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EDITORS NOTE

I am sure that all of us would agree that the Annual Meetings were a great success. The Northlake Chapter deserves congratulations and a thank you for a job well done. In the past, Dr. Webb has provided the Newsletter with insightful reports on the goings on at the Annual Meetings. This year, the Webbs were unable to attend the meetings (we missed them) and Jon Gibson has accepted the task of reporting on the events at Covington. As you will read, Jon's trip out of the mugginess of the Atchafalaya Swamp to the heady atmosphere of the "Ozone Coast" enabled him to view the meetings with a clarity and perception that may have escaped many of the rest of us. Thank you Jon.

Joe Manuel is in the process of setting up a field school for the LAS at Fountainbleau State Park near Mandeville, Louisiana (see below). The primary objective of the field school will be archaeological survey of portions of the park property. This will provide LAS members with an opportunity to learn survey techniques and field recordation of both historic and prehistoric sites. In addition, the results of the survey will provide State Parks with new information on the cultural resources on the property. Lets all participate and make this a successfull venture.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Twelfth Annual Meeting of the LAS was in every way a success. A new record was established with 184 registrants. On behalf of the LAS I want to thank the hardworking members of the Northlake Chapter for a memorable meeting.

There will be an Executive Committee meeting at the Ramada Inn in Natchez on May 31st, to coincide with the Mid-South Archaeological Conference. The Executive meeting will be held about noon.

The Field School Committee is working on having a long weekend Survey in Fountainbleu State Park, Mandeville. The main thrust of the Field School will be a pooling of the talent and work of LAS members in a meaningful project, directed by professionals in such a way that we can make a collective contribution to archaeology in Louisiana, learn, and have a good time. Those of you working toward certification will be happy to know that Richard Beavers, Chairman of the Certification Committee will be working with Dave Davis, Chaiman of the Field School Committee, to develop activities and programs within the Fountainbleu Project which will enable you to earn credits toward certification. We will be camping about a mile from the Tchefuncte Site worked on and reported by James Ford and George Quimby. Very few of you have seen this site so I know you will want to take advantage of this opportunity. More information will follow.

Those of you who received the latest letter from Audubon Zoo know that the Friends of the Zoo are sponsoring a raffle in order to raise funds for the zoo. I believe we can do the same. I need your feelings, pro or con, so please send me suggestions or have your LAS Representative do so.

In closing, I would like to speak for the Northlake Chapter members: they join me in thanking those of you who attended the Twelfth Annual Meeting, for your presence, your papers, your attentiveness, your enthusiasm, your support, your compliments, and most of all for being the wonderful individuals you are. You are the reason the meeting was a great one.

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LAS FIELD SCHOOL

The Louisiana Antiquities Commission has approved a proposal to allow the LAS to conduct a field school at Fountainbleau State Park. The dates for the field school have been tentatively set for October 23 through October 26, 1986. The field school will be primarily involved with site survey and recordation. Fountainbleau State Park is the location of the nineteenth century Marigney sugar plantation and numerous remains of plantation structures are likely to be discovered.

While few prehistoric sites have been reported on the park property, it is expected that many exist and simply have not been found. The field school, while providing an opportunity to undertake & learn about archaeological survey techniques, will also aid the Louisiana Division of State Parks by providing them with information about the archaeological resources on the property.

Richard Beavers and Dave Davis will direct and coordinate activities at the field school. Space for 65 persons has been reserved at a camping area at the park. If additional space is needed, we will have to notify the park by the end of May. Those who wish to attend contact Joe Manuel as soon as possible. (Joe Manuel, 112 North Drive, Covington, Louisiana 70433)

LAS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of the LAS will meet in Natchez, Mississippi on May 31st at the Ramada Inn. The meeting is being held in conjunction with the Mid South Archaeological Conference. No specific time for the meeting has been set but it will probably be held at about noon.

MEETINGS

Society for American Archaeology
1986 Annual Meeting
April 23-26, 1986
Clarion Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana
Program Chairman: Robert Neuman, Museum of Geoscience, LSU, Baton Rouge, LA 70803

Seventh Mid South Archaeological Conference
May 31-June 1, 1986
Ramada Inn, 130 John R. Runkin Dr.
Natchez, MS 39120
(601) 446-6311
Conference Chairman: Sam Brookes
Environmental Section, Vicksburg Corps of Engineers, P. O. Box 60, Vicksburg, MS 39180

PUBLICATIONS

Bibliography of the Prehistory of the Upper Texas Coast, No. 6, April 1986. By L.W. Patterson
Houston Archeological Society, Special Publication. Contains 388 entries for the literature of this region. Cost: \$4.00 plus \$1.00 handling. Houston Archeological Society, P.O. Box 6751, Houston, Texas 77265

SECRETLY COVETING COVINGTON,
AN APPRAISAL OF
THE 12TH ANNUAL MEETING OF
THE LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

by
Jon L. Gibson
Lafayette, Louisiana

The real story of this the 12th annual LAS meeting is how to succeed by really trying, and this meeting is testimony to the tireless efforts of our hosts, the Northlake Chapter. Janet Carrigee, Florence Chestnutt, Steve Dittrich, Marilee Dittrich, Carl Friedrichs, Joy Heinz, Lynn Hill, and Bill Holloway combined their not unremarkable talents with those of Paul Johnson, Duane Lassiter, Farrell LaFour, Jack Moore, George Riser, Dale Robertson, Steve Sieracki, Doris Stone, Wuanita Talley, and Patti Young to put on one of the finest get-togethers we've ever had. Oh, before I forget, Joe Manuel has reminded me several times that he also helped with the meeting. The whole crew is to be congratulated for one solid programming, smooth running, and the largest crowd ever registered for an annual meeting; 184 people signed up and considering that Mardi Gras was going full blast across the lake makes this even more remarkable.

After being called to order by George Riser and welcomed by Jack Moore and state representative, Ed Deano, LAS president Manuel introduced state and chapter officers. The fine slate of formal papers was kicked off by Rev. Dominic Braud's reading of a surprisingly sophisticated report by Rev. Odilo Alt on his 1934 excavation into a shell midden on Bedico Creek. Bedico Creek really had more than bass and beer, as Rev. Alt's notes revealed, and Braud's presentation focused attention on the Florida parishes (i.e., that part of Louisiana lying north and east of the Mississippi River and Lake Pontchartrain and south and west of the state of Mississippi). Malcolm Webb (UNO) addressed the adaptive and resource-use patterns of the area beginning with the terminal Archaic, and Steve Sieracki (Northlake and Delta Chapters) reported on his work at 16WA105, an Epipaleoindian to Late Woodland site on the Bogue Chitto River. Richard Beavers (UNO) detailed the results of a cultural resources survey in the Florida parishes, one which focused on Anglo-American settlement and utilization. Joe Manuel fought a cantakerous OR and delighted his fans with an excellent video of the Northlake and Delta chapters' excavations at the Shadows Mound, a contact period burial mound.

This group of papers is collectively important in another regard. Very little is known about the Florida parishes compared to the rest of Louisiana. We have had the impression previously that this area either lacked archaeology or that it was merely visited by folks who lived elsewhere in their searches for industrial raw materials (the area does have its gravels) or challenging white waters. Now we know different. The piney-woods north of Lake Pontchartrain does have archaeology. Its sequence of occupation seems every bit as lengthy as other parts of Louisiana. That the area had an endemic population and was culturally marginal to the Lower Mississippi Valley and Pontchartrain Basin enhances rather than detracts from this most interesting area.

The prehistory-history of the area below the Florida parishes hills was also considered in a number of papers. Rich Weinstein (CEI) brought order to the typologically muddled Late Marksville period in southeastern Louisiana by formally setting off the Gunboat Landing phase to accommodate sites along the Amite, Tickfaw, and Blind rivers. Dan Shipman and Linda Church (Delta Chapter) reported on the Delta chapter's water-borne survey of the St. Bernard wetlands, south and east of New Orleans, pointing out site associations and changing Mississippi deltaic features. Marco Giardino finally made some over (his) head projections and linked the protohistoric component at the Sims site with eastern Gulf Mississippian (Moundville/Pensacola), not Delta Natchezan. Tracy Lamb (UNO) described rescue operations at an historic cemetery in New Orleans, unearthed by street improvements along Canal Boulevard. George Castille gave a solid presentation on Coastal Environments' excavations at the late 18th-early 19th-century Kleinpeter-Knox historic site in East Baton Rouge Parish.

One of the main lessons in this set of papers is the continued reaffirmation that the only real difference in historic and prehistoric archaeology is none, when culture itself is the focus. Another is that, although resistant to change today, the New Orleans area and southeastern Louisiana in general was in flux prehistorically as its peoples geared into a fickle river system that changed like the wind and shifted their style spheres alternately upvalley and coastwise with nearly the same propensity.

Northern parts of the state were not omitted in the program. The Affeltranger group (Central Chapter) described 2 sites in the piney-woods of Grant Parish in central Louisiana, and David Jeane (Northwest Chapter) updated chapter activities (mapping and controlled surface

collecting) at Mounds Plantation, an early Caddo ceremonial center on the Red River in Caddo Parish. I reported on the 1985 summer excavations at Poverty Point, an effort designed to determine which features were of Poverty Point origin and which were not.

The Harvard contingent told us about the LMS's Bouef Basin project. Stephen Williams, its history and goals, and T.R. Kidder, the results of the 1985 excavations. T.R. also documented the Johnson and Hegwood Bayou phases, Late Marksville period manifestations in the Upper Tensas and Bouef basins respectively, that feature mainly plainwares and that differ from the prevailing Issaquena complex to the east and south. Jeff Brain asked us to hold on to our DeSoto expedition evidences, lest we lose his trail in the surrounding states of Mississippi and Arkansas.

Three other topical papers concluded the program. Roger Saucier (COE) pointed out the source of the fallacies connected with geomorphic stereotyping and their meaning for prehistoric adaptation. Duke Rivet (DOA) and Sam McGahey (MDAH) inventoried recent funds of prehistoric aboriginal and historic Euroamerican dugout canoes in Louisiana and Mississippi. And the LAS was greatly honored to have James Griffin, one of the founding fathers of the Lower Mississippi Survey and acknowledged dean of Eastern North American archaeology, who gave us his delightful version of the early days of the survey, as well as some insights into the personal relationships among the original triumvirate - James Ford, Philip Phillips, and James Griffin.

I would also like to acknowledge the great job done by five of the six session chairmen - Woody Gagliano, Bob Neuman, Bill Haag, Doris Stone, and Steve Williams. They not only kept the participants on schedule but handled introductions and commentary with great taste, erudition, and wit.

As the sixth chair, I could only marvel at their adroitness and wish that my head would quit hurting.

The same can not really be said about Joe Manuel, who interrupted an otherwise excellent program with his tasteless "roast-sneers." I tried to tell Joe that he enjoyed his public self far more than anyone else but he persisted and literally took the microphone amid loud booing. Fortunately, most people went to see a man about a dog or to sleep, so Joe's remarks were mainly unheard or ignored. Yet in the interest of reminding ourselves how much we owe Joe, I include some of his insulting comments here. I can furnish his address if you're interested.

Paraphrased as closely as recalled, Joe Manuel said: "I want to take this opportunity to give our speakers a special thanks. The general consensus around here, Dominic (Braud), is that you shc stick to singing; Malcolm (Webb) has just concluded his paper in the next room with the two people who found it interesting; we elected Richard (Weinstein) earlier knowing he would receive an overwhelming negative vote if we waited until after his talk; we always enjoy hearing your fairy tales, Jon (Gibson); Search and Rescue discovered Roger's (Saucier) father rowing a crab skiff after hurricane Camille and yelled, 'Are you a refugee from the storm.' 'Hell no,' he said, 'I'm a Saucier from across the bay.'; Dan (Shipman) and Linda (Church), a remarkable accomplishment, turned a fishing trip into a site report; Richard (Beavers) looked cute with his new earring; Tracy (Lamb) gave it to him, found it in a grave at Cypress Grove Cemetery; David (Jeane) gave the finest 20 minute presentation, but his 35 minute introduction was tough to sit through."

And Manuel continued his tasteless tirade: "Jimmy (Griffin) was mobbed last night in Burger King by a mass of humanity yelling, 'It's Herb, it's Herb;' that Steve (Williams), Rev. Dominic warned me to take care in what I say about a man kno to walk on water; I overheard someone say, 'that fellow introduced as a Kidder (T.R.) has yet to smile, let alone kid us about anything; the same rank amateur was overheard expressing his amazement at Jeff's (Brain) attachment to that old DeSoto car, it's sure to be found, dead indeed, around Ferriday completely stripped; the J.A. Ford award, my greatest test so far, I went completely against the vote of the executive committee and gave the award to Jon anyhow; my apologies to the Apple Stranglers (the Affeltrangers), I fell asleep during their presentation and slept through Flakey (Steve) Sieracki's paper, but woke up in time to hear George Castille complaining that he could not find the privy - it's just down the hall, George, but most of us refer to it as the restroom; there is no need to mention the speakers who follow this thoughtless interlude, Marco Giardino, Duke Rivet, and Sam McGahey, since I am certain they will roast themselves, but I would like to close by saying that Doris Stone, Bill Haag, Bob Neuman, and Woody Gagliano were invited to introduce speakers as our way of avoiding having to ask them to present papers."

Thanks, Joe, for the enlivenment and, seriously, for an excellent meeting.

Overall, I was highly impressed by the quality of the programming and the smooth running of the

meeting. There's no doubt that I'm biased but I believe we may have just experienced one of the finest state society meetings of any in the country. I am glad to see relatively unknown areas of the state beginning to yield their archeological secrets, especially the piney-wood hills of Southeast Louisiana. I am glad to see the rapid presentation of new data and the unbridled sharing of information. I believe we have reached a point where interaction among all participants in the archaeology of our great state is guaranteed without regard for degrees, ethnic origins, or founder rights. I am very proud of the Louisiana Archaeological Society and what it has come to stand for. I was glad to see all the folks and happy to have Jimmy Griffin, Stephen Williams, Jeffrey Brain, and T.R. Kidder travel such a long way to be with the LAS. I missed Miss Dorothy and the good doctor. I am also looking forward to next year and would like to thank all concerned for making the Covington meeting a very special one for me.

**LOUISIANA ARTIFACTS COULD SOLVE
DESOTO MYSTERY**
Submitted by Nancy Hawkins

In the 1500s, Hernando DeSoto and his army were the first Europeans to explore the interior parts of the Southeast. After almost 450 years, much of their route remains a mystery. Harvard archaeologist Jeffrey P. Brain, in a recent paper presented to the Louisiana Archaeology Society, describes written accounts of the expedition as "practically hopeless" for establishing the precise route for the latter part of the journey, when the army may have been in Louisiana.

"At this point," he says, "it is up to archaeology to provide evidence for pinpointing the route." Dr. Brain and his colleagues are seeking the help of individuals who may have found certain sixteenth century artifacts. Through archaeological study, the place where these artifacts have been found could be linked with descriptions of Indian villages that DeSoto's men visited.

It is known that DeSoto and his army landed in Florida in 1539 and made their way west to the Mississippi River. In June of 1541, they crossed the river somewhere in northwestern Mississippi and began their travels in Arkansas. Brain hypothesizes that DeSoto and his men followed the Ouachita River south into Louisiana to the present-day town of Jonesville. The expedition then went northeast to the place, near Lake St. Joseph, where DeSoto died. The remnants of the

army traveled overland across northern Louisiana to Texas, then turned back, returning to the Indian village where DeSoto died. Finding no food there, the men moved north to another village, probably somewhere in Madison or East Carroll Parishes. There, they built boats and, in 1543, floated down the Mississippi River to the Gulf, eventually making their way to Mexico.

Not all DeSoto scholars agree with Dr. Brain that this is the route the expedition followed. In fact, Dr. Charles Hudson of the University of Georgia says DeSoto's army saw Louisiana only as it floated down the Mississippi River, having spent almost the entire time west of the Mississippi in the state of Arkansas.

The mystery of which route DeSoto's expedition took can be solved through the location and scientific excavation of sites where DeSoto's men camped. In other parts of the South, sixteenth century artifacts lost or discarded by DeSoto's men have been found along the path the army is believed to have followed.

To date, however, no one has reported finding these artifacts in Louisiana. Dr Brain and other DeSoto scholars are especially interested in knowing about three distinctive types of artifacts: brass bells, glass beads and halberds. Glass beads and metal bells were given as gifts to the Indians. The brass bells, known as hawk bells, are about an inch in diameter with wide strap handles and large holes in the bottom (Figure 1).

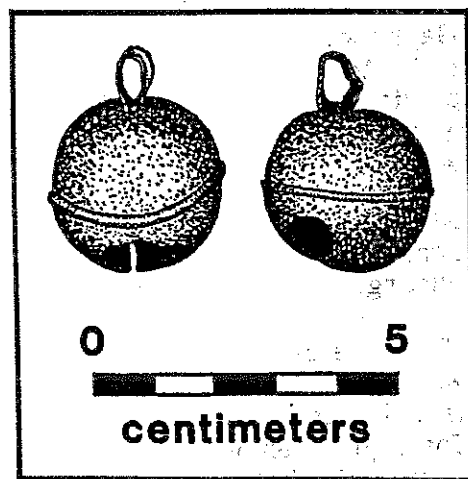


Figure 1. Brass bells from Coahoma County, Mississippi.

The most diagnostic type of the sixteenth century beads is known as the Nuevo Cadiz bead. This bead is usually long (.5 to 2 inches) and tube shaped, square in cross-section and constructed of 3 layers of glass. The inner layer is often dark blue or black, the middle layer is white and the exterior is a turquoise to cobalt blue.

Halberds were the principal weapon of the sixteenth century foot soldier, and consisted of an ax blade coupled with a pike fitted to the end of a long wooden shaft (Figure 2). Today, usually only the iron halberd head is found, since the wooden shaft has decayed.

If anyone knows about artifacts of this type, please take three steps: 1) record the precise location where they were found, 2) refrain from digging any of the sites, and 3) write Dr. Jeffrey P. Brain, Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, 11 Divinity Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138 or contact Richard A. Weinstein, archaeologist at Coastal Environments, Inc., 1260 Main Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802, (504) 383-7451.

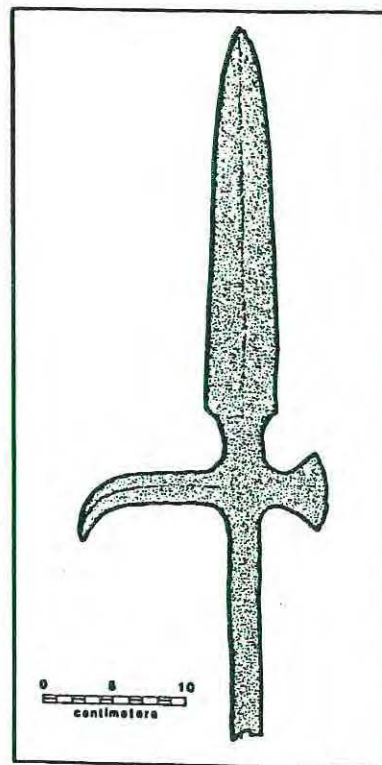


Figure 2. Iron halberd from Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

CHAPTER NEWS

Baton Rouge Chapter Reported by Duke Rivet

The 1986 Baton Rouge Chapter officers are:

- President: Tom Arceneaux
- Vice President: Nina Russell
- Treasurer: Ed Tylenda
- Secretary and Program Chairman:
Duke Rivet
- LAS Representative: Ray Fredlund

Two members of the Baton Rouge Chapter presented papers at the Annual Meetings in Covington. Duke Rivet was co-presenter of a paper on dugout canoes recently found in Louisiana and surrounding states and Richard Weinstein presented a paper on the prehistoric Late Marksville phase in the Amite River/Lake Maurepas region. Baton Rouge Chapter member, Richard Weinstein, has been elected Vice President of the Society.

In January, Ray Fredlund presented a talk on excavations at Ashkelon, Israel, Duke Rivet spoke

on dugout canoes at the February meetings and George Castille presented a talk on excavations undertaken at the early nineteenth century Kleinpeter house near Baton Rouge. Speakers scheduled for the rest of the year are:

- April 30, Richard Weinstein: "Gunboat Landing: A Late Marksville Prehistoric Indian Phase in Southeast Louisiana"
- May 28, Buddy Spiller: "Flint Knapping Demonstration"
- June 25, William Spedale: "The Battle of Baton Rouge"
- July 30, Charles Pearson: "Cemeteries in the Cultural Landscape"
- August 27, Malcolm Shuman: "Survey of Indian Mounds in East Baton Rouge and East and West Feliciana Parishes, Louisiana"
- September 24, William Haag: "Prehistory of the British Isles"
- October 29, Robert Neuman: "Cor Investigations at Three Prehistoric Mound Sites"
- November 26, Louisiana Division of Archaeology: "Louisiana Archaeology"

Delta Chapter
Reported by Marjorie Friedman

Volunteers from Delta Chapter contributed 275 hours of time analyzing ceramics from 3 excavations conducted at the Herman-Grima House. There will be an exhibit of these ceramics in the house which is open to the public.

The Chapter's work at Three Oaks Plantation has been concluded. No artifacts associated with the War of 1812 were found. The excavations indicated that the Three Oaks house was not built on the foundations of an earlier house as had been generally believed. The only evidence pointing to an earlier occupation was a brick pathway leading to the river constructed of bricks which are of an earlier date than those used in the 1830 house.

Exciting plans have been made for the 1987 LAS Convention in New Orleans. You will have an opportunity to stay at a lovely hotel in the heart of the French Quarter for a reasonable rate. Meetings will be held a half block away at the recently restored Mint building. There will be two receptions (synonym for food and fun) in historic buildings open just for the LAS. If you can arrange to come down early on Friday, you will be taken on a walking tour of the French Quarter led by Delta Chapter members who are official Vieux Carre guides.

Bettie Pendley, Convention Chairman, spent sleepless nights and active days putting all of this together. Ivor Noel Hume, from Williamsburg Restorations, has agreed to speak at the convention. Jeffrey Brain of Harvard University has given a qualified acceptance to speak. Start planning now to come to New Orleans in 1987. It will be an opportunity to expand your knowledge of archaeology while you are having fun in a fascinating city.

Central Louisiana Chapter
Reported by Walter Randall

Our traditional December covered dish supper was held and was a real feast. Our guest speaker was Richard Weinstein, who presented an interesting program on his work in tracing DeSoto's route across the Mississippi River.

At our January meeting officers for 1986 were elected and installed. They are:

President: Nancy Affeltranger
Vice-President: John David
Treasurer: Ellis Denning

Secretary and LAS Representative: Walter Randall
Historian: Frances Krist
Librarian: Kathleen Adams

At the meeting, a dress rehearsal and critique of the program (our investigations at 16GR153) presented at the Annual Meetings in Covington was held.

The February meeting consisted of an open discussion of the Annual Meetings, including a summary of the papers presented for the benefit of members who were unable to attend. Nine Central Chapter members attended the State meeting.

In March Ellis Denning presented a program on the studies of Continental Drift. Dave McClain, one of our members, presented an interesting talk on his efforts to learn the art of stone tool and point manufacture, using strictly primitive techniques and implements.

Northlake Chapter
Reported by Steve Sieracki

The Northlake Chapter wishes to thank the LAS for the privilege of hosting the 1986 Annual Meeting. The participation of the other chapters, the speakers, and the LAS membership was greatly appreciated. We hope that our new attendance record will be surpassed by Delta Chapter's 1987 hosting.

Due to the Annual Meeting, the January gathering of the Northlake Chapter was devoted to last-minute details for that meeting.

In February, Duke Rivet treated the chapter to a slide presentation on the "Dugout Canoes of Louisiana". Brian Duhe addressed the March meeting, presenting a slide lecture on his recent travels among the Indians of Yucatan.

Plans are now being made for an LAS field school in Fontainebleau State Park this fall. The park is in Mandeville, Louisiana. More information on this subject is presented elsewhere in the Newsletter.

Imperial Calcasieu Chapter
Reported by Joe Frank

In January, a film on Richard Leakey was presented at the monthly meeting. Jon Gibson was the guest speaker at the February meeting. His program was on the field work that has taken place at Poverty Point State Park.

Ms. Gerry Baeler was the speaker at the March meeting. She presented a slide program on the Nan Ranch Archaeological Project in Grant County, New Mexico. The site is a Mimbres Indian site that is being excavated by Earthwatch under the direction of Texas A&M University.

**Northeast Chapter
Reported by Clair Davis**

The November 1985 program was a talk by Dr. Russ Williams of NLU on the history of the Ouachita area. Much of the material he has gathered on the area has come from early tax records in the court house. Dr. Williams is presently writing a book on old buildings and their personalities. Anyone having old pictures, documents or other information about historical homes or buildings is asked to contact him at the NLU History Department.

The program for the January meeting was given by Richard Genty, who is an historical event re-enactment hobbyist. Those of us who have had the good fortune to see some of the Civil and Revolutionary Wars battle scene re-enactments were very interested in learning about the backgrounds of what we mistakenly call actors, stand-ins or seconds.

**Northwest Chapter
Reported by David Jeane**

At the January meeting officers for 1986 were elected. They are:

- President: Ruth Rainey
- Vice President: Donald Duncan
- Sec/Treas: Craig Kennedy
- Site Survey Chairman: Claude McCrocklin
- Newsletter Editor: David Jeane
- LAS Representative: David Jeane

At the January meeting, Claude McCrocklin presented a slide program entitled "15th Air Force Combat Experience" which he is to present later to the Military History class at Centenary College. The Survey Committee gave a report on the on-going work in the Red River Valley.

The Annual Report of the Arkansas Archeological Survey has just been published and several of the North West Chapter members are mentioned and pictured. From the report the following: "In Fiscal Year 1984/85, 678 sites were reported to the Registrar; of these 305 were from amateur archeologists. These 305 sites represent 44% of the total for the year. Claude McCrocklin, of

Shreveport, Louisiana, again was the leader of a group of amateurs who continue to survey intensively. They recorded 67 sites in Miller County." Congratulations to Claude and Survey Committee.

In March, the program consisted of the showing of the excellent film, "A Man Called Bee". This film deals with the Yanomamo Indians of South America. The film is by the University of Pennsylvania and is loaned to us by Dr. Frank Schambach.

**LAS STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
December, 1985**

Regular Checking	
Balance	\$2,876.00
Membership Dues	140.00
Sub Total	<u>\$3,016.00</u>
<u>Deductions</u>	
Northlake Chapter Advance	\$ 150.00
James Alford Ford Award	75.20
Winter 1985 Newsletter (Vol. 12, No. 3)	198.32
Postage - General Correspondence	
Dues reminders letter	121.00
	<u>\$ 544.52</u>
Balance Checking	\$2,471.48
Money fund account	6,516.00
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Total L.A.S. Funds	\$8,987.48

L.A.S. MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

	<u>1984</u>	<u>1985</u>
Regular	277	280 (+3)
Associate	45	49 (+4)
Institutional	35	36 (+1)
Life	22	25 (+3)
Students	7	9 (+)
Sustaining	2	2
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Total	388	401 (+13)

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LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGY
Bulletin of the Louisiana Archaeological Society

Louisiana Archaeology is the official Bulletin of the Louisiana Archaeological Society and publishes articles, reports, book reviews, etc. that deal with or are pertinent to the archaeology of Louisiana and the surrounding area. Contents (exclusive of book reviews and obituaries) of the nine issues published to date are listed below. An order form is included as the last page of the Newsletter for those wishing to purchase issues of Louisiana Archaeology.

Volume 1, 1974

- The Inaugural Issue of Louisiana Archaeology., by Jon L. Gibson
Can the Professional and the Amateur Archaeologist Cooperate?, by Clarence H. Webb
The Rise and Decline of Poverty Point., by Jon L. Gibson
Big Oak and Little Oak Islands: Excavations and Interpretations., by J. Richard Shenkel
Lithic Reduction Strategies at the George C. Davis Site., by Harry J. Shafer
The Bruly St. Martin Site and its Implications for Coastal Settlement in Louisiana., by James W. Springer
A Catahoula Stone Mask., by W.S. Baker, Jr.

Volume 2, 1975

- Louisiana's Historic Indians., by Fred B. Kniffen
Chitimacha Basketry., by Hiram F. Gregory and Clarence H. Webb
Mounds Plantation (16CD12), Caddo Parish, Louisiana., by Clarence H. Webb and Ralph R. McKinney
The Poverty Point Site: North Sector Test Excavations., by Carl Kuttruff
The Poverty Point Culture, as Seen From Southeastern Texas., by L.W. Patterson
Prehistoric Settlement Patterns of the Young's Bayou Drainage, Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana., by Brent W. Smith
Fire Pits at Mount Bayou (16CT35), Catahoula Parish, Louisiana., by Jon L. Gibson
The Cicada in Southeastern Archaeology and in Coushatta Tradition., by Donald G. Hunter

Volume 3, 1976

- Archaeological Techniques in the Louisiana Coastal Region., by Robert W. Neuman
The Brackish Water Clam (Rangia Cuneata): A Prehistoric "Staff of Life" or a Minor Food Resource., by Kathleen Mary Byrd
Preliminary Evidence of a Seasonal Fishing Activity at Bayou Jasemine., by Brian J. Duhe
The Bel Site (16CU127): Urban Archaeology in Lake Charles, Louisiana., by Joe Frank
A Ceramic Sequence from Southern Louisiana and Its Implications for Type Frequency Seriation., by James W. Springer
A Reexamination of the Houses at the Bayou Goula Site, Iberville Parish, Louisiana., by Ian W. Broqn
Lacadon Arrowheads and Jaketown Perforators: A Possible Historical-Functional Analogue., by Jon L. Gibson
Catahoula Type Projectile Points., by William S. Baker and Clarence H. Webb
The Catahoula Projectile Point, A Distributional Study., by L.W. Patterson
An Archaeological Survey of Northeastern Mexico., by Joel L. Shiner

Volume 4, 1977

- Reminiscences, Ecology, Natural Resource Exploitation and Tradition.,
by Clarence H. Webb
Excavations in the Artkins Midden at the Troyville Site, Catahoula Parish,
Louisiana., by Donald G. Hunter and William S. Baker, Jr.
Excavations at the Pierre Clement Site, Cameron Parish, Louisiana., by James
W. Springer
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