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THE SELMA AREA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY - 1972

The summer project for 1972, as Steve Wimberly indicated in the March issue of STONES & BONES, will consist of a 10 week intensive site survey in the Selma area, financed by the State Society and the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc.

The Selma project began, as most readers remember, in the summer of 1970 with excavations at Durant's Bend on the Alabama River. A number of components on the site have been tentatively identified as Middle Woodland, Late Woodland and Mississippian. Research on this material is being carried out currently. In the summer of 1971, field work on the project continued when Marvin D. Jeter, a student at U.A.B., spent 4 weeks surveying for sites in the vicinity of Durant's Bend. He covered the north bank of the river from Mulberry Creek to Selma and areas north of the river near Mulberry Creek; in the process, he located 21 sites. Plans are to continue the site survey this summer.

In this survey, we will attempt to find all the sites in a limited area, roughly a 5 by 10 mile section including Durant's Bend, with the long axis extending north and south across and beyond the river flood plain. After securing the permission of land owners, sites will be located, described and photographed, and surface collected. Of the 3 man crew, 2 will work in the field, switching off with a third, who will work in the lab, cleaning and cataloguing surface collections and typing field notes and site survey forms. Using these surface collections and information on the size and location of sites, we hope to gather the following kinds of information:

1. AREA EXTENT OF CULTURES: Combining survey data with information from Durant's Bend as well as data available from earlier research on the upper Alabama River (D. W. Chase, 1967; J. W. Cottier, 1968; R. S. Dickens Jr., 1971), we will be able to make some statements on the area extent of the various prehistoric cultures represented. For instance, Cottier (1968) has defined a late Mississippian Alabama River Phase. Assuming that this is a valid archaeological culture, did this culture also occupy territory away from the river, or will we find evidence of different contemporary cultures as we move away from the flood plain? How far north, south, east and west does this and other cultures extend? At what point, if any, does the Alabama River Phase meet the territory of the Moundville Phase? These and similar questions may be answered by the 1972 and future site surveys.

2. SETTLEMENT PATTERNS - POPULATION: It is usually assumed that when agriculture first became important in the southeast, the population increased and became more sedentary. If this is true, cultures depending on agriculture should have produced large archaeological sites. Hunting and gathering cultures, on the other hand, might have produced fewer, certainly smaller, sites reflecting smaller populations and more

nomadic life styles. It is generally believed that agriculture became relatively more important in the Late Woodland and Mississippian periods than earlier. Is this reflected in the size and distribution of sites in the Selma area? So far the results are puzzling with later sites being fewer and smaller than those earlier. This summer's work over an expanded area should throw light on the problem.

3. SETTLEMENT PATTERNS - ECOLOGY: Agriculturally based cultures should locate villages near the best farming land; hunting and gathering cultures would not be sensitive to this factor and should camp near hunting, fishing or wild plant food resources, e.g., a steatite quarry. How does the distribution of sites for each prehistoric period reflect the form of economic adaptation being utilized? To put it another way: perhaps the settlement pattern encountered for a particular prehistoric culture will provide a clue as to what economic resources were being exploited primarily. These considerations will be among the most important in our work this summer. In summary, in such a settlement pattern study, the number and size of sites will provide data on relative population density; the locations of sites will provide data on how each population adapted to its environment.

4. LOCAL CHRONOLOGY: The finding of sites in different geographical settings may also provide data on the area chronology. Sites of the most recent period will be found on present stream channels; earlier sites might be found on old abandoned stream channels; the earliest sites in the area might only exist away from the present flood plain, on old terraces or the old, dissected uplands adjacent to the flood plain.

5. TRAINING AMATEURS: Site surveys can provide valuable information on a location's prehistory. They are also vital to protecting sites and in salvage operations. If a site is to be destroyed, as hundreds are every year in Alabama, a surface collection and a written description of the site might become its only record. Also, if sites are found and reported, it may be possible to conduct professional salvage operations prior to destruction. In some cases, sites have been saved that were threatened, because their locations were known and action could be taken. For example, a proposed highway right-of-way can be diverted from an important site if alternative routes are available. For these reasons, we are interested in training many members of the Alabama Archaeological Society in the methods of site surveying, and we plan to begin doing this during the summer as part of our field activities. More on this in the next issue of STONES & BONES. C. Roger Nance, U.A.B.

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL FUND DRIVE

From the above more detailed outline of our aims and purposes in conducting an archaeological investigation during the summer of 1972, those who wish to participate in assisting toward covering the expenses involved can let us hear from them in the coming months. We are happy to acknowledge the following 4 additional contributions during the month of March, bringing our total of individual donations to 10:

Harold S. Biggs, Huntsville, who makes his FOURTH subscription to our yearly funding efforts and lets everyone know he is in favor of what we are trying to do.

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur B. Dunning, Birmingham, with this check, bring to NINE the total number of fund donations they have made over the years, a really fine record.

Mrs. Richard N. Hahn, Birmingham, closely follows the Dunnings in registering her EIGHTH financial participation in the activities of Alabama archaeology.

Dr. Albert Fisher, Decatur, one of our exclusive CHARTER DONORS, maintains his enviable record by increasing to THIRTEEN the number of his generous donations.

Of course, we still have a long way to go before we can be assured that the cost of our ambitious program for this summer will be taken care of by our membership as in the past. So, if you are due an Income Tax refund shortly, make a decision now to share the windfall with your Research Association, using the coupon at the bottom of the inside back cover of this and every issue of STONES & BONES. Thanks again!

HIGHWAY SALVAGE PROJECT REPORT

Since our last report on the status of the Society's Highway Salvage Project, 10 environmental impact statements have been received from the Alabama Highway Department. The disposition of these and 4 left pending from our last report are as follows:

<u>CHAPTER</u>	<u>PROJECT NO.</u>	<u>SURVEY RESULTS</u>
Cullman	S-184-D Cullman Co.	STILL no report received from Michael Wells. Report was due 12-22-71.
Mauvilla	F-377(2) Mobile Co.	No report as yet on 2nd alternate to be surveyed by Read Stowe. Report was due 12-17-71.
Choctawhatchee	S-1004-E, S-877-E Coffee, Dale & Houston Cos.	STILL no report received from Bob Wheat. Report was due 12-11-71.
Muscle Shoals	S-202-F Lauderdale Co.	Last report stated no representative in this area. William Pendleton now acting in unofficial capacity for area.
(none)	SU-5105(101) Montgomery Co.	No representative in this area. Sent to W. Warner Floyd for possible handling.
(none)	S-33-D Escambia Co.	No representative in this area.
(none)	S-275-H Elmore Co.	No representative in this area.
(none)	S-1755-A Montgomery Co.	No representative in this area.
Mound St. Monument	FAS 54-12, PCP 54-26-72 Pickens Co.	No sites reported.
Mound St. Monument	R-121 Sumter Co.	No sites reported.
Mound St. Monument	SCP 60-06-72 Sumter Co.	No sites reported.
Mound St. Monument	F(S)3306-(101) Hale Co.	No sites reported.
Mound St. Monument	I-59-1-64 Greene Co.	Possible sites located off the cleared right-of-way. Will recheck again.
(none)	S-1755-A Montgomery Co.	No representative in this area. Handled by Mound St. Monument staff.
Cullman	Mud Creek Watershed, Cullman Co.	We are awaiting a report from Michael Wells on this project.

Notification was received from Mr. William Pendleton of Muscle Shoals that he would be willing to survey some of the areas in his section for us, even though we have

failed to hear from the Muscle Shoals Chapter officially. Therefore, we have added Mr. Pendleton to our unofficial list of active members. We are very pleased to have him join us in this very worthwhile project, and wish that more members would display their initiative and become active rather than passive Society members. For the past 3 months we have been requesting that the remaining Chapters which have not notified us, do so in order that we may evaluate this program on a statewide basis. The Choccolocco Chapter responded positively, as reported last month, but apparently the remaining 6 Chapters have not as yet reached a decision. Again - WRITE and let either John Gustafson or David L. DeJarnette know of your Chapter's decision on this program. If your Chapter has not as yet reached a decision, tell us that too - at least we will know you are considering involvement in the Highway Salvage Project. The time is fast approaching for the evaluation of the project as a whole, and this cannot be accomplished with any degree of accuracy when we have 27 out of 67 counties which are not represented. We would appreciate hearing from any interested members of the Society who would be willing to work in an unofficial capacity, even though their particular Chapters have not yet reached a decision.

MORE DETAILS ON SAA MEETING

The 37th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology will be held at the Americana Hotel, 9701 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, Miami Beach, Fla. on May 4,5,6, 1972. A full program of symposia, research papers and general sessions is planned. A look at the preliminary program shows not only sessions on the Eastern and Southeastern U.S., Southwestern U.S., MesoAmerica, South America, the Arctic and the Aleutians but also new techniques and studies. Some of the topics are: "Functional Analysis and Microwear Studies of Stone and Bone Tools", "Aerial Remote Sensing Techniques in Archaeology", "Salvaging Salvage Archaeology", "Technical Studies", and "Early Man and the Pleistocene". There will be no question of finding a session of interest, but rather how to attend 2 or even 3 at the same time!

There will be planned fun with a poolside party (cash bar) on Thursday evening and open house (cash bar) at the Hotel on Friday evening with hors d'oeuvres, compliments of Florida Atlantic University. For members of the family not wishing to attend sessions, the hotel contains 2 swimming pools, beach frontage, large open terraces, stores, a restaurant and night club. Just 1 mile north of the hotel is the largest public beach in Miami area, Haulover Beach Park with golf course, tennis courts, marina and beach. The registration fee of \$7.50 (students \$6.00) includes a copy of abstracts of the papers given at the meeting. Better make your reservations early with the Americana or one of the nearby hotels or motels.

ANOTHER EFFORT

Hester Davis, archaeologist with Arkansas Archaeological Survey, is the Chairman of The Committee on the Public Understanding of Archaeology, recently organized by the Society for American Archaeology. David L. DeJarnette is the Alabama member. This Committee seeks not only to make the public more aware of the purposes and needs of archaeology, but also to keep the professionals informed about current issues and problems. The cover of the January 21, 1972 issue of SCIENCE (Vol. 175) is a view of the important Marmes Rock Shelter in southern Washington which was flooded in 1969. This issue contains a very up to the minute article by Miss Davis concerning the many ways our archaeological sites are being destroyed. Destruction not just by the collector and those who wish to make a profit in sales to museums and dealers, but also by the farmers, by the construction of airports, highways, shopping centers, housing developments, industrial centers, small water shed developments and the huge dams of the U.S. Corps of Engineers and the power companies. All these "improvements" seem to require that first the land be leveled and if it is not disturbed, the sites end up under tons of water and concrete or erode from exposed banks. To make matters worse, the availability of funds for salvage has decreased as the rate of destruction

increases. A general public aware of the financial needs should help inform our legislators. H.R. Bill 6257 now under consideration in Congress would provide additional funds. HAVE YOU WRITTEN TO YOUR REPRESENTATIVE?

There are not enough professional archaeologists to do the gigantic amount of salvage work, but here the cooperation between amateurs and professionals, still in the first stages, can and will greatly help the manpower shortage. Our antiquities laws are outdated. They are not well enforced and many are impractical and unenforceable. The public must be educated as there is now much lack of awareness and just plain "not caring". Miss Davis feels this last can be accomplished just as has been done in the environmental crisis. There must be organization, work and cooperation. She concludes: "If solutions are not sought and found now, it will be too late - we will have committed ourselves, irretrievably and irreversibly to the future, without benefit or knowledge of the mistakes and lessons of the past."

(Above 2 articles by Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

HISTORY ON THE ROCKS

Geologists and paleontologists often talk of reading history from the rocks. Archaeologists most often discuss reading history in the soil, but in archaeology too there is information to be read from rocks. Not just rocks in general, of course, but the boulders, cave walls, sandstone outcrops and other suitable locations that prehistoric man selected to use for various activities, activities that left marks on the rocks that still remain, almost as words to be translated.

The signs, markings and carvings that we know as petroglyphs are not uncommon, but such work by the prehistoric artists - or writers if they were trying to relate a message - accounts for only part of the information left on rocks by the hand of man.

For some time now, Bart Henson of the Huntsville Chapter has been spending a lot of time on a rather unique project, something branching away from "archaeology as usual". Bart has been tracking down sites where sandstone or limestone outcrops, making broad, flat areas along the ground, have been used as gathering places by ancient inhabitants of our area for workshop and perhaps various other activities. A Wright and Henson article in the JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, December 1968, deals with conical holes at one such location. More locations studied, photographed and mapped since then, have other very interesting stories spread out across broad expanses of smooth, gray or light brown rock. There are large, circular fire basins, deep grooves - many in pairs, deep conical holes, clusters of shallow "nutting" type holes - some apparently in patterns, and shallow egg-shaped basins of various sizes. On one such site, well over a hundred features have been recorded.

The really distinct part of this work is that after a "whole heap" of trial and error test work in his spacious and well equipped "2-car laboratory", Bart has a successful method for making exceptionally accurate and realistic reproductions of the features without damage to the originals. He still has a lot of organizing to do, but later on will be letting us in on the details of this work. This is an important contribution and information that will be well worth knowing.

FLORIDA ARCHAEOLOGY MAKES NATIONAL NEWS

In the past, Florida has produced the Vero bones, the Melbourne skull and other significant finds. Much archaeological information has come from underwater sites, and such a site is currently attracting attention. On the evening of March 5th, scenes of activities at the 220 foot deep Little Salt Springs site near North Port Charlotte were televised on a national newscast. The site is described in the January-February Florida ARCHIVES AND HISTORY NEWS and has produced the bones of mastodon, giant land turtles, sloth and man. One skull of a child is thought to be about 5,000 years old and is so well preserved that tests are being made on what is thought to be remnants of brain tissue. Spear points, shell ornaments and hairpins have also been recovered. Archaeologists involved are very pleased with the finds and consider the site one of

major importance. More reports are scheduled for future Florida publications.

(Above 2 articles by William H. Wesley, Huntsville Chapter)

THIRD TIME AROUND?

Will the next 20 years witness as great an advance in American archaeology as the past 20 has? In 1967, Dan Josselyn was encouraged that they would, after studying some material he had collected from a site which he surveyed the first time about 1946 to 1948. This site in Shades Valley, near Birmingham, Ala., was being destroyed to make way for an industrial center. His article "Second Time Around" in the ANTHROPOLOGICAL JOURNAL OF CANADA, Vol. 9, No. 2, 1971, describes the site and his findings on this visit 20 years later. The purpose of his article is to emphasize that while we are accepting and using new techniques and data, we still do not recognize all the material we should collect, the crude tools, the flakes. Some 124 pieces he probably would not have collected the first time. Of these, 46 of 81 "just chips", showed signs of use or working, usually needing magnification to see; 14 true crude tools, 29 possibly crude tools. "One is 'shook up' by what he had overlooked, but encouraged that he is no longer overlooking."

In the few short years since Dan's death, some of his dreams are becoming fact. Amateur and professional are working together more every day. More sites will perhaps be salvaged before destruction. A better informed public will take an interest and pride in doing their part. All types of new technologies are being used. Soil samples give information never before dreamed possible. Chemical analysis of stone and metal artifacts and pottery add much information to the site report. There are new refinements in the methods of dating. Computers aid in the study of huge quantities of artifacts. The list is almost endless. I believe today, a mere 5 years later, Dan would have to admit we are well on our way. His hopes for a "third time around"? It may be just around the corner! (Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

WHEN THE WORLD WAS YOUNG, by M. Jourdan Atkinson, The Naylor Co., San Antonio, Texas, \$1.95. This is the story of early man and his development, which a 3rd or 4th grader may read for himself. The delightful line drawings will capture the younger child as the book is read to him. It presents scientifically correct information in a simple form the child can understand. The story follows the daily life of a family; father, mother and baby; as they gather food, hunt and fish. They discover better ways to do these jobs and life becomes easier and more pleasant. New babies are born and baby animals become pets. The growing family is thankful for what they have. Civilization develops! Dr. Atkinson dedicates this book to her granddaughter "in the hope that she and all her generation will grow up to be clear-thinking anthropologists - and thereby better and happier citizens of the world..."

The following books were reviewed in the Christmas survey of books about science for the younger reader, in SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, December 1971, Page 106:

SECRETS IN STONES, by Rose Wyler and Gerald Ames. Photographs by Gerald Ames. Four Winds Press, \$4.75. Especially for 9-year-olds, this beginner in geology searches out the bedrock where the stones first come from. The reasons for the different forms, some of the chemistry and a mention of fossils, are all part of the study. The book is a genuine aid to learning with clear logic and excellent photographs.

Other books for children the whole family will enjoy, especially when planning those trips and outings:

AMERICA'S ANCIENT TREASURES: Guide to Archaeological Sites and Museums, by Franklin Folsom, Rand McNally & Co., \$2.95 paperback. Contains a list of nearly 200 museums

and prepared outdoor sites of prehistoric people of America, north of Mexico. The description and exact location of each is given. Photos and drawings are included as well as an introduction to American archaeology.

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS, by Andrew Hunter Whiteford, edited by Herbert S. Zim, illustrated by Owen Vernon Shaffer, Golden Press, \$1.25 paperback. Describes the arts in all mediums of North American Indians, north of Mexico, "from feather bonnets to totem poles". A map locates 138 major tribes. There is documentation of every object shown so that it may be located.

THE ANIMALS NEXT DOOR: A Guide to Zoos and Aquariums of the Americas, by Harry Gersh, Fleet Academic Editions, \$3.50 paperback. Covers North and South America. Lists all the public zoos, giving special information about each. Also names 300 endangered species.
(Marjorie Gay, East Alabama Chapter)

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Thursday of each month in Chapman Hall, Samford University. At the April meeting, "Billy" Johnson of Birmingham, who designs and makes jewelry and miniature guns, will discuss "Samurai Swords", illustrated by items from his collection.

The Pastfinders, Birmingham Chapter Ladies' Auxiliary, meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month in member's homes. The March meeting, at the home of Mrs. Francis Wingate, enjoyed a talk by Mrs. Madge Hahn on "Lincoln - a Sidelight to the Gettysburg Address". Mr. Larry Logan will give a harmonica program at the April meeting, held at the home of Mrs. J. D. Carmichael. A field trip to Horseshoe Bend on April 7th.

Choccolocco Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Thursday of each month in Regar Museum, Anniston. At the March meeting, Mr. John Fisher, Park Manager, will deliver an illustrated talk on "Russell Cave National Monument".

Choctawhatchee Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in Houston Memorial Library, Dothan. At the March meeting, Dave Chase, East Alabama Chapter, gave the history of Fort Mitchell and showed slides of his work there. New Officers for 1972 are: Joyia Spann, President; Gary Woodham, Vice President; and Arthur D. Joiner, Secretary-Treasurer.

Cullman County Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Monday of each month at Cullman City Hall. Mr. Tom Moebs, Morgan-Limestone Chapter, gave a report on the "Cave Spring Dig" at the February meeting, illustrated with slides and artifacts. The old Cullman City Hall has been obtained as a Museum by the Chapter and work is proceeding on preparation for displays. At the March meeting, Mr. Joseph Watkins, Birmingham Chapter, will give a special program on "The Maya Indians", covering their early and present cultures. A Chapter arranged "Rock Show" is planned for April 23 at the City Hall Auditorium, and will include both rocks and Indian artifacts.

Huntsville Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of each month in the 3rd floor Conference Room, Madison County Court House. At the March meeting, Mr. Bob McKinnon of the Choccolocco Chapter will talk on "Fort McClellan Dig on Morgan Mountain".

Montgomery Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Archaeology Department of Huntingdon College. Plans for Annual Business Meeting were discussed at the March meeting, also election of officers for 1972. The April meeting will be held on the 14th at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, where Dr. Harold Huscher will speak on "The Archaic-Woodland Sequence".

Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 1st Monday of each month in Decatur

City Court Room. The March meeting was especially enjoyed, with Bart Henson, Huntsville Chapter, speaking on "Aboriginal Art in North Alabama", his presentation covering 14 sites where petroglyphs were found, also pictographs and mystery holes. At the April meeting, T. J. "Tom" Hutto, Decatur Chapter, speaks on "Hafting Concepts".

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets at 7:30 PM on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Indian Mound Museum, Florence. The March meeting featured a "Tell and Show" session, at which many fascinating circumstances of artifact finding were told. The Chapter is making a site survey of Cypress Creek, with areas assigned to individual members and information obtained to be compiled at the April meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING MARCH:

Angela Comfort, 27 Ridge Drive, Birmingham, Ala. 35215
Darryl W. Kilgore, Route 4 Box 336-A, Dickson, Tenn. 37055
Terry McCoy, 707 - 6th St. S.E., Cullman, Ala. 35055
Ralph Mackey Jr., Route 10 Box 47, Gadsden, Ala. 35901 (Family)
Terrell Swindell, 1422 Lessman St. S.W., Cullman, Ala. 35055

Our apologies to James H. Polhemus, whose first name was listed as John last month.

CHARLES H. WORLEY: Our State Society lost Mr. Worley the 7th of March. We are all the poorer for his passing. His interest in both the present and the past resulted in many happy moments for him. Perhaps most persons will remember him as the discoverer of the Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter. This memorable find was dug by State Society volunteers, several college students and many friends of archaeology under the guidance of David L. DeJarnette. With great care, the teams managed to get some scientific archaeology under their belts and to find levels dating approximately 10,000 B.P. The dig report, when published, was accorded considerable attention. Its title properly honored Charles H. Worley.

ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE ANNUAL MEETING, its 49th, will be held at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Ala. on April 13, 14 & 15. The Vice President of the Section on Anthropology-Archaeology is Dr. Karen Joines, Samford University, Birmingham. The presentation of papers usually commences on Friday morning, April 14, and ends about noon on Saturday. Topics of special interest to us are also covered in the other 10 sections of the Academy, such as Geology and Geography. Among other activities you will have the opportunity to visit the exhibits of the Alabama Junior Academy of Science meeting at the same time.

STATE SOCIETY EMBLEM: Have you put those ideas for a society emblem on paper yet? Better hurry as April 15th will soon be here. Suggestions have been coming in, and we hope yours won't be too late. It could be the winner, you know! Send your design to Mrs. Helen Mabry, 3851 - 9th Court S., Birmingham, Ala. 35222.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE: Some of our many recent new members might like a copy of:

1. The Cambron & Hulse HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, PART I, POINT TYPES, which illustrates, describes and dates over 100 projectile points found in Alabama. The price is \$7.35 postpaid.

2. The Cambron & Hulse HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, PART II, UNIFACE BLADE & FLAKE TOOLS, at a price of \$2.25 postpaid.

Checks should be made payable to the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., and mailed to Mr. D. L. DeJarnette, P O Box 277, Moundville, Ala. 35474.

YOUR 1972 DUES: If still unpaid, they become delinquent March 31st, and we'd hate to put you off our Newsletter mailing list. Stay with us! We need each other!

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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