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TV PERSONALITY QUILTS BIRMINGHAM

Last year the Birmingham Anthropological Society, and its good neighbor the Alabama Archaeological Society, invaded Television, and the homes of thousands of Alabama residents. What a break!

And what a response! Much to our surprise, hundreds of people wrote letters to commend the program - amateur trembles and all. We give the brave lads credit, and our handsome "natural" we were so fortunate to have, one Britt Thompson, as an MC.

But behind the scenes, patiently coaching (and thinning his hair and developing ulcers) the amateurs, suggesting, encouraging, planning, and keeping the program on the air, was our good friend Bill Ballard.

And Bill joined our Society, came to meetings, participated in field excursions, (with his better half and four bright-eyed youngsters) assisted in establishing another Society, took stills and movies, got us immense publicity, did a masterful job of indexing the mail response and marked a map of Alabama to show the distribution, attended committee meetings after hours - and all the rest. He even got the Ford Foundation interested in our TV program. And we've lost count of how many new members he was instrumental in bringing into the Society.

We were well on the way to "doing something and being somebody" when Bill is offered, and accepts, a more promising position in Florida. We are delighted for his sake, and Connie and the kids dashing down to the beach. But now that he is gone, we are counting up a lot of items - and we're going to miss him.

But Bill didn't quit on us. His parting words were to send him his Stones and Bones, and let him know when dues are due again. And he took along an application blank to join the Society for American Archaeology...which can give him plenty of leads on the good professional archaeological program of Florida (which can use his good brand of publicity). So while we have lost Bill, archaeology hasn't.

Address Bill Ballard, PO Box 3403, Station WEDU, Tampa, Florida. And don't forget to express our appreciation. Bigger and better arrowheads, Bill, to you and your attractive family.

REVEREND BLACKFORD SENDS ADDRESS

What is this place called Florida, anyway, that it can lure away some of our most active members?

But we are glad to hear that Reverend Blackford has already established a residence, and we hope by now is unpacked and relaxed. After a bit of rest, it would be nice if he could send Stones & Bones a report on the Florida archaeological program (professional). John M. Goggin, University of Florida, is much interested in underwater archaeology - and we'd be too. C. H. Fairbanks, Florida State University, has been excavating the old San Luis Mission site - which would be "right down the Reverend's alley". Ripley P. Bullen, Florida State Museum, has been doing stratigraphic testing and collecting charcoal at the Castle Windy site south of New Smyrna Beach. Mighty handy to have these notices in AMERICAN ANTIQUITY, but it would be better if Reverend Blackford could give us some first-hand reports on some of this.

Address Reverend Randolph F. Blackford, 2100-76 St, North, St. Petersburg, Florida. And when you get down that way on vacation, he urges you to look him up.

---MORE NEW MEMBERS---
SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Perhaps you have noticed a modest campaign in Stones & Bones to discover those exceptional people (one in a million) who really would like to discover the SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY and its excellent quarterly publication, AMERICAN ANTIQUITY. The January issues carry the names and addresses of all members (a most impressive list it is, too, of great names in the anthropological sciences). Last January the list was pathetically short, however - only 1388 members of this important and world-wide Society.

We just believe America, if alerted, can support archaeology better than that. And we believe Alabama can!

Last month we had the very great pleasure of announcing two new members Mrs. Charles Marion Woolfolk and Mr. W. H. Tharpe, Jr. This month we are happy to add three new members. As already mentioned, Bill Ballard took an application blank along to Florida with him. Dick Hubbard, who has a boy of an age to appreciate the opportunity, threw his hat into the ring. And our President, Emile Dahlen, set a fine example for all by joining up.

Seldom, perhaps, has the SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY gained five new members in so short a time from so small an area. And we believe there are still more of our own members who would like to discover this broader and better informed field of archaeological interest. Maybe a "professional journal" frightens you a bit. But why not "educate yourself up" to this status? Keep up with American archaeology, and support it.

And how might we also keep up with world archaeology, in condensed and readable form? The last AMERICAN ANTIQUITY announced a brand new

service of this sort, in which the American Society and top-flight societies all over the world are participating - also with annotated bibliographies of everything published, in many languages..In the next issue of Stones and Bones we shall tell you more about this world-wide service.

At the next meeting we shall again make available application blanks for those who would like to discover the "treasure hunt" of American archaeology through the American Society and its publication. Thanks and congratulations to the new members.

TO JOIN OR NOT TO JOIN
THE ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Culminating various other discussions, the September meeting of the Birmingham Anthropological Society, Inc., witnessed a long and lively renewed discussion of the question of affiliating with the Alabama Archaeological Society, with whom we have actively worked but never officially affiliated.

It was decided to put the matter to a vote at the October meeting, after acquainting all members via Stones and Bones (ballots for absentee votes enclosed).

We will try to rehash, impartially, the major points discussed at the meeting.

The fear that the Birmingham Anthropological Society might lose its identity by affiliating with the Alabama Archaeological Society was perhaps the main point of contention. Some seemed to think that we would become a mere "chapter of" the larger Society. Others thought along the lines of retaining our Incorporated identity and remaining the "Birmingham Anthropological Society, an affiliate of the Alabama Archaeological Society". In the latter case it was expressed that we would retain identity and broaden our influence. We know of no legal or parliamentary reason why the members might not do it either way: submerge identity or retain it, as desired.

As a practical application of the principle of separate identity, no doubt a masthead for an Alabama Newsletter (which has been proposed) could be worked out along the following lines:

ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Affiliates

BIRMINGHAM ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY-----DECATUR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY
HUNTSVILLE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

in order of age. Or Decatur and Huntsville might use "CHAPTER" if desired. The important thing is if we work together. "A rose by an other name - "

The increased cost of an affiliated Society was discussed.

JUNIOR (to 18 years).....	\$1.00
ADULT.....	\$3.00
FAMILY.....	\$4.00

Thus the regular adult membership would be increased from \$2.00 to \$3.00, \$2.00 of this going to the Alabama Society. Some felt that the increased cost might be excessive. Others felt that another dollar for the promotion of archaeological interest would be desirable.

After affiliation, the Alabama Society would foot the entire cost of the Stones & Bones Newsletter, and the TV series. The Birmingham Society has been financing these enterprises - and dipping into its bank account. Under affiliation there would actually be more money in the common till, and finance a broader program.

Alabama is unfortunately faced with the possible loss of a most dynamic leader of amateur archaeology. Some members thought we should await the repercussions of this impending loss before affiliating. Others thought such a loss would make our own contribution to State archaeology all the more desirable, even imperative.

The unquestionable advantages of organization were discussed, and members urged to consider the question of affiliation in the light of WHAT IS GOOD FOR ARCHAEOLOGY.

The excellent Newsletters of the Tennessee Archaeological Society were displayed, and attention called to both the increased information and STIMULATION provided by such interchange. And a letter from Professor T. M. N. Lewis was read, thanking Alabama members of the Tennessee Archaeological Society and reminding us that without this increased support the excellence of his publication, the Tennessee Archaeologist, would be impossible. Our own Newsletter, with more members behind it, can likewise be enlarged and improved. So the question is raised if we wish to grow (with a few growing pains) or remain comfortably static. This question is perhaps more of a challenge than anything else.

We quote from our CONSTITUTION, as revised in 1954 at the time of our Incorporation:

ARTICLE V - AFFILIATES

Section 6

"The Society may affiliate with other organizations in the pursuit of common aims."

Our BY-LAWS require a "two-thirds vote of the attending members at any meeting, a quorum being present," for amendments, "said amendment having been considered at the prior meeting and notice of the impending vote being given." Also, "Voting may be by mail ballot." While we are a bit more than vague concerning parliamentary procedure, affiliation would seem to amend either our BY-LAWS or CONSTITUTION, and in such a case would be subject to the above quotations.

It is hoped that all members will consider carefully what would seem to be BEST FOR ARCHAEOLOGY, and vote, so that the two-thirds majority desire may be expressed. Use the attached ballot. If unable to attend, mail your ballot to BIRMINGHAM ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY, P.O. BOX 2171, Birmingham 1, Alabama. If this Newsletter should reach you too late

for your ballot to arrive at the Post Office Oct. 3, call our good Secretary, Mrs. Martin Hullender, for proxy vote.

PERSONALITIES

We are most proud that our Mr. Douglas F. Shaw has won a recent contest by getting the most new members for the Tennessee Archaeological Society the incredible number of 14, if memory serves. He is to receive a prize and Professor T. M. N. Lewis personally sent him two excellent books on archaeology and a letter of thanks. This is a splendid way to serve archaeology - a popular subject, too, to which many people wish to be introduced. And, as Mr. Shaw states, his success reflects the value of a good publication!

We owe apologies to Dr. Albert Gessmann who was to speak before our September meeting, which was largely consumed by discussion of affiliation. Lacking adequate time for his subject, he was urged to "say a few words" on Mayan and Easter Island writing. The "few words" extended very late into the night as a spellbound audience plied question after question and received apt examples and ready discussion. We hope that our interest was some compensation for Dr. Gessmann.

BALLOT

Meeting of October 3, 1958, Birmingham Anthropological Society, Inc.

Subject: Affiliation with the Alabama Archaeological Society for the promotion of archaeology, retaining the name and identity of the Birmingham Anthropological Society, Inc., in all joint publications and projects.

- Name.....For() Against () affiliation
- Name.....For() Against () affiliation
- Name.....For() Against () affiliation
- Name.....For() Against () affiliation

Each Society member in the family may vote. Please mail early if you cannot attend the meeting. And please vote so that the "will of the people" may prevail.

It should be emphasized that you are voting for temporary affiliation only: we will try this arrangement for one year; and if, at the end of that time, the majority membership deems the affiliation to be mutually satisfactory, it will be made permanent.

Mr. Foy Campbell from Montgomery will present a 30-minute film supplemented by a short talk at the October 3rd meeting delineating the history of corn from early times to the present day. The title of Mr. Campbell's talk will be "The Great Story of Corn"; and, as he is with the Funk Seed Company that supplies much of the hybrid seed corn used in the South, his presentation promises to be authoritative.

The meeting will be at the Birmingham Public Library, 7:30 PM.

The old saying that "the army travels on its stomach" is familiar to most of us--especially the senior members. However, what many of us may not know is that the Boy Scouts travel on peanut brittle. Two of our members, Ted Rybka, Ass't. Scoutmaster and his son, Bucky, of Boy Scout Troop 54 sponsored by the Vestavia Hills Baptist Church did just that. The Troop made a 1000-mile trek from Birmingham to the Great Smokies and back to spend an 8-day camp-out at Deep Creek Camp in the Great Smokey Mountains National Park, backed by one-half ton of peanut brittle.

After months of preliminary planning, it seemed as tho the trip would be impossible due to the tremendous cost of the heavy equipment that was needed. The idea of selling peanut brittle was nurtured to an actual fact, resulting in a financial return to the Troop treasury of \$500.00 from 1000-lbs. of the tooth-racking stuff, and necessary impedimenta such as tents, etc. were purchased to make the trip possible.

A total of 8-months planning went into the trip; each detail was minutely and painstakingly worked out from itinerary to equipment including dish towels. The result was a memorable time for each of the 23-boys and a boom in the local dentistry profession.

During the 4-days in camp the boys visited the Cherokee Indian Village nearby where a special commemorative patch was designed in recognition of the friendship with Mose Owle, the famed Cherokee story teller. Mr. Tom Underwood, Director of the Cherokee Museum gave the troop a wonderful lecture on the history and artifacts of the Cherokee people. On the way home the boys camped at Lake Winfield Scott in Georgia and panned gold at Dahlonaga. Every boy that worked, obtained some gold dust and also a healthy regard for the old gold miners.

Mr. Floyd Taylor who broke his hip a few weeks ago is now at home. He will be confined to a wheel chair for several months to come but he is in no pain and we hear from good sources that he is a good patient. His address is 1123 No. 16th St. for any and all that wish to send him a get-well quick card.
