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* WE ARE GOING TO MAKE HISTORY *
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* ADD A NEW CHAPTER TO THE STORY OF MAN *
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* DIG ALL TWELVE WEEKS *
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Moundville Meeting!! see p.10

No, we haven't made our quota yet. But that is probably fortunate. Now we have several more months in which to promote public awareness..which, after all, is the basic need of archaeology. Already we have seen the repercussions of our promotional activities assume broader significance than the dig itself. And we are hardly begun in this new field. If we work at it a few more months, we shall have no trouble making our quota. In fact, President Britt Thompson is firm in the opinion that we should set our sights on oversubscription. Dave DeJarnette assures us that this site is so important that we can be assured of a lot of free services such as C-14 testing. But there remain many reasons why a thousand or so extra dollars would make a tremendous difference.

The decision to dig for the full twelve weeks could hardly be called new. It has been self-evident ever since we passed the half-way mark without too much difficulty. It would be, with that start and the implicit prospects of more, little short of suicidal to compromise on the first really good Dalton midden anywhere...the first good Early Man site in the East...the first complete stratified site in our area, with all the cultural periods represented, and all of them still having their own problems to decipher, such as the fiber-tempered pottery which is so well represented in our site...the first chance to get an unusually reliable C-14 date on Early Man in the East, what with our dry, rootless site and our Early Man midden separated from the classic Archaic above by a sterile zone...the first chance to get a comparative study of bone and charcoal at all cultural levels, such as Dr. Griffin wants to make for us...and perhaps the best chance anybody ever had to find the first thoroughly authenticated skeleton of Early Man in America!!!

So much for the dig itself; now let's look at some of the many repercussions. It would be equally suicidal to compromise for a half-dig when this offers the Alabama amateurs a chance to contribute more in one summer than in the previous quarter of a century, and to be a fine example and inspiration for amateurs everywhere...when this site has won the interest and support of important community leaders for the first time...inspired the press for the first time...won the amateurs their first academic and first professional affiliations...brought us nationwide, first-rank professional attention and commendation for the first time...witnessed the birth of three new Chapters and an influx of about 130 new members...given most of our members their first real lesson in archaeology, as opposed to the customary amateur destruction!!!

Naturally, since we have learned that people can be interested in financing archaeology, it would be foolish indeed to settle for half when this could well be the beginning of Alabama archaeology...and indeed might reach across America to promote an archaeological enaissance.

And, back to the dig itself again, we can't "chicken out" when top professionals say: "another Rosetta Stone", "of incomparable value", "an opportunity which should not be missed"!!!

AND INTEREST STILL GROWS - we are only well begun! Dr. Charles H. McNutt, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Tenn., gives us a fine "commercial" in the Feb. issue of the TAS Newsletter, including such authentication as "Careful plans for a methodic, scientific excavation have been made by the AAS, and Alabama is particularly fortunate in having a man of such professional competency as Dave DeJarnette to direct the excavations...We certainly wish them the very best of luck in their concerted and well-organized efforts to excavate what appears to be one of the most important sites in the southeastern U.S."

Miss Davis, editing the Arkansas Archaeological Society Newsletter in the absence of Dr. Bob McGimsey, gives us another fine plug on our fund drive in the March issue and says "we think they will get it".

Emile Dahlen, Pres. of the Alabama Mineral and Lapidary Soc. and Editor of their Newsletter, ran us a full-page commercial in the March issue.

Faye (Mrs. G. Donnell) Axford, who gave our fund the cute "Christmas present", arranged a meeting March 19 with Johnny and Jeanne Johnson of Channel 13 and Radio WAPI, with the result that Pres. Britt Thompson went on the air the following morning for a five-minute free soliciting commercial. Elizabeth Cline and Faye proceeded to take Mr. John Howell, administrator of the Carraway Methodist Hosp. to the Montevallo site to demonstrate how a stratigraphic test pit should be dug. Britt took Johnny Johnson with his daughter, Jodie and son, Clay, up to Colbert County to indoctrinate him with the Worley shelter itself. We hear by the grapevine that TV Channel 13 is quite interested. This could be big - and thanks a million to Faye. We were present at the Mar. 19 oohing-ahing meeting. Our impression was that nobody has anything against archaeology! They just thought it was buried in Tut's tomb, half a world away. They went into encouraging heebiejeebies when told some of the most important archaeology on earth is planted right here in little ole Alabama - and getting ready to sprout. "May we plug it on the radio?" - eyes big as flying saucers. "May we shoot the dig for national TV showing?" - pant, pant!

Fevvensakes, let's not give a lure like this "back to the Indians"!!!

"NATIONAL SHOWING"??? Aw naw!!! Yep, you'd be surprised how much national interest we have stirred already - without trying! We now have donations from 18 states!!!

James H. Rives, donating from Virginia, procured for the Birmingham Museum of Art, when he was engineering in Jordan, the complete evolution of man's stone tools, from the pebble chopper through microliths! You might not expect a Government engineer, accustomed to world-wide archaeology of such temporal dimensions, to write: "The Worley Shelter sounds like an opportunity which may come only once in a life time of search. Let us all resolve to do this job as it deserves...a detailed study of pollen must be made for this site...each bit of bone classified. Stone tools should be run down to the rock of origin....It's a big job where many narrowly specialized technicians must perform closely with the digger in charge according to a well conceived master plan. Again let us resolve that this master plan will be as near perfect as modern knowledge will permit."

Leon Richmond, President, Memphis Archaeological and Geological Society, about which we have heard so many good things, writes: "It is with a great deal of pleasure that we enclose our check to be used for research on the Rock Shelter project in Colbert Co., Alabama. We wish you much success in this regard."

O. L. Mairs, Charleston, W. Va., writes: "My good friend Sig Olafson wrote me about your wonderful find....Will send more later if I get in better shape and it is needed." (Quite aside from a very bountiful check, don't such things make you feel good about people!)

Sigfus Olafson himself, Vice-President of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, writes urgently from New York: "Paleo-Indian problems are not local....That is why I say the Stanfield-Worley site belongs to America....You aren't squirrel hunting; you are after big game. I...hope this realization can be brought home..."

J. Birney Work writes Secretary Schaefer from Chicago: "We have recently received from my brother, Robert W. Work, the February Newsletter containing the appeal for funds to carry on work at the Worley cliff shelter...we enclose a check for an annual membership for Mrs. Work and myself, the remainder to go to the fund for excavation at Worley." (What a wonderful way to dispose of those old Newsletters! - and thanks, Bob and Birney.)

Reverend Randolph F. Blackford remembers us, and the "Friends of Ed Mahan Fund", from St. Petersburg, Florida, and is passing our literature around down there!

"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....We ran that item in our May, 1960 issue, p.5. Most unexpectedly, we received a donation from none other than Dr. Jesse D. Jennings, from Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill. And "Good luck - and if I am lucky, I might get to see the crew at work sometime." This highlights the great desirability of raising more money than we have budgeted. If we could say "Be our guest", we'd be more likely to have famous visitors - and expert free opinions!

These, then, are some of the examples of national interest which have been expressed within the past month! (And by the way, for Dr. Jennings' book, address University of Utah Press, Salt Lake City 12, Utah; \$6.00.)

"IT CAN'T BE DONE" is what everybody said. And you probably haven't fully realized that we are surprising the world by proving it can - that funds can be raised, by donation, for science. Dr. T. M. N. Lewis, none closer to nor more sympathetic with our problem, nor our people, wrote Dec. 13, 1960, urging that we contact Dr. Albert C. Spaulding, who estimates the value of requests for National Science Foundation financing. He added, "It is my conviction that any attempt to solicit funds...for archaeological field work... would be of no avail."

That was the discouraging opinion from every source. And there seemed little doubt that the National Science Foundation would finance our "once in a life time" shelter dig. But that would have been "intrusive", as the archaeologist might say, messing up our stratified need. It would have come, and gone, like the great Russell Cave excavation - Alabama not stirred up, our archaeology still not started! And we would have thrown away the best promotional prospect we ever had!

That is why it was elected to do this the hard way. But think of all the things we have stirred up! To be sure, we are still short of our quota, but Alabama archaeology is a

living thing now! People are beginning to learn that we have archaeology. And we have hit a stratified deposit of interest, and the midden grows richer as we go deeper. Now there will be archaeology next year, too!

If we had to do it over again, would you choose the easy way? "Let George do it?" Call in the National Science Foundation? Delegate our responsibilities, our interest, our contribution to archaeology? Give away the chance to get Alabama archaeology going? Could the few dollars we have to donate possibly be that important!!!

Furthermore, Dr. John B. Nuckolls, who has served Tennessee archaeology so exceptionally well with the highest ethical standards, writes that he thinks we have "started something big!" He thinks we should promote this idea on a national basis. "Jeanette Bean, the Librarian, I think has touched the key to the whole thing. There are many thousands of 'armchair archaeologists' all over the country." You know, we - and of course Jeanette - just might give some other folks big ideas!

We have earned the right to be proud of ourselves, here in Alabama, for not doing it the easy way!

Auburn University has now flung its hat into the archaeological ring!!! Johnny Cottier writes us that Mrs. French has organized an archaeological workshop in Tichenor Hall, and that Dr. French has plans to set up for Carbon-14 testing!!!!

We are having earthquakes in Alabama archaeology - the ghost of Tecumseh must have stamped his foot again!

THE "EARLY MAN" MYSTERY PLOT THICKENS, too, making our site more interesting and important every day. Dr. Juan Armenta Comacho has excavated a mastodon pelvic bone in Mexico... inscribed with some 25 drawings of extinct animals in a fashion reminiscent of European Cave art! The Ableson Test dated it at 30,000 years...but Lascaux Cave in France has been radiocarbon dated at only 15,500 years! Bibby says "when our own species entered arctic Europe it was already in possession of an advanced artistic technique". ("Testimony of the Spade", P. 93) Lacking evidence elsewhere, did art possibly originate in America???

Two radiocarbon tests on the Texas Lewisville Site dated the associated Clovis point beyond reach of the 37,000-year limit of the testing method. Present evidence is that chipped stone projectile points were not being made in the Old World that early! Did they, too, possibly originate in America???

"Nonsense - that was before it occurred in Europe!" Have we any really firm foundation for that orthodox rejection? Have we not had one lesson? A few days ago Folsom Man was the "first American", remember! And we wanted to back-track fluted points to what was considered a certain Old World origin! Remember? To date, all evidence is that the fluting tradition originated in America.

And just prior to Folsom, the Hrdlicka orthodoxy was that man had been in America only 3 to 4000 years. Let's not be in a hurry to petrify opinion on 10 or 15 thousand years. Dr. Carl Compton, in his March Newsletter, notes that Third-Interglacial Man in America "apparently is gaining more acceptance", based on a report of the Western Canadian Archaeological Council. Dr. Kenneth Oakley is studying a new Borneo find...a skull of Homo sapiens with large molars, suggesting relationship with pre-sapiens species. It could mean that dawn-sapiens was as close to America as to Europe - with interesting possibilities!

Such conjecturings are of course armchair archaeology at its worst - but in the reverse of the orthodox armchair with a purpose. The legitimate point is: let's not tell Early Man in America how early he was, or wasn't...let's find out!

BEGINNING WITH A DARNED GOOD DALTON DIG !
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Early-Early Man dates are, of course, not only "unorthodox" - they are still unscientific, unsure. It is hardly possible to jump from solid 10,000-year dates to occasional dates of three or four times that and make a sound case. We need a step-by-step procedure backward.

One blessing of our Dalton dig is that we are not trying to prove an impossible 30,000-year date. The evidence is that Early Man was getting ready to close shop at about this time. So we can take the first step first. We might even be so fortunate as to learn something of what became of Early Man...say Dalton skeletons impaled with those difficult Big Sandy I points - Paleo Man's last stand and America's oldest murder mystery.

Maybe we can test-pit our second step this summer - say a Cumberland or Clovis site. You nameum - we gottum! H. J. Holland writes every day or two about sites such as this latest: 5 Clovis, 2 Daltons, 4 or 5 Cumberlands, several Cypress Creek, several Decatur, 3 Judes, close to 100 Big Sandys. We just shovel 'em up!!!

Dr. H. M. Wormington says of Harold Kleine's famous point, found a few miles from our Worley shelter, "The point illustrated appears to be a good example of a Type I Sandia." ("Ancient Man in North America", p. 91) And she gives it as her opinion that "Sandia points were among the earliest forms, and they may represent the prototype from which various types of later points developed." (p. 253) So who can say how far back we might be able to trace Early Man, right here in Alabama !!!

Obviously, all of these elements combine to put us over the proverbial barrel...we just have to make the full dig...so we have to make our full quota!

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Members of the Birmingham Anthropological Society have solicited more than \$2000.00 from non-members. Suppose every Chapter had done that! We are doing a lot of the work, so let's not try to pay all the bills too with member money. And, quite apart from the money involved, it is important that we spread our project around and get people to thinking along archaeological lines. Tell everybody - grocer, barber, doctor, patients, employer, employees, fellow workers, church and lodge members, neighbors, friends, relatives. Several days ago we were telling - not selling - our grocer. "Well, why don't you put up a little display here in the store - to catch the eye and then tell your story?" he asked. We are going to try it! Thirteen of our members have found people responsive. So tell folks about our fascinating find and remarkable opportunity...which you will be glad to let them in on! You will discover that many of them will be

"GLAD TO HELP"

Lewis F. Jeffers, President, Hayes Corporation, passed along to Britt Thompson a very fine check and a typical hurried office memo:

"Britt:

Glad to help.

Lew."

But you may be sure this was not a hasty memo decision. Britt had some time ago brought our project to Mr. Jeffers' attention, and requested that Newsletters be sent to provide further information. And we have heard many fine things about Mr. Jeffers' great sense of civic responsibility. We feel pretty sure he looked us over carefully, and we made the grade. And we should be proud of that...of lifting archaeology out of the potnik class, making it a citizen invasion of real science capable of reaching, at last, the most responsible members of the community. These are people who get things done, and as long as we can offer them worthy projects, archaeology is going to get done!

Britt Thompson also reminds that we all have a part to play, that all want to be important, help to carve destiny. Britt has been passing a paper around among the employees at Hayes Corporation, offering them the same opportunity he offered the "big boss", and you can see what a swell gang they have out there from this amazing list of donors:

<u>Jim Thomas</u>	324 Brentwood Ave., Trussville	<u>Harry M. Breed, Jr.</u>	2127 21 Ave. So, B ^h am
<u>Norman Meullen</u>	1765 Shades View Lane, B ^h am	<u>George Habersto</u>	713 Rock Bridge Rd.
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<u>W. A. Seadler</u>	3525 Clifford Rd.	<u>Carl Anker</u>	Rt. 2, Pinson

Isn't that something! Isn't that fine! But is it surprising? A few years ago some fifty thousand children were having polio annually - the dread disease that "lasts a lifetime". So the American people began to fight polio in the American way - everybody donating. Now nobody has to have polio! We do still have plenty of fighting to do on the disease front, but our national wealth has grown stupendously, and the cultural awareness of our young nation is growing up. In short, the time is ripe for the people to begin to support science on a broader front. But are we telling them? Let's not sell America and the American method short! We give you the proof - the good folks at the Hayes Corporation. (And we ask to be forgiven for, and that they correct, any mistakes in names or addresses - the photostat was not too clear. We shall publish corrections.)

Horace J. Holland (hope you read Jim Spotswood's story about this remarkable teacher, Birmingham News, April 9) is teaching all of us, and we hope all America, how amateur archaeology ought to be managed. He and his pupils discover sites, surface collect, wash, mark, map. They deposit all artifacts at headquarters. They study them - and

your editor is not ashamed, in fact he is proud, to admit that these fine young archaeologists can identify more projectile point types than 25 years of "old style" amateur archaeology taught him! And now these students pass their postgraduate exams... they have learned the great necessity of financing scientific research. In short, Mr. Holland sends us a fine donation from "the students in my classes"! And one suspects that some may have gone hungry - for science! How can one find words big enough for this? We see here the shape of things to come! Suppose our generation - and heaven help us for our ignorant archaeological sins - had been taught to do all that! Archaeology would have been so different! Well, archaeology is going to be different, anyway. The past does have a future in Mr. Holland's wonderful science class students at Colbert County High School. Let us stand, and remove our hats - this is young America at its best.

John Gregg - if we may brag on one of our own younger members - sent in a pledge "to give my humble...", adding a bracketed "(at least)". John made both the pledge and the "at least" - exceeding his pledge! He had to do it in bits and pieces. We thought we even detected a few splinters, where John might have scraped the bottom of his personal barrel. He didn't give just the overflow - he added some personal sacrifice. John, you needn't be humble about that...few of us have given so much...it is a thing to be proud of! John says the April Newsletter "makes me more anxious to meet Matt Lively, if I ever get the chance". John sounds like the kind of guy Matt would like to know, too, and if Matt still gets out on field trips he might have a chance to take John along - VE 3-1255.

James Floyd Anderson is our "one-man Chapter" in Gadsden! He not only pledged promptly, redeemed it, and now adds to it...but he also was one of the very few to pledge to "ask at least ten people". Again he exceeds his pledge, and nicely says, "I accept these donations very gratefully" and that those who "share our interest and enthusiasm for archaeology in our state" are "highly appreciated". They are indeed!

<u>Mrs. Ada G. Marks</u>	410 Vernon St., A.C.S., Gadsden	<u>W. J. Baswell</u>	Rt. 6, Gadsden
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<u>W. K. McAdory</u>	821 Columbiana Rd., B'ham 9		

Bill Steele we don't have to brag about because everybody knows Bill, and as we have heard Bill say, with one of his engaging grins, "I've got 'em fooled, too!" But we must at least brag that Bill is still feeling his oats, and out-pitching many half his age... handing us a bale of checks:

Evans Flower Shop (W. H. Evans), Fairfield (58-2439)
J. L. "Shine" Williams Ins. Agency, 4420 Gary Ave. Fairfield
C. J. Donald, 4415 De Bardeleben Ave., B'ham
J. H. Long, Ins., 5116 Valley Rd. Fairfield
B. H. Munpower, P.O. Box 26, Fairfield
K. W. Grimley, 107 Pine Ridge Circle, B'ham 13

To mention a curious personal circumstance, we are one of the few people to be born twice - the first DWJ dying in infancy of tuberculosis, which also took two other members of our family in the recent days when it was "The Great White Plague". But people began to buy Christmas Seals to finance research, treatment, and public education. The death rate is way down now, though unfortunately many of us have the inactive infection, which can become activated. But research has found a drug which at last provides a real cure (not just an arrest) for TB, and with a good push we can eradicate it within a few years. Mr. Grimley, above, brought this on. As Executive Secretary of the Alabama Tuberculosis Association he has served well this great volunteer movement to coordinate and combine the efforts of the people to raise funds for good works - no small task, as our Society is learning in its own small way!

THE DECATUR DAILY, B. C. Shelton, Editor, in donating adds another of those "business accounts" which we hope to keep - by doing a good job! In this case we can reciprocate with big news, and hope Mr. Shelton will be interested to follow our fortunes in his paper. But there we go - trying to sell Mr. Shelton all over again! We are honored to receive financial attention from that great institution of a free people, the American Press.

Jack Cambron, who is bringing credit to amateur archaeology as a leading projectile point specialist, interested Mr. Shelton; and also sends a donation from: Jack D. Ray, for the "Friends of Ed Mahan Fund".

A. J. Powers, our good Sylacauga member, along with his donation also solves that baffling mystery: how all the pots got broken. Finding peach pits and a strap-handle sherd in association, he deduces: "The old boy made some peach brandy, got drunk, and broke up all the pots." Now that is settled!

Mr. Nicholas H. Holmes, Jr., specifies his (and Mrs. Holmes') time donation to the dig: June 26 or 27 through July 1. "Have so arranged with camps, grandparents, friends, etc." - those little family problems spelled "children"...who donated some time ago and now we get their names to list, of which they will learn to be proud!
Nicholas H. Holmes III, 8 yrs; Mary Emilie Holmes, 6 yrs; Andrew H. Holmes, 4 yrs.

J. Andrew Douglas adds the fourth donor-joiner Mr. Holmes has sent in! 139 Florence Place, Mobile, Ala.

FIFTY DOLLARS, CONFEDERATE MONEY, comes from some "Anonymous" who seems to have another secession in mind - which has crossed our wishful thinking too. A note says, "In memory of my Grandpappy who dug holes around Petersburg." But not looking for projectile points - he was looking out for Minie Balls!

Ed Mahan is doing fine, his fund growing daily. Elizabeth DeJarnette thinks he is pretty valuable, and also turns in a donation from one of the great names in Alabama, Mrs. James McLester, The Highlands, Tuscaloosa. A "strictly Anonymous" - we may only say that she is pretty - donates ten bucks for Ed!...bringing the fund up to \$35.00.

Charles Brosemer adds some much-needed diversification and interest to the fund drive by donating gavels and paper weights made of the extraordinarily beautiful and rare Chittam wood which few people have seen...to be sold at the next meeting of the B'ham Anthro. Soc. Ever cut small trees, season, hunt out clear sections, shape, glue, sand, varnish? Then you know!

Matt Lively - wouldn't you know he'd sneak in somewhere! Emily M. (Mrs. Dan S.) Martin, writes, "I talked with Matt Lively last night and am enclosing toward the project..." He can't miss! M. S. Lively - his own Uncle, who ought to know by now not to listen - writes a real nice letter, thinks Matt would have made a good pro. archaeologist. Yes,

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but we'd rather have him on the financing end. He sends two more:
Carl Reece, 1743 Alameda Court, S.W., B'ham.
James Woodall, SFC., 125 C. Graymont Ave., B'ham.

Verne Reckmeyer, Secy., Madison-Huntsville Chapt., sends his fine check and donations from members with the nice remark: "I'm mighty happy to send for the Stanfield-Worley dig and for the 'Friends of Ed Mahan' contributions":

<u>Mr. J. A. Williams, Jr.</u> ,	Huntsville	<u>Mr. Bion Duncan</u> ,	Huntsville
<u>Mr. Harold C. Glenn</u> ,	Huntsville	<u>Mr. Louie Compton</u> ,	Decatur
<u>Bobby Glenn</u> ,	Huntsville	<u>Mr. Jack Cambron</u> ,	Decatur
<u>Mr. Wilfred Van Valkenburgh</u> ,	Huntsville	<u>Mrs. Georgia Dunn</u> ,	Lacey's Spring

Mrs. Richard (Mickey) Plumley, Redstone Arsenal...sorry about misspelling Plumley last month...and now we've received variant spellings for "Mickie"! We simply grovel - but it sounds awfully cute any way you spell it.

Rodger L. Schaefer, Pres., Morgan-Limestone Chapt., and Secy. of the entire Ala. Society! adds a fine financial donation to years of donated time, effort and interest. He also sends the unexpected donations from the J. B. Works and Dr. J. D. Jennings, as above, and "Friends of Ed Mahan": Miss Italyne Hardwick, Hartselle. H. B. Dowell, Decatur.

Johnny Cottier, Secy., East Ala. Chapt., sends a Chapter donation, and donations "from several members" whose names we have not received. Dave gave the program the night they voted the Chapter donation - and says they really wrecked their treasury fund!

Stanford and Louise Smith, charming host and hostess of the Tuscumbia Annual, send their good check and also from C. H. Smith, both of Mars Hill Road, Florence.

Martin Hullender, Pres., B'ham Anthro. Soc., Mrs. Richard Hahn, Secy., Miss Evelyn Ware, Mrs. Charles M. Woolfolk, Mrs. Kate Dunning, Mrs. Lloyd Bowers, Robert O. Craig, and previously mentioned John Gregg have been pouring in their donations this month. (We'd like to add that the Dunnings are making great cultural contributions to Birmingham in another field. Arthur Dunning and Bill Sanders recently donated a Jeep for the use of the Geology Dept., Birmingham Southern. All it takes to make a good community is good people!)

NOW TIGHTEN YOUR SEAT BELTS - we are going to gun the jets! Britt Thompson sprung Mr. Jeffers' check on us at a business meeting at the home of J. H. McCary II, President of our tax-deductible fund-raising arm, the Arch. Research Assn. of Ala., Inc. Mrs. J. H. McCary II then just up and threw her check book into the ring! That was March 31, and we received a bank statement from Treasurer Wm. M. Spencer, Apr 4, showing that Mrs. Spencer had likewise thrown in her check book! Remember how it was, over a year ago, before these two families brought business methods to archaeology? But quite often wives don't go along with the dangerous age of golf balls and artifacts and such. It is certainly nice to have the ladies along, in high good humor, deciding they can't do a thing about such strange antics and might as well "play artifact" too - in a big way! That makes three, in five days, and then on April 10 the fourth atomic check arrived, with a terse note:

"On recommendation of Carl Compton and Sigfus Olafson, I enclose donation toward the excavation of the Stanfield-Worley shelter.

Sincerely yours,
 (Signed) L. J. SALTER."

...from North Rose, New York!!! And we can't tell you a thing about Mr. Salter...except that a man who can reach out across a thousand miles, and donate money like that, has an

amazing breadth of interest, and a lot of confidence in the opinion of his informants. Dr. Carl Compton, Director, Instituto Interamericano, Denton, Texas, has done us many a turn in his Newsletter - and obviously has a heart as big as Texas was before Alaska was given statehood. Sigfus Olafson, Vice-Pres., Eastern States Arch. Fed., living in Larchmont, N. Y., first brought us to Dr. Compton's attention, among the other things he has been doing for us from the beginning - including that wonderful saga about his Mother which we lifted from one of his good letters without permission! But we have no idea how they teamed up on a nice guy like Mr. Salter and twisted his arm - nearly off!

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Jeffers, McGary, Spencer, Salter...all within ten days...and unexpectedly. One thing this campaign is doing is discovering the nicest people in the whole darned United States! And we shouldn't have any trouble now. We have \$5,195.01 in bank or hand, and some pledges to come. Now with a little deep digging we'll get our Dalton dollars...and maybe a little extra? Remember, the many and amazing aspects of our project make it well worth ten times the price!

THE OH-MY-GOSH DEPARTMENT :

Last month we reported Ed Mahan's heart in pretty safe - or pretty nurse - hands. Then that "pretty Anonymous" ten bucks for the Mahan Fund - we thought to ourselves, oh-oh, complications have set in! And now the mail brings the Marshall Chapter mimeographed sheet and with it a suspense that...well, we hate to have to ask you to endure it! It says: "Congratulations to our good buddy, Ed Mahan. He is getting married this Saturday, 4/8/61." !!!!!!! But it doesn't say which one got him!!! This exciting episode will definitely be continued next month!

MOUNDVILLE ANNUAL SUNDAY MAY 21

COME...and bring all your family, all your friends, all your neighbors to discover Moundville! No barbecue is planned this year, so you need not restrict your invitations! And roasting our "hot dogs", etc., at the ample facilities, we'll have a better chance to visit with old friends and acquire new ones. Hot coffee and iced tea will be served - gallons.

COME...and kick up your heels with the gang over what we have been doing, and what we are going to do next summer...the biggest thing that ever happened in Alabama archaeology! This we had better discuss - but plenty! We don't just have a Paleo problem to unravel... we have volunteers to utilize and coordinate...and brother we got them PUBLIC RELATIONS - spelled "v-i-s-i-t-o-r-s"...who will, or won't, think archaeology is grand and remember us favorably next year! COME.

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(* Joined and also donated to the dig.)

<u>NEW ADDRESS</u>	<u>W. S. Steele</u>	600 8th Ave., W.	Birmingham 4, Ala.
<u>BAD ADDRESS</u>	<u>K. R. Dennis, USS Bradford (DD545) % Fleet PO.</u>		San Francisco, Cal.

GREAT EVENT IN AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Now everything you publish in the Journal of Ala. Arch., or anywhere else, will be read in concise abstract form around the world! And we can read in concise abstract form everything published in America! American Archaeology, at last, can know what its centipedal parts are doing!

ABSTRACTS OF NEW WORLD ARCHAEOLOGY was announced as forthcoming in our May 1960 issue. The first number is here, Dr. Richard B. Woodbury, Dept. of Anthropology, Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, Editor; editorial staff of over forty archaeologists in eight countries; 640 abstracts of 1959 publications. And maybe you think it wasn't a thrill to see our own Journal of Ala. Arch. listed, and the names of Atkeson, Cambron, Radford, Waters, Carstens, Knudsen, Lenser, Mosley, Nash...going out over the world! Missed our own name - didn't publish that year! Not the least value of ABSTRACTS will be to stimulate publication - and it is not archaeology until published.

We can't think of anything more needed, and more useful, in American archaeology. Editor Woodbury and staff are to be congratulated. If there is a suggestion which we would make, it would be to provide a subject index. This would greatly facilitate and encourage use, the prime purpose of the ABSTRACTS.

Dr. Woodbury requests that to facilitate the gigantic task of editing this invaluable publication annually, all Journals publish abstracts of all papers and grant reprint privileges. We feel certain that our Editor, Dave DeJarnette, and our members, will be in complete agreement.

What would otherwise cost you hundreds if not thousands of dollars, you can now get for \$3.50, and in neat abstract form which you will now have time to read! Order immediately before this first issue is exhausted! Society for American Archaeology, 1530 P Street, N.W., Washington 5, D.C. (And make plans to get your name in forthcoming issues!)

CHAPTER DIGEST

Johnny Cottier, East Ala. Chapter, wonders how you keep a gang in line on a field trip. Perhaps we are long overdue to set up exacting rules for all field work, whether alone or together. And Johnny thinks it would be a good idea to run something on a pottery type and projectile point type in each Newsletter. (We agree, if someone will send in a drawing and some information on each every month...the old boss is down in the shafts with overload now!) Dave DeJarnette gave the program of Mar. 3, on Ala. archaeology, and our dig in particular.

Dr. Long's news sheet from the Marshall Chapter says there have been some pretty glass points and some pretty bandaged fingers since Josselyn demonstrated "glass chipping". Dan Morse, professional member, spoke at the Apr. 11 meeting on the Red Ochre Archaic Site.

Donald Campbell and George Freeman, new members, both of Gadsden - recruiting far and wide.

C. F. Smith Muscle Shoals Chapt., says Mar. 27 Mr. John den Boer, metallurgist at Reynolds Metals, gave a very interesting talk on rocks and minerals used by American Indians, with samples of same (the rocks, not the Indians). And Mrs. J. S. Lewis, Jr., talked on the manufacture and use of Indian artifacts. The usual general discussion ensued.

BIRMINGHAM ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY PLANS BIG MAY SALE to raise funds for the dig... really unusual hand-made jewelry and woodwork...scrounge around the house and bring one of those things you aren't using anyway and give a bargain to the gang (Aunt Minnie has forgotten she sent it)...and let's have a lot of fun to see what turns up, like a dog blanket, Western style, complete with holsters and guns...this could be great! And Pres. Hullender needs door prizes, a new feature attracting a lot of interest. Program will be "We Must Live with the Atom", by Wm. R. Kennerly, Prof. Chemistry, Alabama College, Montevallo. - Birmingham Public Library, May 5, 8:00 P.M.

NOTES AND NEWS, AND SOMETIMES VIEWS

Dr. Carl B. Compton's Newsletter arrived today and we read it (8 solid pages) before breakfast...and how can we say more! Still, we thought the juiciest item in it was:

"THE STANFIELD-WORLEY SHELTER. For the first time that we recall a major archaeological excavation is being financed through popular subscription...people in Alabama are beating the bushes for dollars...time is pressing. This site...is of highest importance for clarifying the archaeology of the Southeastern U. S. and probably for the whole Eastern seaboard....Donations, even of a dollar, are greatly appreciated...."

A. A. Jackson reports a cliff shelter, where he had recovered a Dalton and a Cumberland, now dug to hallelujah - and back! (Matchbooks from a certain Ala. town in evidence, but we don't know a town innocent enough to throw a stone!) Dr. Carl, you might give people false impressions of our Alabama ethics - this sort of thing is mostly what goes on in our State, perpetrated by people who call themselves "good Christians"! We are just trying to save one choice morsel from the buzzards and hyenas. And you would be surprised - or would you? - at the caliber of some of the people who would rather murder mounds than donate Dalton!

Doozzadoo - and have been. We are lenient, or hopeful, and don't generally send out the last call for dues until June. Of course this rag isn't worth your \$3.00 (\$4.00 if you also join a local Chapter), and if you are anyway human it might talk you out of a donation. But the boys are coming to our aid and get out the two 1960 Journals this year, and two 1961 issues...so you get a bargain! Good, too, as our professional Dave DeJarnette is taking over the editorship, and the University of Alabama publishing. How would it look if they didn't get out the best in the country? (And you'll want to learn what happened to Ed Mahan!)

Reverend Randolph F. Blackford writes that Mrs. Blackford broke her hip Jan. 13 but "hopes to walk again in July". Six months - gosh! How many of us will send a bright "get well" card or cheery note - a friend indeed to the friend in need? (PS. If you can't write, telephone or telegraph.) 2100 76 St. N., St. Petersburg 10, Florida.

Jack Deddens has received a nice promotion into the automation end of the business... will be in the general office, Dayton, travel some...within the year expects to be in Birmingham for a week!

Elizabeth DeJarnette sends us a list of Geological Survey publications, 25¢ each! The Bessemer Site, McQuorquodale Mound, Flint River Site, Whitesburg Bridge Site, Perry Site, Little Bear Creek Site, Guntersville Basin Pottery. Geological Survey, Univ. of Ala., Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Mrs. Robert Wickham writes: "The Presbyterian College (here in Clinton, S.C.) and the Clemson Geology classes have read your Newsletters." We often feel that we do need to go to college!

A. J. Powers, Sylacauga, writes that Mr. V. H. Mizzell, 142 Westfield Ave., Mobile, is interested in forming a Chapter. Dave and Britt were down...hope everybody got together.

Bob Elton, our Educational TV Producer-Director, hopes to shoot our dig for our Stones & Bones TV program!

Dr. Frank J. Soday needs Paleo Newsletters. He writes, "I collect archaeological literature as well as artifacts, and I am anxious to maintain complete runs of Journals and Newsletters." We've heard of bottle tops and match books, but what won't collectors go for next! But if Frank lists this under "archaeological literature", we're all for him! Anybody got the issues of August '59 and '60?

Dr. H. M. Wormington will issue supplements to "Ancient Man in North America" if there is sufficient interest. My gosh, yes - we are just starting this Ancient Man question. Write that you are interested in receiving supplements, Dept. of Publications, Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park, Denver 6, Colorado - pronto! And if you don't have the book, get it before it runs out of this probably last printing. \$5.20 cloth, \$3.65 paper. And you can get plastic reproductions of Folsom, Clovis and Sandia points, \$2.60 each.

ANTI-INFLATION - at long last! This is certainly not the least result of our fund drive. Ask a prospect for a few of those miserable little 30-cent dollars he has been bemoaning and suddenly they look a lot bigger to him!

The best argument against evolution. Listening to such people and their arguments, we are almost convinced that we didn't evolve - at least not very far.

FACTS VERSUS ARTIFACTS. Facts don't have a chance! Occasionally some rare person wants to know, "Who studies the artifacts from the Worley dig?" We can't believe our ears, so accustomed have they become to "Who gets the artifacts?" And then we dig for primitives!

Martin Hullender writes: "From a recent news release I notice that the Catawba Tribe of South Carolina Indians has petitioned the Federal government to dissolve them as a tribe. Seems they want to distribute the communal property, which would amount to a little over \$400.00 per person." Now you see why communism won't work - divide the wealth! And maybe our "soak the rich" policy is on the right track, after all - at least for semi-literate Indians.

Dr. Harry Amling, Auburn group, oh boy, is his thinking orderly and exacting! (Bill Ballard is spreading rumors to that effect, Dr. Amling.) Oh boy, can we use Dr. Amling in amateur archaeology!!!

Matt Lively, if you would come to meetings and do your own bragging, we could shut up!

Britt Thompson, the ladies tell us, has quite a "movie personality" - but this is not a gossip column! We have seen that rascal warm the hearts of young ladies of 3, 5, 8, and 12 years - and they just love it - and it's real cute!

ARKANSAS GOV. FAUBUS, AMATEUR ARCHAEOLOGIST

The good Antiquity Act recently passed by the House and Senate of Ark., with the highly laudable intent of protecting archaeological remains, was vetoed by Gov. Faubus. He thinks, according to his veto message, that allowing the Laboratory of Archaeological Research access to lands for inspection only would be an invasion of private rights; while at the same time, requiring pothunters to get permission from owners would "interfere with and virtually prohibit the hobby of many people of this State."

We are indeed sorry to hear that Gov. Faubus has broken so completely under the strains of office. But we duck when we say that. We have provided Alabama archaeology no adequate protection. Amateur societies do not protect archaeology from the pothunting depredations of their own members. Welcome, Gov. - you'll make a right typical amateur!

THE NUCKOLLS SITE

We now speak as a member of the Tenn. Arch. Society, and about the NUCKOLLS SITE, as promised in our last issue. Indulge us if we let off a little steam with our smoke signals. It has been building up for 25 years, and the Feb. issue of the Ark. Newsletter popped our valve...a large part of it was devoted to amateur destruction.

Isn't it time we came of age and lived up to thoroughly adult responsibilities? Fun? Heck, it is a lot more fun! Take our example down here in Alabama, with a real scientific project cooking...we never had it so good! We are no longer screwball potniks... we are somebody! The responsible people in the community are taking us seriously, actually accepting our leadership. The Press is giving us a swell break...we'll be national news! Even professionals are accepting us as "what seems like a good amateur outfit", as Dr. Jesse D. Jennings himself writes us. We might even get that "amateur reputation" out of hock! And maybe you don't think this is fun? It's amateur heaven!

Now, what scientific results have come from the immensely rich Kentucky Lake archaeology? Hasn't most of it been sucked into the amateur vacuum cleaner of "pretty artifacts" - forever to lose identity, scientific value...pages torn from the text of the history of man and flung to the wind?

Dr. Tom Lewis wrote us the remarkable NUCKOLLS SITE might contain some Paleo answers - as opposed to those precious, hoarded, and thereby pathetically childish "Paleo points". But he was pessimistic about chances of financing excavation. Haven't we TAS members the guts to resent that doubt, and prove our best professional friend and mentor has underestimated us? Can't we rescue this one bit of science from the amateur debacle of Kentucky Lake?

Dr. John B. Nuckolls and son Bill are shining exceptions to the dubious reputation amateurs insist upon making for themselves. Why not reward them, and light another torch for amateurs everywhere, by financing their site? As a TAS member, it wouldn't hurt our feelings if our officers sent out a questionnaire: Will you donate at least a buck a month? Will you also solicit? Or haven't you the ethics or intelligence to care? We'd be glad to answer that - and we don't know but one way a man could.

We don't claim any monopoly down here in Alabama...we want financing real archaeology to become the popular thing in amateur archaeology! That would be the most wonderful thing that ever happened - in any science!!!!