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Newsletter

June 1961

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THE GREAT DONATION  
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"Dear Dan:

This much deserved needling I am getting in your Newsletter prompts me to realize that I have lost a bet. My check is enclosed. I did not believe your aim could be accomplished....

Sincerely,

Tom"

Dr. T. M. N. Lewis, Head, Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee, sends this whimsical surrender acknowledging the success of our drive to raise funds for archaeological science by public subscription. And since Dr. Lewis also sends news of his impending retirement, let us acknowledge our great debt to him, and record for posterity that he made the great contribution to the archaeology, and the amateur archaeology, of our area.

In 1951 Dr. Frank C. Hibben published that archaeologists had become "eventually persuaded" that there was no Early Man or Paleo habitation of the eastern United States ("Treasure in the Dust", first ed., p. 228). And for 400 years amateur "collectors" had done little but destroy our archaeology.

Dr. Lewis remedied both of these archaeological tragedies. He got the amateurs out of the "collector's shoebox", into print. In his great Journal, the Tennessee Archaeologist, Dr. Lewis published his excellent photographs of the Early Man artifacts recovered by amateur archaeologists. He published photographs by the hundreds - where other areas were counting their Early Man artifacts on their fingers. The cumulative evidence of this "statistical photography" undoubtedly became the deciding factor in making us realize that, contrary to firm opinion, there was an Early Man occupation of our area. This has been not only the great archaeological contribution of our area, but also of our time, for failure to recognize Early Man in the East has thrown the entire subject out of gear.

It is with great pride and high regard that we accept Dr. Lewis' terminal donation - his signature affixed, as it were, to his years of patient work with the amateurs, resulting in a truly great donation to archaeology. Our mentor and friend -

"Sincerely,

Tom."

Sincerely we acknowledge the debt, and express the gratitude, of the amateurs.

ALABAMA AMATEURS BECOME ARCHAEOLOGISTS

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It seems a most fitting reward that as our friend Tom Lewis retires, the Alabama amateurs are:

Financing a professional excavation which for the first time will give us a solid date in our area for something older than the classic Archaic culture;

And making, or rather earning, their own professional and academic affiliations here in the State of Alabama!

Note our new address on our title page: "University of Alabama"!!!! We cannot adequately express the importance of this new milestone for Alabama archaeology.

Dr. Charles D. McGlamery, Chairman, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, University of Alabama, was of course the recipient of our first letter on the new "academic" stationery. We tried to express something of the gratitude of our members for this trust in our worthiness, and for what academic-professional affiliation can contribute in guidance, cooperation, and authentication to amateur enthusiasm, for the good of archaeology. Dr. McGlamery acknowledged our letter with: "...we are happy to afford the 'academic' environment....We are looking forward to a number of years of mutually advantageous progress...." Let us take full advantage of this most auspicious opportunity by living up to it!

Frank A. Rose, President, University of Alabama, has made this affiliation complete and functional by signing a contract to put the University into our dig as a joint enterprise! This means that University trucks and other equipment, and full laboratory facilities, will be at the disposal of the dig. And...the University will make the study of the excavation and material, ready for publication, within one year at its own expense! We've got it made!

Wm. M. Spencer, Treasurer and Attorney of our Archaeological Research Association of Ala., Inc., says: "I believe that our organization now occupies the best possible position to have its work and efforts accepted as authentic and authoritative." This, of course, is of tremendous importance - science has to be sure, and priceless information has often been lost for lack of adequate authentication.

Steve B. Wimberly, Vice-President and professional advisor of our Arch. Research Assn., says this is "the best thing we have accomplished to date".

J. H. McCary II, President of the ARA, put his signature to the contract at the Moundville meeting, making it final and official.

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SECOND DONATIONS  
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We bargained only for a dig. Obviously, the important ramifications are giving us double for our dollars. So it seemed appropriate that our first letters of thanks on our "academic" stationery were to a stream of good people donating for the second time this year!

J. Salter had sent us a donation without knowing much about our project. When given further information, in his considered opinion it deserved a second donation.

Albert Fisher, M. D., was next to send in his second donation - expressing the confidence of a very exacting profession.

Miss Jeanette Bean has the distinct honor of being our one donor who promised a check "each month until the amount necessary for the twelve-week excavation has been raised". We could buy a lot of archaeology "on time"!

Seventh Grade Science, Colbert Co. High School, Leighton, Ala. (H. J. Holland, teacher), sent in the second donation from this amazing teacher's amazing science pupils! And in this one year they have mapped 149 sites and properly collected and marked nearly 40,000 artifacts! - saving them from the "collectors"! Need we, can we, say more?

Sam B. Householder sent in his second donation with "we (family) scratched up a little more!" - and a very good scratch! Despite hundreds of intervening letters, we remember so pleasantly Mr. Householder's good letter with his first donation.

Henry L. Badham III, attending the last meeting of Jim McCary's inspired Country Club study group, made his second donation - one of our donor-joiner group which has been so outstanding in support.

James S. Farrior, our constant member though removed to California, made a second donation in the name of Charles V. Brosemer, since Mr. Brosemer had given him one of his beautiful Chittam wood gavels. Mr. Brosemer has donated a lot of his art - and the man is an artist with wood - to be sold for the fund, which will total a fine donation and represents a devoted amount of work!

Matt Lively (if we had all done as well we could dig for three years), running short on prospects, simply started the second time around among those good people:

Roma Andrews, 1604 Mims St., B'ham, Ala.

Jack Harris, 1408 Fulton Ave., S.W., B'ham.

Odell Haskins, 1120 McMillan Ave., B'ham.

L. L. Busenlehner, 1228 Fulton Ave., B'ham.

Kenneth L. Mink, 1739 Mims Ave., B'ham.

Bob Missildine, 512 15th Pl., S.W., B'ham.

Amazing Matt is also making new converts:

Herman S. Crider, 2101 Fulton Ave., S.W., B'ham.

Red Mitchell, 604 Beacon Drive, Fairfield, Ala.

Chester Phillips, 413 15 St., S.W., B'ham.

Probably also a Matt convert, bringing Matthew Lively donations to 55, is:

Mrs. J. Albert Keene, 1528 Linda Vista Lane, B'ham 16.

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#### DOUBLE IMPORTANCE OF OUR NEW LETTERHEAD

Besides authenticating our archaeological projects, the University of Alabama address on our letterheads will do much, certainly, to authenticate solicitation. The importance of this is emphasized by the volume of correspondence involved; your editor has written 771 letters with a total wordage of about 284,000...but, on plain paper! How much attention would you pay to soliciting letters without even a letterhead? Probably not much more than \$2,600.00 has come in as a direct result of all this correspondence - and many likely prospects passed us up!

We have no statistics on letters written by other members, but you can judge the importance of some of them by this example:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Martin Hullender, President  
Birmingham Anthropological Society

"Dear Martin:

Thank you for your recent letter informing me of the Stanfield-Worley 'Dig' which is taking place in the 7th District.

Enclosed is my check which I trust will be helpful to you in your endeavors. With every good wish, I am

Your friend,

Carl Elliott."

And we take occasion to remark that here is the "archaeology wisest" politician we know about! Gov. Faubus of Arkansas (p.14, May issue) more nearly reflects the average political savvy. Martin Hallender also sent us a clipping wherein an arm of the Federal Government was asking nearly four million dollars for Alabama park archaeology - say, trails and outhouses! President Kennedy recently asked for ten million dollars for tourist archaeology in far, unfriendly Egypt!

And we stand on a street corner, holding our hat, without even pencils to sell, trying to get \$6,800.00 to further the science of archaeology in the tremendously important field of Early Man!

What a frightful disproportion! But we haven't educated our politicians and other leaders! In our experience, they haven't the vaguest idea how archaeologists view matters. They chuckle with huge satisfactions when they wrangle a few million of our tax dollars for trails and outhouses - which we don't belittle, in time of need. But we also need to do scientific exploration for Early Man, the great "missing link" of American Archaeology. He hasn't had the benefit of an outhouse for ten thousand years!

Archaeologists are suffering from "taxation without representation", and our hat is off to U. S. Representative Carl Elliott for throwing in with our Alabama dig - twice as old as those infantile pyramids of Egypt.

OUR NEW LETTERHEAD has many important "thank you" missions to run, carrying proof that donors already are getting results for their money. We are thinking of calling our donor list a "Who's Who" in archaeology, it reads so good:

Arthur George Smith, better known as "The Old Sarge", threw his check into the hat all the way from Ohio - the nineteenth State to donate! We wouldn't have felt entirely comfortable without the seal of The Old Sarge, for few know more about what cooks in archaeology.

The Huntsville Grotto, National Speleological Society (Terry W. Tarkington, Chairman and Editor), "passed the hat" for us and think a "cross fertilization" of information between speleologists and archaeologists an excellent idea, and promise us much volunteer labor.

The Aboriginal Research Club, Detroit (D. J. Richards, President), sent a donation from their treasury even though currently in the throes of publishing on an Owaseo site near Dearborn, and working on an illustrated report on Michigan pots. And Mr. Richards writes that they have a Paleo site, on an old glacial beach, University of Michigan to excavate this summer. Sounds like a good amateur outfit!

The Louisville Archaeological Society (W. Ken Atkins, President; Jack Deddens original contact) sends its generosity and good wishes. And listing these four donations from four different states makes us wish we had a national amateur news bulletin whereby we might all get together and work together.

The Fifth Grade (Room 212), Woodrow Wilson School, Birmingham (Mrs. Montgomery, teacher), quite won our heart by sending a donation with, "We want to have a small part in future explorations".

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Harris we wish to "point with pride" as products (or victims!) of a new experiment. Our approach was to lecture them severely on all the dreadful sins committed

in the name of amateur archaeology. We made it rather curtly plain that amateur archaeology does not need more members, but good members. They withstood the blast, and donated and joined! We think we shall be able to add them to our growing group of real amateur scientists. (Apologies for the lecture!)

C. F. Smith sends donations for himself, R. M. Smith, and Dr. N. E. Jackson, and word that "The screens are all finished, ready for use". We'd like to know and publish all the good works those Muscle Shoals folks have been doing at and for the dig. (We can report that they have built those certain conveniences themselves, without asking for half a million of our taxes.)

H. P. Alves, Guntersville, retired, writes that he can donate picture frames he makes of rare woods, and can someone pick up and deliver. (We'd personally like to buy several 8" X 10" for art works too good for commercial frames.) Isn't it wonderful how everyone is pitching in, in his own way to do his bit! Seems as if people get nicer every day - even when you are asking for donations!

Floyd Anderson, our "one-man Chapter" in Gadsden, continues his good work, sending in a donation from:

R. E. Wynn, 2514 Kyle Ave., Ala. City Station, Gadsden, Ala., "a very ardent friend of archaeology" also with "a marvelous shop for polishing and working stones".

Bobby Cline swells the "friends of Ed Mahan fund" to a big, fat, forty-two bucks. (And, alas, we must report that "the course of true love never runs smooth" - the nuptials didn't come off as planned. But Ed only had to get baptised again - his Honduras baptism, where he was born, apparently wasn't legal tender here. We'll keep on the trail of this until we track it down to a happy ending.)

"Anonymous" donating leaves us equally uninformed, but we say thanks gollyonomcus, generous anonymous remaining pseudonymous.

Buck Mitchell, 203 Memorial, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee, and...

John C. Parsons, Th. D., 747 W. Duarte Road, Arcadia, California, give us another chance to brag about the national distribution of our donors.

Alvin V. Walls, Librarian of the B'ham Anthro. Soc., donates despite an imminent operation and the "donation" that means. He was one of the intrepid little band of 42 "charter contributors" who took the gamble last year - and won!

Ollie Jones, another charter contributor, reminds us with his contribution that nearly all of them are back with us again this year - and we don't have to ask them to "buy a pig in a poke" this time.

Louie Compton, Decatur, reminds us that we have an important "new crop" - the little band of 42 having grown to 280 this year!

Dr. J. D. McClung, Auburn University, sends a letter along with his donation reminding that with new members and donors we often get new potentials - he has an important archaeological prospect simmering!

We have what we call our "business accounts" which we hope will put us on their "annual donation list" for keeps, and here are two who have donated again this year, and two new ones:

G. B. Daniell (Realty Co. and Insurance), Radio Bldg., Anniston, also hopes to help with the dig.

Roscoe L. Rost, Jeweler, South Side Square, Pulaski, Tenn., also decided that he made a good gamble last year, helping to "prove our claim".

Theo M. Compton, Building Contractor, P.O. Box 1566, Decatur, is another contact made by

Rodger Schaefer, who says Mr. Compton is "interested in promoting archaeology in the State".

John L. Ebaugh, Jr., Ford-Myatt & Ebaugh, Inc., 2115 8 Ave. S., B'ham, became interested through his contact with Wm. M. Spencer.

And "mention this publication" when you do business with these donors!

Maybe we have the foolish notion that Country Club society is addicted to only the lighter

hobbies. The lecture series on archaeology which Jim McCary arranged at the B'ham Country Club was well and enthusiastically attended throughout - and we found them real folks and real nice! And on terminating they voted their entire treasury fund for the dig, besides many individual donations:

- Henry L. Badham III - donating twice, as previously listed.
- Mrs. J. A. Meissner, 2609 Heathermoor Road, B'ham.
- Mrs. Joseph W. Simpson, 2632 Mountain Brook Parkway, B'ham 13.
- Mrs. Alice Finch Smith, 3012 Jefferson Ave., S.W., B'ham.
- Mrs. Lindsay Smith - also donating twice, we note from our records!
- J. Marion Thrasher, Architect, 3004 7 Ave. S., B'ham.

There were also cash purchases of Brosemer's fine woodwork, and we do not have these names. Previously listed donors from this group, as nearly as we can identify them, are:

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| <u>Jane K. Hawley</u>              | <u>Hubert M. Styles</u>   |
| <u>Mrs. Philip C. Jackson, Jr.</u> | <u>W. T. Warren</u>       |
| <u>Mrs. James Livingston</u>       | <u>W. S. Watkins, Jr.</u> |

And these folks have developed a real interest, and moved archaeology into the "best circles" where interest can be so important in many ways. They, and Jim McCary, have probably done something more important than they realize! Our thanks!

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\$ OUR FUND TO STAY OPEN \$

You can see that we are bound to go over our quota! But...our best publicity is yet to come. Next year's dig is yet to come, too. Our wave of publicity will be our best chance to promote for next year. Our public relations theme must not be "we raised money for the dig", but "we are raising money to develop Alabama's amazing Early Man potential". Let's finance next summer, this summer. We'll have publicity, our new University connection, and one big job already to our credit. Surely we can sell all that!

What do you suppose is happening? Last month we added to our institutional members Howard College Library and the State Historical Society of Wisconsin. This month we add the New York Public Library, no less! Division AH, Grand Central Station, P.O. Box 2237, New York 17, N. Y. (Imagine that!)

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MEMBERS

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| <u>Dr. James F. Doster</u>           | Box 1955            | University, Ala.     |
| <u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Robert G. Dunn</u> | 311 31 Ave. E.      | Tuscaloosa, Ala.     |
| <u>John Hagel</u>                    | 716 S. 84 St.       | B'ham 6, Ala.        |
| <u>Wm. Robert Mitchell</u>           | 1220 S. 21 Place    | B'ham 5, Ala.        |
| <u>Miss Dorothy Moffatt</u>          | 2636 Montevallo Rd. | B'ham 13, Ala.       |
| <u>L. J. Salter</u>                  |                     | North Rose, New York |
| <u>J. H. Splawn</u>                  | 921 7 Place, S.W.   | B'ham 11, Ala.       |
| <u>Bobby Thomason</u>                | Rt. 12, Box 104     | B'ham 15, Ala.       |

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| <u>Wm. S. Steele</u> | 1212 Thomasson Ave. (Pay your rent, Bill!) | B'ham 7        |
| <u>Henry Badham</u>  | 3722 Locksley Drive                        | B'ham 13, Ala. |

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ADDRESS

James H. Gunnerson Dept. Anthro., University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah

AND NEW  
CHAPTER  
PROMISE

A Tuscaloosa Chapter, we heard at Moundville, may join the State Society. This would give us a "pipeline" into our academic and professional associations. And they might help Dave with his increasing chores? Or should we get to work at getting Dave a professional assistant? Sigfus Olafson and his group in West Virginia educated and agitated until they got a professional who can visit with the amateurs, study their sites, collections, and make full and coordinated use of amateur legs and heads!

ANOTHER  
CHAPTER

A Mauvilla Chapter is organizing! Nancy M. Holmes (Mrs. Nicholas H. Jr.) writes that on May 19 "seventeen people met in the Mobile Public Library and began the steps of organizing the Mauvilla Chapter...Of course the Chapter hopes to affiliate with the State organization." And she suggests the publication of our Journals would help to interest their members in State membership. Amen to that! And our impression is that there is a fine nucleus of above-average interest in the Mobile area - well worth soliciting for State membership. And these increasing potentials further stress the need of an assistant for Dave. There is much interest at Gadsden and Anniston. We need to set up adequate machinery to guide and utilize the rapidly increasing interest. We could really "go places"!

NOTE: New Chapters, and old ones too, send \$4.00 to Miss Hester A. Davis, University Museum, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, for last year's Newsletters of the Ark. Archaeological Society - the very best handbook available on forming amateur societies and amateur archaeologists.

The Nicholas H. Holmes, by the way, who have been very active in getting us both donations and members, will "donate" themselves to the dig, week beginning June 27. Take good care of them.

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CHAPTER DIGEST

Rodger Schaefer, Pres., MORGAN-LIMESTONE CHAPTER, sends his mimeographed announcement of their May 1 meeting, 7:30 Electric Auditorium, Decatur.

Gerard M. O'Mahoney, Secy.-Treas., was speaking on and demonstrating techniques of spinning and dyeing fabrics in ancient Peru - they knew essentially every type weave used today! Mr. O'Mahoney is a dye chemist from very romantic and very ancient Dublin (Dubh-linn, "the black pool"), and is now with Chemstrand.

C. F. Smith, MUSCLE SHOALS correspondent, writes that the April 23 meeting was held on Pickwick Lake at the home of Bob Lacks, 22 members and guests, barbecue supper! Clarence says, "Bob sure is a great chef". There followed a general discussion of archaeology - meaning chiefly the Stanfield-Worley cliff shelter!!! (They might mention such meetings in advance!)

Johnny Cottier, Secy., EAST ALABAMA CHAPTER, writes that Mr. A. W. Jones talked to their April 7th meeting on Creek Indians in Alabama and Oklahoma. The Chapter made a field trip to Mound State Monument, as guest of Prof. DeJarnette, which they found very interesting and greatly appreciated. May 5th meeting at Dadeville - an interesting device to accommodate a larger and more scattered group.

The Birmingham Anthropological Society, first Friday of month, 8 P.M., Public Library, was instructed at the May meeting in some complexities of the amazing atom, with mechanical models, by Wm. R. Kennerly, Prof. of Chemistry, Ala. College, Montevallo. Mrs. Mary Washington, Prof. of History, Howard College, will speak about the enlisted man in the Civil War at our June 2 meeting - and if you have a drop of Rebel blood you'll be there.

NOTE: There will be no meetings during the sultry months of July and August - when nobody attends anyhow! September meeting will be Sept. 8 (instead of Sept. 1).

THE SALE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE DIG, at the Birmingham May meeting, brought in \$42.50 despite small attendance due to other attractions in the city.

Stirling Wortham donated a replica, perhaps representing a Mexican god, with a jaguar head superimposed. Stirling has made several trips to Mexico and is famous for his fine replicas (so closely resembling the originals he has to be careful not to confuse them!)

He makes replicas for such institutions as the Birmingham Museum of Art and Mound State Monument. If you need fine replicas made, address 2127 12th Ave., N., B'ham, Ala.

Harold Kleine bought Stirling's replica at a good price and presented it to the Birmingham Public Library - where it should be, for all to see. Harold also sold some of his own beautiful hand-made jewelry for the fund, and donated handsomely to the Ed Mahan fund.

Charles Brosemer's Early American milking stool, in lovely Chittam wood, was bought by Dick Humbard - and we envy him that, despite our cow has been dry these many years. The Country Club crowd went for the wood-of-gold Brosemer art in a big way, which will grace many a fine mansion.

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AND NOW -- THE DIG

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JUNE FIFTH

1961

Well, this is it! An historic date! Dreams don't come true, as we know - but this one did! Because a lot of dreamers put their backs into it - and their bucks!

We don't know anything nice enough to say about these grand people. But, like virtus, this dig will be its own reward as a major contribution to the science of archaeology. Because of combined efforts and sound plan, we amateurs shall accomplish more in this one summer than we have in our entire previous existence - which goes back more than a quarter century. In fact, this will ring down the long corridors of time as one of the great amateur achievements. Let us never again be without such a plan - we can accomplish so much more working together. And since we began this project of real worth, our membership and Chapters have doubled, and we have discovered many "friends of archaeology" - so we have far more people to work together. Beginning has had its uncertainties, and required an enormous amount of effort, but if we can do so amazingly well as a starter just think what the future promises! To those many dear people who have pioneered in this "new look" we want to express the deep gratitude of all archaeology, and for all time. Adding a bit to our precious store of knowledge is an all-too-rare event, and a great event.

There are a few things to say. Remember that the excavation will be an exact, and exacting science. There are some ten thousand years of human history packed into a short five vertical feet of soil. There are still-undeciphered mysteries all the way down which we must make every effort, and take every care, to solve. We are employing Dave DeJarnette to do this. And in so doing we are also placing upon him the responsibility - a tremendous responsibility. And we are asking him to do this "on a shoestring", as it were. Ideally, we should have given him \$150,000.00, a crew of trained men, and three years, Steve Wimberly tells us. We must take great care not to interfere in any way with the best possible procedures. Dave will be digging for facts, not artifacts, and facts are hard to see and harder to interpret, but easy to destroy.

For unskilled volunteers there will be less exacting but important excavating, under supervision. For example, Steve tells us (we haven't been able to get together with Dave on his plans) that a trench should be started well down slope from the shelter, and cut right up to the fact of the shelter. This will expose a vertical "profile", as the archaeologists call it, of the soil layers at the edge of the shelter - maybe twenty or more feet deep. It will make it possible to study the geology of the soils - perhaps determine the glacial, pluvial, altithermal periods which will assist in dating. And it could be there is yet a cultural level deeper, hence older, than we have already discovered! This trench will be rough, rooty digging. But it will be exciting. The Indians threw tons of broken pots, bones, and things in general "down the front steps", no doubt. The welkin will ring as the diggers discover these things - and remember that they all have an important story to tell.



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H. Worley has also located another cliff shelter which should be explored with a test pit. A. A. Jackson has located two cliff shelters which sound very promising - they both have water, plenty of archaeological evidence, and a fine fluted point comes from one of them. Steve says Harold Kleine's famous open site should be tested. Under proper supervision, serious volunteers can do adequate test excavations. We must have a good project for next summer, so this work is of extreme importance. Please report to Dave all sites which you think might deserve consideration for testing. Remember that irresponsible people are tearing these sites up rapidly, so time is of the essence.

OPEN CLIFF SHELTER, visitors running out of our ears, will be both a major problem and a major opportunity. We tried four months ago to get some plans started to handle this, but never heard from our letters. If we were well, we'd be there in person constantly, and try to set up a good plan. Certainly Dave will need all the peace and concentration he can get, and can't spend his time answering forty million (literally) questions - mostly foolish. We did a salvage dig once ourself, and though it was quite unadvertised the visitors became so impossible we had to get a police guard to keep them out. That may give you an idea of what the problem can be.

And yet it is a wonderful opportunity, too. Our visitors will be open-mouthed with the awe and mystery, and eager to know something about it. They will provide a wonderful chance for "public relations". We can make friends for archaeology - or enemies! We can have a mess - or devoted converts. A few will even absorb a few basic ideas if we go about it right. Remember that our "new look" for archaeology is building on public interest. So these people, potentially, are archaeology too - of the future. So bless their big, warm hearts for taking an interest! We'll have to excavate our own best sweetness and patience and see that they enjoy a pleasant experience, at the very least. If there are a lot of dead little corpses of human relations resulting from people feeling overlooked, it will be we who are overlooking a golden opportunity.

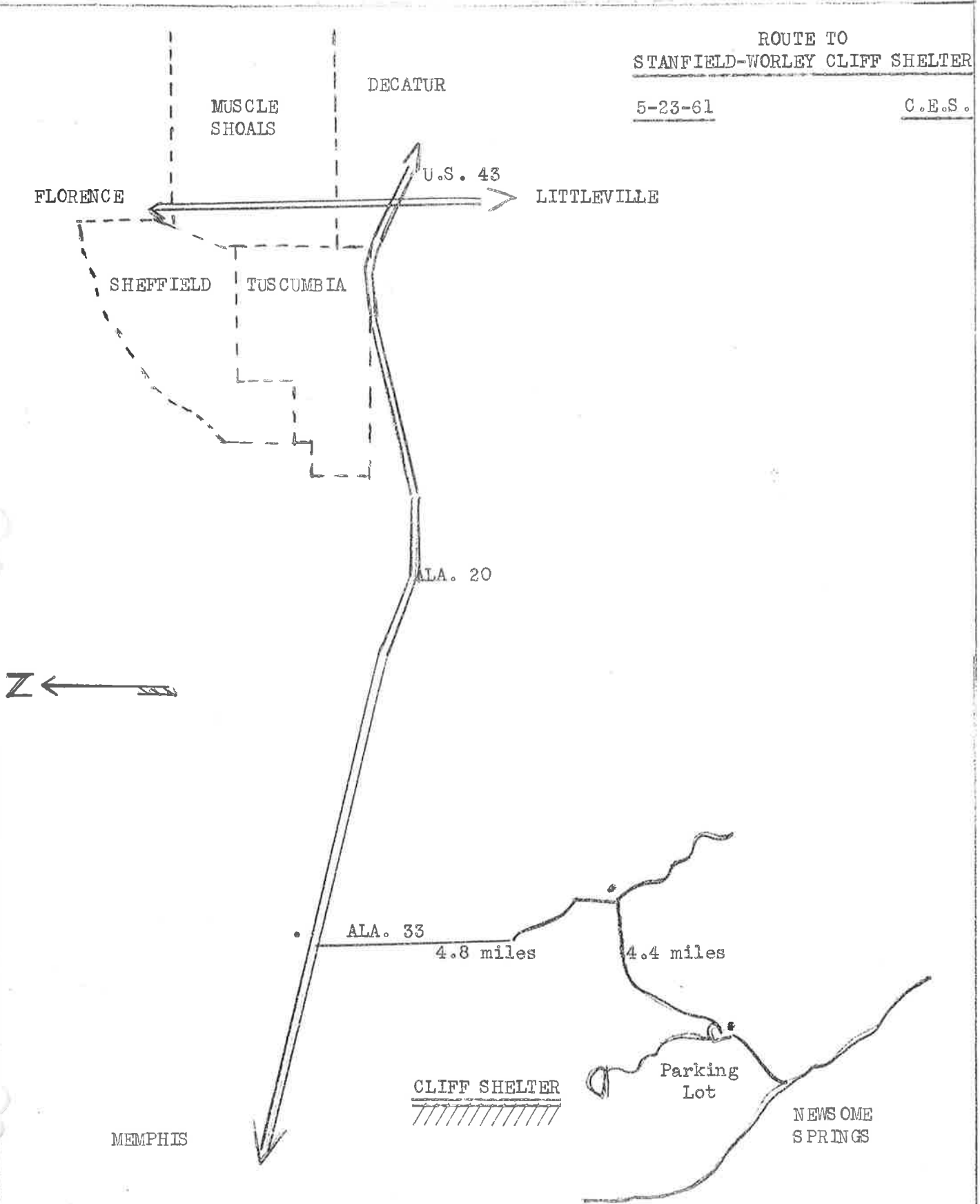
Since, as we say, we were not able to get any plans set up, we shall here mention some of our thoughts, and hope they might be of some help to the volunteers who will have to emcee the visitors. For one thing, we'd make sure they all know this dig is by the people - financed by public subscription - a new and wonderful thing for Alabama archaeology. This can be an important part of our campaign for next year. It seems to us there should certainly be a registration book for all visitors - which would accord them at least some importance, and express some appreciation. And perhaps this list could be circularized next year! Week ends there will likely be a veritable "visitation of locusts". Some sort of ordered plan may be needed - as "conducted tours" on the half hour. The "lecture" of information can perhaps be patterned on the standard explanation of the four cultures in stratigraphic succession: Mississippian, Woodland, Archaic, Paleo, with major characteristics and approximate ages. A display of representative artifacts would be very helpful, and interesting, and divert some of the pressure from the dig itself. Our personal experience is that a step-cut model excavation in miniature, with the 12" plastic skeletons, showing the cultures at their various depths, is very explanatory. If there are enough available, our thought would be to sell the 25-cent Geological Survey booklets on various excavations - such as The Bessemer Site. These may not seem very "popular", but it is high time we tried to spread it around that archaeological excavation is an exacting science and not a "popular" occupation of a Saturday outing. These books would give a few people a few ideas of worth - and let's quit selling people short with juvenile literature. No wonder we don't have much archaeological maturity. Our thought, too, would be to display a good collection of books on archaeology...first of all, Tribes That Slumber, Lewis and Kneberg, quite the best thing on the archaeology of our area. Interesting people to buy and read the right books will "indoctrinate" them far better than a brief visit to our site.

People are wonderful, remember - they financed this dig of the century!

ROUTE TO  
STANFIELD-WORLEY CLIFF SHELTER

5-23-61

C.E.S.



DECATUR

MUSCLE  
SHOALS

FLORENCE

U.S. 43

LITTLEVILLE

SHEFFIELD

TUSCUMBIA

ALA. 20



ALA. 33

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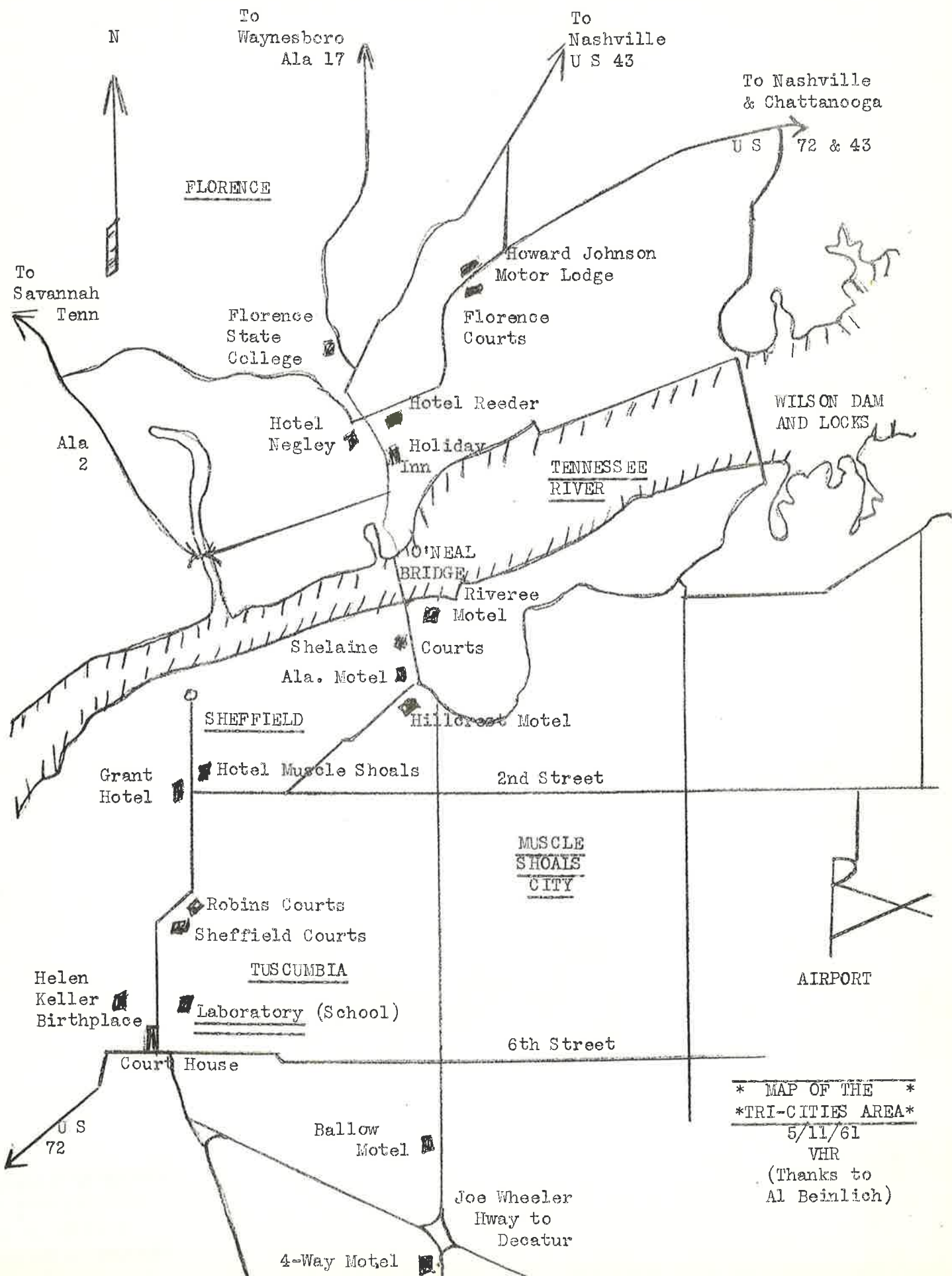
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CLIFF SHELTER

Parking  
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SPRINGS



FLORENCE

TENNESSEE RIVER

MO'NEAL BRIDGE

SHEFFIELD

MUSCLE SHOALS CITY

TUSCUMBIA

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\*TRI-CITIES AREA\*

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(Thanks to Al Beinlich)

To Savannah Tenn

To Waynesboro Ala 17

To Nashville U S 43

To Nashville & Chattanooga U S 72 & 43

Ala 2

Florence State College

Howard Johnson Motor Lodge

Florence Courts

Hotel Negley

Hotel Reeder

Holiday Inn

WILSON DAM AND LOCKS

Riveree Motel

Shelaine Courts

Ala. Motel

Hillcrest Motel

Grant Hotel

Hotel Muscle Shoals

2nd Street

Robins Courts

Sheffield Courts

Helen Keller Birthplace

Laboratory (School)

AIRPORT

Court House

6th Street

U S 72

Ballow Motel

Joe Wheeler Hwy to Decatur

4-Way Motel