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"Dear Mr. Josselyn:

...it certainly sounds like we may have discovered something here in our home state which will be of extreme archaeological value.

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Thanks very much for writing me and for attaching some material , which I found extremely interesting."

(Signed)

Sincerely,  
JACK D. McSPADDEN  
Executive Vice President

In our last issue we gave the lead to a letter from Dr. James B. Griffin, Univ. of Michigan, specifying the exact contribution our shelter excavation will make, and stressing the need and importance. In this issue we point the modus operandi, the way to get it financed, and stress the equal need and importance - for it has been just as scarce as Early Man excavations! And in this we are pioneering too - no less, and no less importantly. We must try to know what we are doing, and blaze a clear trail which wke can retrace, and others ckan follow.

We know that our Early Man sitle is there waiting for us. We are rkapidly learning that there is also a potential community response...if we make known our situation. We have been selling the American Way short... because wke haven't been selling archakeology!

We use the above ~~et~~ letter from Mr. McSpadden as an example of response because it was

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ctually a letter thanking us for thanking him for the fine Liberty National donation! Just how nice can folks be? And how often do we find people hoping to "be playing a part" in future soliciting operations?

Surely such reactions can come only from genuine interest. And we have the growing feeling that this in a generous measure reflects the general interest, and that it will increase rather than diminish as we make our story known and begin to get results from our explorations.

"Dear Mr. Hullender:

Thank you for the nice letter of March 4th describing the work to be done on the cliff shelter in Colbert County. I am enclosing two donations to help in this project...."

Sincerely yours,  
(Signed) ROBERT M. CLECKLER  
President,  
First National Bank of Childersburg

This is a reply to a single letter! And Mr. Cleckler enclosed a donation from himself, and a donation from his bank. Responsible members of the community are prepared to invest in science. Look at the backlog of Southern Research...but who has even known that Alabama has such important, neglected, archaeology? We've found Paleoc...now let us discover people...and get them together!

"I've been an archaeologist for years - of the 'armchair school'. Now, at long last, I can participate....I plan to send another (check) at this time each month until the amount necessary for the twelve-week excavation has been raised."

(Signed) JEANETTE BEAN  
Birmingham Public Library

Martin Hullender told us Miss Bean read archaeology, might be a prospective member, send a newsletter sample - that is all. With this charming, generous, enthusiastic result! And her letter said she wanted to join our Society - she seemed delighted to discover us. There must be a lot of people who would be delighted to discover "the wonderful world of archaeology" right here on our humdrum doorstep! Here is adventure that people think is no nearer than Egypt, or at least Yucatan. Miss Bean says our sample Newsletter "was some of the most exciting reading I've had in goodness-knows-how-long". But it isn't the writing - we just have the real thing to write about!

"I am sure that with everyone's interest and enthusiasm behind the drive, the full amount can be raised for a complete job on the rock shelter this summer.

Dr. Griffin says he is keeping up with developments through you and Prof. DeJarnette."

(Signed) HEARD FLOYD  
University of Michigan

Mr. Floyd sends this confident, encouraging letter and his customary bountiful donation - despite being back in school for a post-graduate course! And this is a fine example of

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what we can do to our own members...including ourselves! We can strengthen and revivify our own interests - without which life is hardly worth the toss. Let us not forget ourselves! and our organization. Personally, this last year has meant more to us than the previous quarter of a century we put into amateur archaeology. But it does leave us still a bit envious of Mr. Floyd's opportunity to know Dr. Griffin!

"Am enclosing a check for Worley site. Hollis and I will send more as we can.

We plan to see you soon as we have the same feeling of success that you have in the outcome of this work and finding Ole Paleo Man himself."

(Signed) ROSEMARY PARRISH  
HOLLIS B. PARRISH, JR., Attorney

Here is another example of what we can do for our own interests - we have been missing Mr. and Mrs. Parrish at our Birmingham meetings. We haven't been keeping their interest sufficiently alive! They are keen for archaeology - but not piddling around.

"I got a kind of semi-chain letter from Matt Lively and am enclosing my check...Have forwarded the letter on..."

(Signed) J. E. WARD,  
Birmingham, Michigan

We had to leave Mr. Ward's amazing letter until last - because Matt steals the show again! That amazing fellow! And isn't this a slick trick???? If Matt had only organized the campaign, and told us what to do, we'd have archaeology financed for a decade by now.  
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#### THE PAST HAS A FUTURE

That fact is reflected by the genuine interest awakened, and reawakened, by our very first Society project of major proportions. Dollars get used up, but interest grows. Our major concern must be this interest...this future. That is why we must put our project over with a big bang, bring home the bacon in a big way, make a big splash of publicity. Then, and only then, we can reach and excite an audience of major proportions. And from the samples of those we have reached, we know that there must be hosts of people looking for an absorbing, worthwhile interest. But they can't even find us! "Didn't know your Society existed!" they exclaim. Let's raise the bright flag of success!

"Read about archaeology for years - now a chance to participate", Miss Bean writes. Dozens of archaeological best-sellers...millions of people reading them...fairly drooling over the romantic stories...but exotic, remote, in the far deserts of the Middle East, the tombs of Egypt, the dark cenotes of Yucatan. Of course it is wonderful for them to discover that there is no more exciting riddle in the world than Early Man in America... and that we can hunt him right in our own back yards!

So let's heave-ho, and a bottle of rum, and dig the pieces of eight - and dig a cultural treasure that would make old Long John Silver ashamed of himself.

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"NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS"  
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DR. C. D. McGLAMERY, Head, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Alabama, has conferred upon the amateurs the very real distinction of an academic affiliation! We are to have a letterhead with a University address! The University, furthermore, is taking over the publication of our Journal, and assisting with the financing.

This is the first official academic interest shown in amateur archaeology in the history of Alabama! It is of stupendous importance. Alabama having no funds for archaeology, the University needs us. Lacking academic training, we need the University. We are on our way!

Would a do-nothing Society have been thus generously invited to share an academic relationship? And let us remember that it is a trust to be honored, and lived up to!

PROF. DAVID L. DeJARNETTE has added to this academic affiliation the affiliation of professional archaeology! He is forming another Chapter in the University area! He is making plans to organize such things as reservoir area surveys, and to take advantage of that 90% of cost the Govt. will bear for Federal Highway archaeology!

This professional-amateur coalition is also something new under the sun in Alabama - promising a bright new day for archaeology. Now we can indulge our interests and exert our strength to the full, and productively.

Folks, we are going places! We have given proof of worth. We are going to have our dig - and our cake too! How about a lapel button to boast that we belong to the Alabama Archaeological Society???

SO LET'S HELP JIM SPOTSWOOD TO SMEAR OUR NAME ALL OVER THE STATE WITH THE WHOLE DAMNED DIG - ALL TWELVE WEEKS! Heck, let's oversubscribe - we haven't figured a dime for incidentals.

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FUND DRIVE IDEAS

HAROLD KLEINE, lapidary (gem polisher, if that throws you), has a honey of an idea! He will sell hand-made, distinctive jewelry at cost to raise money for the dig, at our Birmingham April meeting. Talk about amateurs - we are even worse than that when it comes to raising funds! We need more inspired ideas such as this. DON'T MISS THE APRIL MEETING - your lady will want to step out in real hand-made jewelry - at cost.

ED MAHAN - now there's dedication for you! He went to the extreme of having a heart attack to steam us up to raise a fund for his donation! "Keep him happy", our cardiologist told our friends when we had our own attack. The emotional chemistries of happiness help prevent arterial constriction, high blood pressure, blood clots. A heck of a nice, friendly guy like Ed - ~~you~~ can't you just see him smile when he says, "My good friends raised my donation for me!" And Ed is like that - we've heard him appreciate his friends maybe a thousand times. "A wonderful idea", Christine Wimberly wrote, sending in her buck pronto. The same date, March second, but a day later arriving, Mrs. Jeff Powers, who first agitated to save Moundville, sent her buck with "I do hope Ed Mahan will soon be much stronger and can enjoy the 'dig' next summer." Bill Steele says, "I'm going to pass the hat for Ed" - in the B'ham Anthro. Soc. You can count on Ed's friends - real folks. And we can report to them that Ed ambles around now, with a pretty nurse in tow, so maybe his heart is out of danger - or is it!!!

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JACK CAMBRON SPECIAL

"Dr. James B. Griffin has asked me to secure a study collection of North Alabama point types for the University of Michigan Museum. I will appreciate your putting a notice in the Newsletter asking people who are interested in contributing examples to contact me." (211 7th Ave. N.W., Decatur, Ala.)

Jack's plea and plan are of extreme importance. Archaeology is not archaeology until we get it into the main stream of thinking - which Alabama has notoriously neglected to do! The Univ. of Michigan is an important archaeological center, Dr. Griffin one of the "greats", and his interest in helping with the study of our dig makes it very important for him to know our point types. We have no "North Alabama", Jack, but our Birmingham area material is at your disposal. We could run sketches of hard-to-get types in Newsletter

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WORLEY NUMBER TWO

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CHARLES H. WORLEY, of Dalton fame, reports another cliff shelter! 150 feet wide, 50 feet deep, his sketch showing an ideal type of overhang for habitation - less open than Worley No. 1. A projectile point and several potsherds were recovered from the surface, and there is one of the odd conical holes as at Worley No. 1. This is what we want - promising sites to test pit next summer and make another good discovery for the following summer - so the past WILL have a future. We hope Worley No. 2 will come in another gusher! And thanks!!!!

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DR. GESSMAN TO SPEAK ON COMMUNISM

DR. ALBERT M. GESSMAN, Past-Pres. of the B'ham Anthropological Soc., will speak on communism at our April 7 meeting. We extend an urgent invitation to other Chapters. Communism is a great force in the world today - yet hardly more than a word to most of us, a thing we can't grasp or understand. Dr. Gessman lived under communism in a captive country, was with the U. S. Intelligence Service four years doing research on strategic Eastern Europe, speaks most of the European languages and Russian, and is an amazingly versatile speaker. If you ever hope to peek behind the Iron Curtain and into the peculiar Russian mind, don't miss this unusual event of major importance.

(8:00 P.M. - Birmingham Public Library)

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MUSCLE SHOALS CHAPTER NEWS ..... C. F. Smith

Feb. 27th, 1961, Student Lodge, Florence State College. Meeting called to order by our new President, Adrian Wilson (this is a correction of last month's listing). We had a report on the meeting of State and Chapter officers at Cullman, by Adrian Wilson, and programs for the year were discussed and approved.

Cash and time contributions to the dig were discussed and will be sent in by individual members. After a general discussion of archaeology, and plans for the dig, we adjourned.

Reporting later: Al Beinlich, Bob Lacks, Adrian Wilson, Stanford E. and C. F. Smith volunteered to put the access road to the shelter in usable condition, which they did the following Saturday. So far we have been unable to get power service to the shelter, and probably will have to use a portable gasoline-driven type generator.

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New Members:

W. W. WATKINS, JR. .... 3378 Hermitage Rd. .... Birmingham 13, Ala.  
 MISS EVELYN WARE .... 909 Euclid Ave. .... Birmingham 13, Ala.  
 JOE G. HACKWORTH .... 800 Greenway .... Tusculmbia, Ala.  
 TOMMY S. RYE .... Hollywood Dr. .... Tusculmbia, Ala.  
 MISS JEANETTE BEAN .... 810 12th Ave., Fairfield Highlands .. Fairfield, Ala.  
 ROBERT O. ROSSBAU .... 1407 Cliermont Dr., S.E. .... Huntsville, Ala.  
 HAROLD C. GLENN .... 416 Ewing St. .... Huntsville, Ala.  
 MRS. MICKIE PLOWLEY .... 451 Simpson Dr. .... Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

Change Address:

PETE WICKHAM .... Box 4257 AG CAMPUS STATION, Univ. of Georgia .... Athens, Ga.  
 W. E. NEISLER .... Rt. 2, Box 388 .... Madison, Ala.

Newsletters Returned, appreciate corrected addresses:

JOHN MITCHELL .... WAS .... 601 7 Ave. S.W. .... Decatur, Ala.  
 OLIVER DOUGLAS ... " .... P. O. Box 241 .... Decatur, Ala.  
 DAN F. MORSE .... " .... Ogle's Trailer Court .... Huntsville, Ala.

JOHN D. GILBREATH and JAMES McCAIN changed to Family memberships.

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NOTES AND NEWS

DR. TOM LEWIS writes that he has only one contribution for the Spring issue of Tennessee Archaeologist. "This is the very interesting material which has been sent to us by

MRS. FRANCIS C. SMITH. She has become very enthusiastic over the existing pictoglyphs and sculptures of Georgia and will probably run down all of them before she finishes." (A fine contribution which no one else has taken the trouble to make all these hundreds of years! Watch the TA for this. And let's all remember it just ain't archaeology until it is published!)

DR. A. G. LONG, JR., "did the photography and it was excellent," Dr. Lewis also writes. (Autumn issue, TA.) Coming from Lewis, famous for his own photography, we can't add a bit with our own agreement.

BARBARA CRAIG, now a senior in high school, has won the distinction of having her history term paper published by the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History!!! It is a good, expensive publication, well bound, with a cover in color, beautifully illustrated. An old pro writer thinks it is well written and well constructed. The theme is the great story of "The Wright Brothers and their Development of the Airplane." The Craig's many friends know that such nice things couldn't happen to nicer people!

CHIC CRAIG hopes to dig with us some this summer. We surely hope we can get to the dig while he is there.

MR. JAMES H. McCARY II took Jim Spotswood up to see the famous shelter. So we have us a good newspaperman for keeps now! We know -- we took one look at that outdoor cathedral and gave away a year of our dwindling time to act as executive secretary for the Society on this project!

JIM SPOTSWOOD went up particularly to get material for a Birmingham News story on H. J. Holland, the remarkable teacher we have refrained from writing up because Jim and the News will do it so much better.

MRS. J. H. McCARY II and MRS. JIM SPOTSWOOD went along, and from all accounts, everybody had a wonderful time. Not the least of our dig is bringing thoroughly nice people together!

MR. H. J. HOLLAND thoughtfully sent a sample Big Sandy I to Dr. Carl Miller, Smithsonian, who was not familiar with it. Good service! What we know isn't worth an unmarked artifact until we make it general knowledge.

JOHN P. KNUDSEN has volunteered to prepare the necessary abstracts from our Journal for the Eastern States Archaeological Federation annotated Bibliography, Editor Alfred K. Guthe. An exacting job and a fine service - important enough to be financed by the National Science Foundation! Now we'll rate, and our work will get around. Thanks to Dr. Bob Work for this news item.

DR. H. M. WORMINGTON'S "Ancient Man in North America" may not be revised again! This is no mere guide to Ancient Man, but also to sound archaeological thinking. Get your copy before "collectors' items" are sky high!

FLOYD ANDERSON writes in with his contribution that "It makes me feel very good to find that we are making progress....A few people have promised me small donations....Give my regards to archaeology and especially to Mr. Thompson, as I see him on 'Stones & Bones' every Tuesday night when time permits." And thank you Mr. Anderson for reminding us about Britt and his good program - we get to taking him for granted in spite of ourself!

A.J. POWERS, our good corresponding Sylacauga member, writes that Sylacauga is reviving its dreams of a Museum, and assembling the artifacts recovered at the destroyed Water Works site. Remember?

DR. BOB WORK heard from the artifacts he sent to the National Museum in Copenhagen. Curator Dr. Larsen wrote: "The collection arrived in very fine shape and with the meticulous information you gave us it is a very valuable supplement to our archaeological collections from North America. The mere fact that we exhibited it right away, and practically all of it, shows better than words how much we needed the material and believe me we appreciate your generosity." Bob says, "The Russians were equally generous in their appreciation, and...I believe that Alabama is the only state represented in the Moscow museum." (Shows the penetration of our projectile points - even the Iron Curtain.)

CHARLES V. BROSMER, the man with the finest hands we ever saw, presented us with a beautiful gavel of his own manufacture, following our talk in Guntersville, March 14. It is made of Chittam Wood (*Cotinus americanus* Nutt.), a lovely honey-gold color with a striking grain. We wondered why we were unfamiliar with it, but see that Sargent lists the only distribution in Alabama in Madison Co., near Huntsville. For a lover of fine woods it is a rarity and a pleasure to get a new species, beautifully turned. Thanks again to "the man with the hands".

JACK CAMBRON announces that the "square-based Dalton will be designated 'Colbert Dalton' by Kneberg since more examples were found at the Colbert Co. dig than any other site." (One point type we won't forget!)

Dr. CARL B. COMPTON'S Newsletter keeps you laughing and learning. National Bureau of Standards has revised the half-life of C 14, from 5568 to 5760. (In other words, in archaeology we are later than we think!) Robert Koch Inst., Berlin, announces blood type distribution linked to distribution of epidemic plague - ex., blood group O can't produce the anti-H antibody. In view of Boyd's diatribe, this will give physical anthropologists heap big chuckle. We can all chuckle over Compton's lament about poor immigrants in Pittsburgh throwing their dead in the river. He says sadly, "This sort of thing could foul up the archaeology of the area considerably..."!!! (Laugh and learn with Carl Compton, Instituto Interamericano, 5133 NT, Denton, Texas.)

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DOLLARS FOR DALTON

DR. JOHN B. NUCKOLLS, discoverer of the famous NUCKOLLS SITE, sends us a fine check from Jackson, Tenn., just as we close our script, March 17. More about Dr. Nuckolls and his site next month.

FRANCIS C. SMITH sends from Atlanta the third check from that family. Mrs. Francis C., besides doing so much else for archaeology, is apparently telling, and selling, our project story.

DICK HUMBARD stops by the house to report on his campaign, says we should have printed some informative soliciting material, but with his hands full of donations from:

<u>W. V. McCALEB</u>	709 Oakland Drive	Fairfield, Ala.
<u>D. H. BROADHEAD</u>	1208 Hueytown Road	Bessemer, Ala.
<u>B. C. CLIFTON</u>	620 Westfield Drive	Fairfield, Ala.
<u>J. N. McDANIEL</u>	116 Sterrett Court, Apt. 21	Homewood, Ala.
<u>ROLAND BOX</u>	1602 Madison Ave., S.W.	Birmingham, Ala.
<u>H. M. VANCE</u>	412 Cheri Lane	Birmingham 15, Ala.
<u>FRED CHENOWETH</u>	712 5th Ave. N.	Birmingham, Ala.

Welcome to our Dalton Roll of Honor, and be assured of the deep gratitude of archaeology, archaeologists, and all those interested in the promotion of scientific knowledge of the great human race. For the great authority on Early Man, Dr. H. M. Wormington, writes us: "The excavation of a stratified site such as this...will be of incomparable value." Mere dollars can get us that "incomparable value" of new knowledge, for all mankind, for all time.

If we don't buy that, we certainly have no right to our boasted "Homo Sapiens" - we'll have to drop the last four letters!