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Each one of us who have enjoyed reading the Society's newsletter and who is basking in the praise of our Society's outstanding dig of last summer, owes a heavy debt of gratitude to the former editor, Dan Josselyn. In the past year, the newsletter has been not only the organ for Chapter News, but has been a publicity medium for our dig. This dual role has placed a great burden on its editor and those working with him. A longer newsletter has meant that a great deal of copy had to be composed; longer hours were needed for typing the copy, printing it, and finally assembling, addressing and mailing it.

Dan has been gathering all the information and writing the outstandingly interesting copy you have been reading. He has taken time to keep us all abreast of what is going on in archaeology in other areas. The reams of publicity material about our Stanfield-Worley dig have been Dan's. Hundreds of letters have been written by him to people who have expressed an interest in our project. In fact, Dan has been the man most responsible for the success of our dig. Others have worked very hard for that success, also, but Dan's contagious enthusiasm for the project and belief in its ultimate success have generated the interest that produced workers and enough money to carry out this unusual people's movement for the study of this bit of our archaeological heritage. Dan's talent and time were devoted to a group effort. He has been a terrific salesman for us as a society and for archaeology everywhere.

Unfortunately for the Society, Dan's health will not permit his continuing this fulltime work on our behalf. Dan is retiring as editor of the newsletter. We hope his health will improve rapidly now that he has been relieved of the frustrating irritations connected with single-handedly composing copy for a monthly deadline.

With his customary generosity, Dan has agreed to be a contributing editor and an advisor for the new editorial board. Tactfully, he has been clearing his desk and furnishing the new board with copy which will lighten the task of producing the newsletter for several issues to come, and you will recognize his charming writing style in articles appearing henceforth.

There is no reward the Society can give Dan except its high commendation and sincere appreciation for an outstanding job.

Others have worked closely with Dan in the newsletter publication. Mrs. Elizabeth Cline has squeezed into an already overloaded schedule, hours of typing, and has then done the crosstown travelling to get the copy to the printer. After the printer's task was completed, she was again on the run to get the publication mailed. Mr. Frank Parsons and his secretary, Miss Barbara Harvey, after a full work day of their own, ran the copy each month. Our sincere gratitude goes to each of these fine and unselfish people. We also wish to thank the Brungart Equipment Company for use of their facilities for printing the Newsletter. It is generous effort of this sort that is making the Alabama Society a growing, active organization.

AMAZING NEW RADIO-CARBON DATE - 9640 YEARS AGO IN ALABAMA

D. W. Josselyn

Stanfield-Worley Dig Twice As Old As Egypt's Oldest Pyramid! Unexpected antiquity for human habitation of America upset a lot of orthodox applecarts ten years ago when the famous Folsom site near Lubbock, Texas was dated at 9,300 years ago - by the newly developed method of measuring the loss of radioactivity in carbon-14. But now we have other confirming dates, as: Graham Cave, 8,830 and 9,700 years; Lehner, 8,500; Red Smoke, 8,862; Plainview, 7,100 and 9,170; Ray Long, 7,073 and 9,380; Burnet Cave, 7,432; Tamaulipas, 9,270.

All The Above Dates Are In The West, you will note. Comparable antiquity in the East has been widely doubted. The Bull Brook, Mass., dates of 8,720 and 9,300 years were from charcoal blown to the positions where collected, and not in stable soil, hence not demonstrably in association with the artifacts recovered. (D. S. Byers, "American Antiquity", April 1959). There are dates from 9,101 to 10,651 years from the lowest hidden zone of the Modoc Rock Shelter, Ill. But two older dates were obtained from a higher level - something went sour and cast suspicion on all the dates. Dr. Griffin has also questioned this site on grounds of lithic typology and glacial chronology. ("American Antiquity", Oct. 1957). Carl Miller, of the Smithsonian Institution, reported dates of 8,160 and 9,020 years for Russell Cave, Alabama, in the "National Geographic" Vol. CXV, No. 4 and CXIII, No. 3, but no technical study has appeared. Antiquity of human habitation in the East is still widely questioned.

But Here Is A Strange Thing! Dr. H. M. Wormington's classic, "Ancient Man in North America", 4th edition, lists 97 "principal sites and localities" in all of Alaska, Canada, United States and Mexico. Most of these sites are very sparse in artifacts, as: Lubbock, 4 projectile points and 2 tools; MacHaffie, 2 projectile points; Zapata, 2 projectile points; Linger, 14 projectile points; Lehner, 13 projectile points; Burnet Cave, 1 projectile point; McLean, 1 projectile point; Dent, 3 projectile points; Naco, 9 projectile points; 5 fluted points from Alaska; 4 random surface fluted points from Arizona; 5 strays from Colorado. Wormington of course includes many sites without fluted points.

Now Look At Alabama! Comparable lithic tools and points by the thousands have been reported by amateur archaeologists from over three hundred sites! But these have been surface collected. We had never had a scientific excavation to prove what seemed obvious - at least to us!

Antiquity Of Eastern Habitation Confirmed! Stanfield-Worley Cliff Shelter, Colbert County, Alabama, test excavation, summer of 1960. Radio-carbon dates from University of Michigan Laboratory, and many thanks to Dr. James B. Griffin, University of Michigan, for his generous interest:

8,960 years, plus or minus 400 - U of M #1153
9,640 years, plus or minus 450 - U of M #1152

JT - the charcoal samples of these tests were gathered as tiny flecks from the vertical profile of the test trench of 1960, at random from the lowest or "Dalton" midden. In 1961 this "Dalton" midden proved to contain at least fifteen different projectile point types - hardly suggesting a pure Dalton habitation. And this midden was as much as 18 inches thick. Dave DeJarnette collected charcoal by one inch levels in 1961! An even older date might reasonably be expected at the lowest level - not mixed charcoal from the entire midden. Furthermore, we did not find what we reasonably consider to be even older projectile point types in this midden. By indication, we thus lend support to a still greater antiquity of human habitation in our East. We don't know how much greater, but we are going to find out - as we shall see shortly. But already we have an archaeological breakthrough, and big news.

Charles H. Worley first became interested in Indian artifacts in 1925 in Carthage, Missouri, and pilled his hobby in 35 states. October 10, 1959, a great day for archaeology, Mr. Worley decided he wanted something scientific done about one of his sites. He wrote an SOS letter to the Alabama Archaeological Society. You know the story of the unprecedented drive to raise funds by popular subscription, employing professional Prof. David L. DeJarnette, the cooperative joining of the University of Alabama in our enterprise, the grand amateur-professional teamwork - and now the antiquity of man in the East is confirmed. One letter, one scientific excavation, and Charles H. Worley makes a great contribution and wins the enduring fame and gratitude of the archaeological world! Might this moral be the greatest thing of all to come out of the Stanfield-Worley Shelter excavation?

Certainly everyone has been fired by the way this project has doubled membership and chapters, brought us national name and fame, engaged the enthusiastic cooperation of the University of Alabama, by the wonderful professional-amateur coordination Dave has developed, and the totally unexpected success of our fund drive (some \$2,000 left over for next year!) Of course, we have been fired up for a long time over the unbelievable Early Man evidence in Alabama. And now we have this amazing date to confirm the unbelievable!

Dr. H. M. Wormington, Curator of Archaeology, Denver Museum of Natural History, writes: "I couldn't be more pleased with the dates you obtained".

Sigfus Olafson, Vice-President of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation, writes: "The dates are most interesting..... I think you have something more revealing and important than if you had found a bushel of fluted points."

Leon Salter, our most distant visitor (all the way from North Rose, N.Y.) writes: "Congratulations!..... I venture Dave may get a feather in his cap for his excellent method in excavating. I hope so".

CORRECTIONS - APOLOGIES

THE HONOR ROLL FOR 1961: A thorough check of donors to the Stanfield-Worley dig of 1961 disclosed the following omissions in the last issue of the Newsletter:

Andrews, W. W., 717 - 14th St., S.W., Birmingham 11, Ala. - via Matt Lively
 Ceyete, Rene, 1556 - 17th Place, S.W., Birmingham 11, Ala. - via Matt Lively
 Johnstone, Harry Inge, Mobile, Ala., via Nicholas H. Holmes, Jr.
 Long, James H., Insurance, 5116 Valley Road, Fairfield, Ala., - via Bill Steele
 McCaleb, W. V., 709 Oakland Drive, Fairfield, Ala., - via Dick Humbar
 Ray, Jack D., Decatur, Ala., via Jack Cambron
 Ivers, Lee, 1313 Cresthill Road, Birmingham 13, Ala., via Floyd Anderson

Our profound apologies to both donors and solicitors! Please, if there are any further omissions or mistakes, notify us at once.

TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR: Page 13 of the August-September issue, two lines above the list of projectile point types, 10' by 25" should read: 10' by 25'.

A DIG FOR YOU IN '62

So, We Do Excavate Again Next Year! The decision is unanimous, including Dave. Where do we dig in '62? Everybody is asking! The answer is, the best site available, where we can learn the most. Dave has tested several sites and would like to test more. The decision will, of course, be up to him. But there will be a dig. In short, "A Dig For You In '62". So spread the word - remind folks they can lower their income tax by contributing to a scientific breakthrough - dig down in your own pockets and help to increase the percentage of total contributions coming from our Alabama Society members, bearing in mind that tax-deductible checks are to be made payable to the Archaeological Research Association of Alabama, Inc.

HONOR ROLL FOR '62 CONTINUES - DONATIONS FROM ILLINOIS, NORTH CAROLINA & ALABAMA

Last month we published names of 10 people who donated after it was announced that we were oversubscribed - obviously shooting for '62. This month:

J. Birney Work, 10711 S. Wood St., Chicago, Ill., writes Sec'y. Schaefer: We had a letter from Bob (Dr. Bob Work) telling us that he and Anne were spending a week at the site and having a most interesting time. Knowing how energetically Bob takes on any undertaking, we think it quite possible he badly wore down a shovel or some other tools. We feel it our duty, since we couldn't take an active part, to send you the enclosed check for a new shovel and further digging. Good luck". (Note the reference to "further digging".)

Verne H. Reckmeyer, 2311 Poinciana, S.W., Huntsville, Ala., who did such a fine service getting out such good mimeographed notices and lining up volunteer labor for the dig, writes one of his so-nice letters about the "wonderful enthusiasm" our project has engendered. This has indeed been a wonderful thing we may be inclined to overlook - it lifted us quite out of our humdrum, plodding existence. And Verne puts more kindling on the fire of enthusiasm by adding: "A check enclosed toward next summer's dig". There we go again - "next".

A. B. "Chick" Craig, Chemstrand Research Center, P. O. Box 731, Durham, N.C., writes: "Although I was not able to participate in the dig this summer as I had hoped, I did visit the site late one evening in August and also visited the laboratory and talked with Dave DeJarnette. I was tremendously impressed with what I saw and heard, and feel that my contribution has been used on an extremely worthwhile project. The cliff shelter is a beautiful site and as I stood there just before sundown, my mind ran back to the many thousands of years of unwritten history which had taken place at the site. It was a tremendous experience and one that I will long remember". Could one better express the essence of what inspires us all? And the ghosts of this incredible past which Chick sensed in this ancient cathedral of nature at sundown will live again, and again have meaning, because of donations of enthusiasm, time, effort and dollars. Chick further adds "I wish to pledge (the same very generous amount) toward next year's dig if a worthwhile project is found".

Dan Josselyn, who before ill health brought about his retirement as editor of our newsletter, donated some 16 hours a day of his time, effort and enthusiasm, says he "couldn't add a thing to Chick's magnificent and stirring letter, "except a pledge to repeat" his own generous donation in dollars for next year!

ANNOUNCEMENTS - STATE NEWS

1961 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: Saturday....December 9th
Birmingham Museum of Art....20th Street & 8th Avenue. This is just north of the main
 business district, on the north side of a small park. There is a parking lot back of
 the Museum and one across the street from the side entrance. Note the following:

Registration: 12:00 Noon to 1:00 P.M. Business Meeting: 1:00 to 2:00 P.M.
Speakers: 2:00 to 5:00 P.M., with a coffee break.

Dick Howard, Curator of the Museum, will have on display, half a million years of the
 evolution of man's stone tools, - which you dare not miss!

Dave DeJarnette will show out-of-this-world color slides on the Stanfield-Worley dig
 and bring us up to date on the laboratory findings - neither of which you can miss.

More details revealing the whole program will be included in the next issue of your
 newsletter. Bring the whole family! (P.S.: The Museum is fascinating!)

Martin Hullender, 1884 St. Charles Ave., S.W., Birmingham 11, Ala., President of the
 Birmingham Anthropological Society, our host chapter, would like to have an idea of
 the number who will attend. Inform your Chapter Officers of your plans - or write
 Martin in person at the above address, please.

EASTERN STATES ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEDERATION: The 1961 Annual Meeting will take place on
Saturday and Sunday, October 28th and 29th, at historic Williamsburg, Virginia. The
 meetings and headquarters will be at the Williamsburg Motor House.

STONES & BONES E.T.V. PROGRAM: Britt Thompson's Stones & Bones program has brought
 us national attention. Alice DeLamar, one of our bountiful and interested donors,
 wrote us: "You will be interested that the Stones & Bones TV program is mentioned
 in Life Magazine" - and enclosed the clipping (September 8th issue). This was a full
 page devoted to "LIFE Guide - Surprising stimulating scope of educational TV". A
 lengthy build-up included the encouraging statement that "Educational TV, in fact,
 now forms what is virtually a 4th major network...." In listing programs which will
 appear on our ETV network this year, our very own Stones & Bones was very favorably
 mentioned. In short, ETV is a pretty big and important proposition, and Alabama is
 leading the nation in this field!

A give-away manual on projectile point types, prepared by Jack Cambron, is being
 offered to those who write the Stones & Bones program - no verbal requests honored.
 Watch Educational TV every Monday night at 7 O'Clock, to get the dope on how to
 procure your own free copy of the manual. Incidentally, there are lots of guys and
 gals far beyond the reach of our ETV who would like to have this. Why not write a
 friend in distant Kalamazoo who might like to know how to get the manual?

Forthcoming programs you will not want to miss include these:

November 6th, Mr. Maxime Vitu, Head of the French Tourist Agency, Miami, Fla.,
 will discuss the Perigord area of France. The discussion will include some of the
 most beautiful cave paintings from places such as Lascaux, Trois Freres, etc., and
 Mr. Vitu will have artifacts from the Cromagnon period.

November 13th, Al Beinlich, of our Muscle Shoals Chapter, will discuss "Arti-
 facts in the Tennessee Valley Area".

November 20th, Dr. C. D. McGlamery, Head of the Department of Anthropology,
 University of Alabama, will discuss "Social Progress of Man".

A JOINT MEETING OF THE ART MUSEUM AND THE BIRMINGHAM ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY will be held November 6th, at 8:00 P.M. at the Art Museum Auditorium on the first floor. Mr. Maxime Vitu will be the guest speaker and his subject will be "Archaeology in France". Mr. Vitu has a wide knowledge of his subject and is an enthusiastic amateur archeologist, who modestly admits having "a few pieces" of his own. Everyone is particularly urged to attend this joint meeting and to bring his friends, since this will undoubtedly be one of the highlights of this year's programs.

DAVE DEJARNETTE RECOVERING FROM SURGERY. Friends of Dave's will be happy to learn that he is on the road to recovery, following gallbladder surgery. Dave will be taking it easy for a couple of months, but plans on digging with us again next summer.

NEW STATE MEMBERS BRING TOTAL UP TO 320. To the following new members of our Alabama Archaeological Society, a warm and hearty welcome, and our congratulations! All 1961 members will receive copies of 1960 and 1961 Journals. (By the way, have your '61 dues been paid? If not, please get them in):

Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Andridge, 2607 S. Greenbrier Drive, Mobile, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Blake, P. O. Box 506, Fairhope, Ala.
 Brian Butler, 520 Windsor St., Florence, Ala.
 Ronald D. Eason, 717 - 4th Terr. W., Birmingham 4, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Ellis, P. O. Box 956, Fairhope, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. Jack Friend, 609 E. Barksdale Drive, Mobile, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. Earle D. Getchell, 323 Bromley Place, Mobile, Ala.
 Miss Elberta Gibbs, 1930 Cahaba Road, Birmingham 9, Ala.
 Miss Janie M. Lott, 2931 - 10th Court S., Birmingham 5, Ala.
 Mrs. Harry J. McCormack, 2828 Argyle Road, Birmingham 13, Ala.
 Miss Janelle Mitchell, 1128 S. 22nd St., Birmingham 5, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. V. H. Mizzell, 142 W. Field Ave., Mobile, Ala.
 Miss Annette Otts, Beaverton, Ala.
 Dr. & Mrs. Sidney C. Phillips, 1212 Belle Chene Drive, Mobile, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. C. M. Rider, 154 Esplanade Ave., Mobile, Ala.
 Miss Mike Sheffield, 304 - 5th St., Chickasaw, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Simmons, 572 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope, Ala.
 Miss Alva Singleton, 1117½ Church St., Apt. B, Mobile, Ala.
 Marilyn Smallwood, 311 W. Livingston Place, Metairie, La.
 B. D. Sparks, Route 1, Hillsboro, Ala.
 Mrs. Carol V. Taylor, Route 4 Box 516, Mobile, Ala.
 G. E. Van Buren, 2229 Walgrove Ave., Los Angeles 66, Calif.
 Mr. & Mrs. Green T. Waggener, Jr., 2203 Old Government St., Mobile, Ala.
 Mr. & Mrs. Bert O. Yerkes, 1005 W. Pinewood Drive, Mobile, Ala.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES are reported for the following members, some of whom have been "lost" for several months:

William J. Ballard, Delta College ETV, Saginaw, Mich.
 Tandy Roy Bozeman, 318½ - 12th Ave., Tuscaloosa, Ala.
 Mrs. Elizabeth Cline, Route 13, Box 706, Birmingham 16, Ala.
 Larry Grogan, P. O. Box 689, Florence, Ala.
 Mrs. Richard Hahn, 3637 Westbury Road, Birmingham 13, Ala.
 Mary Hendrick, 1530 Classen Drive, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Dave Jaeckels, c/o Marva Courts, Gulf Breeze, Fla.
 Gene W. Lenser, 2075 E. 3rd St., Fremont, Nebr.
 Earl McGee, Florence State Teachers College, Florence, Ala.
 John R. Mitchell, 601 - 7th Ave., SW., Decatur, Ala.
 Dan F. Morse, Ogle Trailer Park, Box 73, 2809 Newby Rd., S.W., Huntsville, Ala.
 Stanford E. Smith, c/o C. F. Smith, P. O. Box 541, Florence, Ala.
 William S. Steele, 600 - 8th Ave. W., Birmingham 4, Ala.
 Steve B. Wimberly, Route 13, Box 826, Birmingham 16, Ala.

BAD ADDRESSES: Some of our good members are missing the big news in Alabama archaeology because we cannot locate them. If anybody has a current address for any of these members, please advise your associate editors:

James Floyd Anderson, formerly 607 S. 3rd St., Gadsden, Ala.
 A. R. Bray, formerly Dadeville, Ala.
 Kenneth R. Dennis, RD2, USS Bradford (DD 545), c/o Fleet P.O., San Francisco, Calif. (formerly)
 Dr. Albert Gessman, formerly Talladega College, Talladega, Ala.
 James E. Proctor, 1106 Wallace Ave., Opelika, Ala. (formerly)

ALABAMA MEMBERS ATTEND FLORIDA ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING. The Florida Anthropological Society invited the Alabama Archaeological Society to join them September 16-17 at an executive meeting in Fort Walton, Fla. Our members attending were the Al Beinlichs from Tusculumbia, the Stanford Smiths from Florence, the Britt Thompsons from Birmingham, and Dave DeJarnette from the University of Alabama. A delightful meeting was held Saturday afternoon. Saturday evening, Dr. William Sears discussed at a dinner meeting "Pottery in the Coastal Plains Area". Sunday morning, a Weeden Island burial mound was the site for further excavation. A dog burial had been recovered there and a small concreted truncated cone was opened in the presence of visitors. Disappointingly, it contained only ashes. An invitation was extended to the Florida Society to join us next year at Moundville at our summer meeting. Mr. William Lazarus, President of the Florida Society, was our host and promises to rally a Florida group to join us next summer.

CHAPTER NEWS

NEW MAUVILLA CHAPTER FOLLOWS NEW "TASCALOOSA" CHAPTER. "On....the morning of October 18, St. Luke's Day, they reached a fortified town called Mabilla, where Tascalusa had promised to give them carriers and supplies....Here the Indians of Tascalusa rose upon their European visitors...." (DeSoto). We quote from Swanton to remind of the long association of the names of our two new Chapters. It seems most appropriate to announce them as new Chapters in this and succeeding issues of the newsletter - and to roll out the red plush carpet (red deerskins, we mean!) of welcome.

Mauvilla Chapter Officers are: President, Nicholas H. Holmes, Jr., Secretary, Mrs. Nicholas H. Holmes, Jr. The Chapter met October 16, 1961 at the Mobile Public Library. Mr. P. C. Pertoutson, a geologist, lectured on geology in the Mobile area. Colonel William Lazarus of Fort Walton, Florida, will be the speaker at the November meeting. The Mobile City Commission has given the Mauvilla Chapter space on the third floor of the Mobile General Hospital, for use as a laboratory. The chapter plans to fit this space out as a laboratory and to work at learning pottery classification, under the guidance of Dr. Bruce Trickey. The pottery sherds to be studied are from a site at Battle Creek, excavated some years ago by Mr. DeJarnette. At the conclusion of this pottery study, the Mauvilla Chapter plans to prepare a report for the Journal of Alabama Archaeology.

The Birmingham Anthropological Society meets the 1st Friday of each month at the Birmingham Public Library. At the October 13th meeting, George Russell discussed the Indian as a hunter. President Martin Hullender spoke on the contribution made by the Indian as farmers. Two films on food were shown.

East Alabama Chapter - meets 1st Friday of each month at Funchess Hall, Auburn University. At the October 6th meeting, a panel discussion dealt with the types of pottery found in the Eastern sections of Alabama. This involved temper, form, type, etc. Members brought sherds to be discussed. The Chapter will continue field work along the Tallapoosa River.

Madison-Huntsville Chapter - meets 3rd Friday of each month at St. Thomas Church in Huntsville. The program for meeting is not yet firm, but plans are to have a meeting on flint chipping and one on plaster casting of flint points during the Fall.

Marshall County Chapter - meeting date and place have not been definitely decided upon. Several cliff shelters have been located in the area and the Chapter expects to explore these during the Fall and Winter season.

Morgan-Limestone Chapter - meets 1st Monday of each month. No report on activities.

Muscle Shoals Chapter - meets 4th Monday each month at Florence State Teachers College. The Sept. 25th meeting was held at Bob Lacks' residence on beautiful Pickwick Lake. Al Beinlich spoke on the Cherokee Indians - their history as recorded and handed down from past generations. Members then discussed artifacts and archaeology, as related to the area. At the next meeting, slides on some of the caves of France will be shown.

Tuscaloosa Archaeological Society - meeting date and place have not been definitely decided upon. At the last meeting, Mr. Austin presented a program on Mexican Indians.

DALTON POINT TECHNICALITIES

New interest has been widely aroused in the Dalton-Meserve projectile point since our Stanfield-Worley excavation of the first good Dalton midden bids fair to add a great deal of long-overdue information. Archaeological curiosity has been building up since 1924, with little to satisfy it. So we asked Jack Cambron to supply us with some technical details and received the following:

"Quoting from 'A Survey of Paleo-Indian Sites and Artifacts in the Tennessee River Valley', by Soday and Cambron (manuscript in preparation), Daltons were broken down into 3 categories. First, 'Dalton', which includes the common 'eared' type, will be designated by Kneberg as 'Knuckolls Dalton'. There were 153 whole examples in this study, from 62 sites, with a range in length from 28 to 69 mm.

Second, 'Square Based Dalton' will be designated 'Colbert Dalton' by Kneberg, since more examples were found at the Colbert County dig than at any other single site. There were 11 whole points from 11 sites, with a range in length from 33 to 54 mm.

Third, 'Corner Notched Dalton' has been designated by Joffre Coe 'Hardaway Side Notched', which latter name will be used by Kneberg. 28 of these whole points from 16 sites were included in this study. They ranged in length from 29 to 50 mm.

All three types total 192 whole points from 89 sites. The average width of Colbert Dalton is 18.4 mm.; the average length, 44.9 mm. The average width of each of the other two types is 20.8 mm. The average length of Knuckolls Dalton is 46.5 mm.; of the Hardaway Side Notched, 39.5 mm.

The cut-off date of our survey was August 1, 1956."

We don't know at this date the number of Dalton points recovered from the Stanfield-Worley dig, but from the above statistics we can see that it will be an astounding number to come from a single site. Nor do we know the dispersal of the sites mentioned by Jack, but our impression is that the Stanfield-Worley site is nearer the perimeter than center of the area. Dalton points are fairly common in the Birmingham area - the great majority of which have not been reported. We should all familiarize ourselves with these types and report to Jack the location of the finds in our own collections, so that a map of distribution may be made. At the moment, this is Alabama's "leading projectile point type", and everything possible should be done to add to our information.

Dr. Carl F. Miller, Smithsonian Institution, who wanted our last Journal, writes to thank us for the issue "in which James Cambron's and David Hulse's article "The Transitional Paleo-Indian in North Alabama and South Tennessee" appears. In case I want to name any point I will get in touch with Cambron at the address you indicated".

As those of us who have been watching our ETV Stones & Bones program know - and as some of us have learned from our local Chapter representatives, Jack Cambron has volunteered his time and service in identifying materials in any Alabama collection, subject only to the submission of a Site Survey Sheet, along with properly labeled and marked artifacts. This is an unprecedented opportunity for us to get an "expert" diagnosis on those artifacts we cannot definitely identify for ourselves, and an even greater opportunity to add to the total knowledge of the distribution and concentration of artifacts from various cultures, in our Alabama area, since a central record will be kept at the University of Alabama.

We are also indebted to Jack Cambron, our new educational editor, for the attached projectile points characteristics sheet (unnumbered sheet following this page) which has been devised by Madeline Kneberg Lewis, of the University of Tennessee. The nomenclature is that which will be used in Miss Kneberg's forthcoming book, and that which will be used in defining projectile points in future "educational" articles appearing in our newsletter.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

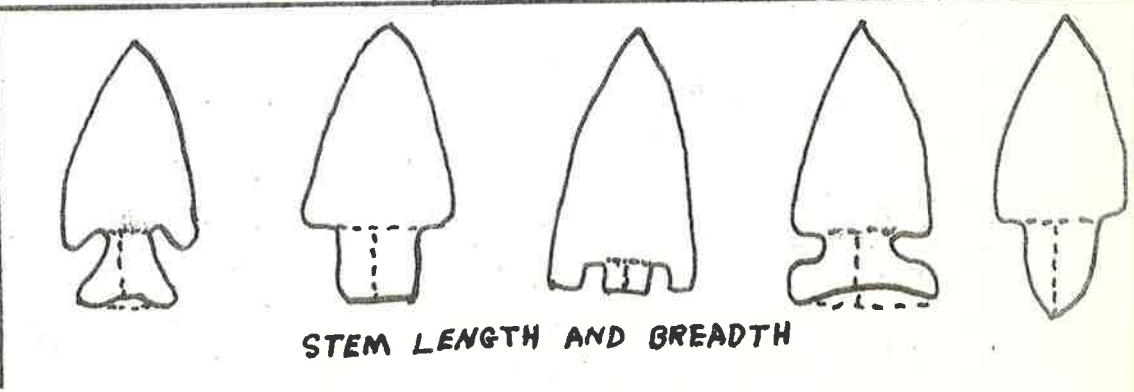
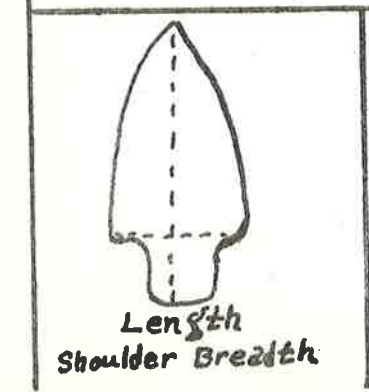
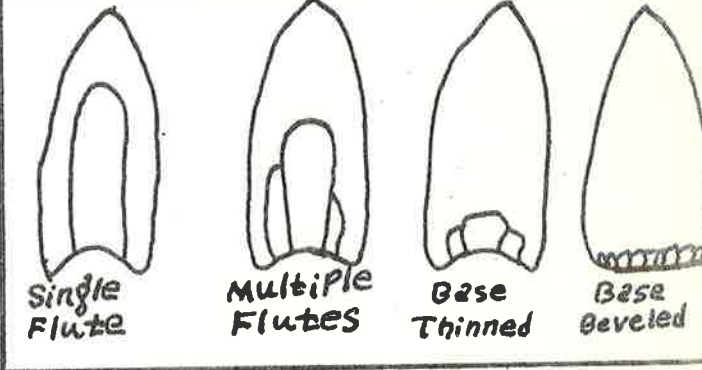
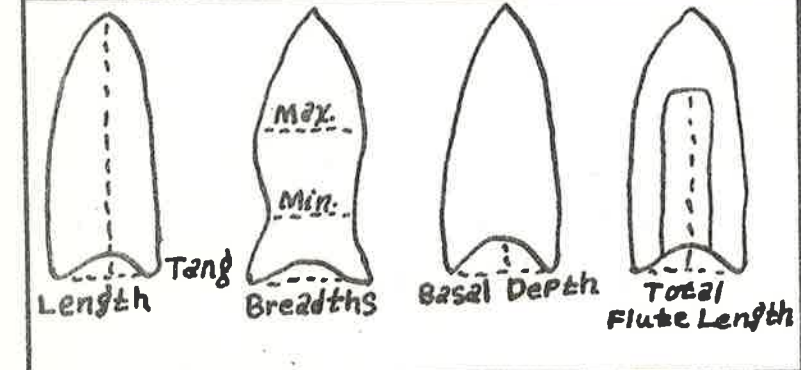
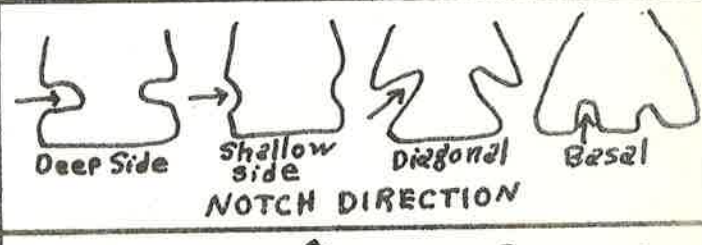
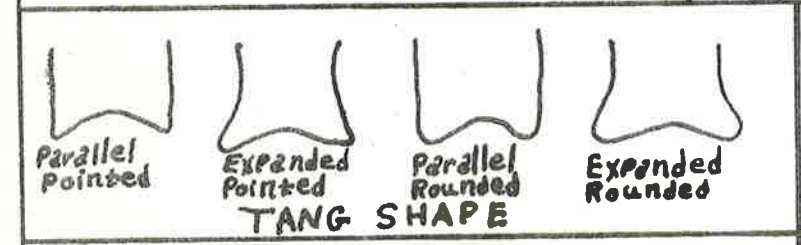
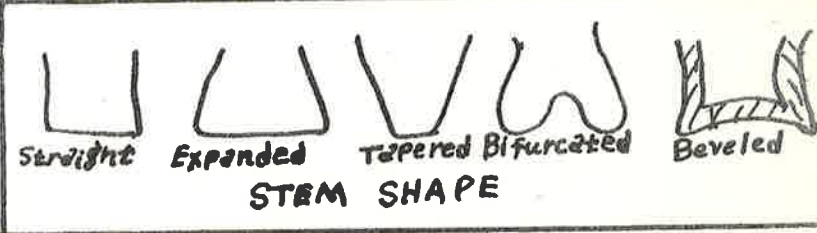
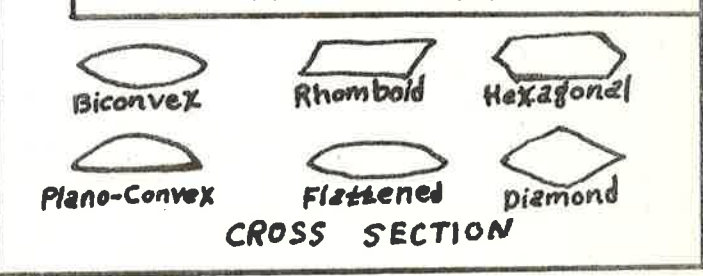
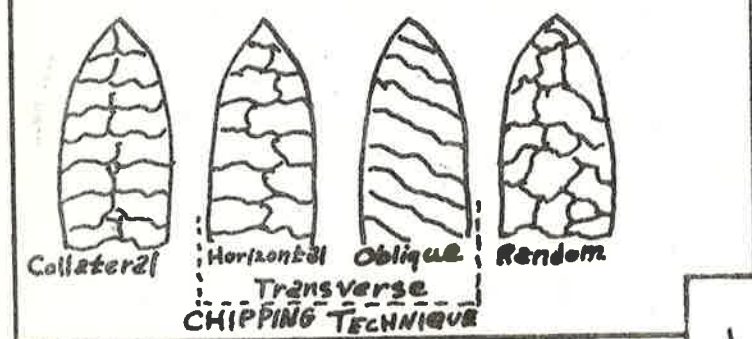
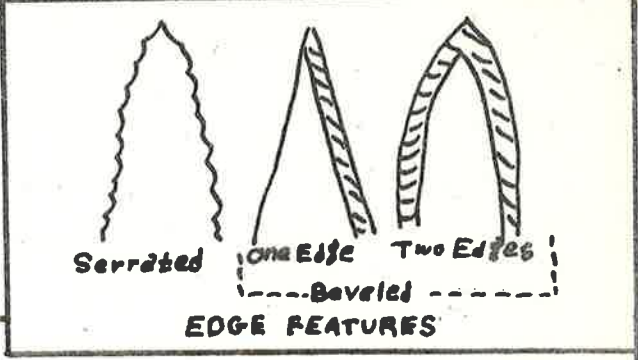
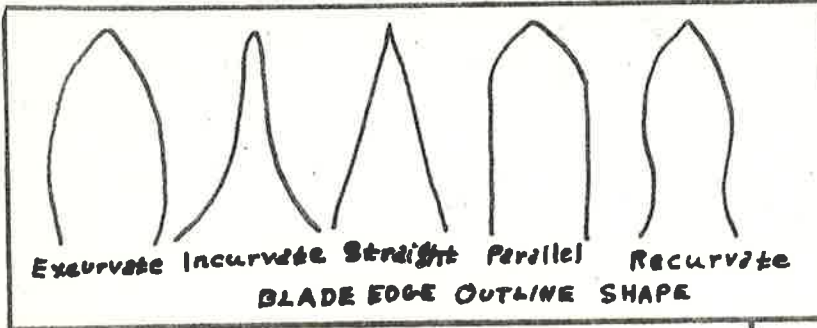
Mrs. Francis C. Smith writes from Atlanta that archaeology isn't safe even when excavated, developed, and made a National Monument! Now that really gets us. It seems that the engineers transits told them the new Interstate Highway between Savannah and Macon should run smack dab through famous Ocmulgee National Monument. Picture such a "catsastrophe" happening to Mound State Monument!! Mrs. Smith enclosed a newspaper clipping headed "Highway Route Change Suggested" - to keep the hamn diway out of Ocmulgee. Her letter tells us "The enclosed clipping does not tell the story behind this....the Macon group did a superb job of contacting every political bigwig from Kennedy down....they put pressure on and so far have kept this superhighway from being built smack dab through Ocmulgee mounds".

That sounds like our "people for archaeology" movement working to another angle. To get archaeology really going, we are going to have to make it: Stones & Bones and Votes! When politicians learn they can help us to excavate votes...!!!???

Mrs. Smith's letter also brings the sad news of Walton County, Fla. "This entire area is chuck full of low sand mounds. Moore worked many in his day, then along came Willey, now its bulldozing for beach and bay developments....we helped some friends of ours try to recover artifacts from a mound before it was leveled and made into a big housing development. Our friends had tried every possible way to get help and advice....but the experts did not answer their letters. So our friends just went out and did the work with their own hands and did a darn good scientific job of it, too! Wish you could have seen this absolutely beautiful blonde girl working in the sand and muck, heat and mosquitoes....with her tiny trowel". Blonde vs bulldozer - about the best "blonde" story we have heard! As the stories go, the poor bulldozer didn't have a chance.

Nancy Holmes (Mrs. Nicholas H. III) wrote from Mobile of "a most enjoyable four days" at the Stanfield-Worley dig this summer, and that Dave "could not have a finer crew than the group of students....or more loyal volunteers than the Smith family".

Charles K. Peacock, Secy.-Treas. of the Chattanooga Chapter, TAS, writes commending our "financing the Stanfield-Worley dig and its successful operation", and also Dave's first edition of our Journal, as "another fine and creditable addition to the field of archaeology".



Jigfus Olafson writes from New York that on the basis of what he reads in our newsletter "I have mentioned the numbers of fluted points in Alabama to professional archaeologists and they either stare at me in disbelief or say that perhaps they persisted there until nearly ceramic times...." Well, that's another good reason why we must have more scientific excavations, Mr. Olafson, however, gives us the benefit of our boasts: "you have done a wonderful thing in Alabama, something that as far as I know is without parallel in the country and I hope the most can be made from it." After what Mr. Olafson accomplished as President of the West Virginia Archaeological Society, culminating in a State Archaeologist, his last remark is a very informed compliment.

James H. Rives writes from Virginia "I feel elated that so many people in Alabama are interested and willing to participate in so worthy a cause....a remarkable job deserving every commendation." Mr. Rives gave the Birmingham Museum of Art the amazing collection of the evolutionary succession of man's lithic tools, from the first "pebble choppers" of more than half a million years ago, through the tiny microlith blades of some 7 or 8 thousand years ago. And yet Alabama archaeology has aroused even his enthusiasm!

H. J. Holland writes that Colbert County was named after Chief Colbert, who lived at the point where the Natchez Trace Parkway bridge spans the Tennessee River. Well, in deference to the Chief, we'll have to scrap our plans to rename it Dalton County.

Terry Tarkington writes from Decatur "I am more than ever convinced that this (Stanfield-Worley) project is something that the Alabama Archaeological Society can feel proud of." He won't get much argument on that!

Senator John Sparkman writes from Washington to Martin Hullender "Dear Martin: I appreciate your letter....with which you sent me a copy of STONES & BONES. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this. I found it most interesting."

G. E. Van Buren, as we reported in our August-September issue, wrote asking for sample issues, and asked how to join the Alabama Society. A very interesting return letter says we seemed to have misconstrued his former inquiry: "I'm not a professional, just an educated amateur who has had the benefit of 11 years of field work, plus a year of close association with UCLA in the development of a huge site that I discovered. The UCLA Archaeology Department works with experienced amateurs all of the time. Many of their sites have been preliminarily surveyed, and even dug, by amateurs, with only one or two part time professional field men in attendance...."

Well, no apologies needed, sir! That is bigger and better news yet. It is certainly good to hear of such amateur-professional cooperation. We have just begun - and does it pay off!! And Mr. Van Buren returns the compliment, with interest, in reference to our Stanfield-Worley project: "I can't help but feel that the whole American archaeological structure will be benefitted by your dynamic operation, and the sooner that we get a few more such plans in operation around the country, the better off we will be....I'm really interested in your find, and have signed up with the Alabama Archaeological Society just to stay aboard. I am starting to pass the word about you and your site. I have stated that donations should be directed to you."

Well - again! And may we point a few morals? First, you see how informative and interesting "letters to the editor" can be. Second, you see how important it is that we inform others of what we are doing. Third, maybe we can start something nationally. Fourth, so write a letter!

Betty (Mrs. A. B.) Craig sends a delightful sample of the long and unusual letters she turns out in multiple copies to keep in touch with the entire family - and such a swell family. The Craigs are doing their usual fine job of living. Betty was only

kidding about "arrowheads - a rocky road to romance!" Though you can grant her a point! But we are more in agreement with her marvelous quote from Thornton Wilder's play, the "Matchmaker": "Did you ever watch an ant carry a burden twice its size? What excitement! What patience! What will! Well, that's what I think of when I see a woman running a house. What giant passions in those little bodies - what quarrels with the butcher for the best cut - what fury at discovering a moth in a cupboard! Believe me! - if women could harness their natures to something bigger than a house and a baby carriage - tck! tck! - they'd change the world." Yes, you very dears, and that is exactly why we want you in archaeology! "Rocky road" notwithstanding! (But the Craigs, as you know, disprove that entirely).

Dr. E. Mott Davis, University of Texas, likes our new newsletter plans outlined in the last issue, and even thinks a much more ambitious national publication "could well follow such a plan". He also says "I continue to be amazed by the effectiveness of your venture". Well - aren't we all?

Martin Hullender sends us a clipping from the New York Herald Tribune bringing Catlinite up to date. George Catlin, famous for preserving the vanishing Redman in his paintings, first described the quarry, in 1836, where Indians got this favored stone for pipes - hence the name Catlinite for the soft pink stone the Indians said was the congealed blood of their brave ancestors. Indians still make the pipes, at Pipestone, Minn., and sell them for from \$4 to \$30. You can get one complete with tomahawk; and Horace Sutton, who wrote the article, says "If your wife won't smoke the peacepipe with you, the ruddy thing is convertible".

NEW NEWSLETTER POLICY

You will want to know something of our future newsletter plans, necessitated by the retirement of our longtime editor, Dan Josselyn. Last month, Dan outlined for us his thoughts and recommendations. Essentially, these form the new policy. For the remainder of this year, and until permanent plans can be worked out, our editorial staff will be as follows:

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF: Brittain Thompson, 3609 Montrose Road, Birmingham 13, Ala. Britt, with the ever ready help and cooperation of his good wife, Margaret, will serve as general coordinator of material.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS: Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Harris, 3237 Carlisle Road, Birmingham 13, Ala. Bea and Milt have agreed to take on the big job of putting the newsletter together, getting it published and mailed to you.

CHAPTER EDITOR: James McCary III, 2917 Montevallo Road, Birmingham 13, Ala. Jim has taken the tough assignment of getting Chapter reports each month. He will need your cooperation, as the newsletter needs news of your programs, field studies and your individual activities.

EDUCATIONAL & TECHNICAL EDITOR (LITHIC): Jack Cambron, 211-7th Ave NW, Decatur, Ala.
TECHNICAL (CERAMIC) EDITOR: Steve B. Wimberly, Route 13 Box 826, Birmingham 16, Ala. Steve and Jack will keep us straight on ceramic and lithic artifacts (sherds and points to most of us). One of the important things is to be able to evaluate an archaeological site - in short, to be able to identify pottery, projectile points, etc. We hope to get line drawings from these editors - so write in your questions, with photographs or careful sketches!

AMERICAN AND WORLD NEWS EDITOR: Dr. Harry Amling, 119 Samford Ave., Auburn, Ala. Dr. Amling will scan the major publications and pick up juicy items of interest, to keep us in touch with the immense whole of archaeology.

ADVISOR TO EDITORIAL BOARD: Dan Josselyn, 408 Broadway, Birmingham 9, Ala. Dan, bles his generous heart, and his devotion to all phases of archaeology, will make himself available for consultation and advice. Dan will also serve as Contributing Editor. So don't cancel your subscription - Dan may not be physically able to continue devoting his customary 16 hours daily to us, but he'll continue to pass on those sherds of wisdom and knowledge!!!

All editors will to some extent be corresponding editors. Letters which you address to any of them will be mailed to the associate editors, along with their answers, to be subsequently published in the newsletter. Our Society is composed of individuals and the more each participates, the better our Society will be.

We hope shortly to have a book editor to scan such publications as American Antiquity and Archaeology, and let us know what the reviewers like which may be of interest to us. Also, Dan Josselyn has volunteered to write some promotional matter, for special printing, pertinent to our big project for next summer, taking some of this load off the newsletter. But all information concerning future projects must be mailed to the associate editors for publishing. It seems that everyone is "simply dying" to know WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NEXT SUMMER?

Remember this is YOUR newsletter, and from now on it is going to have to be a cooperative enterprise. Contribute, kick, compliment - do everything you can to keep it interesting and useful. Your editors earnestly seek help from every member, and each of you can assist in making the newsletter the sort of publication you will anxiously await each month.

The primary aim of our Society is, of course, to continue major projects such as we had this summer. It enabled us to accomplish more of scientific value in one season than in all our past history - and put more pep and ginger into us, even getting us many more members and national recognition. And it was more fun!!! But to achieve our primary aim, we must be a good Society, working intelligently and cooperatively. And it is through our newsletter, more than anything else, that we can get the know-how, and pool our separate efforts and knowledge and enthusiasm to do the big jobs that we hope will always lie ahead of us.