the site number marked on the artifact and at least a general description of the site and its location. Persons receiving artifacts from another individual should ask for this documentation.

When artifacts are collected, as much information as possible should be preserved, because no one knows at what time in the future new discoveries might make specific artifacts important. Any time such events happen, all information available is significant. Remember we, as members of the Alabama Archaeological Society, should stress the scientific approach!"

HOW YOUR STATE SOCIETY RANKS: Our State Secretary (and statistician) Rodger Schaefer is responsible for working up the encouraging information that our State Society ranks 6th in size among affiliates with the Eastern States Archeological Federation. Of the 10 largest State Societies, 7 show a continued growth rate, with 3 about stable. Alabama ranks 4th in growth rate among the 7, behind Virginia, Michigan and Massachusetts but closely followed by Tennessee, New York and North Carolina. So we need to hustle!

WHAT CAN OUR CHAPTER DO? The SE Chapter, Iowa State Society, "Has started a site recording program and plans to do one a week" covering 7 counties. The above perennial complaint is not the problem. The problem, for which we have not found a solution, is getting someone to do it!

Frank J. Soday reports to State Secretary Rodger Schaefer from Tulsa, in a most interesting letter, on his business activities in Japan, Korea and this country, the additions he is making to his collection of Korean art and artifacts, and the archaeological excavation in which he has been participating in Arkansas, ending up with: "Give my very best good wishes to all of the old gang."

ANCIENT MEN OF THE ARCTIC, by the late famous J. Louis Giddings (who found the remarkable Onion Portage site), Alfred A. Knopf, \$10.00 at your bookstore, with 97 halftones, 45 Drawings, 9 maps. "The excitement of new discovery, a tale of adventure, a solid anthropological work, and a brilliant description of how the archaeologist works... beautifully told by the leading student of Eskimo archaeology" - Dr. Robert F. Heiser.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

It has been a great pleasure for me to have had the chance to personally meet so many of our members throughout the past few months. I am very grateful to all of these good people for the kind hospitality they have shown me during my visits to their Chapters.

During these trips, I was able to see at close range much evidence of progress as well as certain of our problems. Most chapters are doing an excellent job in local research, public relations and in making documented and meaningful collections. These are the constructive activities by which we all, as an amateur group, are judged by the lay public as well as by seasoned professionals.

About the only criticism I feel is in order, devolves upon a very widespread exclusive devotion of interest to what seems to me "the Early Man Phase" of Alabama prehistory, with all other time levels being more or less ignored. Such overspecialization of interest and activity in this large organization is bound to incur a gradual loss of equally important information about later phases in our prehistory. Despite Chapter work in some county areas, these same areas have seldom if ever been reported upon as to their Woodland or Mississippian archaeological resources. This represents a serious "information gap" which in an archaeologically rich state, we can ill afford to have. Part of this imbalance relates to a subjective inclination to gather relics instead of information: specifically, an activity of selection of "pretty" things over the broken or less attractive specimens. We must begin to sharpen our vision toward seeing the whole picture, not just the more colorful parts. Remember, there are PEOPLE behind the things we find.

In this connection, there is a need to understand how to use published instruments. Specifically, I refer now to the Cambron-Hulse handbook on projectile point typology. This fine reference was not meant to start a competition among the membership to see who can accumulate the most named types. Rather, its purpose is to aid in the identification of cultural components IN CONTEXT; in other words, to determine whether or not your point types, when found on a site, reflect the presence of Archaic, Woodland or Mississippian residents in the past. It is also meant to aid us in associating lesser known ceramic types with named point types. Archaeology, then, involves the investigation of the whole spectrum of man's past activities, not one aspect or one time zone.

For those earnestly wanting to contribute and who do not know quite how to start, I suggest a review of local collections in the light of their organization, cataloging and identification as a means of better understanding the peoples of the past. Maps, photos and other record forms as control and interpretation devices can be used to make your work more meaningful and interesting. Many chapters are already engaged in doing these things. We are all in a position to make useful contributions to archaeology, but as has often been said: "time's a-wastin'", and there isn't much time left to waste.

David W. Chase, Montgomery Chapter

THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Following are the objectives stated in our Constitution, slightly modified for emphasis: To promote informed interest in the study of Archaeology in Alabama and neighboring States; to encourage careful scientific archaeological research in such ways as surface scouting, mapping, marking, studying and especially reporting; to promote and support professionally directed excavations and discourage unsupervised "digging"; to promote the conservation of archaeological sites and to favor the passage of laws prescribing such; to oppose the sale of antiquities, and the manufacture and sale of fraudulent artifacts; to encourage and develop a better understanding of archaeology through providing Newsletters, Journals, Chapter and State meetings, helpful associates and good fellowship; to serve as a bond between individual archaeologists in the State, both non-professional and professional; and perhaps most importantly, to give everyone the opportunity to "do something about archaeology" through the accomplishment and enjoyment of these high aims.

The Society needs and welcomes as members, all persons whose ideals are in accord with the objectives set forth above. Active members receive the JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, devoted to articles on the archaeology of Alabama and nearby States, and also receive the STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER, published monthly, containing news of members and their activities, also State, national and worldwide events of archaeological importance.



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In accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Alabama Archaeological Society, and following the nomination by the Board of Directors at a meeting held in Birmingham on May 31, 1968, I hereby cast my ballot on the election of HAROLD K. KLEINE as an HONORARY LIFE MEMBER of the State Society;

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TO: Mr. David L. DeJarnette, Colonial Inn Motel, Russellville, Ala. 35653

Please make reservations for my party of _____ at the dinner meeting to be held at the Iron Gate Restaurant in Russellville at 6:30 PM on Saturday, July 13th as part of the 1968 Summer Annual Meeting and Workshop of the Alabama Archaeological Society.

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