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## STONES & BONES NEWSLETTER

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### 1966 ANNUAL STATE SOCIETY MEETING

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- THE DATE: December 11th, 1966. (note date changed from December 4th)
- THE PLACE: Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, 440 S. McDonough St., Montgomery, Ala.
- THE SPEAKER: Dr. Joffre L. Coe, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N.C.
- THE TIME: Registration and setting up of individual and chapter artifact exhibits will commence at 12:00 noon. The business meeting will be called to order at 1:30 PM. Coffee break at 3:00 PM. Main program at 3:30 PM.

Please note carefully the change in date for our Annual Meeting, DECEMBER 11TH rather than the 4th. We hope the new date will be more satisfactory to everyone. Our Hosts are to be the members of the Montgomery Chapter, and they assure us of complete arrangements for a fine meeting in lovely surroundings. The business session will consist of a call to order by the President; Secretary-Treasurer report; reports by each of our 12 Chapters; reports on the Journal, Newsletter and 1966 digs; nominating committee report and election of officers. The program at 3:30 PM will comprise a call to order by the new President; a welcome address by the Montgomery Chapter President; introduction of our speaker followed by his address, the subject of which will be announced in the next issue of this Newsletter.

While we believe Dr. Coe is well known to our membership as an active archaeologist of long experience, we will simply state now that he is Director, Research Laboratories of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, is immediate Past President of the Eastern States Archeological Federation, and is author of many fine archaeological reports. We consider ourselves very fortunate to have him speak to our Annual Meeting, and hope you also will look forward to the occasion.

Additional information will be included in the December issue of STONES & BONES.

### PEBBLE TOOL NEWS

It tells something of a story of inattention that even the history of pebble tools in America is "news" to many, including all crude "pre-projectile point" type tools. We admit to little attention ourselves (they fill a book, which Krieger is writing), and to having paid little attention to those mentions we have seen! We do know that way back around the turn of the century there was much to-do about the "Trenton gravels" (which high authorities think should be restudied), but in those days when America was not supposed to have even pre-ceramic evidence they got short shrift.

The oldest radiocarbon date we have for crude tools without projectile points is from the controversial Texas Lewisville site, with 5 date determinations made, all result-

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ing in "out of reach" of the C-14 method - or "over 40,000 years". And both geology and fauna seemed to support such a date. (An amateur discovery.) We are not acquainted with the tool assemblages associated with many other very old C-14 determinations.

Rouse and Cruxent got a C-14 date just short of 17,000 years which may apply to a high fourth-terrace site in Venezuela with tools which do not look as "primitive" as our Lively Complex pebble tools. Crude "choppers" in Fell's Cave way down at the southern end of Chile have a C-14 date of nearly 11,000 years - but mere "choppers" do not constitute a pebble or other crude tool "complex" such as we have in Alabama. Bird has shown that they persisted long into pre-ceramic times in South America. Forbis found a few "choppers" from bottom to top of a deep buffalo jump site in Alberta, estimated to have persisted to 1500 or 1600 A.D. Quite a few of our correspondents have cited this late persistence of "choppers" to explain our situation, but it does not apply in any way to a broad tool assemblage constituting a COMPLEX.

To admit our own inattention even recently, the other day Marjorie Gay was exclaiming over the Kelley phase pebble tools in the Peabody Museum at Andover, Mass. Way back in '59 we read Dr. Byers account of excavating these, below everything else at the bottom of a midden, but we don't recall that we batted an interested eyelash. But we are not alone. In 1949 Friesenhahn Cave, which had been long sealed and thus preserved from "collectors", was excavated and at least 30 species of fauna were discovered which are now extinct. Yet as eager about Early Man as Sellards was, in his 1952 book he selected only a scraper from the Friesenhahn artifacts to illustrate. In 1962 Krieger examined the artifacts and found "at least 40 flints that show a crude but nonetheless definite pattern of chipping, resulting in steep, almost vertical edges with small, protruding 'beaks'". (Krieger might have been describing our Lively Complex "stand-on-end" beaked tools!)

We can cite another case of inattention which is better documented, and which is now out of the "controversial" difficulty. Artifacts in association with remains of extinct animals were reported as early as 1838. Not until 1926 were such associations explored - resulting in an archaeological explosion into a new era!

LACK OF VIGOROUS EXPLORATION thus looms as a larger factor than crude or pebble tools themselves. Our wide PEBBLE TOOL ASSEMBLAGE forming a COMPLEX seems to give us the best excuse anybody ever had to AGITATE this question - for we have TONS of these tools, and judging by the some 60 sites already discovered we must have HUNDREDS of sites. Moreover, since we began agitating we have received reports or samples of "crude tools" or "pebble tools" or "tools that look old" from Alaska, Alberta, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Mississippi, Ohio, Kentucky, Georgia, Massachusetts and New York. It sure looks as if WE CAN START SOMETHING BIG IF WE KEEP AT IT - "IF" - !!!!!

#### CLOSING SEVENTH ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

Wearily, frustratedly, sadly and puzzled beyond measure, we are closing our previously always successful ONLY ANNUAL FUND DRIVE IN ARCHAEOLOGY with total donations of only \$4,053.25 toward payment of our \$6,000 contract with the University of Alabama to cover costs of our dig in Lamar County this past summer. This particular year, we felt more certain than ever of a successful campaign since we had as an incentive the greatest current prospect of American archaeology - PEBBLE TOOLS!

Here are some statistics on donors in which you might be interested:

- Of original CHARTER donors, 14 are still with us
- There were 17 NEW donors this year
- The sum of \$1,586.00 was donated by NCN-MEMBERS
- Of the \$4,053.25 total, 95% was donated by 31 donors
- Only 12% of our total membership donated as individuals

Thanks to "angels" of one type or another, your Archaeological Research Association



will be able to take care of its obligation, but it is a matter of great embarrassment to have to admit defeat for the first time and call on sources other than our own membership when only \$10.00 per member would have met the goal! And it is a bit surprising that 88% of our members are apparently NOT interested in a prospect concerning which 38 of the WORLD'S LEADING ARCHAEOLOGISTS, from Alaska to Kenya, have taken the trouble to write us letters. These stressed the importance of our pebble tools - that they should be "investigated with vigor", as Dr. Gordon R. Willey wrote us only the other day from Harvard University.

Gratefully, we add this month to the RARE donors who ARE interested in archaeology:

Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Harris, Milt & Bea, who, as Associate Editors, publishers and mailers are allergic to wordage, and asked us to limit this to 3 lines. Heck, one word suffices for them: INDISPENSABLE!

Arthur Dunning, whose fine Alabama rock and mineral sets donated for sale have been so doubly rewarding. We are sorry that sets 1 and 2 are sold out, but set 3 (25 unusual specimens) is still available for \$1.25 plus 25¢ postage.

MAUVILLA CHAPTER, Bert Yerkes, Secy-Treas., our "deepest south" unit aiding our effort to give Alabama Archaeology adequate coverage, exploration, reporting to authority - 600 pairs of eyes now in our State Society to assist in discovering what we have.

Tom Cornell, one of Alabama's "first citizens" in broad civic concerns and good works, donating again this year.

John E. Wood M.D., a new member this year, pitching right in and also donating again - in the fine tradition of the medical amateur which we recounted just last month.

Mr. & Mrs. Percy H. Whiting, who HAVE been interested in archaeology ever since they discovered it in 1964.

E. D. Burwell, who HAS been interested in archaeology ever since he discovered it way back in 1961, without a single miss.

With apologies to those who may have intended to donate, we go to press early this month - but our hearts, arms and books remain open.

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It has been with a great deal of pride that we have listed, for 6 years past, the names of the unusual people who thought enough of man and his ancient history to support archaeological research. In a sense they were doing the "impossible" - for we were widely advised that it was indeed impossible to finance archaeology by subscription. Perhaps this year, more than ever, we realize just how "impossible" it is, and how unusual are the good people who have made it possible. And we are most happy that their generosity has resulted in notable archaeological advances, won wide acclaim and is presently exciting both American and European archaeologists by knocking on a door concerning which famous Dr. L. S. B. Leakey writes: "There is certainly no doubt that you have pebble tools in quantity and the absolutely vital thing, as I stressed when I was shown the specimens, is that THEY BE TRACED TO THEIR PLACE OF ORIGIN...FOUND IN SITU IN DATABLE GEOLOGICAL DEPOSIT". For little old Alabama to excite Dr. Leakey, of world fame and Olduvai Gorge and Zinjanthropus and all the rest - we hope this will reward the donors of 7 years who have made it possible. And thanks! (The asterisk denotes non-member donors, and the figure to the right shows the number of previous years contributions to our dig funds were made.)

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#### A MONUMENTAL WORK --- A NOTABLE EVENT

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NORTHERN GEORGIA, Robert Wauchope, issued as AMERICAN ANTIQUITY, Vol. 31, No. 5, Part 2, July 1966, by the Society for American Archaeology.

To impart some slight idea of this indescribable contribution to southeastern archaeology, we made a hasty count of the illustrations in the projectile point section alone: 426 points photographed and 1,169 drawn in TWO views! The "other artifacts" look to be as profusely illustrated - we were plum' counted out! The ceramics or pottery section looks to be MORE profusely illustrated!

And cultural processes in the broad view, chronological and geographical synthesis of ceramic traits, and 218 pages devoted to innumerable sites.

This was the result of a field survey the like of which we never heard, and obviously of laboratory and desk work the like of which we never dreamed - and of a competence to which we couldn't even aspire! This is one of the monuments of American archaeology, and we are proud that the SAA undertook this enormous printing job - 2 3/4 pounds even in paperback! On a rough estimate it must contain about 300,000 words - which, by the way, bristle with references to other works until you wonder how on earth it was possible.

There is one section which anyone (with half of his own mind left in these pressured times) would find entirely delightful, and richly rewarding. We devoutly wish that these some 8,000 words of fine writing, now hilarious, now despairing, could be published in booklet form for every taxpayer, every voter, every American, to read. Dr. Wauchope did this work, as one might say, in spite of the late WPA. We can best describe this experience by saying that if you have any fond notions that bureaucracy is any better or less inept in America than it is anywhere else, including Russia, in behalf of a future for the human race make a \$10.00 contribution to the Society for American Archaeology and send to the Secretary, Dr. E. Mott Davis, Department of Anthropology, University of Texas, Austin - and ask if you may have a copy of this study.

We hope that many will congratulate and thank Dr. Wauchope, as we certainly shall, for this magnificent effort toward proving that man deserves to include "sapiens" in his biological binomial.

#### MORE ON BOOKS

We note in paperback (V74 \$1.25) THE MENTALITY OF APES, Wolfgang Kohler, which we "devoured" a good many decades ago, but which will always be a fine basic study, absorbing reading, and a journey back into what may be the closest we can get to our ancestry of



20 million years or so ago - and these "men who didn't make it" are very interesting "people". Should be in every anthropological library. And THE IMMENSE JOURNEY, Loren Eisely, who began as a poet and matured into one of the best anthropological writers, (V157 \$1.45). An "anthropological philosophy" of life is acutely needed as "the old order changeth" without adequate replacements, and we highly recommend these philosophic musings of a "modern prophet" and beautiful writer. (These paperbacks by Random House, College Dept., 501 Madison Ave., N.Y. City 10022.)

We still think BACK OF HISTORY, William Howells, \$1.45 paperback, is the best, wisest and most readable broad introduction to anthropology - and do not see how anyone can afford NOT to spend that trivial amount for it (Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N.Y.)

RACES OF AFRICA, 4th edition, C. G. Seligman, \$1.85 paperback, we have not received as yet, but expect it to list the several distinct (and several vanishing) types of man there - what we call the Negro is only the dominant African type, obliterating the others in large part. (Oxford Univ. Press, 200 Madison Ave., N.Y. City 10016).

PALEO-INDIAN CULTURE IN KENTUCKY, M. A. Rolingson, is largely an analysis of Paleo projectile points, attempting to establish subtypes, and will interest those in this field (\$2.00, University of Kentucky Press, Lexington 40506).

Closer to home we have HIGHWAY SALVAGE IN THE NICKAJACK RESERVOIR and WESTMORELAND-BARBER SITE, NICKAJACK RESERVOIR, SEASON II, both by Charles H. Faulkner and J. B. Graham, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, just off the press (price not stated but both are paperbacks). These are well illustrated and of course pertain to our Alabama problems too. We were particularly interested to note: "There is a clear cultural continuity from the terminal Archaic into the Early Woodland in such artifacts as projectile points, various cutting and piercing tools, digging implements, and such ornaments as gorgets" - our opinion has long been that we commonly divide our "cultures" too abruptly. Close students of Alabama archaeology will want both of these. Typologists will be interested in the projectile point stratigraphy, and how many the authors consign to the "provisional".

WHICH IS THE "MISSING LINK"? That is to say, at what stage of development should we put the halfway mark between apes and intelligent beings? We note that Dr. Coon, in his new book on THE LIVING RACES OF MAN, is hopeful that we may some day put HUMAN genetics to work and raise the "IQ" to 200 and that "People as bright as that will be able to take steps to lower the birthrate, stabilize the world's population, abolish pesticides, restore the earth's natural landscapes", etc. Since our modern "IQ" is said to average about 100, Coon's view seems to put us about halfway between the ape and a truly intelligent species. So at last the "missing link" is discovered - in MODERN MAN! You know, it has a rather nasty ring of reality about it - tot up the "anthropoid" behavior of the world today as against the very occasional intelligence! Certainly we could do worse than adopt a valiant genetic motto: ON TO SAPIENS.

#### NEWS ON ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES

John W. Cottier, who participated as a student in our first Stanfield-Worley summer dig, also as a graduate in several subsequent State Society excavations, is now conducting investigations on his own, and very graciously submits these brief preliminary reports on his activities during the summer of 1966, with additional information:

"The following is a brief account of the activities of the University of Alabama field party in the Miller's Ferry Lock & Dam Reservoir in Wilcox County, Ala. Funds for this work were provided by the U.S. Interior Department/National Park Service and were for the investigation of archaeological sites in or on the edge of the Reservoir. During the summer, 4 sites were visited for the purpose of excavation, and about 5 sites were test pitted or surface collections were made.

Site Wx15, the Indian Hill Site, was excavated by one large unit and several test pits. This site contained components representing a pre-ceramic stage, a plain fiber tempered ceramic stage, and a Woodland sand tempered ceramic stage. The site was also used during Mississippian times as a depository for fragmentary bundle burials. Seven individ-

uals were represented at the site in 3 separate burial locations, with the only grave furniture being that of a small, restricted orifice, shell tempered vessel. Several features in the form of refuse or fire pits were also recorded from the site.

Sites Wx25 and Wx25x1, the Jones Sites, were excavated next. Wx25 was a large site which had been badly eroded, and no cultural stratigraphy was encountered during the investigations. The components represented by surface indications and within the plow-zone of the excavation units were Weeden Island II, a central Alabama variant of perhaps Fort Walton, and a late historic stage (c. 1870-1900). Site Wx25x1 was a small, compact shell midden of Weeden Island I and II dates. This site, although small, appears to be rather important for close association was noted between the ceramic inventory and a lithic assemblage. Features in the form of refuse pits were recorded from the midden.

The field party next moved to Wx1, the Liddell Site, for more investigation of the Weeden Island components located there. A brief report of earlier work at this site may be found in the JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY, Volume IX, "The Camden Site" by T. K. Bozeman. The investigation of this site during the summer resulted in the discovery of about 25 refuse or fire pits and 2 human burials, one found in a flexed position at the bottom of a 7½ foot deep pit.

During the season, the field party also had an opportunity to work with members of the Selma Chapter, AAS. Besides providing some assistance with the actual excavations, this Chapter has made available to the University of Alabama the results of a large scale surface survey of parts of Wilcox, Dallas, Autauga, Perry and Lowndes counties. This has provided the central files at Mound State Monument with the location of about 300 sites in the region. As this area is almost unknown from an archaeological standpoint, this information was most needed to help provide a complete view of the archaeology of Alabama. Many individuals of the Selma Chapter assisted in this project, but Lee Allen, Hallie Chapman and Richard Sheffield provided the major backing for the survey and were the ones directly responsible for approaching the University of Alabama with the desire to record this information.

Plans are now being discussed to assist the Selma Chapter in an intensive surface survey along a section of the Alabama River. This survey will be a Chapter project centered around specific problems, and should reap important and worthwhile information about the ceramic and pre-ceramic periods in the Alabama River area. The Selma Chapter is well known for its educational and excellent exhibit of Alabama prehistory at Sturdivant Hall in Selma. During the existence of this exhibit, hundreds of school groups and visitors have been provided with an interesting panorama of local archaeological items placed in cultural stages. The forthcoming project of a surface survey will provide more laurels for this hardworking and interested Chapter, and indicates more and more its growth into a group worthy of the title of an archaeological chapter.

For the information of our membership, below are listed several publications regarding Alabama archaeology from sources outside the State:

David W. Chase: "A Stratified Archaic Site in Lowndes County, Alabama", THE FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGIST, Vol. XIX, nos. 2-3, June-September 1966. This is a site which contained an almost continuous occupation from Dalton-Big Sandy times through Early Woodland. Chase also names and describes 3 new pottery types in the paper.

Ross Morrell: "The Woods Island Site in Southeastern Acculturation", NOTES IN ANTHROPOLOGY, Vol. XI, 1966. Price is \$2.00 and may be obtained through the Department of Anthropology, Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla. Information on a historic village destroyed by a reservoir on the Coosa River near Ragland, Ala."

#### U.S. ARCHAEOLOGICAL NOTES

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director, 5133 NT, Denton, Tex., included these items in the July-October issue:

"FLORIDA: The Museum of the University of Florida has received the largest col-



lection of Florida Indian artifacts in private hands. The Site Museum at Crystal River, Florida, has been opened to the public. This site includes a number of mounds, both burial and shell, and is entirely precolumbian going well back before the Christian Era. Included is a marked trail and a well-preserved and protected segment of a burial mound for visitors to see. There is also a museum which exhibits materials from the site as well as other displays."

"A Fellow suggests that smaller U.S. archaeological digs could probably follow British custom by having a collection box in the most interesting part of the dig for donations by visitors and "sidewalk superintendents". He says it works."

"HANDS ON THE PAST by C. W. Ceram, Alfred A. Knopf Inc., N.Y. 434 pp. Ill. \$8.95, 1966. The eminent popularizer of archaeology has done it again. Here is a volume crammed full of brief accounts by famous pioneer archaeologists of some of their discoveries. Recently editors seem to have adopted the Dada idea of the "found object" and are assembling the writings of others to form volumes; saves a heap o' writin'. However, the results, like this volume, are usually fascinating reading even if one has read the material before. In this book we have many famous archaeologists from Schliemann to Lerici and a couple of notorious ones such as Belzoni and C. P. Smyth, not to mention A. Posnansky.

The material in this book varies from the rather trivial to the most exciting moments of really monumental discoveries such as Champollion's decipherment of the Egyptian hieroglyphs, just to cite a well-known event. We invite everyone to read the essay "The Elephant in America" by G. E. Smith. This book was assembled, as is the custom of Mr. Ceram, to provide literate entertainment and it succeeds admirably. Unless one is quite well-read in the archaeological literature he will find a great deal that he has missed previously. The professional or the well-informed amateur will find little if anything new but will probably enjoy rereading these charming and erudite passages.

Part 7 of the book deals with new methods in archaeology, the term "new" meaning within the last decade, more or less. All quite sound and correct.

We would recommend this book highly for persons just developing an interest in archaeology, for students of the humanities beginning their studies and, perhaps most of all as a gift to potential "philanthropologists". Readers of Ceram's "GODS, GRAVES AND SCHOLARS" and their name seems to be legion, will be even more pleased with this new volume, probably."

"EASTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY may be the most active anthropological center between the Rocky Mountains and the Alleghenies. In any event, under the direction of Dr. George A. Agogino, F.I.I., it has established a campus museum of impressive proportions and will be in charge of a new Paleo-Institute Museum 7 miles from the campus supported by the state of New Mexico. The Institute has had a summer field expedition at Blackwater Draw and another 6 miles west of Buckeye, N.M. in addition to an exploratory dig at Billy the Kid Cave. Dr. Cynthia Irwin-Williams, F.I.I. had a dig near Albuquerque with some 50 students in camp. At the Mockingbird Gap site at last report the recovery of Clovis point bases was over 60 and, as reported earlier, this is probably the first Clovis camp site discovered. We will have more information on the activity of the ENMU expeditions, etc., probably in our November issue."

#### CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at University of Alabama Extension Center. At the October meeting, Dr. Max Miller very thoroughly discussed the Holy Land and showed and explained slides taken by him of an excavation at Tel Zeror in Israel in which he took part last summer. The November meeting will enjoy a talk by Thomas A. Simpson, Assistant State Geologist for the Alabama Geological Survey on "Geological Adventures in Surinam, South America".

Choctawhatchee Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Dale County Library, Ozark. At the October meeting, Bill Emanuel reported finding crude tools in Pennsylvania while on his vacation last month. Tina Johnson & Thom Marlow have returned from a 5 months tour of archaeological sites in Europe and the Near East.



East Alabama Chapter last met on October 14th in Funchess Hall, Auburn University, at which meeting Hank Barwood spoke on "Gemstones of Alabama". A field trip is being planned, details to be announced later.

Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Huntsville Public Library. At the September meeting, Bill Ingersoll, senior adviser to the Order of the Arrow, BSA, spoke on "Historic Creek", presenting slides, Creek dress, artifacts, reference books & early maps. Jack Cambron spoke to the October meeting on "Pictographs & Petroglyphs", highlighting a film on this subject showing examples in North Carolina, Tennessee and along the Tennessee River in Alabama. A Chapter donation to the summer dig was voted, as well as a gift of books to the Historical Section of the Library.

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3, Florence State College. The September meeting included a discussion by A. W. Beinlich Jr., on methods of hafting the corner tanged points from Texas, and on methods of restoring pottery, pipes and other artifacts with plaster of paris or wax.

Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the October meeting, Jerry Jones, an outstanding local historian, will discuss "Genealogy", explaining that historically, Courthouse records were obliged to show on marriage records when white settlers married Indians. The November meeting will be addressed by Mr. M. W. Cramer, noted Lapidarist.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

##### NEW MEMBERS, OCTOBER:

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Miss Jane Lumpkin, formerly Institute for Mediterranean Studies, Israel

EASTERN STATES ARCHEOLOGICAL FEDERATION ANNUAL MEETING: Enclosed with this issue is formal announcement and preliminary schedule of the meeting to be held at the City Squire Motor Inn, New York City, November 4, 5 & 6. A reservation form is also included to guarantee your accommodations at the always exciting meeting.

1967 DUES BECOME DUE IN JANUARY (along with Christmas bills, New Year's resolutions, and headaches of various kinds and descriptions.) Why not get your check into the mail right away and be sure you're home free for another full year? Each advance payment relieves our State Secretary of one billing headache, and adds a little padding to the State Treasury for bigger and better and quicker publications.

Claude Thornhill, one of the stalwarts in the prosecution of our 1965 dig at Ider, and now nearly recovered from an extended illness, reports that he is putting his very extensive artifact collection in the Pisgah Library "so that they may be enjoyed by more people". Emulation of his example might be productive of extensive interest in proper and scientific archaeology over the State, and serve as a deterrent to those who persist in collecting for selfish purposes.

"The Margaret", our reliable Atlanta correspondent, asks: "Who was David Gordon Lyon, of Benton, Ala.? Authority on Babylon, studied under Delitch in Germany, 1883." Our encyclopedia says he was an Assyriologist, Hollis Professor of Divinity, Harvard, and

Hancock Professor of Hebrew and other Oriental languages. Also director, American School for Oriental Study & Research in Palestine, President of Society of Biblical Literature. Did much pioneer work in Assyriology. From little old Benton (pop. 300)! But then he graduated at our Howard, now Samford, in Birmingham (landscaping for the grounds of the beautiful new location destroyed 5 sites, one of which produced a Clovis and other old types). Can anyone supply Margaret with more "personal" information?

THE WALK-THE-DCG SITE competes well with the odd site names we see, and has a good Indian sound. That is Elizabeth Cline's new site, just across the road, as it were, with a sparse but surprising and rewarding artifact assemblage. Elizabeth wonders: "Why travel a hundred miles for a site?"

Franklin and Mrs. Folsom, writers, have been doing "the grand archaeological tour" of America. Stopped at Ruth Simpson's famous new site, for example, which "could be" older than anything proven in America by a controversial mile! We felt a bit puffed up to be included in the tour - our pebble tools the attraction, of course. They are thinking of adding another to their long list of books - on AMERICAN archaeology. They can expect any help we can give, and we practically sold Dr. Long down the river for some photos. (Shucks, Doc, you ought to be in one of the popular books with a big sale!) And we received today Frank's latest book, SCIENCE AND THE SECRET OF MAN'S PAST - very attractive and looks as if it will merit a good review and maybe solve one of your Christmas gift problems. (But we wonder what those nice folks think of Southern hospitality" - we invited them to have coffee, plugged in the percolator, and promptly forgot all about it in our pebble tool enthusiasm!)

Dr. George F. Carter may now get it from both "political parties". He sent us a reprint of his expose of "That Elephant from Bucks County, Pennsylvania" scratched on a piece of slate-like rock "found" by a farm boy nearly a century ago. (This first saw print in the ANTHROPOLOGICAL JOURNAL OF CANADA, Vol. 4, No. 3, 1966.) Dr. George has long been accused of "liberal" tendencies, and is likely to incite the equal political invective of "conservative" with this. Oh yes, we have "anthropolitics" too!

Wayne Stell, amateur, has discovered the most important of all Folsom sites - a living area with circular depressions which may represent rude shelter remains according to Dr. Frank C. Hibben, who is excavating the site exposed by a real estate development just west of Albuquerque, N.M. We note in Dr. Hibben's account (NEW MEXICO, October, 1966) that he hasn't been reading Dr. Carl B. Compton's Newsletter. For Hibben repeats the old erroneous account of George McJunkin finding Folsom points at the original Folsom site. Dr. Carl, originator of the annual McJunkin Award of Merit, "excavated" the story more deeply and carefully. McJunkin found only LARGE BONES, which Dr. J. D. Fig-gins, PALEONTOLOGIST, subsequently investigated.

Horace Holland (speaking of paleontologists) has acquired a \$30.00 book on fossils "but now I need a glossary"!!! You just can't "gloss over" professional slanguage.

MODERN NEANDERTHALS: Like something out of the pages of Jack London, 230 pounds of red-haired bone, muscle and high adventure, our friend Bill Kinnaird is a bit of a Neanderthal himself. Playing professional football, cropdusting in a light plane and walking away from 2 crashes - maybe you get the idea. So we were not surprised when Bill decided those working tickets known as diplomas were nice to have and went back to college - specializing in campusology, feminine gender, and confusing and confounding his professors. But he laments that in the interim this has reduced him to "common work". While operating a mowing machine along a highway right-of-way, a rear wheel became hopelessly enwound in a cast-off tire tread. Even he was unable to pull it off, nor even with the help of his 2 convict blade-swingers. So one of the latter, as polished a bit of ebony as ever came out of Africa, picked up 2 handy rocks, hunkered down on his heels, smote one rock apart with the other - and with the sharp edge thus obtained, proceeded to cut the entangled tire tread free!!!



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