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A NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR: It is the end of the year and the LAS Annual Meeting in Thibodaux is right around the corner beginning on Friday, January 29, 1982. This is the election issue. The last page of this Newsletter is the official ballot for all members other than Associates who will receive their ballots in a separate mailing. Up for election are the offices of President-elect (Vice-president) and Treasurer. Bill Baker, who has served as Treasurer for the past six years was the overwhelming unanimous choice of the Nominating Committee for the office of President-elect. For the office of Treasurer, James Fogleman and Emily Vincent were nominated. Both are excellent candidates and have expressed an active interest in undertaking the responsibilities of that office. Right now, before you read another word, remove the back page, VOTE!, and send it to Rose Walker, LAS Recording Secretary, Rt. 2, Box 765, Deville, LA. 71328. If you do not do it now, please get it to her by January 15, 1982. I don't have a great deal more to say for now, MERRY CHRISTMAS! HAPPY NEW YEAR! SEE YOU ALL IN THIBODAUX!

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Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, November 21, 1981

President Tommy Johnson presided at the last Executive Committee meeting held November 21, 1981 in Alexandria. Other members present included Brian Duhe, Bill Baker, David Jeane, Ray Fredlund, John Bryant, Rick Shenkel, Jon Gibson, Dan Shipman, and Debbie Woodiel.

After approval of the minutes of the last meeting, Bill Baker gave the treasurer's report. For the period ending October 30, 1981, receipts totaled \$4,829.79. These receipts included membership fees, publication sales, registration fees from the field school and certification program, interest earnings, and two donations (\$1000 from the Red Ball Oxygen Co. and \$500 from Standard Oil of Indiana). Expenditures totaled \$4,290.41 and included expenses for printing, postage, supplies, and field school and meeting expenses. The Society's balance in all accounts is \$8,763.94.

Jon Gibson, bulletin editor, reported three-bulletins in preparation. Four articles have been accepted for a regular bulletin and two special issues, one on Lower Ouachita archaeology and one on the Baytown-Troyville symposium of the 1979 annual meeting, are being prepared. The Executive Committee recommended that 600 copies of the next bulletin be printed, and that henceforth, all back issues of all bulletins sell for \$10.00 each.

The membership report, given by Corresponding Secretary Debbie Woodiel, listed a total of 289 members. Of this total, 199 are regular members, 50 are associates, 9 are students, 13 are life members, 17 are institutional members, and 1 is a sustaining member. The Society's growth, in terms of new regular members is good (31%), but we are still losing a number of old members.

Newsletter editor Rick Shenkel is preparing the fourth issue of this year now. This issue will be produced entirely at his office at UNO.

Brian Duhe reported on the status of the certification program, saying the program is beginning slowly, but with hard work, will expand in the coming year. Woody Gagliano resigned from the committee and will be replaced by Rich Weinstein. Since Brian is automatically a committee member as incoming president, his present place on the certification committee will be filled by outgoing LAS president Tommy Johnson.

Ray Fredlund reported that the summer field school was successful and well-organized. Discussion ensued on next year's field school, but was tabled until the next Executive Committee meeting.

The 1982 annual meeting plans were outlined by Brian Duhe. The program is nearly filled, with two symposia on coastal archaeology on Saturday and a number of contributed papers on Sunday morning. Also scheduled on Saturday are a slide presentation and display on the El Constante shipwreck, the announcement of the Governor's award for service in archaeology, sales of books and other articles by various Presses and other organizations, and a cash bar and free dance.

In new business, a recommendation for the James A. Ford award was made, and nominations for president-elect and treasurer were selected. Debbie Woodiel suggested that the committee begin thinking about special events for the 1984 annual meeting when the Society will be 10 years old. Jon Gibson recommended a study of LAS achievement awards, and also a letter of thanks to Sen. J. Bennett Johnston, who sponsored federal appropriations for the archaeology and historic preservation program, whose funds were eliminated by President Reagan's budget cuts. Also resolutions thanking Dr. Sharon Goad and La. State Parks for their parts in the 1981 field school at Poverty Point.

Following discussion of the above topics, the meeting was adjourned.

Prepared by

Debbie Woodiel
LAS Corresponding Secretary

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

November 21, 1981

A. Regular membership

1981: 132 regular member renewals
 62 new members
 5 status change (associate or student in 1980)

Total = 199

1980:

Total = 182 (46 members, or 25% of the regular membership, did not renew for 1981).

Net increase in regular membership of 17 members (8.5%)

B. Associates

1981: 33 renewed from 1980
 16 new
 1 status change

Total = 50

1980: 50 (of these 16 did not renew and 1 changed to regular status in 1981)

C. Student

1981: 3 renewed from 1980
 4 new
 2 status change

Total = 9

1980: 20 (of these 13 did not renew, 4 changed to regular membership in 1981)

D. Life

1981: 13 members
 1980: 11 members

E. Institutions

1981: 15 renewed from 1980
 2 new

Total = 17

1980: 21 (of these 6 did not renew for 1981)

F. Sustaining - 1

Grand Total (all membership categories):

1981 - 289
 1980 - 285

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 LAS Corresponding Secretary

The Cache River and Other Side-notch Points In Northwest Louisiana

David R. Jeane

A recent surface collection in Northwest Louisiana has revealed the occurrence of some rather rare Early Archaic projectile points. One, called the Cache River Side-notch by Ron Cloud in 1969, is described as:

"a thin, small to medium size dart point having harrow side notches, exhibiting fine pressure flaking and a lenticular cross-section. Bases are straight to slightly concave and in most instances, lightly ground. They average 6 cm. in length with narrow pressure-flaked notches occurring about 5 mm. from the base. Notches are sometimes expanded internally and, on some examples, may enter the sides diagonally." (Cloud 1969)

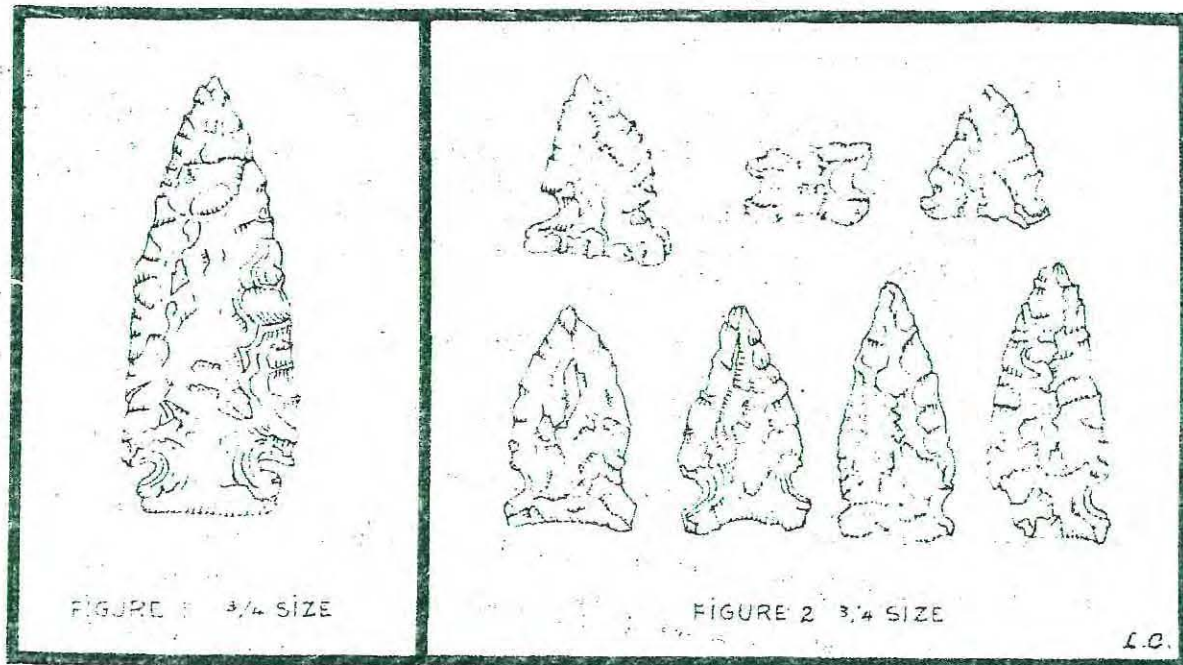
Perino (Perino 1971) gives the distribution as centering along the Cache River in northeastern Arkansas and extending into southeastern Missouri, western Tennessee and western Mississippi. A similar type has been described for West Virginia with an associated C_{14} date of 7900 Bc. (Broyles 1966)

The specimen shown (figure 1) is from location B, site 16 WE 40. The site is located atop a heavily eroded ridge in a small creek drainage of Bodcau Bayou in Webster Parish. It is 8 cm. in length, 5 cm. in width, 8mm in thickness, and is manufactured from a light tan chert. The base is lightly ground.

Associated material from this site includes Paleo and other Early Archaic projectile points and tools. Among these is a series of similar side-notched points and tools to those reported at the John Pearch Site (Webb, Shiner, Roberts 1971).

This material (Figure 2) also occurs in Northeast Arkansas where Dan Morse (Morse 1975) describes a situation where Cache River and Graham Cave side-notch points occur at 6000 BC. Recent surface collections from Bossier and Caddo Parishes that contain San Patrice material also have one or more of these side-notch points.

Whether or not these points represent a yet undescribed occupation or an additional manifestation of the San Patrice Complex is not yet clear. We will have to wait until an early site with undisturbed stratigraphy containing this material is excavated.



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Chapter Reports

Alas! Only my old faithful correspondent, "Smokey" Joe Frank has sent me any thing to place in this space. You members who want to see your names in print might think about getting on your chapter representatives to send me quarterly reports as to what is going on. Next year I'll write them more often to remind them.

Also, to the representatives or presidents or whomsoever is assigned the task, I want an annual report by the time of the Annual Meetings with names and addresses of the 1982 officers. Put it in the format of the single following report. ED.

Southwest Louisiana Archaeological Society.....Joe Frank

Mr. Jack C. Bonnin of Welch, Louisiana was the guest speaker of the Southwest Chapter at the November meeting. His topic was the Paleoindian period in southwest Louisiana. He presented copies of information on the Paleoindian period to Society members and exhibited artifacts from the Strohe site, a Paleoindian component in Jefferson Davis Parish.

At the meeting, the 1982 officers were elected.

- President.....Joe Frank
- Vice-President.....O'Neil Smith
- Secretary.....Linda Bayard
- Treasurer.....R. L.(Bob) Coleman

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Biographical Notes of Canidates for LAS Offices in 1982

In accordance with the by-laws of the Louisiana Archaeological Society, the following short biographies of each candidate are provided.

Candidate for President-elect (Vice president):

Bill Baker, assistant manager at Louisiana Delta Plantation in Jonesville, has been active in the LAS since its formation in 1974. He has served as treasurer of the Society since 1976, and is also active in the East Central Chapter of the LAS, having served as that chapter's first president and currently as its president-elect. Bill is also a member of the Louisiana Archaeological Survey and Antiquities Commission. He was instrumental in organizing and carrying out the 1979 and 1980 summer field schools, and in placing archaeological exhibits in the Catahoula Parish Natural History Museum. His work in archaeology has concentrated in Catahoula Parish where he has located and recorded over 200 sites.

Candidates for Treasurer:

James Fogleman, assistant principal and coach at Morrow Elementary School in Morrow, is a charter member of the LAS. He was active in establishing the Lafayette Chapter of the LAS in 1977, and has served as that chapter's secretary. He is currently vice president of the Lafayette chapter, and will be its president in 1982. Jim has been actively interested in the Stelly and Holly sites and other sites in his area. He has presented papers at the annual meetings and actively promotes an interest in archaeology among his students.

Emily Vincent, secretary to Jefferson Parish Councilman Lloyd Giardina, is an active member of the Delta Chapter of the LAS. She is currently Delta Chapter's treasurer and was reelected to that post for 1982. She has been interested in archaeology for several years, and has worked on excavations in Guatemala, Arkansas, Texas, and Mississippi. Emily also participates in the Delta Chapter historic excavations in the Faubourg Marigny and Tchoupitoulas St. areas in New Orleans, as well as joining the 1980 and 1981 LAS summer field schools at Jonesville and Poverty Point.