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A. A. S. ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Alabama Archaeological Society (A.A.S.) will continue the early man theme of our summer field exploration. In addition, we will have an excellent cross section of ongoing research in the state. The meeting is scheduled for November 20-21 at the Hilton in Huntsville. The morning session on Saturday, November 20 will concentrate on early man and will encompass the migration, environment, subsistence patterns and the archaeological record. The afternoon session will be devoted to current archaeological research among the various organizations throughout the state. The day's activities will culminate with a social hour and dinner meeting that evening, followed by a program on the Constitution Hall project (see description following the agenda). On Sunday, November 21, we will have the opportunity to tour Constitution Hall.

An outline of the agenda is presented below. As may be noted, we have an exceptional representation of the principals involved in Alabama archaeology and expect a program that will appeal to the amateur and professional alike. Please also note that we will have a display area and will emphasize early cultural material. Any updates or revisions in the agenda will appear in the next issue of Stones & Bones. Make your plans now to join us for some interesting discussion on "early man" and "what's going on in Alabama archaeology".

AGENDA

Saturday, November 20

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Display Open

8:30 - 11:15 - Morning Session - Early Man in Alabama

- Introduction and Welcome - Margaret Chase (President, A.A.S.)
- The Migration - Richard Krause
- The Environment - Dan Womochel
- Subsistence Patterns - Charles Hubbert
- The Archaeological Record - Carey Oakley
- Comments on the Summer Meeting - James Lee

Duplicate

October 1982

11:30 - 1:00 - Lunch (on your own)

- State Board of Directors Meeting

1:00 - 4:30 - Afternoon Session - Current Archaeological Research in
Alabama

- Office of Archaeological Research - Eugene Futato
- Auburn University - John Cottier
- University of Alabama in Birmingham - Roger Nance
- University of Auburn in Montgomery - Craig Sheldon/Ned Jenkins
- University of South Alabama - Reed Stowe
- Jacksonville State University - Harry Holstein

6:00 - 7:00 - Social (Cash Bar)

7:00 - Dinner

- Program - The Constitution Hall Project - Dr. Frances Roberts,
Chairman of Board of Directors, Constitution Hall

Sunday, November 21

9:00 - Tour of Constitution Hall

James Lee
Huntsville

CONSTITUTION HALL

Constitution Hall Park is the reconstruction of a half-block area of downtown Huntsville as it appeared in 1819. Huntsville's first law office/library, a newspaper printing shop and the Neal House (Stephen Neal was Madison County's first sheriff) have been painstakingly re-created and furnished with period pieces, including some of the original library books. "Constitution Hall" itself was Mr. Walker Allen's cabinet shop: a combination workshop and showroom downstairs, and Huntsville's first theater upstairs. It was in the cavernous showroom of Mr. Allen's shop where Alabama's first constitutional convention was held in 1819.

Several archaeological digs have been conducted on the Constitution Hall site, most recently a Huntsville Chapter activity at the location of the Stephen Neal house. The information gleaned from these digs contributed immeasurably to the accurate reconstruction and furnishing of the buildings.

Constitution Hall Park opened in May of this year. Costumed guides give tours of the complex, which contains numerous exhibits on the history of the area and the significant roles played by the inhabitants of the original buildings. Special events - from craft demonstrations to concerts to dinners - give some insight into early 19th-century life in north Alabama.

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DISPLAYS AT ANNUAL MEETING

I would like to encourage A.A.S. members to bring artifacts for display at the Annual Meeting on Saturday, November 20. Please write me at 2107 Britain Avenue, S. W.; Huntsville, Alabama 35803, or call at 205/883-9065, if you have artifacts that you would like to exhibit.

Display tables will be available in the meeting room. The artifacts exhibited will be on display before the meeting and during coffee and lunch breaks. Emphasis is on early man. The Huntsville Chapter will provide security for the exhibits.

Ellis Whitt
President
Huntsville Chapter

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE AT ANNUAL MEETING

Mr. Dan Ross of the University of Alabama Press will attend the Annual Meeting. Mr. Ross will also be representing the university presses of several surrounding states. He will have on hand books and/or book lists for each university's publications relating to archaeology. This will be an excellent opportunity for those who want to start or add to collections of books in this area.

Eugene Futato will display A.A.S. publications at the meeting. (See "News from the Journal Editor" in this issue of Stones & Bones.)

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JACK CAMBRON

Jack Cambron, one of the founding members of the Alabama Archaeological Society, died Thursday, September 23, in Decatur after a long illness. He was buried in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Huntland, Tennessee.

Mr. Cambron was best known for his authorship of the Handbook of Alabama Archaeology (the "point type book") and was recognized as one of the foremost authorities on point typology. He had numerous articles in the Journal of Alabama Archaeology and presented many programs at the state and local level over the years - in both Alabama and Tennessee. He was also noted for his reporting on the famous Paleo-Indian Quad Site near Decatur. He served in various positions in the state society and was well known throughout the southeast for his contributions to archaeology.

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CHAPTER NEWS

Birmingham Chapter

The Birmingham Chapter meets the second Thursday of each month at the Red Mountain Museum Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Flint Knapping and Minerology was the topic of the September 9 meeting; the speakers were Mr. Gordon Bell and Dr. Whitman Cross. The next meeting will be October 14. Ms. Madge Hahn will speak on Types of Stone Tools.

Cullman Chapter

The Cullman Chapter met on Monday night, September 20 at the County Courthouse at 7:30. Everyone was invited to bring their artifacts to the meeting, and the chapter held a "show", with everyone participating.

Dothan Chapter

The Dothan Chapter has been inactive for several years, but Norman Thames is willing to take the initiative to reactivate the chapter. All you good folks in the Dothan area interested in joining and helping Norman get started, contact him at 2306 Kristi Lea Drive; Dothan, Alabama 36303. Phone: 205/983-3450.

Huntsville Chapter

The Huntsville Chapter meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Arts Council Conference Room, Von Braun Civic Center. For more information call Program Chairman Larry Warren at 536-4533. Mr. John Dowd, a well-known and respected amateur archaeologist, gave a most interesting program on the Anderson Site at the September 21 meeting. The Anderson site is unusual in that it is a single-component site. A midden site, it has been under excavation for about two years and has produced material for several masters' theses. The next chapter meeting will be October 19. Van King will be the speaker; his topic will be flint knapping.

NEWS FROM THE JOURNAL EDITOR

Many of you are probably wondering why you have not received your June 1982 issue of the Journal of Alabama Archaeology. This issue has been delayed in production but was completed in early September. If you have not received it by the time you read this, you should receive it in the next few days.

The June issue is the report of excavations at Fort Tombecbe, by James Parker. Over half of the publication delay occurred while we attempted to get better copies of French and Spanish archival material for reproduction purposes. This material still has not arrived, but we could wait no longer. Another reason for the delay is simply the size of this issue - over 100 pages rather than the usual 60-70.

We will resume our normal schedule with the December 1982 Journal. We have been working on this Journal while the June issue was delayed. The December issue is over half complete as of this writing. In fact, some thought was given to swapping the two numbers because of the delay in obtaining the material needed for the June issue.

The other news is that the June 1973 Journal is now out of print. Three other issues have less than three copies remaining. The discounted Walter F. George Basin reports are also now sold out. In addition, the current printing of the Handbook of Alabama Archaeology, Part I - Point Types - is sold out. This book is being reprinted, but the cost is expected to increase due to the increase in printing costs since 1975.

Eugene Futato
Moundville

OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH LIBRARY

The University of Alabama, Office of Archaeological Research, has undertaken a program to upgrade and catalog its library. The need for this has been recognized for some time, but the final impetus for action was provided when David L. DeJarnette donated his library to OAR. This more than doubled our total library holdings, creating an immediate need for better organization of the library.

The library is being cataloged by the Library of Congress cataloging system. When cataloging is complete, the OAR library will be listed as a special collection of the University of Alabama library, although OAR will maintain sole jurisdiction. All the publications in the OAR library will be listed in the new computerized card catalog of the University library. This new University catalog is in turn part of nation-wide network of computerized catalogs. As a result, researchers throughout the country who need a particular reference work will be able to call up the OAR catalog to see if it is included. OAR personnel will in turn be able to check by computer to see where reference materials we may need are located.

The massive job of accessioning, cataloging, and labeling the library holdings and making out cards for the card catalog is being undertaken by two volunteers from Moundville, Mrs. Thelma Sims and Mrs. Lona Mae Wilson. Their efforts are very deeply appreciated.

To date Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Sims have processed almost 1,000 volumes in the library. These are all serial publications, either periodicals or serial monographs. The titles now cataloged include:

1. American Anthropological Association Memoirs, 1907-1962*
2. American Anthropologist, 1901-1981*
3. American Antiquity, 1935-1980*
4. American Museum of Natural History Anthropological Papers, 1908-1941
5. Bureau of American Ethnology Annual Reports, 1879-1931*

6. Bureau of American Ethnology Bulletins, 1887-1964*
7. Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society Publications, 1887-1906
8. Tennessee Archaeologist, 1944-1974*

* Some issues of these are missing.

Because OAR has no funds to purchase reference materials, we hope to continue to develop the library through further donations, and some exchanges. The appraised value of publications donated to OAR is tax-deductible. Although our primary interest is the archaeology and ethnography of North America, works of any anthropological nature will be welcomed. Small gifts are appreciated just as much as large ones. A single book may be just the one we need, or a few odd issues of a journal may fill in a gap in a larger set. All publications are permanently stamped with the donor's name. Persons interested in contributing materials to the OAR library should contact the Office of Archaeological Research; 1 Mound State Monument; Moundville, Alabama 35474.

Eugene Futato
Moundville

FOOTNOTE:

We can think of no better way to help the archaeological effort within Alabama than to clean out and dust off many of those books and journals that we can donate to the library.

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ESAF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Eastern States Archeological Federation will be held November 5, 6 and 7, 1982, at the Quality Inn, Lake Wright; 6280 Northampton Blvd; Norfolk, Virginia. The host for the meeting will be the Archeological Society of Virginia. The meeting includes papers on archaeological/historical topics pertaining to the Eastern States, Federation Business meeting, displays, book sales, and the annual banquet.

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Joffre Lanning Coe has accepted our invitation to be the banquet speaker at the annual dinner. Mr. Coe is Director of the Research Laboratories of Anthropology at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Coe has long been recognized as an authority on pre-history archaeology in North Carolina and Virginia, and many of the names used for the different types of projectile points found in the Eastern States were first named by him. His topic will be "Archeological Research in the Southeastern United States".

Advance reservations are required for the meeting and dinner. Write to Jean Mathias; 610 Rockbridge Road; Portsmouth, Virginia 23707.

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BOOK NOTES

AMERICAN GENESIS: The American Indians and the Origins of Man - by Jeffrey Goodman. Summit Books, c. 1981, price \$11.95. Photos and charts.

This author theorizes that prehistoric man made his debut in North America, and he is of the opinion that man probably did not come to America by way of the Bering Straits. A wealth of new findings may indicate that man had been in America for nearly 50,000 years - may-hap 250,000 years.

The author has a goodly amount of theories about artifacts being found 15 to 60 feet deep in the earth at sites. Also, there are quotes about American and European artifacts being alike; and perhaps North American Indians may have migrated to Europe in prehistoric times.

Margaret Perryman Smith
Atlanta

PUBLICATION AVAILABLE

THE COMPLETE VISITOR'S GUIDE TO MESOAMERICAN RUINS - by Joyce Kelly. University of Oklahoma Press - 1005 Asp Avenue; Norman, Oklahoma 73019. \$35 plus \$.63 postage and handling.

This up-to-date and authoritative book is the first complete guide to the world of the pre-Columbian peoples of Mesoamerica. All the major sites, such as Tikal, Copan and Palenque, are included, as are dozens not found in other guide-books. For each site the author includes a rating of its importance, the culture with which it is identified, location, history, and other information, followed by specific details on reaching the site, local accommodations, the time required for a visit, and suggestions on photographing the ruins.

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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Available issues of <i>Journal of Alabama Archaeology</i> Vol. 13-18	\$1.00 pp
Vol. 20-24 (\$2.50 to Members)	\$4.00 pp
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