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We hear there was much talk about all this at the annual meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation in Williamsburg, with considerable exclamatory comment such as "How the H- does Alabama do it when states like New York can hardly raise enough to print their bulletin?"

We are frequently told that Alabama is last in this and that. It is good that we have given Alabama at least one first, first in archaeological education. For that, New Yorkers, is our secret. Those who can understand the tragically neglected possibilities of archaeology want to help. And there are many people smart enough to understand - if we tell them. Don't sell the people short! The fault is ours for not telling the amazing, glamorous, positively fascinating story of the immense past of mankind buried beneath our feet. When Ancient Greece was an infant, Alabama was old, with many cultural epochs come and gone. What person of intelligence wouldn't want to investigate a past like this?

Immediately following the ESAF meeting we received a letter from Dr. Phillip Phillips, Curator of Southeastern Archaeology, Peabody Museum, Harvard University, asking for our publications. Shortly thereafter we received another Tetter from Dr. Stephen Williams, Department of Anthropology, Harvard University, who abstracts articles from southeastern publications for AMERICAN ANTIQUITY'S new NEW WORLD ABSTRACTS. He said it "is really an oversight" that the great Harvard Library did not have our publications, since it is "one of the 3 most complete in the country, in company with the Library of Congress and the New York Public Library".

This is the kind of interest our "Alabama Story" is exciting - right up at the top! Obviously, it is a story every Alabamian should know, and boast about - and support! Let's tell it! Let's brag it! Let's sell it! We don't have to ask for money - we only have to promote understanding. And be sure that people understand the U.S. Government itself says donations to this great and worthy cause shall be tax-deductible! For the benefit

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of those who may not yet have filled their contribution "quota" for their 1961 income tax return, we again repeat that the month of December is your last chance to "reduce" your tax payment. Simply make checks payable to:

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HONOR ROLL FOR 1962

And we received some letters along with donations this month. This we like! Dollars are only reflections of the good things in people - the things which give life and vitality and readability to our Newsletter. We like to be able to report on the donors behind the dollars.

Mrs. Francis C. Smith, 717 Woodward Way, NW, Atlanta 5, Ga., writes: "I just received an unexpected check from ANTIQUES JOURNAL in payment for a little article of mine about the Bellamy Mansion in Wilmington, N.C., and I immediately thought of THE FUND and I am sending the money on to you to help finance the next summer's work." Isn't that unusual and cute as can be? It is our first "royalty check". We don't wonder that Margaret is selling to the mags, after enjoying her writings in our own publications and the TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGIST. She makes archaeology such an exciting personal adventure, and reports it as humanly as if she were writing a letter to a friend even though making contributions to archaeological science. We haven't all learned to do that, but it does remind us that we may have other ways to raise money.

Richard D. Radford, 3510 Alston Ave., Durham, N.C. (formerly of Decatur) sent in a donation, via Secy. Schaefer, for "Next year's dig" - that refrain we all love to hear!! Who'd have dreamed - who'd have dared dream - that we could finance a test trench, then a 12-weeks dig, and then just take "next year's dig" in our stride? (Personally, we are trying not to simply "bust" with pride.) Dick Radford's many friends will be glad to know he hasn't forgotten us, and remember the good work he did in the Society back in the days of difficult beginning.

C. P. Scarborough, 2313 Adams St., Anniston, Ala., asks us to "Please accept" his fine donation. Isn't that nice? We just can't get over the wonderful way, the fine spirit, in which people donate! As if it were a privilege to have a part in adding to man's slender, precious store of knowledge! Well, we think so, too. However, we join the entire nation in being surprised to learn that there are so many people capable of this high-minded concept. Mr. Scarborough closes his good letter by complimenting our Newsletter, for which he thanks us "very much", and saying he watches "the STONES & BONES TV shows every Monday night - they are wonderful". We must remark that it is wonderful to have readers, and viewers, and donors, like Mr. Scarborough.

WE CALL YOUR ATTENTION to the fact that Mr. Scarborough is a newcomer to our HONOR ROLL. He is a new convert who has discovered that we have a big, wonderful job to do - and wants to help. Let this remind us that we can get more help this year. We reached few people last year, but our small sampling showed that an unexpected percentage of people have the intelligence to recognize a great opportunity. How shall we reach more of these people who want to help? Shall we resolve to tell our story - a story which is even bigger this year - to at least ten people, and write letters to at least ten people? Our sampling shows that we might each get five donors - multiplied by 332 members....!!!!

And don't forget other states - who donated 44% of our 1961 fund. Mrs. Smith's donation adds Georgia to Illinois, North Carolina and Alabama for 1962. Shall we shoot for 30 states donating this year? And how about some "international" member writing to a foreign friend, adding another country to our boast? We were just practicing last year. This year we can really amaze the nation - if YOU will tell our story! That is "how the H-" Alabama will do it.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

1961 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: As a final reminder, the date is Saturday, December 9th, and the place is the Birmingham Museum of Art, which is located on the corner of 20th Street and 8th Avenue North, across 20th Street from the City Auditorium. The program follows:

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M. - Registration and a chance to see the special artifacts to be presented by each Alabama chapter on its own separate display table.

1:30 to 2:00 P.M. - Brief business meeting, Chapter reports, election of officers.

2:00 P.M. - Formal program:

1. Welcome by Hon. Arthur J. Hanes, Mayor of Birmingham

Prof. David L. DeJarnette, "Stanfield-Worley Dig" - Wonderful color slides; date information; latest analyses

James H. McCary III, "Next Year's Plans"

4. Coffee Break

5. (The identity of the final speaker, as well as his subject, are not available at the time the Newsletter is going to press, which is regretted.)

STONES & BONES E.T.V. PROGRAM: The schedule for the month of December is as follows: December 4th, not available at time of publication December 11th, Mr. Arthur Dunning, Curator of Minerals at Birmingham-Southern College, will discuss and show some of "The Lithic Materials of the Indians" December 18th, Mr. William Jenkins, Principal of the Decatur (Ala.) High School, will present some fascinating state history in a talk on "Old Forts in Alabama" Christmas and New Years will be a vacation time for the program, but please plan to join us again commencing on January 8th for some exciting programs during the New Year.

Dan Josselyn's many friends will be pleased to know that he has been elected a FELLOW of the Instituto Interamericano, Dr. Carl B. Compton, Director. The honor is for having "rendered a great service to archaeology", to quote Dr. Compton. Glancing down the list of Fellows, we noted such names as Dr. H. M. Wormington, Dr. T. M. N. Lewis, Dr. Alex D. Krieger, Dr. George F. Carter, Dr. Ernst Antevs, Dr. E. Mott Davis, Dr. Robert E. Bell. Among the notable amateurs we found two of our own non-resident members, Sigfus Olafson and Leon J. Salter. And there is another Alabama Fellow, Miss Emma Lila Fundaburk, who made such a notable contribution with her SUN CIRCLES AND HUMAN HANDS, which she published herself at great expense.

Dan's contribution was, of course, as editor of our Newsletter during our Stanfield Worley project. And Dan says he feels that he only shares this honor along with the many wonderful people who made this project an unparalleled success, and who gave him so many good things to write about in the Newsletter. And he thanks them all for the privilege of hanging the "diploma", complete with gold seal and blue ribbon, on his wall as

a constant reminder of THE PEOPLE FOR ARCHAEOLOGY.

Dave DeJarnette, in spite of his very recent operation, "did us proud" at the ESAF anmual meeting in Williamsburg, Va. Elizabeth (Mrs. Dave) acted as chauffeur, and they made the trip in easy stages - 3 days up and 2 days back. We can judge the impression Dave made from a letter he received from Sigfus Olafson, Vice President of the ESAF, saying in part "I imagine the Stanfield-Worley site is perhaps the most revealing site yet found in eastern North America."

Dave writes us "I had an opportunity to talk to some of the state people, and they seemed overwhelmed with the spirit of co-operation between the amateurs and the professionals in Alabama. I think that this has been the real highlight of the work we have been doing, regardless of the importance from the archaeological angle." There is, indeed, no prospect of ever having enough professionals to do a proper archaeological job alone. Only by funnelling the immense amateur interest and enthusiasm through archaeological know-how can we ever hope to solve the big problem of archaeology. We know all will agree that Dave has done notable pioneer work in showing the nation how successful

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this professional-amateur cooperation can be. Other Newsletters please note: And we

think you will get some contributions from Alabama when you follow suit.

Dave also plans to attend the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Macon, Ga., November 30th through December 2nd. We hope that many of our members can attend this notable annual event.

THE BIRMINGHAM ART ASSOCIATION and the BIRMINGHAM ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY held a joint meeting on November 6th at the Birmingham Art Museum. The guest speaker, M. Maxime Vitu, (featured on our Stones & Bones ETV Program November 6th) of Miami, Southeastern Representative of the French Tourist Agency, wove a delightful tapestry of the Perigord area in France, beautifully interlaced with excellent slides of "Cro-Magnon Lascaux Cave Art". The museum foyer was tastefully decorated with American and French flags on the refreshment table which was dominated by an Eiffel Tower (through the graces of Mrs. Horace Hammond and the ladies of the Art Association). The meeting was augmented by a group of students from the University of Alabama French classes. Well over 300 persons had a pleasure filled evening. Mr. William R. Lathrop Jr., French Consul for Alabama, and Mrs. Lathrop, were the gracious host and hostess for M. Vitu's Birmingham stay. We may be sure that M. Vitu will sing the praises of Birmingham to prospective city visitors.

Mr. & Mrs. U. G. Roberts Jr., 5201 Garth Road, SE, Huntsville, Ala., we proudly announce, give us our first Joint Life Membership! It is of interest to note what seems to have "sold" them - and there may be a moral in it. They were overwhelmed by Jack Cambron's identification of their "insignificant" collection, to learn that everything they had picked up means something! And our 1960 Journal impressed them that here was a way to learn how to do things the right way. One of our amateur problems has been that the right start has not been available. We have reached the point where we can give that right start to beginners - and to make it so much more pleasant as well as productive.

Your associate editors, Bea & Milt Harris, en route to Florida, stopped by Eufaula to look in on Ed Kurjack's "dig" - the basis for his Master's thesis. Missed Ed (who was substituting for Dave) but met up with some mighty nice people. Renewed acquaintance with T. C. Cole and Sol Bloom (Liberty National folks), and through them, met Mr. & Mrs. Hank Conners, who were ready to drop everything and show us the entire section where the salvage archaeology is in progress. However, Mrs. Lee Clayton interrupted her morning sewing to take us around.

The Conners and Mrs. Clayton seemed most enthusiastic about archaeology, and the kind of people we'd be lucky to have in the Society. In fact, we wonder if there isn't a good nucleus for a Chapter in Eufaula, and shall send some sample copies of our Newsletter to let them know "what we are all about". And thanks for the very kind and inter-

ested reception!

(Just learned from Dave DeJarnette that we weren't first in the discovery of Eufaula hospitality, but we'll be first to agree with him that Mrs. Conners is no less the complete picture of charm and hospitality than the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel "To Kill A Mockingbird" written by her sister, Harper Lee.)

This month we welcome as new State Society Members: OUR RANKS CONTINUE TO SWELL!

Mr. Elbert A. Baker, Box 305, Owens Cross Roads, Ala.

Mr. W. L. Crump, 1404 Monte Sano Blvd., Huntsville, Ala. Decatur Public Library, 207 Church St., Decatur, Ala.

Dr. & Mrs. R. O. Harris III, ll Wisteria St., Mobile, Ala.

Mr. & Mrs. A. B. Harrison, 3107 Colbert, Sheffield, Ala.

Mr. & Mrs. J. D. McSpadden, 2641 Crest Road, Birmingham, Ala. Mr. & Mrs. U. G. Roberts Jr., 5201 Garth Road, SE, Huntsville, Ala.

Mr. F. J. Schnefberger, 5716 Paula Drive, Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. J. C. Smallwood, 3050 Jane St., Mobile, Ala. Mr. Bobby Turner, 3917 Cypress Ave., Huntsville, Ala. Town Creek Indian Mound, State Historic Site, Mount Gilead, North Carolina Dr. Stephen Williams, Dept. of Anthropology, Harvard Univ., Cambridge 38, Mass. MISSING PERSONS FOUND: Mr. A. R. Bray, new address 1014 Walnut St., Coshocton, Ohio, in writes: "It was nice of you to write me in regard to my copy of the Newsletter which was creturned to you. I had left a forwarding address.... but was just thinking this week that I had not received the last copy of STONES & BONES.

I got some news from the Birmingham News on the Stanfield-Worley Shelter dig and I took this article to our last meeting (Ohio Archaeological Society) and it served as our program. We are surely anxious to know more about the success of the dig. " (We have just received a communication from Secy. Schaefer saying that "THE OLD

SARGE", Arthur George Smith, of the Ohio Society, forwarded Mr. Bray's new address. Thanks, Sarge, for this unusual assistance - and it confirms our opinion that you know "what goes" in archaeology.)

James Floyd Anderson, new address Route 2, Ashville, Ala., writes that he left instructions at the Postoffice, guaranteeing postage on any publications forwarded, adds he is "very much interested in the Stanfield-Worley excavation", and appreciates our reserving the October-November (Big Dig) issue for him.

Dr. Albert Gessman, who is now with the Univ. of South Florida, in Tampa, (personal address 10905 N. 19th St., Tampa 12, Fla.) tells us he left his new address with a couple of folks here. (Looks like our best friends won't tell us!)

We listed these folks under "BAD ADDRESSES" in previous newsletters, but got no help. We finally broke down and wrote first class letters. (Newsletter class is not forwarded.) The Postoffice is glad to supply "Change of Address" cards. These are good examples of how we might lose good members we don't want to lose, and who don't want to lose us. Please help us not to lose you!

NEW ADDRESS: A. W. Bulger, P. O. Box 215, Prattville, Ala. on

BAD ADDRESSES: (Can't someone help on these?)

H. G. Clark, formerly 2016 Wawa Ave., Durham, N.C. in Kenneth R. Dennis, RD 2, USS Bradford, c/o Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif. James E. Proctor, formerly 1106 Wallace Ave., Opelika, Ala.

STANFIELD-WORLEY DIG PAID IN FULL

William M. "Bill" Spencer, doing double duty as our attorney and as Treasurer for our fund-raising arm, The Archaeological Research Association of Ala., Inc., informs us that upon receipt of a voucher from Mr. Luther C. Callahan, Comptroller, Univ. of Ala., "We are pleased" to send a check "payable to the University for the sum of \$6,800.00".

And Mr. Spencer certainly expresses the sentiments of all of us in writing Mr. Callahan that we "are greatly pleased with the results of the excavation accomplished during the last summer and hope that similar arrangements can be made....for further archaeological excavations in the state of Alabama". Copies of Mr. Spencer's letter were also sent to Dr. Charles D. McGlamery and Dr. Alex S. Pow.

Our thanks to the University for the fine cooperation, and to Bill Spencer for the many fine services requiring legal training, and for the very splendid work he has done

toward making our Birmingham Museum of Art so outstanding.

CHAPTER NEWS

The Birmingham Anthropological Society meets on the first Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. The program for the next meeting will center around displays of material from the Rye Site in Lamar County, and the Mahan Creek Site in Bibb County.

The East Alabama Chapter meets the first Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Room 110, AF Auburn University. At the November meeting, Mr. J. D. McClung discussed Mexico as to land, archaeology, etc., using slides and artifacts to illustrate his talk. The East Ala-A' bama Chapter will work with Dr. Harry Amling in his job as American and World News Editor of the Newsletter.

contained in a burial, his tastes, social standing, family life, occupation, by artifacts present in the grave. Also in this issue is Soviet Archaeological Expeditions in 1961 by Nikolai Merpert. This discusses what has been done to illuminate the basic problems of the history of the peoples of the U.S.S.R. from the time man first made his appearance in the vast territory of the Soviet Union to the late Middle Ages. --- Chris Johnson.

AMERICAN JOURNAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY, Vol. 65 (4), Oct. 1960. Uncovering the History of the Roof of the World, by V. Ranov and M. Bubnova. A stone age camp in the Eastern Pamirs of U.S.S.R. A cold and windswept desert between giant mountain ranges at more than 4,000 meters above sea level in Central Asia was one of the many sites excavated during the summers of 1959 and 1960. A study of the implements collected made it possible to establish that the camp existed in the 8th to the 5th millenium B.C. A more specific date is expected when Cl4 determinations are completed at the Leningrad Laboratory of the Institute of Archaeology of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences. Archaeologists concluded, after finding the ash in the camp fire sites to be particularly of wood origin, that a milder climate existed at the time the site was occupied. Today, one never sees a tree in this area. Excavations also indicated that the first inhabitants of the Eastern Pamirs came from the east and were closely connected with the early neolithic tribes of Middle China, as well as the Altai, the Trans-Baikal area and Mongolia. —— H. J. Amling.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - (Why don't you write one?)

Bill Ballard, Delta College, University Center, Mich., writes: "I have just received and read, and re-read, and am now trying to digest all that was written about the Stanfield-Worley dig! Outstanding, wonderful, exciting - what Hollywood adjectives are apropos to describe such?...I'm in the process of getting involved with the Saginaw Valley Chapter of the Michigan Archaeological Society. I missed the fine people one finds in this field of science." And Bill wants to know how our Auburn Chapter and our STONES & BONES TV show (both of which Bill fathered) are doing. Just fine, Bill, and your old TV show is getting into the national news and even a school history book! Glad to know our loss will be Michigan's gain. (His personal address is 704 E. Meadowbrook, Midland, Mich.)

Doris (Mrs. Jack) Cambron writes that "we had not planned to go to Williamsburg, but after a couple of phone calls from Bob Work on Thursday, Jack decided we would go. We flew to Durham and rode on to Williamsburg with Bob and Ann Work. It was such a nice trip" - and thanks were graciously expressed to those who made the trip possible. And Doris says "We heard so many nice comments about the work being done in Alabama." (We move a vote of thanks to Bob Work for those phone calls. What with the Works and the Cambrons, we feel that the amateurs at their best were represented.)

ARCHAEOLOGICAL CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS

In event you are at a loss to find that wanted gift for an archaeological friend or relative, we are listing some books, with names of authors and publishers, which may help:

GODS, GRAVES & SCHOLARS, C. W. Ceram, Knopf

TRIBES THAT SLUMBER, Lewis & Kneberg, University of Tennessee Press

SUN CIRCLES & HUMAN HANDS, Fundaburk & Foreman, address Luverne, Ala.

THE MIDLAND DISCOVERY, Wendorf et al, University of Texas Press

ARCHAEOLOGY OF EASTERN U.S., James B. Griffin, University of Chicago Press

ANCIENT MAN IN NORTH AMERICA, H.M. Wormington, Denver Museum of Natural History, Colo.

INDIANS OF SOUTHEASTERN U.S., John R. Swanton, Supt. of Documents, Washington, D.C.

INDIAN TRIBES OF AMERICA, John R. Swanton, Supt. of Documents, Washington, D.C.

MAN THE TOOL-MAKER, Kenneth P. Oakley, University of Chicago Press

FINALE

Make your plans to be at the Annual Meeting on December 9th! Bear in mind there is ample room for your name on the 1962 Donors List! And a MERRY CHRISTMAS to you all!!!

(Educational Page)

CARE, MARKING AND CATALOGUING OF ARTIFACTS by James W. Cambron

Care, marking and cataloguing of artifacts from a site may be accomplished by the following simple and efficient method.

Each site is assigned a site number and, if you wish, a name. The numbers may run from one to infinity as the sites are located. The site number and location, along with the discovery date, may be recorded in a $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " looseleaf notebook. If possible, the site should be marked on a map. All artifacts from a site, for each trip to the site, should be placed in a paper bag and the site number and date recorded on the bags. All whole and broken artifacts, except very fragile examples, should be washed with a plastic vegetable brush in soapy water, and then allowed to dry before replacing in the sacks to await numbering.

A tentative classification should be made on a sorting table before numbering, such as points, knives, potsherds, etc. Then the artifacts may be laid out in rows on a table. It may be desirable to further classify artifacts at this time, such as whole points first and then broken points; however, this isn't necessary.

Your numbering equipment may consist of a stock pen, points (such as Esterbrook #357 which will number about 150 artifacts before wearing out), black and white India ink, and lacquer (with 4 parts thinner added). It is better to write with the back of the pen point.

The artifacts may now each be marked with the site number, with the number of the artifact (from one to infinity) under the site number. Then the initials of the owner is placed under each piece number.

Example: 1 (this would be the site number)

12 (the 12th piece numbered)
(the owner's initials)

When the ink is dry, the marking should be lacquered with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " camel hair brush.

In the notebook, on the page following the site location, the artifacts may be recorded. The site number and name should head each page. The first line should record the date the artifacts were collected. You may now list the numbered artifacts - for example: 1 - 12 points (9 - 12 broken). The next line may be used for knives, etc. At the end of the artifact list from this trip, draw a line across the page. Later the date and artifact list from the next trip may be added to the site records.

Finally, the artifacts should be stored by sites. Cigar boxes are very useful for storage. Try billiard parlors and drug stores as a source of cigar boxes.

Your artifacts are now valuable to the science of archaeology. A statewide survey of sites and artifacts is now under way. If you wish your artifacts to be included in this survey, contact your Chapter survey representative or your Newsletter editors. You can make a real contribution to archaeology by keeping proper records. By not marking and recording your finds, you can destroy valuable information forever.

THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Objectives of the Society: "To promote the study of archaeology of Alabama and of neighboring states; to encourage careful scientific archaeological research and excavation; to discourage careless digging without records; to promote the conservation of important archaeological sites and to favor the passage of laws proscribing such; to oppose the manufacture and sale of fraudulent antiquities; to encourage the establishment of local archaeological knowledge by means of publications and meetings; to develop a better understanding of the archaeology of the state by making systematic surface surveys and collections, and to serve as a bond between individual archaeologists in the state, both non-professional and professional."

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 ARCHAE-OLOGY, devoted to articles on the archaeology of Alabama and neighboring states, and also receive the STONES AND BONES NEWSLETTER, published monthly, containing news of members and their activities, also state, national and worldwide events of archaeological importance.

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