Newsletter

STONES AND BONES

May 1960

DATE SET FOR MOUNDVILLE MEETING

A letter from Dr. Work, our President, informs us that Saturday, June 4, has been set for the date of our meeting at Mound State Monument. Tentative plans are to inspect the Museum and Laboratory in the morning, with a speaker program in the afternoon. No exact time for arrival was given, but one would assume certainly not later than 10 A.M. There is a tremendous amount to be seen and enjoyed, so the earlier you get there the more you will congratulate yourself. And it is a place where you can relax, too, so don't worry about early rising. Some might like to drive down Friday and see the Museum of Natural History in Tuscaloosa, so we include a list of places to stay. To get to Moundville take highway 13 south from Tuscaloosa, some 17 miles.

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ob's Motel, Eutaw Rd., Pl 8-8209 ampus Motel, 511 Univ. Ave.	\$3.50- 8.50	$2\frac{1}{2}$ Mi. US 11 & 43
Pl 2-9730 Colonial Ct. 2715 9th St. E.	4.00- 7.00	$1\frac{1}{2}$ Mi. US 11
Pl 8-8602 Fill's Motor Ct. B'ham Highway	5.00-10.00	4 Mi. US 11
P1 4-7571	5.00-12.00	2호 Mi. US 11
AcLester Hotel, 24 Ave. 6th St. Pl 8-5581	2.75- 8.00	1 Block US 82
Moon Winx Ct., Birmingham Highway Pl 8-8362	5.00-10.00	4년 Mi. US 11
Sandy's Motel, 111 Univ. Ave. Pl 8-9179	2.50- 4.50	2 Mi. US 11
Shangri-la Motel, 1516 24 Ave. Pl 8-0475	5.00-10.50	10 Blocks US 82
Skylite Motel, Birmingham Highway Pl 8-8671	5.00-10.00	
So. Highland Motel, 3821 24 Ave.		4 Mi. US 11
Pl 8-2024 Stafford Hotel, 22Ave. 9 St.	4.00-12.00	3 Mi. US 82
Pl 2-8121 Town House Motor Hotel, 919 24 Ave.	5.00-13.00	5 Blocks US 82
Pl 2-2167	6.00-10.00	4호 Blocks US 82

We regret that President Work will not be able to attend our meeting since busies calls him to Europe. But since he hopes to see some of the CAVE ART and ISEUIS we can't feel too sorry for him: Surely nothing less than that can be acepted as a valid excuse for missing this real get-together. If you have visited found State Monument you know that; if you haven't, you will find it a truly remarkable archaeological experience and a wonderful outing - not to mention the congenial company. You may bring your lunch and eat under shelter or under the great out-of-doors on the banks of a fine river. Or you may enjoy the good cooking at the restaurant right on the grounds. You may climb the great mounds or

NOTES AND NEWS

NEW MEMBERS are always the best news. Remember John Burroughs' line, "The friends I seek are seeking me"? These folks have common interests with us. Here are new friends, as well as new archaeologists. Don't be shy - make them feel at home the very first visit.

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7. G. McLOUGHLIN 136 Emmory Court Birmingham 13, Ala. W. E. NEISLER Nolan Blvd. Madison, Ala. (Matt, what is this about your being a new member?)

CHANGE IN ADDRESS:

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Utass A 16-P Bldg. 520 USNT 2 Great Lakes, Illinois CORRECTION:

Change J. V. McClung to

J. D. McCLUNG

THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF NORTH CAROLINA will no doubt be enriched by some of our best members this summer when Chemstrand Research moves up there. Why not keep up with them? Our Atlanta member, Mrs. Francis C. Smith, writes us that we can join, Sustaining Membership \$5.00, Active Membership \$2.00 - includes Newsletter and Southern Indian Studies. Box 561, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

"THE GALLERY OF INDIAN ARTS AND CRAFTS of the Columbus, Ga., Museum", Mrs. Smith also writes, "is no ordinary dusty mish-mash of somebody's great uncle's collection of broken arrowheads...it is a modern and beautiful illustrated story of ancient man's life in this part of the country. The dioramas are works of art. The genuine pottery of all periods of culture is shown as well as the different methods of potting, etc." If you are in the vicinity, don't miss it!

DR. A. R. KELLY, UNIV. OF GEORGIA, that reminds us, exploded a bombshell at the annual meeting of the Eastern States Arch. Federation in Nov. 1959. "Are the Cherokees an indigenous Southern tribal group?" It has long been "well known" that they were not, but were being pushed down from the North by population pressures. But Kelly finds archaeological evidence to the contrary!

IT IS ALSO WELL KNOWN THAT THERE ARE NO "FOLSOM" POINTS IN ALA. but every time we look at one of Harold Kleine's fluted points (Plate 2 of Fundaburk's "Sun Circles and Human Hands") we think how much more it looks like a typical Folsom than any of the other types. We'd like to see our North Ala. projectile point technicians kick this possibility around.

"A FAR GREATER THREAT THAN NUCLEAR FISSION", Dr. W. M. Krogman calls our "runaway population - man's number one problem". Krogman gave an interesting talk before the Dental Society in Birmingham several years ago.

AND IF WE DIDN'T KNOW MAN WAS HIS OWN WORST ENEMY, Dr. Arthur B. Kelly, again, reminds us. He says when Robert S. Nietz el excavated a certain mound he found that no less than "14 previous excavations into the mound" had really messed up the record. Are we so ashamed of being humans we want to destroy our past?

AMERICAN ANTIQUITY announces a new feature! annual publication of a volume containing abstracts of all books, monographs, articles and theses dealing with New World archaeology. AT LONG LAST, AN EASY WAY TO KEEP UP WITH ALL OF AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY! And you won't have to buy much else - so now you can't afford not to join THE S CCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY. Address requests for membership to the Secretary, David A. Barreis, Dept. of Anthropology, Sterling Hall, Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison 6, Wisconsin. Annual Dues \$8.00. You must be in agreement with the ethical aims of the Society. Authors of 1959 publications which they believe should be abstracted should send a copy immediately to Richard B. Woodbury, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Ariz ona, Tucson, Arizona. Let's cooperate, report and join!

WE REGRET TO REPORT THE DEATH LAST YEAR OF LAURISTON WARD, Curator of Asiatic Archaeology, Peabody Museum, Harvard, and founder and president of the Council of Old World Archaeology - which PUBLISHES ABSTRACTS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF ALL THE REST OF THE WORLD outside of America. So actually we now can COVER WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY IN CONVENIENT ABSTRACTS. Address COUNCIL FOR OLD WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY, 11 Divinity Are., Cambridge 38, Mass. \$4.00 annually. Back issues may be available, and are world worth having. And you can thus help support a wonderful archaeological service.

ARTHUR DUNNING, in the Feb. 1960 Newsletter of the Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Society, reports that the Indians mined a pegmatite outcrop in Tallapoosa Co. for blue and green quartz, tourmaline and beryl. If you would like to polish gems, and find them, and other rocks, minerals, fossils, crystals, etc., contact Mr. E. O. Dahlen, 1616 - 33rd St. West, Birmingham 8, Ala. The boys and girls are doing a fine job - and selling hand-made jewelry too:

Car JOURNAL OF ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGY is looking mighty good! Arthur George Smith, "the Old Sarge", writes to congratulate us on the Vol. 5, Issue 3, to which Mosley, Lenser, Cambron, Radford and Waters contribute.

4393 INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS now in the EASTERN STATES ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEDERATION and it is having a financial problem. Personally we could stand at least a dollar assessment - which would amount to something.

The TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER, Feb. 1960, tells us Don Green is the new President - and he congratulates outgoing President Dr. Nuckolls on his fine 1959 administration.

IF YOU WANT TO GO OUT AND DIG A SITE SOME AFTERNOON you should read in the above Newsletter how members of the Memphis Chapter are doing it. They have been doing week-end excavation on a site for four years in close cooperation with Carl Chapman of the Univ. of Missouri and Charles Nash, Tenn. State Parks Archaeologist.

THE TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCCIETY, our new members might like to know, publishes a Journal which no one who is interested in Southeastern archaeology can afford to riss. And it can become better every time new members joine. Address Dr. T. M. N. Lewis, Tennessee Archaeological Society, 6 Hesler Hall, University of Tenn., Managed the State of Tennessee of Tennessee

HALGE INGSTAD, a good Viking name, Norwegian explorer and author, is going to search the coasts of Labrador, Newfoundland and Nova Scotia for signs that the Vikings may have discovered America before Columbus. This theory persists despite no proof and a number of hoaxes.

MOTHING LIKE GETTING A GOOD ARCHAEOLOGICAL START IN LIFE, Martin Hullender reminds us, pointing the case of Julian Butler. Julian became interested in archaeology at the very foot of the ladder, due to his second-grade teacher, the late Bertha T. Josselyn. He later joined the Birmingham Anthropological Society and pursued amateur archaeology both ethically and intelligently - discovering one of the only two known Hopewell sites just south of Pinningham in Shades Valley. Unfortunately these worthy achievements were omitted in a newspaper clipping Martin handed us listing Julian's later (but not necessarily greater) achievements. Julian is the new 1960-61 president of the student body at the University of Alabama, the most recent of many honors, beginning with "Lost Outstanding Freshman." Though he was president of his sophomore, junior and senior classes at Shades Valley High, and secretary of his freshman class, also president and secretary of Promoters Club, vice-president of Thespian Club at Shades Valley. 1956 student Secretary of State for the youth legislature, awarded plaque for writing the best bill. At the Univ. he has served as president of Druids, vice-president of Tau Kappa Alpha, secretary of Interfraternity Council, chancellor of Delta Sigma Pi. Member of Kappa Alpha, Phi Eta Sigma, Chi Alpha Phi, Scabbard and Blade, Beta Gamma Sigma, Omicron Delta Kappa and Univ. Debate Team....Seriously, where can a child better learn both the thi ethics and methods of science than in amateur archaeology? And where else can he make a real contribution to science so early in life, and turn his little caveman feet toward worthy things? So bring the kids and start them right - like Julian Butler.

THE LAST CALL FOR 1960 DUES IS ABOUT DUE, that reminds us. Have you brought in or mailed in your FOUR DOLLARS for State and Local dues? There are many signs that this will be our most exciting year, so don't put it off any longer. Please and thanks. Secretary Schaefer wants to publish the 1960 paid-up membership list in the June STONES & BONES Newsletter.

BUT WERE ANY OF OUR PLANETS INHABITED A BILLION YEARS AGO, even if not habitable now? We regret that archaeologists have not shared in the space-man publicity through public discussions of possible archaeology on the planets. And now the Russians get ahead of us in this space business again with the suggestion that the two small satellites of Mars are space stations placed in orbit by an extinct civilization. Grab your space helmets, young archaeologists.

JOHN P. "PETE" KNUDSEN wants to express his thanks to those members of the Birmingham Society who handled the big job of mailing out the last issue of our Alabama Journal. Sorry we do not know who besides the Hullenders were involved - speak up and take the credit. And Pete says if any members have not received all three 1959 issues of the Journal (1959 members, that is), let him know. Address John P. Knudsen, 1304 - 11th St. S.E., Decatur, Ala.

TWO OF OUR BIRMINGHAM MEMBERS will have articles in the next Journal, Pete also informs us. Namely, Arthur Dunning and Bill Steele. Well, we are doing better - we haven't been pulling our weight in the Journal down here in Birmingham.

OUR NEXT ALABAMA JOURNAL will also have "the first installment of the Decatur Chapter's monographic article on the Pecked, Ground and Polished stone artifacts from the Tennessee Valley". This sounds like one of the Decatur Chapter's photographic projects which has been reported for some time - and it should be most interesting and an unusual contribution to archaeology. AND WHAT A WONDERFUL IDEA FOR AN ENTIRE CHAPTER TO POOL ITS ARTIFACTS AND BRAINS TO PRODUCE AN ARTICLE FOR THE JOURNAL. Other Chapters PLEASE note.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EDUCATION remains our foremost problem - and opportunity, for the more we know, the more we get out of our hobby and the more pride we derive from contributions. "METHOIS AND THEORY IN AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY" may be somewhat ad-

vanced for beginners, but certainly not for those who take archaeology seriously. It is by two very capable archaeologists, Willey and Phillips, and published by one of the best sources, University of Chicago Press, \$4.75.

"DANGER CAVE", Jesse D. Jennings, is one of the finest chronicles of American excavation and examples of recording. This record goes back 11,000 years through many stratigraphic "layers of culture" which the archaeologist "reads" into the history of man. Amusingly, one of the caves excavated by Jennings was named "Juke Box Cave" because some G. I.'s poured a concrete floor and installed a juke box - and a good way to preserve the archaeology! University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City 12, Utah, \$6.00.

BOOK XII of the first English translation of the FLORENTINE CODEX is now available. Fray Bernardino de Sahagun (1499-1590), the New World's first ethnographer, compiled this exhaustive treatise on Aztec life in the Aztec language. His informants were the native scribes of Pre-conquest Mexico. The original Florentine Text and English translation are in parallel columns, so it is a primary source for study of the Aztec language as well as culture. BOOK XII is "The Conquest of Mexico" from the illuminating viewpoint of the conquered and despoiled Aztecs - not a pretty mirror for the Christian conquerors to look into. University of Utah Press, \$6.50.

EXCHANGE SOCIETIES

Pete Knudsen sends us the following list of Societies with which he exchanges Journals, which must be useful to our Editors (Knudsen and Craig). We should like to see a yearly bibliography of the more important studies in these Journals, so they might be made available for study by our members. Many valuable studies appear in local Journals years before they get into the main stream of archaeological literature and thinking - as witness our tremendous Alabama Paleo industry. Pete suggests these Societies might also like to receive our Newsletter. Maybe they would reciprocate.

Bernard W. Powell, Ed., Bulletin of the Arch. Soc. of Conn., Thistle Rd., Norwalk, Conn.

E. Mott Davis, Ed., Texas Arch. Soc., Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Texas,

Omer C. Stewart, Ex. Sec., Colorado Arch. Soc., Hellems 3-E, Univ. of Colorado, Boulder, Colo.

Miss Elizabeth Richardson, Librarian, Univ. of Colorado,

Boulder, Colo.

Austin 12, Texas

Charles H. Fairbanks, Ed., Florida Anthropologist, Dept. of Anthropology and Arch., Fla. State Univ., Tallahassee, Fla.

Col. Robert P. Carroll, Ed., Bulletin of the Arch. Soc. of Va., Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va.

Dr. Robert E. Bell, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

Mrs. Ella Robinson, Librarian, Southwest Museum, Highland Park,

Los Angeles 42, Calif.

T. M. N. Lewis, Sec.-Treas., Tenn. Arch. Soc., Dept. of Anthropology,

6 Hester Hall, Univ. of Tenn., Knoxville, Tenn.
Missouri Arch. Soc., 15 Switzler Hall, Univ. of Hissouri, Columbia, Mo.
Joffre L. Coe, Ex. Sec., Arch. Soc. of N. C., Box 561, Chapel Hill, N.C.
James H. Gunnerson, Ed., Utah Archaeology, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Utah,

Salt Lake City, Utah

Dr. R. J. Ruppe, Ed., Journal of the Iowa Arch. Soc., 117 E. Willow St.,

Cherokee, Iowa

A. D. Frankforter, Northwest Chap. Iowa Arch. Soc., 117 E. Willow St.,

Wesley R. Hurt, State Univ. of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota William S. Fowler, Ed., Bulletin of the Mass. Arch. Soc., Bronson Museum,

MUSCLE SHOALS CHAPTER NEWS Clarence F. Smith

At the March 28 meeting, Student Lodge, Florence State College, due to conflicting working hours our Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Gooch, resigned from this office. Adrian A. Wilson, Jr., volunteered for the office and was unanimously accepted. Stanford E. Smith gave a talk on the ANCIENT MOUNDS AND EARTHWORKS at Marietta Ohio, illustrating his talk with pictures of the mounds and earthworks showing size and construction - as well as the wanton destruction by the white man. This was followed by a general discussion of artifacts of various types and the law, rules and regulations pertaining to them.

MORGAN-LIMES TONE CHAPTER NEWS

Last month Pete Knudsen sent us an invitation which we were very sorry was much too late to make the Newsletter. The North Alabama-Mississippi Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers had invited us to join with them in sponsoring an address by Dr. Maynard Miller of Columbia University, March 25.

The subject was MAN, GLACIERS, AND CLIMATE. Dr. Miller is a Research Associate of the Dept. of Geology at Columbia Univ., and Executive Director of the Foundation for Glacier Research. His talk concerned the changing world of the Pleistocene Ice Age - in which we still live! The shifting climate of man's historical period was to be outlined and analyzed in the light of recent geophysical findings.

This would indeed have been, as Pete said, a unique opportunity to hear an outstanding expert in a field of great interest to all archaeologists. And in view of the many theories we have heard in the past, it would be most interesting to hear what new light the Geophysical Year has shed upon the causes, distribution, time periods, etc., of the Ice Age. If Dr. Miller had a paper, we wonder if it wouldn't be advisable to print it in the Journal.

BIRIINGHAM ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY NEWS

At our April 1st meeting there was a further discussion of the need for some practical changes to be made in our Constitution, which our President, Dr. Gessman, had submitted to a very capable study; and the need of a Second Vice-President now that our President resides in Talladega and distance imposes certain restrictions. We elected unanimously W. G. "Bill" McLoughlin, a recent member but highly recommended by Britt Thompson. Our able and interesting speaker for the evening was Reverend Dr. R. Dale LeCount. His subject was of such worth that we comment on it at some length in the following "Archaeology of Religion".

Unless someone can get us a good speaker, our May meeting will be devoted to a PANEL DISCUSSION. That is to say, a panel of "experts" will try to answer and elaborate upon questions, classify artifacts, and so on. And the audience will be invited to assist over the high spots! This is our first try at this and should provoke a number of things - probably including amusement and a generally good time by all.

Elizabeth Cline hopes to get us a speaker on COMPARATIVE RELIGIONS from Howard College for our July meeting. This subject is, as ever, a pressing problem if the human family is to understand and get along amiably with itself. It is indeed a shame that our efforts to reach for the highest, each in his own way, have contributed to some of our worst dissensions. This should be both interesting and rewarding.

THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF RELIGION

Reverend Dr. R. Dale LeCount, an able and interesting speaker, discussed the language of the Bible at the April meeting of the Birmingham Anthropological Society. He gave many examples of words showing how meanings and concepts had changed in translation from the Latin, which in turn had changed in translation from the Greek. Our word "soul", for example, is an Anglo-Saxon word improperly used as an equivalent of the Greek "pneuma" or "breath" - the thing which "escaped" from the body at death. "Soul" is a much later word and is not Biblical. Dr. LeCount insisted that in order to understand the Bible one must go back to beginnings, original concepts.

We were in most hearty agreement, but sorry Dr. LeCount did not pursue his theme further and really go back to originals - the Hebrew text of the Old Testament and Aramaic speech of Jesus' time.

The differences between Greek, Latin and English, though great enough to cause disturbing misconceptions, are minor compared to the linguistic barrier between Greek and the Hebrew from which it was translated. Greek, Latin and English belong to the Western division of the Indo-European or Aryan languages, and fundamentally "think alike". And our modern civilization largely grew out of the Renaissance re-discovery of the Greek and Latin classics, further allying our languages and ways of thinking. But Hebrew is an entirely different root language, with words, concepts, traditions and grammatical structures often untranslatable in precise Aryan terms.

Christianity of course had to make its early way in a Greek-speaking, Greek-thinking world. It had to be Hellenized - rationalized to conform to the complicated metaphysical Greek "philosophies". A Jewish "faith" became a Greek pseudoscience. Though acrimonius centuries were required to substitute theological rules and rituals for the "spirit" of religion.

The classic study in this field is the seven-volume "History of Dogma" by Adolph Harnack, a mighty figure in church history, great churchman, scholar and professor, from 1902 to 1912 president of the Evangelical Congress. In the one-volume authorized condensation (1957 edition) Philip Rieff remarks in the introduction that this "great work....belongs in the select library of grand, sad case histories that argue decline and fall. The decline which Harnack narrates is of the Christian faith; the putative cause, that transformation of Gospel Christianity by Greek philosophy which hardened....into dogma". Thus tragic was the impact of the Greek upon originally Hebraic Christianity.

If this seems pessimistic, recall our "Christian" history - the burning of "witches" and "heretics", the unspeakable inquisitions, the mad crusades, the tragic ascetivisms and denial of life, religious wars, sectarian hatred and bloodshed, book burning (including the great Mayan documents), opposition to science, and the forms and rituals still so often substituted for the spirit of religion. These nurtured the thousand-year blight which historians call the "Dark Ages", and church historians "the tragic failure of Christianity to live up to its promise".

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EDUCATIONAL T.V.

Tuesdays, 8:30 P.M.

May 3 - E. O. Dahlen, Geologist Arthur Dunning, Geologist

"Indian Uses of Alabama Rocks and Minerals"

May 10 - Dr. Walter B. Jones, State Geologist

"Indian Burials"

May 17 - Dr. Charles Askey, Research Physicist

"History of Tools"

May 24 - Dan Josselyn, Author

EMILE DAHLEN GAVE A PAPER BEFORE THE ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCES on The Amateur Minerologist in Alabama, and brought back an interesting report. There has been considerable discussion of the advisability of separating the Section on Geology and Anthropology of the Academy into two Sections. The great majority of the opinion is in favor of establishing a separate Section on Anthropology. This would be to the distinct advantage of Alabama archaeology, and we should get behind it. We can be most effective as members, and gain much through cooperation. By all means join - dues are only \$3.00 a year. We'll have more details next month.

DAVE DeJARNETTE ALSO GAVE A PAPER on Recent Archaeological Excavation in Alabama before the Academy. The fact that we now have professional archaeology in Ala. is further reason why we need and can support a separate Section of Anthropology. We'll keep this question alive and inform you further.