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WE DIG AGAIN!!! - 1965 SITE INFORMATION

The big day is rapidly approaching, and most arrangements have been completed. The details at present available are listed below, and a map is being included in this issue of the Newsletter to assist volunteers in locating the site:

Starting Date: June 9th is first working day (Students will report June 8th)

Director: David L. DeJarnette

Field Assistant: Margaret V. Clayton, Eufaula, Ala.

Lab Assistant: Carol Hill, Leighton, Ala.

Headquarters: Scottsboro Hotel, Scottsboro, Ala.

Place Volunteers Can Get Information: Scottsboro Hotel, Scottsboro, Ala.

Lab: Scottsboro, Ala. (location not yet fixed) Tues., Wed., Thurs., 7-9 P.M.

Working Days: Every day EXCEPT Monday

Working Hours: 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. (Students will leave Hotel at 7:30 A.M.)

Site: Shelter on Boydston Creek near Ider, Ala., in DeKalb County

Available Accommodations: Motels in Scottsboro & Ft. Payne. Scottsboro Hotel

Student Crew, First Term: Phyllis Ann Blakeney, Reform, Ala.; Douglas Breland, Mobile, Ala.; Patricia Coan, Alexander City, Ala.; Kelly Goodowens, Huntsville, Ala.; Jerome Hiza, Huntsville, Ala.; Hallie Wynne, Mobile, Ala.; Dan Trotman, Birmingham, Ala.

So make your plans NOW to participate in the dig as a volunteer, under professional supervision. It is not necessary to let anyone know in advance of your arrival, but a note to Dave at the Scottsboro Hotel would be appreciated, letting him know how many folks will be coming to work on what days. You won't earn, but you will learn - and have the satisfaction of participating in what may prove to be the Society's outstanding contribution to the science of Early Man! The map will show you how to get to the dig, and there will be a place in Ider having information, in addition to the Headquarters at the Scottsboro Hotel. Be seein' you! You'll love those blisters, aching backs and beads of perspiration - but the exercise will do you good, we promise!

* OUR FUND DRIVE FOR '65 *
WE RECEIVE INCREASING HONORS

You will read in President Dr. Long's defense of amateur archaeologists that we have made Alabama the most archaeologically "enlightened" state - an honor indeed. But read on!

Dr. Matthew W. Stirling - and there we were, actually conversing with the great man. But for the Frank Morast Museum there at our elbow, the delightful patio, and the delicious tidbits we were munching, the wooded ravine below might have been the exotic jungles of far away places with strange sounding names. It seemed that as long as we could remember we had been reading the fascinating tales of archaeological adventure

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by Dr. Matthew W. Stirling - carved stone heads 9 feet high, green stone tigers, caches of incredibly lovely jade celts. He had just spoken before the Tennessee Archaeological Society in Chattanooga, at the fine annual meeting of that year arranged by that great friend of amateurs, Dr. T. M. N. Lewis. Dynamic, eager, sparkling with enthusiasm, Dr. Stirling had never subsided into "just doing a job" as Chief of the Bureau of American Ethnology at the great Smithsonian. And here we were actually talking with him - and discovering no pose, no posture, no barrier of his greatness interposed between us - just man-to-man and making us forget that we were an obscure amateur. It was as fresh as yesterday when we recently saw a photograph of Dr. Stirling in the National Geographic, dining with the also-famous Leakeys in Tanganyika - while a "venomous boomslang" slithered across the rafters overhead. And now - Dr. Stirling honors our valiant amateur efforts with a fine donation. And of course it is a fine certification of the worthiness of our efforts, and an encouraging pat on the back. A toast to Dr. Matthew W. Stirling, now retired - but still serving archaeology.

Sigfus Olafson, the President of our Eastern States Archeological Federation, the greatest of all amateur affiliations - our Dave DeJarnette, just back from the big Annual of the Society for American Archaeology at the University of Illinois, tells us Sig "is a wonderful person". His devotion to archaeology, and his inspiring correspondence, and steady support and promotion of our Alabama project a thousand miles distant, had long ago assured us he was all of that. And now he makes good his promise to "up the ante" this year for the sake of our ambitious plans for TWO projects. Besides which he is bestirring himself greatly in our behalf. The ESAF elected the right man - one of the great amateur leaders of archaeology.

Dr. A. G. Long Jr., our President, we like to "point with pride". He, certainly, is no "amateur problem". In fact, he is a shining example of our many amateur opportunities to IMPROVE professional archaeology, which involves so many things that the professional is often the amateur. To this problem Dr. Long has not only contributed his remarkable artifact photography, but a simplified method. Dr. Long gave a paper on this at the big Annual SAA meeting last year. Our professional Dave DeJarnette, who knows and uses amateur talent wherever he finds it, has made Doc the official photographer for our Journal, as well as instructor for his students. We don't know what our Journal would do without him, as he greatly stimulates the production of papers with his policy of photographing your artifacts gratis "if you will publish" - photographs you can almost pick up instead of the vague smudges we so often see. He has been extremely active in exploring so that we might have the pick of many promising sites for summer excavation. Between all this, he works on his own papers when he can, corresponding with experts in rounding up his information - we hope he can finish his excellent paper on burins soon, as we need to learn the many types and how to see and identify them. And added to all this he greatly increases his donation this year, in appreciation of our very, very promising prospects; and also includes a check from Faye Axford for whom he contributed his remarkable photography for a book she is writing on old southern homes - his many interests include helping anybody who is doing anything important. As the very worthy President of our increasingly famous Alabama Archaeological Society you don't hear much "officiating" from Dr. Long - he is too busy getting the work done. Here, indeed, is no "amateur problem" - archaeology is fortunate to have him. (And he writes that he plans "to spend a lot of time at the dig this summer". Don't you wish archaeology had a lot more "amateur problems" like our President, Dr. A. G. Long Jr.?)

Mrs. Jack D. McSpadden, you will recall from our last issue, inquired the amount of her donation last year so that she might make allowances for our inflated ambitions this year - and subsequently we received her inflated check. If you have ever tried to raise money you know it is a pretty self-conscious, stuttering business for the amateur solicitor, and that such heart-warming understanding as Mrs. McSpadden's is a beautiful experience - truly the giver with the gift. It lightens the "guilt complex" the solicitor tends to develop, even though he believes in his cause with his whole

soul - which alone nerves him to solicit. And to our heartfelt thanks, we have every hope of adding the recompense of a really startling archaeological breakthrough this year. We devoutly hope so - and that our good donors will take great pride in having made it possible.

LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, where Jack McSpadden, Executive Vice President, is our contact, sends its generous donation for the FIFTH year - really one of our backlog supports. We have a little story which will help you to appreciate how rare, and we think intelligent, this is. A western professional wrote us about approaching a big oil man, rated around 300 million dollars, for financial support of archaeology. He was offered, but declined, \$25 - and he is a very famous professional. The great LIBERTY NATIONAL thinks far better of its amateurs! As you may guess, we think far better of LIBERTY NATIONAL. And to Jack McSpadden we must add that the folks who work there are mighty good "press agents" for him - we've never heard anything but the nicest. Our congratulations must accompany our thanks.

R. A. "Dick" Humbard, whose papers on the "mystery holes" in our Journal excited so much interest, came in with us on the "ground floor" and has now added 5 more stories to his fine donations. Of course we were a very small Society 6 years ago, and not many had the opportunity to become "Charter Members", and no fault of theirs. But we all owe much to those who did undertake to initiate this enterprise, then considered very daring and impractical indeed. It has enabled us to grow, and to share the fun, the accomplishment, and the fame. Dick and son Dickie have also contributed an unusual paper you will be reading in our Journal - and maybe Dickie, off for a stint in the Navy, will have some items of exotic archaeology for us. Good sailing!

Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Ryan, of Huntsville, we give a great big welcome hug as new members of our very exclusive club. Every time we "grow a new leaf" we realize that Alabama is even more "enlightened" than we have yet discovered, and that there is still educational work for us in finding those who might be interested in a very unusual opportunity - that is, for these very unusual people. We hope they will be as proud to be on our list as we are to know there are such people. Our Ed Mahan sends in this check, as he has many another - one of those really devoted disciples of archaeology who has also donated his heart, and one of the nicest you'll find anywhere.

Mr. & Mrs. (Marjorie) Robert W. Gay, bless them, are very definitely taking our word for our prospects of BIG DOINGS this year - and very definitely responding! And in so doing they are of course expressing their confidence that we are going to achieve our goal. We sure can use that confidence too - which we are beginning to share, considering the fine response. But these good folks from Standing Rock tease our curiosity more every year about the origin of that upstanding name - Standing Rock. It has a megalithic Stonehenge sort of sound suggesting an unusual geological feature. Maybe they will also donate us a note of explanation?

Mrs. Lee J. Clayton Jr., one might say has also "donated her daughter" Margaret to archaeology - one of Dave's graduate students. Margaret was of course Dave's field foreman last year (and is also repeating this year), and has written up the report to appear soon in our next Journal. She is also taking up the study of lithic technology, and learning to chip flint - which we feel has been too much neglected by archaeologists. We are expecting Margaret to become another Dr. Hannah Marie Wormington, and Mrs. Clayton to become our proudest donor. We shall try to do our part by finding the most important projects for Margaret to get her career off to a flying start.

W. N. Culp, Chairman of the Board, Southern Life & Health Insurance Co. - the oldest Life Insurance Company in Alabama - is one of our fine "Southern Life & Health family" of donors who have stood by us year after year - along with the Company donation. And J. Henry McCary Jr., retired Southern Life President, now President of our fund-raising Archaeological Research Assn.; and Jim "Spark Plug" McCary III - such are the priceless donations we have from Southern Life & Health Insurance AND ARCHAEOLOGY Co. - a most unusual and most effective combination!

Mr. & Mrs. Philip C. Jackson Jr. (Jackson Securities) we hadn't heard from for a long time, and had missed them and wondered if they were doing any of their excellent field work. They get the books and are real students, but real workers in several other fields too and no doubt real busy. But comes the time for that "pound of flesh" and here comes their fine check - and Phil was one of the sponsors who made the Cambron-Hulse typology possible. Salt of the archaeological earth!

Tom Cornell - we'd like to know how many interests and accomplishments he has. Dr. Vernon Leslie, visiting from Penna., was also impressed, we recall. Scouting, we know, is one of his major interests - the fine work of developing fine men to insure the world a better future. And along with his own regular annual donation, this year Tom includes a very fine donation from:

Troop 15, Boy Scouts of America, Huntsville, Ala. And they didn't go to daddy for it - they earned it themselves, and voted it from their treasury! That, we think, is surely one of the most meaningful donations we ever received, and we are indeed proud of Troop 15. We belonged to Troop 2, Birmingham - a very long time ago, but we still have pleasant memories of those war-whooping days. Thanks ever so much! (P.S. They hope to help us at the dig, too!)

James S. Farrior - our "Jim" from the old days who went out to the atomic proving grounds, then returned to Alabama - also sent his donation by Tom. We hope Jim will again move his trailer to the site and take his vacation "digging with Dave" - but not get stuck as we hear he did at the Stanfield-Worley!

Tom also sends us THREE FINE NEW DONORS: Robert L. Tucker, Amos J. Wright & Preston Watts. We like to take advantage of these annual occasions to let you "meet our members", but what with the "population explosion" in the Alabama Archaeological Society we no longer know many of them - a note appended to your check helps us to introduce you to the gang. But we can welcome newcomers most heartily to a live Society which intends to make its mark high on petroglyphic record of archaeology, and thank them most sincerely for joining actively in our oversize ambitions.

Paul A. King, who discovered us last year, comes back for more - and "satisfied customers" are our best advertisements. We have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. King, but Horace Holland sends along the check with "from my neighbor" - and being a friend of Horace Holland, one of the best, is top notch certification. (And we'd like to express public thanks to Horace for making his remarkable (and marked) collection freely available for study whenever needed - in his retirement we hope he will find time to publish more often.)

Thomas R. Horne, of Fairhope, just as we prepare to go to press, encourages us with another NEW donor! Sir, yours is our TENTH new donation this year! That is wonderful. "The friends I seek are seeking me" wrote John Burroughs, who did so much to seek out the lovers of natural history, and to awaken this interest in others, and to bring these friends together for mutual enjoyment, and for mutual strength in their efforts to preserve some of the beauties of this earth as they were created. We devoutly hope that the friends of archaeology are seeking us, and that we can help to bring all of these good people together, and that through their combined strength they may do something intelligent about one of the most neglected and destroyed facets of natural history - the natural history of man himself. A "brotherhood FOR man", we might call it. Friend, you are most welcome, and you will find friends here who are donating a great deal of time and effort to make your interest and generosity effective.

WHAT "AMATEUR PROBLEM"?

"The project of excavating the Stanfield-Worley Bluff Shelter was a cooperative endeavor...the appendix gives the names (3.5 pages of double-column fine print) of those who contributed to the project. Those of us who work in less-enlightened (our italics) states in terms of public interest in archaeology can hope to gain a lesson in

organizing public support...(those involved) can all be justly proud of this report and the important contribution that it makes to our knowledge both of archaeology and the latent interest in it." Thus writes Dr. Melvin L. Fowler, concluding his review of the S-W report in the April issue of the great AMERICAN ANTIQUITY.

So this is a "problem"? What devilish things, indeed, Alabama amateurs are up to in discovering, promoting, financing, in good part excavating and studying such a thing - all very properly under expert professional supervision! And getting Alabama held up (for once!) as an "enlightened" state to be emulated - so this is a "problem"?

Our Newsletter staff has been running a series on the "AMATEUR PROBLEM". We grant the educational need - which is our real problem. But we contest both the right and the wisdom of blaming destructive collecting on "amateur archaeologists". Let us distinguish between them, and fly our amateur banner proudly - and educate collectors up to this vastly more rewarding hobby, both to themselves and to mankind.

I must come to the defense of true amateur archaeologists everywhere. Since they are credited with some 80% of the important discoveries, we may wonder where professional archaeology would be without them! We must ask, with vast pride, who can point a more important southeastern contribution to archaeology than the AMATEUR Stanfield-Worley.

Not that we point an accusing finger at the professional world which has granted us such fine cooperation and recognition. How could the poor professional, with about 3 jobs and supposed to make his studies and write his reports in his "spare time", scout out every archaeological nook and cranny of new discovery? We are needed, and have a big, honorable job to do - exploring, surface collecting, marking and mapping our finds, and MAKING THEM KNOWN AND AVAILABLE to those who can do what we cannot. And if we also finance the important finds we make - say, what is this nonsense about an "amateur problem"? Alabama has some amateur blessings.

There are, beyond any doubt, still greater discoveries to make - and that is OUR JOB, and OUR OPPORTUNITY, and OUR PRIDE. This month we begin our sixth year of excavation in the search for a still "earlier American". For the first half of the summer we have a fine shelter site, with a good "front porch" of midden promising long and ancient habitation - and little damaged by the collectors with whom we have failed to share the fascination of AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGY. We have no X-ray eyes, no crystal ball - we must await the verdict of the educated trowel and brush. But we have had more than our share of luck in the past - and this might be IT. And we have a second half of the summer to go, and a WINTER PROJECT this year - and would anybody care to bet \$100 this will not be our BIGGEST YEAR?

The ONLY amateur problem we have in Alabama is for you to realize what a truly wonderful job you are doing - and keep right on doing it - in this most archaeologically "enlightened" state. Bring your trowel, your wallet and your broadest grin - see you at the dig!

Dr. A. G. Long Jr., President

CONDENSED MINUTES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Meeting of your State Society Board of Directors at Cullman, Ala., April 21, 1965, was presided over by President Dr. A. G. Long Jr., and the following transpired:

Treasurer Schaefer reported balance on hand as \$2,615.31, of which \$1,000.00 is set aside in a separate savings account as required by our constitution to cover the advance dues payments of present life members.

Jack Cambron reported that "Part II, Uniface Tools, Handbook of Alabama Archaeology" is well on its way. All drawings have been completed. It is essentially ready for editing and should be available by the end of the year.

Editor Dave DeJarnette reported that articles received for Journal publication would be set in type at once and thus be ready for publication. The Rock Shelter report covering 1964 & some previous digs, has been completed by Margaret Clayton, and the report cleared for publication as the June 1965 Journal.

Following discussion of sites and prospects, it was agreed to go along with the Research Association on 2 projects: a summer dig and a winter project. These will require some \$9,000.00 to be raised, and your Directors agreed to take on the task of so doing. The summer dig details are announced on the first page of this Newsletter, and information regarding the winter project will be announced shortly.

A summer workshop meeting will be held at the dig site, the time & place to be announced in the July Newsletter. Volunteer help from Society members is sought.

The Birmingham Chapter invited the Society to hold its annual December meeting there this year, and the Society graciously accepted.

Six State Society members presented a petition requesting the Board to consider amending the Constitution to increase the life membership dues from \$25.00 to \$50.00 and joint life membership from \$35.00 to \$60.00. This is to insure sufficient funds to cover costs of Newsletters & Journals for such life members. Following discussion, this was approved, and a ballot is included on Page 10 of this Newsletter for the membership at large to use in voting on the amendment, the ballot to be returned to the Secretary by July 12, 1965.

Dave DeJarnette proposed a "Fellow" member status for the State Society, and a committee was appointed to work out details, consisting of Dave as Chairman, with Steve Wimberly and Britt Thompson as committee members.

R. G. Galbreath requested some speaker help in order to get a chapter started at Springville, and Secretary Schaefer was appointed to assist on this. Secretary Schaefer reported a telephone call from the Ozark area for immediate help in organizing a chapter in that section of the state.

CARL MILLER PUBLISHES ON RUSSELL CAVE

We shall never forget the way our good Smithsonian friend wrote us a fine soliciting letter, and allowed the use of his name and authority, to get our infant fund drive "off the bottle" and taking solid nourishment. And Alabama will not soon forget Carl Miller for his excavation of Russell Cave, the first excavation showing the very ancient habitation of Alabama, and prompting the National Geographic Society to purchase the property and present it to the American people as a National Monument.

In archaeology we have of course been impatiently awaiting publication of technical details on the immense numbers of artifacts recovered. The first paper is now available, in the Anthropological Journal of Canada, on the Paleo-Indian and Early Archaic Projectile Points from the cave - with some interesting surprises. The Kirk Serrated, for example, was found as early as the 6,600 B.C. level and "with slight modifications, continued for the next 4,000 years". This was the first type to "appear in quantity" and had "no other associated forms". In very interesting confirmation of this surprising antiquity, Sigfus Olafson writes that Dr. McMichael has just informed him of a C-14 date from Yale on the Kirk Serrated horizon (also the only point type at this level) at their W. Va. St. Albans site - 8930 \pm 160 B.P. And Sig adds: "I saw the horizon from which it was taken and there should have been very little contamination". (You will want to enter these dates in your Cambron-Hulse Point Type Book.)

You will no doubt want Carl Miller's entire paper on the early point types of Russell Cave, as it contains other surprises. Address Thomas E. Lee, Editor, Anthropological Journal of Canada, 1575 Forlan Drive, Ottawa 5, Canada (5¢ postage). Four issues a year, \$3.20 a year, and specify that you wish your subscription to begin with Vol. 3, No. 2, 1965. This issue also contains an excellent paper by our A. B. Hooper III on the surprising Albertville "Pieces of Eight", and a fine review of the Cambron-Hulse projectile point typology Handbook - which extends "warm congratulations to all who have participated in this work in the remarkably active, progressive and forward-looking archaeological community of Alabama." Such gratifying international praise!

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

"THE INTERAMERICAN", Newsletter of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton,

Director, 5133 NT, Denton, Texas, most capably provides the following items, from the May 1965 issue, which we hope you enjoy reading:

"JOURNAL - NEW: Wisconsin Research Institute, Wisconsin State University, Oshkosh, (By Gosh!). Editor, Prof. George E. Fay ("Thinly Spread" he is known as in some circles). This new journal of 134 pages, mimeographed, is superb and remarkable. George (F.I.I.) has assembled an astonishing amount of valuable material on the Wisconsin Indians, past and present. This Vol.1:1 may become a collector's item. At \$2 it is a bargain since this is a yearly subscription. It SHOULD BE a semi-annual bulletin AT THE MOST; actually, it should be an annual. We love George but, like Caesar, he is ambitious. One man can do just so much without breaking."

"BONANZA: Seldom does a bulletin of an amateur archaeological society contain so much extremely valuable material. The West Virginia Archaeologist, No. 17, May 1965, is literally fabulous. It contains a definitive paper on the Timmons Farm petroglyph Site by Dr. James Swauger, F.I.I. A paper on the Mill Pond site by Bettye Broyles is virtually a beautifully presented point type typology of the region and "Bishop Madison's Account of the Kanawha Valley Mounds and Earthworks" in facsimile reproduction written in 1803 is a most valuable historical document and we mean to carry the whole thing around in a briefcase until it is worn out. We were pleased to note the page devoted to our presentation of the George McJunkin Award to Sam Kessel who richly deserved it. We advise that you send 75¢ to Delf Nerona, 315 7th St., Moundsville, West Virginia, for a copy of this issue. The point typology alone is worth the price and you get the other goodies."

"POINT TYPOLOGY: Apropos of some of our remarks immediately above it seems to us that there is enough material now in print, though scattered throughout diverse publications, that someone should collect these into at least a preliminary study of such types on a national scale. This would, in our opinion, be an admirable master's thesis. We can even envision conditions under which it could be a good doctoral dissertation. We have been impressed by the fact that virtually identical points throughout the nation are called by different names."

"One Dr. Hatt (I say, Cleo, who's he?) is quoted by the Maine and Mass. Society newsletters, respectively, as saying: "The amateurs are considered more or less as bird dogs and very useful ones". He really meant this as a compliment, however it may sound. We suppose he meant "pointers" and not "setters"."

"SCIENCE OF MAN: We still have a quantity of the complete publication of this very interesting magazine. We are still offering a complete set of 7 issues for \$1 postpaid. Our purpose is to get these issues in the hands of people who will read them and off the shelves of our library as we need the space. This is a \$5.25 news-stand value. Some day these will be collectors items."

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the May meeting, also much too sparsely attended, Mr. John Henley spoke most interestingly on "Bay Islands Off Coast of British Honduras" and made listeners want to retire to the islands for life.

The East Alabama Chapter meets on the 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 247, Auburn University. No report received.

The Huntsville Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Court House Annex (Elks Bldg.) The April meeting was entertained by Mr. Ed Mahan on "Rock Shelter Exploration", showing slides of many shelters he & Dr. Long have surveyed, including the summer dig site. At the May meeting, Mr. Britt Thompson discussed the Research Assn. and also spoke on various forms of early symbolic writing, the theme being communications, early & late. Tom Cornell presented Britt on behalf of several Chapter members 2 point type boards including some 50 types found in the Tennessee Valley, in appreciation of his contributions to Alabama Archaeology. Chapter membership now 53.

The Marshall County Chapter meets on 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Oyster House,

Guntersville. At the May meeting, Chapter member Dan Hagood gave a program on reconstruction of projectile points, at which he is a pioneer and an expert. His finishing touches are done on only one side of the point, and his display was remarkable. Member Claude Thornhill showed a stone "elephant" found by one of his Pisgah High School Students. Members have heard from their Pa. visitors, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur J. Turner, now State Society members, saying a lot of nice things about Alabama & Sand Mountain.

The Mauvilla Chapter meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Mobile Art Gallery. Mr. N. J. Holmes Jr. at the April meeting spoke on "A lesson on Archaeological Techniques", covering classification of artifacts (including certain Southeastern pottery and the recording of field work. At the May meeting, Mr. V. H. Mizzell will talk on the 2nd Phase of the same subject, covering the location and laying out of sites of archaeological significance.

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

The Morgan-Limestone Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Decatur Electric Auditorium. Dave Hulse & Jack Cambron both spoke at the May Meeting, Dave explaining the methods of chipping and some of the terminology involved, and Jack explaining the evolvement of the different shapes in tools and points from Paleo to the present time. The June meeting is to be a picnic outing at an archaeological site, and is to be the last meeting for the summer. A Chapter donation of \$30 was voted to the summer dig of the State Society, paid out of the Chapter's treasury.

The Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3, Florence State College. No report received.

The Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Gadsden Public Library. The May meeting was a business session arranging for the Annual Art on the Rocks Show held May 16 at Noccalula Falls. Four new members were taken in, bringing the total membership to 49. David L. DeJarnette will be the speaker at the June meeting, to be held at the Etowah County Court House, the site of future meetings.

The Selma Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Meadowview Christian Church. Various subjects of Chapter business were discussed at the April meeting, and a field trip to Mr. Chapman's Mulberry Creek site was planned. At the May meeting, Mr. Pate reported on the State Society Board of Directors meeting, and matters regarding the Museum were discussed.

The Tuscaloosa Chapter meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Room 24, Martin ten hoor Hall, University of Alabama. Mr. Joseph F. Watkins, Birmingham Chapter, entertained the April meeting with an excellent illustrated slide lecture on his recent visits to Yucatan. The May meeting will be addressed by Mr. T. R. Gray, Birmingham Chapter, on "The Historic Period in Alabama". No more meetings for the summer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS DURING MAY: (Just in time to participate in the summer dig, TWO ways!)

Col. Neill H. Baker, 13 Gregg Way, Fort Rucker, Ala. 36362 (Family)
Eric G. Bruggink, 9 Byrd Circle, Ozark, Ala. 36261
Miss Evelyn Calvin, P O Box 3775, University, Ala.
Charles G. Drake, P O Box 342, Union City, Ga.
Jimmy Dunn, Route 3, Ozark, Ala. 36361
Oscar Dunn, 208 Sansbury Lane, Ozark, Ala. (Family)
William H. Emanuel, P O Box 331, Daleville, Ala. 36322 (Family)
Terry Everett, 1012 South Park, Dothan, Ala. 36302
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Emil A. Luft, 1403 Highland Ave., Huntsville, Ala.
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Mrs. Mary Nell McLennan, 1101 W. Woodland, Dothan, Ala. 36301 (Family)

NEW
MEMBERS
(Con-
tinued)

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Dowling Petrey, 738 Broad St., Ozark, Ala.
Jan S. Swart, USAARU, Box 577, Fort Rucker, Ala. 36362
Alan S. Thompson, 1114 Eighth Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
James Whaley, c/o Dothan Bank & Trust Co., Dothan, Ala.

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James B. Maynard, 407 Meeting St., Georgetown, S.C.
Brian K. Polk, Gen. Del., Freeport, Texas 77541

NEW CHAPTER!!!: Since the Board Meeting held April 21, your State Society has been petitioned for affiliation by the proposed Choctawhatchee Archaeological Society of the Ozark, Enterprise, Dothan and Fort Rucker area, with Arnold J. Amenda as President, the petition being signed by 19 members. It will be necessary to call another meeting of our Board of Directors to consider this petition, but it is a glorious feeling to know that our 12th Chapter is possibly imminent. As we have been saying over and over for many moons now, tackling big projects attracts interested prospects, and we must maintain the high tides of accomplishment to keep our momentum at flood.

ACHIN' BACK DEPARTMENT: Col. William C. Lazarus, our good friend who is Past President of the Florida State Society....half-way through to his Master's in Anthropology, when they carted him off to the hospital last fall....surgery....33 days hospitalization....5 months follow-up care, continuing....retired (for physical disability) as Chief Scientist at Eglin Field....reappointed Scientific Consultant....on the staff (F.S.U.) as Research Associate in Anthropology....to resume teaching Cultural Anthropology in the fall....Permanent Curator at Temple Mound Museum (Fort Walton Beach)....AND....working on plans for a new Museum!!! PER GOSHSAKES, MAN....know where we could pick up a few of those physical disabilities???

TO THE RAYMOND L. BURRELL FAMILY: WELCOME as huge as the delay in acknowledging their membership in our State Society. To Mrs. Carol Dickens, Dave's efficient Secretary at Moundville, A GIGANTIC VOTE OF THANKS for ferreting out - from records of sales of our HANDBOOK at the December 1964 Annual meeting, the address of the Burrells': 122 Greenview, Tuscaloosa, Ala. To those who knew and wouldn't tell us all these many months, A RIP-ROARING PHOOIE!!!

HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY: Sales of our vaunted projectile point type book have now passed the 900 mark, and are still booming, with the distribution now spread over 37 States, Canada and overseas (3). The few copies left from the first edition are rapidly disappearing, and action is progressing toward production of another supply to be sure that orders for copies will be filled promptly. So if you have delayed becoming the owner of this indispensable reference work by Jack Cambron & David Hulse, make your check for \$5.25 to the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc., and mail it to Mr. D. L. DeJarnette at P O Box 6126, University, Ala. 35486 - TODAY!

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YOUR BALLOT FOR VOTING ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS IS ON THE BACK OF THIS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOC.

- I. PURPOSE: As prescribed by the Constitution, all money received for life membership is put into a permanent fund and invested in a savings account in the name of the Society. The interest from this fund is to insure money for publication of the Newsletters and Journals received by these members.

When the Constitution was written we had no Newsletter and the Journals were a low cost, mimeographed publication. We have come a long way since 1954 and our members now receive 12 issues of one of the best archaeological newsletters in the country and 2 journal issues which are offset print. Through the cooperation of the University, a number of companies and many members, we keep the printing and mailing costs to slightly less than \$3.00 per member per year. The student or associate members are subsidized by the sustaining members and, in part, by the family members. By increasing the life membership dues to \$50.00, the yearly dividend on this money (at best) will be in the order of \$2.50. This plus the original \$50.00 will insure future money for the publication costs for these members. At present, life membership cost of \$25.00 or \$35.00 for joint life membership does not result in a perpetuating fund to meet present publication costs. Proposed to increase life membership to \$50.00 and joint life to \$60.00.

II. PROPOSED CHANGES:

- A. Article III, Item 9 shall be changed to read:

Members shall pay the following dues:

Life - - - - -	\$50.00 (\$25.00 at present)
Sustaining - - - - -	5.00 Annually
Active - - - - -	3.00 Annually
Institutional - - - - -	3.00 Annually
Associate - - - - -	1.00 Annually

- B. Article III, Item 12 shall read:

The dues for a husband and wife Joint Life Membership shall be \$60.00. (\$35.00 at present)

- C. Article III, Item 13 shall be eliminated.

(At present it reads: Any Active or Sustaining Member may become a Life Member by paying the required dues, less half the total amount already paid by him in annual dues.)

- D. Article III, Item 14 shall be renumbered 13.

- III. ACTION REQUIRED: These proposed changes were submitted by 6 members of the Society in writing and have been approved by the Board of Directors. The Board requests your approval. A majority of those voting shall be required for adoption. A regular membership has one vote; a family or joint membership has 2 votes. To be official, all ballots must be signed and received by the Secretary by July 12, 1965.

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() Approve of amendments to increase Life Membership dues as outlined above.

() Disapprove of amendments to increase Life Membership dues as outlined above.

Signed: _____

Mail to: Rodger L. Schaefer, Secretary
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THE FAIRFORD AREA - AN EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Fairford, once the site of what is alleged to have been the largest sawmill in the world, is in the southern part of Washington County, Alabama. It is 5 miles west of Calvert, which is 35 miles north of Mobile on U.S. Highway 43. Though not densely populated, Fairford spreads out over a large, mostly hilly area.

Robert Slater and Fred Ingate have found many artifacts in this region. The potsherds, discovered mostly along smaller streams, include such diverse pottery types as the elementary fiber-tempered Bayou La Batre - Tchefuncte, Deptford, Alexander and Hopewell in different sub-types and stages of development. Mr. N. H. Holmes Jr., another of our members, has said that he knows of no other environment which has yielded a greater variety of sherds in considerable quantities.

The projectile points, all made of imported materials, are diffused over the terrain. Like the pottery, they display a wide assortment of types, dating from the Archaic to relatively late times.

Few kitchen middens, however, have been revealed. This combination of numerous artifacts and scant evidence of old cooking sites provokes many questions. Was Fairford for many thousands of years a muchly used stop-over area for pre-Columbian men journeying overland or up & down the nearby Tombigbee & Alabama Rivers? Did the region, as suggested by Mr. George Brockman, a Mobile geologist, serve chiefly as a refuge and hunting ground when and almost only when floods drive man and game to higher land? Or, as Mr. Holmes thinks, are the old fire locations still undetected?

Putting aside these questions of how and why, it seems conservative to state that Fairford presently appears to be a most fertile field in southwestern Alabama for archaeological investigation.

Among the interesting features of this region are 3 mounds situated along an almost straight line which runs from about northeast to southwest (appr. 35° to 215°). The first mound, known locally as Potato Hill, is an irregular oval with dimensions of 150 and 105 feet at its base. The 25 foot high top measures about 12 by 17 feet. At the southwest portion is a more gentle slope, which may once have been a ramp. This mound, according to Dr. E. B. Trickey, may be Hopewellian.

The second mound is $3/4$ of a mile southwest, 215° from Potato Hill. Its shape is somewhat of a long oval, with axes at the base of 218 and 75 feet. The eroded top, which varies in height from 9 to 10 feet, has a length of 120 feet and a maximum width of 18 feet.

The builders of both these mounds used the same red clay. They mixed it with a local dark red rock, apparently a low grade iron ore, to form covering shells or mantles. These covers, except for erosion, are what one now sees.

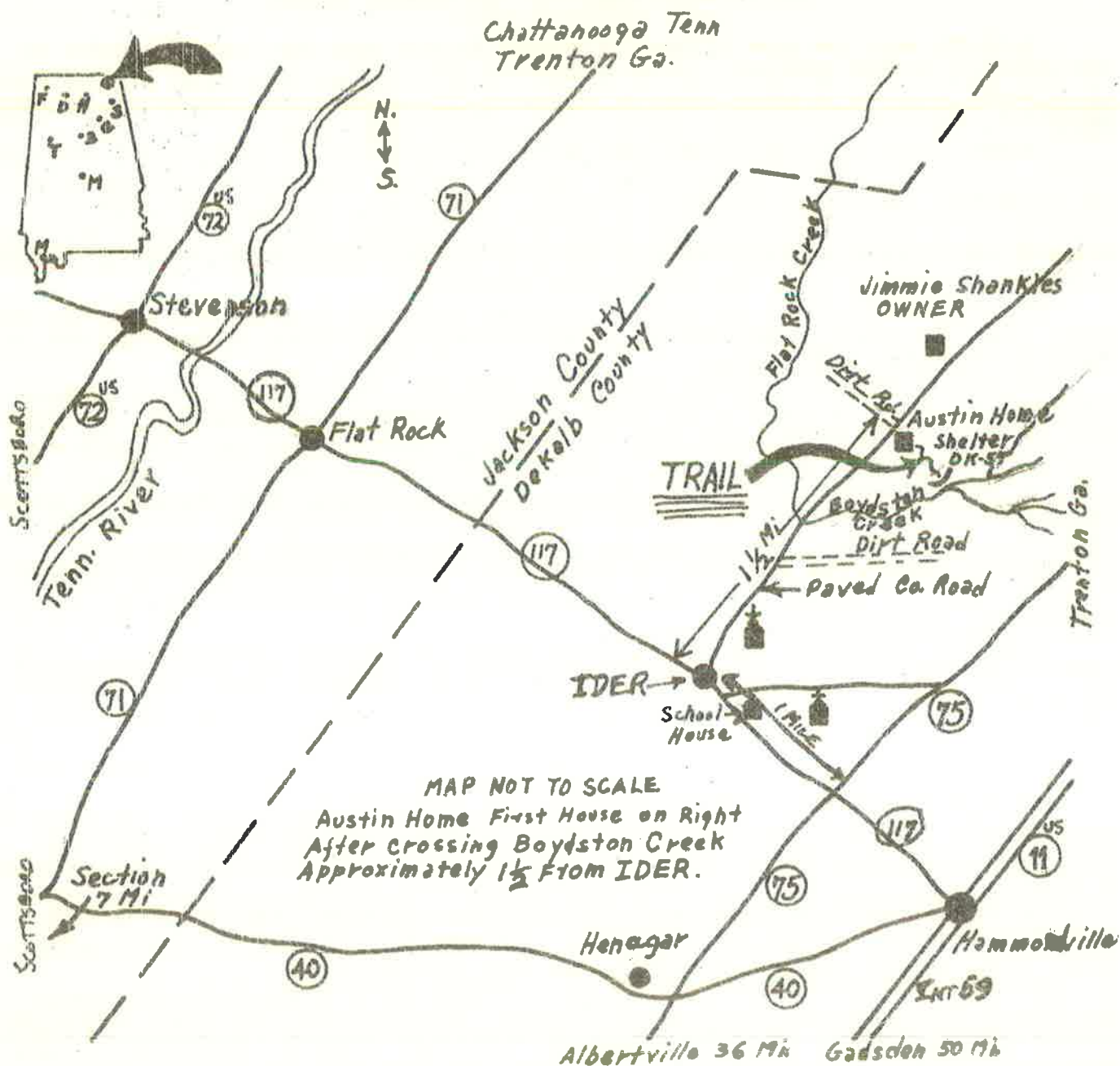
The third man-made hill is 4.75 miles southwest, 215° , of the long oval mound. Its site is some 200 yards within Mobile County. Though larger, its shape is similar to that of Potato Hill. It also has what may have been a ramp in relatively the same southwest position. The ramplike part omitted, its dimensions at the base are approximately 208 by 108 feet. The top, which is 45 feet high, has somewhat oval measurements of 27 by 18 feet. The great bulk of this mound appears to be a reddish, sandy clay. The mantle consists of this and a native, soft iron sandstone. Inferior materials have caused a higher degree of erosion.

People in this section believe that no archaeologist has yet studied or reported this mound. If this impression is wrong, please correct it by writing the relevant facts to the Editor of STONES & BONES, asking him to publish them.

No Indian-made objects have been found in the immediate vicinities of these mounds. The possible exceptions are some heat-glazed sandstone pebbles on the biggest mound, and a few quartz chips about a quarter mile away. Otherwise, the artifacts, unless well buried, seem to be nearly half a mile from the mounds.

Interested amateurs will continue to examine points of interest in the Fairford area. Is it a wild pipedream to hope that professional archaeologists will investigate this environment before time has done too much damage?

F. L. Wingate & John C. Young, Mauvilla Chapter



SOME NOTES ABOUT THE DIG:

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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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