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PROGRAM FOR DECEMBER 11, 1966 STATE SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

BUSINESS MEETING:

Call to order at 1:30 PM - Dr. E. M. Lindsey, President
Minutes of Year's Activity - R. L. Schaefer, Secretary
Treasurer's Report - R. L. Schaefer, Treasurer
Chapter Activity Reports - by a Representative from each of our 12 Chapters
State Activity Reports:
STONES & BONES Newsletter - E. M. Harris
JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY - D. L. DeJarnette
Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc. - Britt Thompson
1966 Digs - D. L. DeJarnette
Nominating Committee Report
Election of Officers for 1967
Introduction of New President
Adjournment

COFFEE BREAK - 3:00 to 3:30 PM

MAIN MEETING:

Call to Order at 3:30 PM by New President
Welcome Address - D. W. Chase, President of Montgomery Chapter
Introduction of Speaker
Main Speaker: Dr. Joffre Lanning Coe
Questions and Adjournment

From the above program, you will see that a busy and interesting session is planned for all who attend, and we hope the turnout will be most gratifying. The meeting place is the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts, located at 440 S. McDonough Street in downtown Montgomery. McDonough Street is a one-way street for northbound traffic, and is between Lawrence and Hull Streets, both of which are one-way streets for southbound traffic. The museum is just north of Highland Avenue on McDonough. Highland Avenue has 2-way traffic. The Host Chapter hopes no one will have difficulty locating the Museum.

For those planning to spend the night, there are 3 Holiday Inns in Montgomery, at 4231 Mobile Highway, 924 Madison Ave. and on the Eastern ByPass; on the Southern ByPass, there are fine motels, the Governor's House and Diplomat Inn, among others. The Town Plaza is located at 743 Madison Ave. For hungry folks, Morrison's Cafeteria is located at 150 Lee St.; Francis Cafeterias are located at 402 S. Lawrence, 634 E. Patton and 3428 Atlanta Highway; Elite Cafe at 129 Montgomery St.; and the Riviera at 3085 Mobile Highway. The Host Chapter hopes everyone finds good accommodations and food.

The Museum will be open at 12:00 noon and tables will be provided for Chapters and individuals who bring along artifacts for exhibition, and since this is always a most

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exciting part of our annual meetings, we hope participation will be customarily plentiful. Between noon and 1:30 PM, provision will be made for new members to join the State Society, and for present members to pay 1967 dues. POINT TYPE BOOKS and PEBBLE TOOL PUBLICATIONS will be available for purchase. This period before the Business Meeting, as well as during the Coffee Break, will also be the time for viewing artifact exhibits, renewing old acquaintances and making new ones, etc.

Dr. Joffre Lanning Coe, our principal speaker, is well known nationally in the field of archaeology, and will discuss for us the early cultures of the Piedmont Plateau and their relations to the Southeast. He is the Professor of Anthropology, and Director of the Research Laboratories of Anthropology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Some of his past activities include attendance at Brevard College, University of Chicago Field School, University of Wisconsin Field School, AB University of North Carolina, MA in Anthropology University of Michigan, PhD in Anthropology University of Michigan; President Archaeological Society of N.C.; Director of Town Creek Project; President ESAF 1960-64; Editor ASNC NEWSLETTER, also SOUTHERN INDIAN STUDIES; author of numerous publications concerning archaeology of North Carolina and the Southeastern Region, including the highly definitive recent publication entitled "The Formative Cultures of the Carolina Piedmont". (See Page 6 for exact title of his talk to us.)

The meeting will be an occasion you'll not want to miss. So plan to be on hand!!!!!!

PEBBLE TOOL NEWS

David L. DeJarnette participated in the Early Man Symposium, Dr. Don W. Dragoo, Chairman, at the 1966 Annual Meeting of the Eastern States Archeological Federation hosted by the New York State Archaeological Association in New York City, November 5-6. Dave was understandably hesitant about accepting the request to present the Lively Complex pebble tools on an Early Man program, thus inferring that our pebble tools are old before we have chronological or stratigraphical proof. But Dr. Don urged that a discussion of Early Man should at least include an awareness of America's widespread and LITTLE EXPLORED "crude tools" which at least exhibit TECHNOLOGICAL antiquity. Nor was Dave encouraged by the little attention pebble tools received when Edward C. Mahan and Dr. A. G. Long Jr. showed them at 2 annual meetings of national scope, and only Dr. L. S. B. Leakey of world fame seemed much excited by them when Dave showed them at an annual meeting at Urbana. However, this time seems to be a different story.

Sigfus Olafson, President of the ESAF, wrote us 3 enthusiastic pages! It was the largest ESAF Annual Meeting ever convened, with many notables. The Early Man Symposium was highlighted, and ran overtime - in fact until the hall had to be vacated for another meeting! And it seems that our Dave was received with great interest and enthusiasm, and managed the occasion with admirable generalship. Instead of sticking to the "deadly serious" he interspersed some of his dry humor and had the crowd "roaring with laughter". And whereas other exhibits were under glass, Dave exhibited a selection of pebble tool types openly with a sign saying: "Please Handle" - a stroke of genius wherein such strange (to America) lithic tools are concerned.

We type this prior to getting Dave's account of the meeting, but Steve Wimberly called Dave long-distance and reports that it sounds as if Dave succeeded in the difficult task of getting a good hearing and definitely introducing Alabama's pebble tool complex to a large and important audience. As we know from past experience, this is no easy accomplishment. It is also of great importance, for we have learned that Alabama has no monopoly on "crude tools" and America must be alerted and interested.

To our thanks to Dave we add our gratitude to Sigfus Olafson, who has taken so much interest in our Lively Complex, and to Dr. Don W. Dragoo who recognized pebble tools as early as 1956 and is exploring them with great interest and vigor.

The shortage of time, the overload of routine matters, and the lack of qualified assistants in this new field, plus the problems of pebble tools themselves and the in-

creasing tonnage received, have interfered greatly with promotional-educational efforts. But numerous papers are in the making by several of our members, developing various facets specifically.

A. B. Hooper III informs us that work begins on the 4 TVA dams on the Bear Creek drainage this Spring - where A.B. has 19 pebble tool sites which are definitely Lively Complex (on which he will report). Alice Burns also has pebble tool sites in this area (reports in preparation), and Dave DeJarnette is sending up graduate students for weekend exploration. If we can get a major rather than "token" salvage grant out of the \$26 millions earmarked for these dams, we ought to get some of the answers on pebble tools from this rich and largely unspoiled (by "collectors") pebble tool area. If we can't get an appropriate grant it will be a MAJOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL TRAGEDY. Let's hope that "UNCLE SAM" is more concerned than Alabama - which shows no disposition to finance its own amazing archaeology!

DEVOTED POST-DRIVE DONORS

"YOUR WONDERFUL WORK IN FURTHERING THE AIMS OF ARCHAEOLOGY IN ALABAMA DESERVES THE APPRECIATION OF ALL ARCHAEOLOGISTS EVERYWHERE", wrote Dr. Richard B. Woodbury, Chairman, Office of Anthropology, Smithsonian Institution, last June 8. This fine tribute from "the man" at this great institution belongs to many people, but surely to no one more than to our donors. Certainly there are many people who wish all the best for archaeology, but FINANCE is the implementing agent which makes archaeology EFFECTIVE.

In our fund drive we have buttonholed no one with a "gimme". We honor the right of everyone to make his own decisions, and in any event feel that the only sound answer for archaeology (and world problems in general) is educational - pointing the need and the potential, and arousing individual interest. We are proud that so many have responded on this basis - the educational benefits far surpass the financial. And we are proud again to announce donations AFTER the announced fund drive closing:

Mr. & Mrs. Stanford E. Smith, our Stan & Louise, were CHARTER DONORS and CHARTER WORKERS, and have never missed a year - and don't intend to spoil that fine record. If we had 600 such members we could cut a trail for amateur societies, wide and straight. And they always extend the good hand of friendship in a letter - but this time their news was sad to hear. We'll have to take most of you way back - we were a small Society then, only 4 Chapters. But we decided to take the bull by the horns and excavate a marvelous shelter site now famous as the Stanfield-Worley. We raised a little money, and a lot of enthusiasm, and the Muscle Shoals Chapter raised a lot of manpower - the site was in their area. We recall meeting them so pleasantly on our first trip to the dig-in-progress, and outstanding in our memory are Mom & Pop Smith - Mom and Pop by request, and old friends in 10 minutes. As we recall, at that time they had just passed their FIFTIETH wedding anniversary - and worked at the dig all day and almost every day; and built shaker tables, put up signs to mark the way, cleared trail, etc. For years Pop wrote about the best Chapter reports we ever got - Mom and Pop are quite an institution, and a beloved one. Their many friends will want to know, but be saddened to know, that Mom has suffered a severe stroke. Bless her dear soul, and give her our love - from all of the many hearts she has warmed.

Tom W. Cornell, so familiar to this honor roll of donors, donates a THIRD time this year! And Tom's Boy Scout Troop 15, Huntsville, which does so much fine work, donates for the second year in a row! Tom is making a fine "donation to the future", too, in his work with "his boys".

THE HUNTSVILLE CHAPTER, A. J. Wright, Secy-Treas., sends a fine donation for the FIFTH year in a row - how about that?!

Mrs. Bessie K. Russell joins us as a NEW donor - and certainly an interested, informed and perceptive donor, as she is in charge of the History Room at the Huntsville Public Library. And we now nominate her "Prehistorian" also.

William G. Millen, one of our good Huntsville Chapter members who joined us last year, is "back for more" this year.

J. Eric Heyworth (of Parma, Ohio!) adds another NEW donor - and appends: "Referred by Mr. Tom Clontz, Gadsden, Ala." Thanks to Mr. Heyworth for reaching out so far, and thanks to Tom - it sets us to wondering how many of us brought in a donor.

Bert O. Yerkes of Mobile joins us as a third NEW donor this month - it looks as if "new business" is picking up, and we are most pleased to see these new interests.

THE LIVELY, LONG, JOSSELYN publication on the Lively Complex of pebble tools donates some accrued profits - results of a donation of a great deal of field work, photography, art work and writing; and as the first major publication on American pebble tools it is an even greater educational and promotional donation. It has now spread Alabama archaeology as far as Alaska, Switzerland, Kenya - but is still available, with 300 illustrations, from the publisher, Dan Josselyn, 408 Broadway, Birmingham, Ala. 35209, at \$3.00 postpaid.

Franklin Folsom of distant New Jersey joins the Alabama Society and becomes the 21st NEW donor this year! You will recall (November issue) that Mr. & Mrs. Folsom, both copious writers of books, stopped in Birmingham to see our pebble tools - preparatory to another book. And Frank sent us a copy of his TENTH book, SCIENCE AND THE SECRET OF MAN'S PAST, which we promised to review.

We are often asked by new members to recommend a book for beginners, which is difficult to do. Frank's book might well be that "first book" for beginners - and for some of us who SHOULD begin! It is interesting and easy reading - of which we need a lot more! It is obviously a product of painstaking library research, and was reviewed for scientific accuracy by Dr. Bernard Wailes, Department of Anthropology, University Museum, University of Pennsylvania. It pretty well covers the history of archaeology, from its glorious amateur inception to its development into complex science utilizing many other sciences - even atomic! But it is "brought to life" by biographical bits about the grand people who gave us archaeological science - so often in the face of much opposition. Throughout runs the moot thread of time, and its complicated unraveling, on which depended man's rescue from a mythological creature of a day and discovery of his "fine long pedigree" as Darwin called it - now some 2 million years by potassium-argon measurement. This is also a good book to have in your home for young folks, and to give to your school and library - and in bestowing it you might brag that it is "by a member of the Alabama Archaeological Society". It is well and copiously illustrated, by the way, arousing interest immediately. Harvey House, Inc., Publishers, Irvington-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10533, \$5.00.

Well, dear donors, you will see under "Pebble Tool News" that this important, difficult and "controversial" subject was successfully launched by our Dave DeJarnette at a large and important Annual Meeting - the first time this has been possible. The exploratory work by Margaret Clayton which you financed last winter, and the trial excavations of 3 sites this past summer, were essential to this launching. The laboratory study of the excavation results promises more information - including a possibly interesting radiocarbon date. We seem to be on our way to stimulating national interest in America's crude tools - which seems a must. It looks from here as if you donors have contributed very valuably toward giving American archaeology an interesting future indeed, possibly a very surprising future. Archaeology owes you its congratulations as well as thanks - and we add our own.

SPECIAL ISSUE

Edward Boss, Editor, P.I.A. NEWSLETTER (The Pennsylvania Institute of Anthropology), has put together in a single special issue all the letters he has received on Alabama's Lively Complex pebble tools, and published in previous issues. These letters, by request, were written especially for Ed and especially for publication. The writers of

these letters include world-famous authorities, from Kenya to Seattle, in both the Old World and New; and those who have worked most closely with the Lively Complex pebble tools for 3 years. This publication therefore amounts to a "historic document" announcing a speedy, broad, top-authority acceptance of an American pebble-tool complex - which could also be a historic turning point. Ed has certainly scored an outstanding "first" and valuably implemented the promotion of interest and authentication. These special issues are available by request only - one to a customer, as the supply is very limited, but you might ask permission to reproduce and redistribute to the many who would be interested. Since the P.I.A. NEWSLETTER is supported by donations alone, the decent thing would be to send a dollar or 2 along with your request. (345 E. McMurray Road, McMurray, Pa. 15317) And again our thanks and congratulations to Edward Boss for this enterprising and valuable editorial scoop.

HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY REVIEWED

The October issue of ARCHAEOLOGY, Journal of the Archaeological Institute of America (but not confined to American archaeology), contains on page 308 a very fine review of the HANDBOOK OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY by our James W. Cambron and David C. Hulse, edited by David L. DeJarnette, our professional mentor and friend. The review reads: "The two non-professional archaeologists who have created these 116 types, written careful definitions, prepared excellent illustrations and succeeded in publishing them, deserve high praise... This handsome volume demonstrates how much can be accomplished by unpaid, part-time archaeologists when given advice and help by a professional such as DeJarnette. It also shows how much can be derived from amateur surface collecting, when imbued with a sense of purpose, cooperation and scientific rigor." While "honorable mention" might have been given the 4 sponsors who made the publication possible, and the vigorous promotional campaign which made it a financial success, this is an unusually perceptive review. Especially so, we thought, in reminding us that current typology is more a beginning than an end, and that much remains to be done. (A third printing is not presently contemplated, and the supply of the second printing dwindles with sales now exceeding 1,500 copies. All who are interested in Alabama projectile point typing should order at once, making checks payable to the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama Inc., and mailing to David L. DeJarnette, P O Box 6126, University Ala. 35486, or obtain your copy from an officer of your local Chapter.)

CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter meets on the 1st Wednesday of each month at University of Alabama Extension Center. The November meeting was a casualty of the sudden snowstorm. There will be no regular meeting in December, but a brief meeting will be held at the conclusion of the State Society meeting in Montgomery to elect officers for 1967.

Choctawhatchee Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Dale County Library, Ozark. At the November meeting, Bill Emanuel spoke on "Crude Tools", exhibiting and discussing tools from Pennsylvania, France, and from Houston & Henry Counties, Ala. The December meeting will commence at 7:00 PM and be a social and business meeting. Gordon Willis is new temporary Vice President, and Tina Johnson is new Secretary.

Marshall County Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the Long Building, Guntersville. At the December meeting, Ed Mahan will speak on "Explorations on Sand Mountain and Surrounding Areas" illustrated by color slides. A Point Type Board will be made by members for the new meeting place, and a library will be set up by A. B. Hooper III for members, with books of all types dealing with Early Man.

Montgomery Chapter meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. At the November meeting, Ralph H. Allen Jr. spoke on "DeSoto's Travels", with emphasis on his route through Alabama, the difficulty of pinpointing the location of Indian towns visited because of variation in written accounts. No formal program is planned for December meeting which will be devoted to final preparation for the Annual Meeting of the State Society hosted by the Chapter. The Archaeological Trailer

developed by the Elmore County School System for use in teaching early American history and jointly with the Montgomery Chapter at the Greater South Alabama Fair displayed, created much favorable comment.

Muscle Shoals Chapter meets on the 4th Monday of each month at Wesleyan Hall, Room W-3, Florence State College. At the October meeting, Horace J. Holland conducted a class on projectile point classification, presenting door prizes of a fossil and a piece of petrified wood. No Chapter meeting will be held in December.

Noccalula Chapter meets on the 1st Thursday of each month at the Etowah County Court House, Gadsden. At the November meeting, Dr. E. M. Lindsey gave a most interesting illustrated talk on his trip to the Holy Land last summer. The December meeting will be held December 1 at a Christmas Dinner in Carnes Restaurant, Attalla, where the following 1967 officers will be installed: Richard Battles, President; Tom Clontz, Vice-President; Hazel Barker, Secretary; Jean Anderson, Editor Newsletter; Jess Raley, Associate Editor; Gennie Lindsey, Publicity Chairman; Mrs. Richard Battles, Treasurer; and Virginia Hill, Historian.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

NEW MEMBERS FOR NOVEMBER: (A hearty welcome to each of you nice people)
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BAD ADDRESSES: (Before mailing the December Journal, help is needed on these)
Miss Elizabeth A. Beall, formerly 3828 Arundel Drive, Birmingham, Ala. 35213
Kyle & Alice Hardin, formerly Gardendale, Ala.
Jane Lumpkin, formerly Pardess-Hanna, Israel
Frank Kent Reilly III, formerly Huntingdon College, Montgomery, Ala.

DR. JOFFRE COE'S ADDRESS AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING: The intriguing subject will be "The Nature of Archaeological Typology - both Artifact and Culture". Since this is a matter in which our membership is most vitally interested, we are sure everyone will want to be on hand to hear this discussion by a master, and see the slides he will present. To give you a better idea of what to expect, Dr. Coe facetiously suggested that the subject of his talk would be "On the Care and Feeding of Types". Sounds irresistible!

Bob & Marjorie Gay, our good friends - and archaeology's - report on their most recent archaeological jaunt: "Went to the Southeastern Archaeological Conference at Avery Island, near New Iberia, La....saw a lot of new country...met a lot of fine people... John Cottier, attending with wife Randy, gave a fine report for Alabama...Gloria Wentowski, Dave Chase's assistant...Harold Huscher of the Burned Village Site in Georgia...Mrs. Anton Heyn of New Orleans, formerly of Auburn...all members of the Alabama Society...others from Alabama and Georgia...thoroughly enjoyable meeting...true Southern hospitality"...etc., etc. The Gays complain that they can't get around much because of the rigors of farm life in Standing Rock, but somehow seem to turn out for the important events - Summer Workshop, Winter Annual, Southeastern, and, occasionally, the ESAF.

A. B. Hooper III has loaned, upon request, a representative selection of Lively Complex pebble tools to the Université Laval, Quebec, for the opening of their new and ambitious Museum. Thomas E. Lee, who teaches at Laval (and edits the ANTHROPOLOGICAL JOURNAL OF CANADA), writes that the interest there in our pebble tools is very high. A.B. has done a fine educational and promotional service in lending this good selection - we doubt that many can see and handle our pebble tools without becoming interested - and arousing interest is top priority but definitely not top secret! As Dr. Junius Bird has remarked, it is almost impossible to do 3-dimensional pebble tools justice in illustrations, hence the great value of traveling exhibits.

NEW NORSE DISCOVERIES IN AMERICA? The Université Laval is itself pioneering vigorously. A press release just received reports stone building foundations up to "more than 80 feet long" in Nouveau Quebec. Also "for many miles up the coast from Pamiok, and into the Payne estuary, numerous remarkable stone cairns...on high points visible from the sea...any one cairn visible from another", as if "some form of navigational aid". These and other surprising finds of the past 2 seasons are proposed by Thomas E. Lee, in charge of exploration, to be connected with pre-Columbian Norse occupation of America. This still-argued question may be on the way to an answer.

Peter P. Cooper, Catawba College, Salisbury, N.C., sends us a quote from Bryan's PALEO-AMERICAN PREHISTORY, Idaho State University, Pocatello, Idaho, \$5.00: a strong argument that "Man already lived in America long before the innovation of bifacially flaked stone points." If we have no answers to such problems as yet, at least we are becoming bold enough to raise the questions, which one way or another will make for progress.

Dr. Carl B. Compton writes: "Good issue of the STONES & BONES (Nov.) even IF there was a slight note of desperation...I anticipated the slowing down of your fund drive...pebble tools to the ordinary amateur are just plain rocks...rough to maintain enthusiasm in the long haul...donors are mostly quarter horses not the buckskin ponies of the Old West." Dr. Carl reminds us of "the successful diagnosis - but the patient died"! (He politely refrained from reminding us that we are amateur-amateurs at fund raising! Any volunteers for the job?)

WE CAN'T ALWAYS WIN! Uncle Sam giveth, but, dadgum him, he also taketh away - some of our nicest and hard-working people, too. Don Anderson, who writes some mighty nice things about the Alabama group and hopes to remain a member "for many years to come", from the Montgomery Chapter; the Reimers, Doris & Lt. James P., from Selma; Thomas H. Marlow, from Ozark; and soon, we hear and fear, the William Emanuels also from Ozark.

FORMER WEALTH: The site of the new to-be legislative building in Tallahassee, across the street from the capitol, former site of the Planters Hotel, is being investigated by Ross Morrell, State Archaeologist of Florida. According to the MIAMI HERALD, Nov. 8, in the early stages of investigation "Nearly all of the objects dug...were blue and white chamber pots...21 to 25 the first day." If archaeological investigation can discover how everybody apparently "had a pot" before do-gooders, wholesale welfare, brave new worlds, new societies and other anti-poverty tax-devourers, it might have important repercussions on the present administration, also the future "welfare" of archaeology.

FAMOUS MEMBER: We have difficulty in learning anything about most of our members, but the extensive newspaper publicity tipped us off to the fact that Harry B. Brock Jr., President, Central Bank & Trust Co., has been selected as the leading banker in the 6th Federal Reserve District (6 States) and "may become the 'Banker of the Year'". Wow!

"The Margaret" sent us a hilariously stupid clipping about "hidden Indian gold" on which we commented as "The U-l-t-i-m-a-t-e Absurdity" in our September issue. But it was also a dangerous invitation to dig into Indian sites - as "the authority of print" can make a lot of people stupid. If they "saw it in a book" it must be true! Out of common decency we omitted the name of the publication, and wrote the editor one of our nicest explanatory letters about the tragedy of "diggers", and the educational problem they posed; and that he was doubtless innocent for lack of awareness, and rather than

expose his publication to public ridicule we'd prefer to inform him and enlist his archaeological cooperation. But since he didn't even deign to answer, we might as well laugh off our blood pressure. Recall that in the previous episode, the writer (who really isn't worth naming) "proved" Indian gold by finding an iron pot which "had" contained gold - before the bottom rusted out! Well, The Margaret sends another clipping, same writer, same paper - with even more proof of gold! This time a farmer, or late farmer as he is represented as dead, told the writer about seeing an IMPRINT of a pot - a pot that HAD contained gold - that is, by all reasonable insinuations, assumptions - and idiocy! Well, we have to hand it to the ATLANTA JOURNAL - there never was anything like it. Man, it's hysterical!

BUT THIS IS NO LAUGHING MATTER: Dr. McGimsey, Rusty Davis and a lot of other nice archaeological folks in Arkansas, have been working like the proverbial dawgs to create and legislate an ideal State archaeological program to put Arkansas "on top as far as any other state in the country is concerned; we would be providing something approaching adequate funds for preserving Arkansas' past - while other states to varying degrees piddle along scrounging and salvaging what they can." "PIDDLE ALONG SCROUNGING AND SALVAGING WHAT THEY CAN" - touche! - and they don't use popguns!

FARM ARCHAEOLOGY: Fred Layton's last letter, beside saying he was still waiting on professional assistance with the several new burials discovered in Kymulga Cave, was of such exceptional interest that we may be excerpting it for a long time - a fine long letter. Here we beg permission to use a bit of family history - the whole kit and caboodle seem to be Alabama Pioneers: "My brother's wife was a Wood. Her family had owned Wood's Island for several generations and had PLOWED UP POTS THERE" (our italics). Also: "Her mother was a Green of the Green's Port family. The Greens PLOWED UP BURIALS years ago in the shell beds at Lock One" (our italics).

One may wonder if there has been any greater agency of archaeological destruction than cultivation of the soil. We have long been impressed by the fine work of Auburn University with the good farm people of Alabama. Would possibly the largest single thing we could do toward archaeological conservation be a fine illustrated booklet, in effect "Archaeology for Farmers"? With "open season" instructions concerning "collectors"? Dear Auburn, we'll get up the booklet for you. WAR EAGLE!

PROFESSIONAL CONFESSIONAL: In the October 1966 Newsletter of the Arkansas Archaeological Society, we noted a reprint of this healthy reminder by Dr. E. Mott Davis (who was "flabbergasted" and most encouraged by the success of our first fund drive): "The Editor of this newsletter (Texas Archaeological Society) has been a full-fledged working professional archaeologist for about 17 years now, and before that he had 2 years of rigorous field training, several smaller field jobs, and a frightening amount of academic hurdles to jump over. One of the effects of such a background is that it makes a person conscious of his own shortcomings. If only I could re-do some of the digging I did a few years ago! I can see now that I must have lost some pretty good information, by going too fast, by going too slowly (and thus not getting enough done), by not being attuned to certain important problems, or by not spotting evidence which, in retrospect, must have been there."

This fine and forthright statement by a much-educated and long-seasoned professional from the University of Texas reminds us how much MORE important it is for the amateur to become "conscious of his own shortcomings" - and that even this requires considerable education! Dr. Mott is one of the most dedicated workers with the amateurs, and believers in the amateur potential. How generously and gently he points a moral at himself - rather than us! But he does remind us that "the archaeological society may well be destroying more archaeological information than it preserves". A solemn thought and valuable reminder!

ANNUAL DUES FOR 1967. Let us gently remind you that '67 dues are about to become payable, and you can save our Secretary time, labor & expense by mailing them NOW.

COME TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

EDUCATIONAL PAGE

DIGGING THE PRINT

To fully participate in the role of a student of archaeology, it is necessary to be familiar with archaeological publications and their contents. This one criteria may generally distinguish the student from the relic collector. In serious reading, many benefits are gained by the reader, all of which add up to provide better understanding and enjoyment of archaeology. Although many archaeological reports and journals prove sticky reading at first, the reader will perhaps discover that the more he reads, the more he is able to read and understand. And what better time is there for reading than the winter season? During this time of the year most field work is brief or limited in nature, and more active time may be devoted to the "back-breaking" task of armchair archaeology.

To facilitate archaeological reading, a list of the major publications related to Alabama archaeology may be found below. The majority of these publications are still in print and if not available at local libraries may be secured at reasonable prices.

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