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EDITOR'S NOTE: THE BIG NEWS THIS TIME OF YEAR IS THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY. IF YOU HAVE NEVER ATTENDED, THIS WILL BE AN EXCELLENT YEAR TO START. EVERY EFFORT IS BEING MADE TO PROVIDE SOMETHING OF INTEREST FOR ALL I.A.S. MEMBERS. A WORKSHOP ON SITE PRESERVATION WILL BE ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MEETING. INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE OFFERED TO CONTINUE THE SITE RECORDING PROJECT WHICH WAS INITIATED IN THE LAST NEWSLETTER. ARTIFACT DISPLAYS, CHAPTER REPORTS, FIELD REPORTS, AND PAPERS FILL TWO COMPLETE DAYS WITH INFORMATION FOR ALL ARCHEOLOGISTS, AMATEUR AND PROFESSIONAL. MOST IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, IS THE COMRADESHIP EXPERIENCED BY PEOPLE WITH A COMMON INTEREST. IN SHORT- ITS FUN! WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN MOUNT AYR ON APRIL 14 AND 15.

A COMPLETE SCHEDULE WILL BE SENT TO YOU SHORTLY BEFORE THE MEETING. YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED A CALL FOR PAPERS AND BANQUET RESERVATION FORM BY NOW. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

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THE MAP ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE LOCATES THE SITES OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR THE MEETING. BE SURE TO ARRANGE HOUSING IF YOU HAVE NOT DONE SO. DIRECTIONS FOR CAMPING WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE FIRST SESSION. BABYSITTERS WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE.

SITES PRESERVATION COMMITTEE REPORT:

THE RESPONSE TO THE START OF A STATEWIDE ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY BY THIS SOCIETY AND ITS MEMBERS HAS BEEN LESS THAN OVERWHELMING. WE HAD HOPED TO GET SCORES OF SITE REPORTS FROM ALL OVER THE STATE. AS IT IS NOW, ONE FROM EACH COUNTY WOULD LOOK GREAT. ONCE AGAIN, IF YOU WISH TO REPORT A SITE OR SITES, WRITE TO ME AND I WILL SEND YOU A PACKET OF EASILY FILLED FORMS. THESE SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ME SO THAT I CAN GIVE THEM A SURVEY NUMBER AND SEND THEM ON TO ADRIAN ANDERSON. SEE YOU ALL AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MOUNT AYR, APRIL 14TH AND 15TH.

DON SPEARS, CHAIRMAN

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THIS ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER. ADDRESS COMMENTS, MATERIAL, ETC. TO:

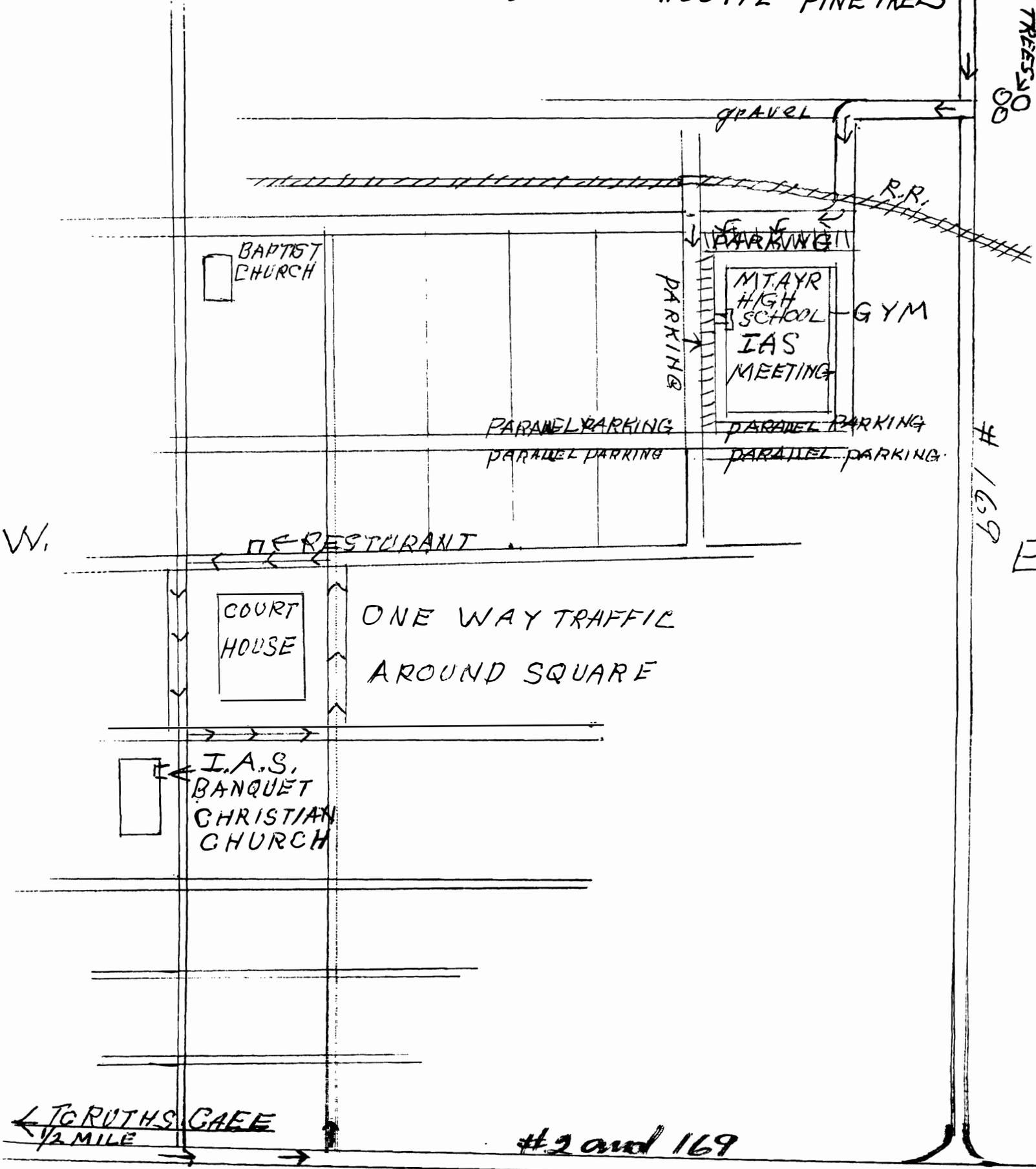
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SWAN ROCK RESTURANT

COTTONWOOD COUNTY PETROGLYPHS

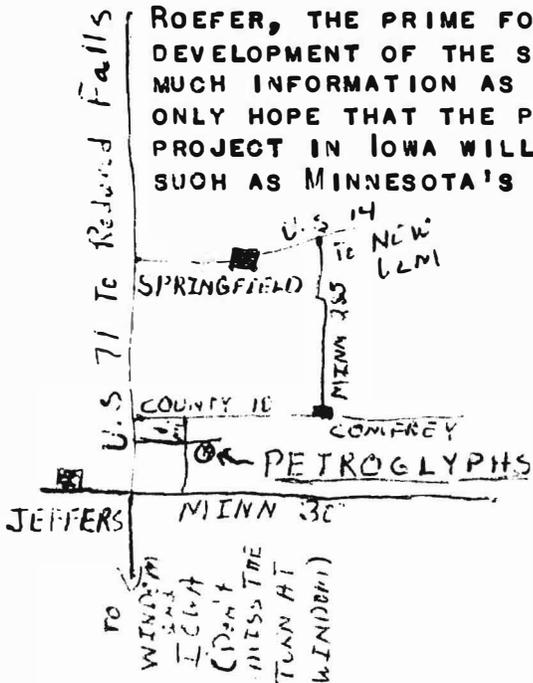
WE WERE BREEZING DOWN THE HIGHWAY IN OUR FLAME RED OPEL (NOW DECEASED) HEADING FOR NORTHERN MINNESOTA WHEN MY WIFE CHECKED THE ROAD MAP AND FOUND WE WERE HEADED EAST. I TRIED TO COVER UP BY SAYING I KNEW A SHORT CUT, BUT THE FACT WAS I HAD MISSED A TURN AND WE WERE NOW 20 MILES FROM HIGHWAY 71, OUR INTENDED ROUTE. RATHER THAN DOUBLE BACK, I DEMONSTRATED AN ACT OF FAITH AND HEADED NORTH ON THE FIRST HARD SURFACE ROAD. FORTUNE SMILED AND WE FOUND OURSELVES ON HIGHWAY 30 WHICH LED US BACK TO 71. STREAKING DOWN THE HIGHWAY (NOTE HOW YOU ALWAYS DRIVE FASTER AFTER YOU HAVE TAKEN A WRONG ROAD), I GLIMPSED A SIGN WHICH READ "INDIAN PETROGLYPHS." SINCE IT WAS NOVEMBER AND THE SIGN INDICATED THE EXHIBIT WAS OPEN FROM MAY TO OCTOBER, WE CONTINUED OUR JOURNEY WITH A MENTAL NOTE TO INVESTIGATE FURTHER. LAST SUMMER WE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW THE INDIAN PETROGLYPH SIGNS. FRANKLY WE EXPECTED A TOURIST PLUNDER SHOP WITH A COUPLE OF ROCK DRAWINGS ATTACHED. WE RECEIVED A PLEASANT SURPRISE. SITUATED IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIELD OF NATIVE PRAIRIE PLANTS WAS A QUARTER MILE OUT-CROPPING OF RED QUARTZITE ROCK WHICH CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY 200 PETROGLYPHS. (PETROGLYPH—GREEK WORDS—PETRA MEANS ROCK, GLYPHE MEANS CARVING) THE SITE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY PRESERVED BY THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY COMPLETE WITH MAP GUIDES AND A MANNED OR TO BE MORE CORRECT A WOMANNED INTERPRETIVE CENTER.

WE WERE FASCINATED BY THE MANY VARIETIES OF ROCK ART WHICH WERE REPRESENTED AT THIS ONE LOCATION. THERE SEEMS TO BE A WIDE RANGE OF SPECULATION CONCERNING THE MEANING AND FUNCTION OF PETROGLYPHS. THE COTTONWOOD COUNTY ROCK CARVINGS COVER MANY SUBJECTS FROM IDENTIFIED ANIMALS TO ABSTRACT DESIGNS. HUMAN FIGURES, SPEARS, TURTLES, ELK, DEER, AND BUFFALO ARE FOUND NEXT TO DRAWINGS WHICH APPEAR TO BE LITTLE MORE THAN DOODLES. SINCE NO GUNS OR HORSES APPEAR ON THE ROCK, ONE CAN ASSUME THAT THE CARVINGS WERE MADE BEFORE THE WHITE MAN REACHED THE AREA IN THE 18TH CENTURY. UNFORTUNATELY, THE SITE HAS BEEN PROTECTED FOR ONLY A FEW YEARS AND MODERN ROCK DRAWINGS IN THE SHAPE OF INITIALS, DATES, ETC. ARE ALSO VISIBLE. THE AREA IS SO REMOTE, HOWEVER, THAT VANDALS HAVE NOT DESTROYED THE SITE AS HAS HAPPENED TO ROCK ART IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. IT WAS ABOUT THE TIME WE DISCOVERED A 19TH CENTURY DATE AND NAME THAT WE FORMED OUR OWN THEORY ABOUT THE DRAWINGS. MAN SEEMS TO HAVE A NATURAL INSTINCT TO LEAVE HIS MARK ON PUBLIC PLACES. SOMEONE STARTED ON THIS ROCK AND OTHERS HAVE FOLLOWED EVER SINCE. COULD THE COTTONWOOD COUNTY PETROGLYPHS BE THE END PRODUCT OF 3000 YEARS OF DOODLING?

AT ANY RATE, THE SITE IS WORTH A VISIT. ALLOW YOURSELF AT LEAST TWO HOURS OR MORE BECAUSE ANYONE WITH AN INTEREST IN ARCHEOLOGY SHOULD BE ENTHRALLED. THE SITE IS OPEN FROM MAY TO OCTOBER FROM 10 A.M. - 6 P.M. DAILY, 1 P.M. - 6 P.M. ON SUNDAYS. WHEN YOU VISIT THE INTERPRETIVE SHELTER, IDENTIFY YOURSELVES AS A MEMBER OF THE I.A.S. TO MRS. FLORENCE

ROEFER, THE PRIME FORCE BEHIND THE PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE SITE. SHE WILL HAPPILY PROVIDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU WANT ABOUT PETROGLYPHS. ONE CAN ONLY HOPE THAT THE PRESENT SITE IDENTIFICATION AND PRESERVATION PROJECT IN IOWA WILL LEAD TO AREAS OF BEAUTY AND INTEREST SUCH AS MINNESOTA'S COTTONWOOD COUNTY PETROGLYPHS.

GARY L. VALEN



THUNDERBIRD



ABOVE: REPRESENTATIONS OF MAN, SNAKE SPEARS ??



STRANGE CREATURES (NOTE THE MODERN CARVING IN THE LEFT HAND CORNER)

RIGHT: MAN IN A HEADRESS ??



ARCHAEOLOGY IN BEDFORD ENGLAND

BY CHRISTINE DE LISLE

ED. NOTE: CHRISTINE DE LISLE IS A STUDENT AT SIMPSON COLLEGE. LAST SUMMER SHE TOOK PART IN AN ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG IN ENGLAND. THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF HER WORK.

VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOURTH YEAR WERE TRYING TO RESCUE THE HISTORY OF BEDFORD. 45 PEOPLE WHICH INCLUDED AMERICANS, FRENCH, CANADIANS, AND ENGLISH WORKED ON THE SITES SET UP. THE DIG WAS BACKED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL. BEDFORD TOWN COUNCIL GAVE EQUIPMENT AND THE BEDFORD ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY WAS ALSO INVOLVED. THE AREAS BEING EXCAVATED WERE SCHEDULED FOR REDEVELOPMENT. PART OF THE SITES WILL BECOME PART OF A PARKING LOT AND THESE AREAS WERE GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION. THE SITES WERE CENTERED AROUND THE FORMER LOCATION OF BEDFORD CASTLE. THE MOUND THERE IS OF GREAT INTEREST TO THE HISTORY OF BEDFORD.

THE SITES WERE THOSE OF THE ANGLO-SAXON AND NORMAN TIME PERIODS. THE SITES NORTH OF THE RIVER OUSE, WERE MORE NORMAN BECAUSE THE EMPHASIS WAS ON BEDFORD CASTLE, A FORTRESS BUILT AFTER THE NORMAN CONQUEST. BUILT IN THE 11TH CENTURY, IT WAS LATER DESTROYED BY HENRY III IN 1224. UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DAVID BAKER, M.A., F.S.A., THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S ARCHAEOLOGICAL OFFICER, WORK WAS DIRECTED TOWARDS TRYING TO FIND ANGLO-SAXON EVIDENCE UNDER THE NORMAN RUINS. ALSO, BECAUSE A DITCH WAS FOUND THE SUMMER BEFORE, THERE WAS SOME INTEREST IN TRYING TO FIND WHERE IT CONNECTED WITH THE CASTLE MOUND. SOUTH OF THE RIVER, WORK WAS CONTINUED FROM THE PREVIOUS SUMMER. OFF ST. MARYS ST., THE EXCAVATIONS WERE THAT OF A COMPLEX DOMESTIC SITE DATING TO ANGLO-SAXON TIMES. THE SITES WERE PICKED MOSTLY BECAUSE THEY WERE THE ONES AVAILABLE AT THE TIME. MOST OF THE WORK IN BEDFORD IS RESCUE WORK, AND LAST SUMMERS SITES WERE OPEN WITHIN THE CITY AND AROUND THE CASTLE MOUND.

WORK WAS ORGANIZED WITH A HEAD OF EACH TRENCH DIRECTING THE WORK EVERYDAY. THE HEADS WERE THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAD BEEN AT THE DIG FOR A FEW SUMMERS AND KNEW MORE ABOUT WHAT WAS EXPECTED AND WHAT THE CHANGES IN SOIL TEXTURE AND COLOR MEANT. TOOLS WERE MOSTLY THE SHOVEL, PICK, AND TROWEL. THE TROWEL IS THE IMPORTANT TOOL IN THE TRENCHES. IT WAS USED ON ALL OCCASIONS TO CHECK THE SOIL OR TO CLEAN OUT OR SCRAPE SOIL FROM BETWEEN COBBLES AND OTHER HARD SURFACES. THE HEAD WOULD CHECK OUT EACH NEW FIND AND THEN ORGANIZE THE RECOVERY OF IT. ALONG WITH THE DIGGING, GRAPH WORK IN THE METRIC SYSTEM WAS CONTINUOUS AND ORGANIZED. EVERYTHING WAS DIRECTED BY THE HEAD OF THE TRENCH AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH DAY.

MOST OF MY WORK WAS DONE ON THE NORTHERN SITES AROUND THE CASTLE MOUND IN GINNS YARD. TRENCH 48 WAS A SLICE IN THE SIDE OF THE CASTLE MOUND ITSELF. HERE WORK WAS DONE TO CLEAR TOP SOIL QUICKLY AND START LOOKING FOR REMAINS OF THE NORMANS AND ANGLO-SAXONS. PICKING AND SHOVELING WAS THE MAIN ORDER OF WORK WITH TROWELING ENTERING IN TO CHECK SOIL COLOR AND TO INVESTIGATE ANY DIFFERENCES FOUND. THIS TRENCH ENDED UP BEING IMPORTANT BECAUSE LIVTON POTTERY WAS FOUND IN IT. LIVTON POTTERY HAS A GREEN GLAZE TO IT AND WAS NAMED AFTER THE LOCATION WHERE IT WAS MADE. THE POTTERY HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DATED TO THE 1250'S, BUT IT WAS FOUND IN THE RUBBLE OF CASTLE RUINS DATING TO THE 1220'S. LATER THAT SUMMER THE POTTERY WAS REDATED TO AN EARLIER TIME. THE TRENCH ALSO PRODUCED THE MOAT AND WITHIN IT, A PIECE OF NORMAN FLUTE, GLOVE, AND STRING. OTHER SITES IN THE YARD FOUND COBBLE SURFACES AND A GREAT DEAL OF POTTERY. MUCH OF THE FIRST POTTERY WAS 19TH CENTURY WILLOW PATTERN WHICH GAVE WAY TO 17TH CENTURY CLAY PIPE. THE PIPE WAS QUITE LONG WITH A SMALL TUBE AT ONE END FOR THE TOBACCO. THEY WERE USED MANY TIMES UNTIL THE TUBE PART WAS HEATED SHUT AND THEN THROWN AWAY. BONES WERE ALSO FOUND BUT THEY WERE ALL ANIMAL REMAINS. THE NORTHERN SITES WERE PRODUCTIVE IN THE SEARCH FOR EVIDENCE OF NORMAN PRESENCE AROUND THE CASTLE MOUND.

MILLCREEK POTTERY FROM A SITE ON THE LITTLE SIOUX RIVER

HERB SOVEREIGN REPORTS A NEW SITE NORTH OF SPENCER WHICH WAS FOUND BY LYNDON EVANS OF STORM LAKE. HERB MADE THE FOLLOWING SKETCHES OF THE MILL CREEK POTTERY WHICH WAS FOUND ON THE SITE.



CHAPTER REPORTS

SOUTHEAST CHAPTER: SUBMITTED BY KEN CUTTS, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

SALISBURY PLAIN, ENGLAND, OLD MEXICO, AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON HAVE BEEN THE FOCAL POINTS FOR SOME OF THE PROGRAMS AT THE WINTER MEETINGS OF THE SOUTHEAST CHAPTER. PRESIDENT KEN CUTTS GAVE A SLIDE PRESENTATION ON THE MANY MYSTERIES ASSOCIATED WITH STONEHENGE IN SOUTHERN ENGLAND. HAVING COMPLETED A SUMMER OF STUDY IN ENGLAND AND THE CONTINENT, HIS PROGRAM ATTEMPTED TO EXPLAIN SOME OF THE MYSTIQUE ASSOCIATED WITH THE GIANT STONES.

GEORGE HORTON PRESENTED A DUAL PROGRAM AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING WHICH FIRST GAVE THE MEMBERS SOME INSIGHT INTO THE EARLY DAYS OF INDIAN LIFE AT THE RESERVATION NEAR TAMA. HIS SLIDES WERE MADE FROM NEWLY DISCOVERED PICTURES OF THE EARLY INHABITANTS. THE SECOND PART OF HIS PROGRAM, ALSO A SLIDE PRESENTATION, DEALT WITH HIS EXPERIENCES IN MEXICO AND CENTRAL AMERICA IN ARCHAEOLOGICAL RECOVERY WORK.

SEVERAL EXCELLENT FILMS HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO THE GROUP ENTITLED THE LODGE PEOPLE IN IOWA, OLD FORT MADISON, AND ARCHEOLOGY IN WASHINGTON STATE. THESE FILMS HAVE BEEN FURNISHED THROUGH THE COOPERATION WITH THE AREA 15 STATE MEDIA CENTER. THE CLASS OFFERED THIS FALL BY THE CHAPTER HAS BOLSTERED THE RANKS OF THE CHAPTER. CURRENTLY THE CHAPTER IS CONTEMPLATING A PROJECT TO FURTHER INCREASE THIS NEW ENTHUSIASM.

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SOUTH CENTRAL CHAPTER: SUBMITTED BY HERB SOVEREIGN

STEVE GOODALE GAVE AN ILLUSTRATED LECTURE ON THE PREHISTORIC INHABITANTS OF GRAHAM CAVE. MR. GOODALE IS A MEMBER OF THE SOUTH CENTRAL CHAPTER AND AN ANTHROPOLOGY STUDENT AT THE NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY IN MARYVILLE. THE LECTURE GENERATED MUCH INTEREST SINCE THEY ARE REPRESENTED IN MANY PREHISTORIC SITES IN RINGGOLD COUNTY. THE REGULAR MEETING NIGHT FOR THE CHAPTER IS THE 4TH WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH. THE SOUTH CENTRAL CHAPTER WILL BE THE HOST FOR THE 1973 MEETING OF THE I.A.S.

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QUAD-CITY AREA CHAPTER: SUBMITTED BY JANICE HALL OF THE DAVENPORT MUSEUM

THE FEBRUARY MEETING INCLUDED A SLIDE PRESENTATION OF HOPEWELL ARTIFACTS FROM OHIO AND ILLINOIS AND A PROGRAM BY JOHN MCGINN WHO WAS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TIKAL PROJECT FROM 1962-1972. THE PROJECT IS THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXPLORATION OF ONE OF THE MOST OUTSTANDING RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL MAYAN TEMPLE CITIES IN THE YUCATAN PENINSULA OF CENTRAL AMERICA. THE PROGRAM WAS ALSO ILLUSTRATED WITH SLIDES. MR. MCGINN PRESENTLY TEACHES IN THE ANTHROPOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF KNOX COLLEGE, GALESBURG, ILLINOIS.

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NORTHWEST CHAPTER: FROM THE NWAS NEWSLETTER

THE JANUARY MEETING CONSISTED OF A TALK ON THE **PLEISTOCENE** BY **DUANE ANDERSON**. INCLUDED WAS A DISCUSSION OF CAUSES AND EFFECTS OF GLACIATION AND A TOUR OF THE "**ICE AGE**" EXHIBIT IN THE WEST GALLERY OF THE SANFORD MUSEUM. THE EXHIBIT IS THE **FIRST SEEING IS BELIEVING EXHIBIT** HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE **CHEROKEE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TITLE III PROJECT** ENTITLED **EXPLORING THE TANGIBLE WORLD**. THE EXHIBIT, WHICH FEATURES ICE AGE ANIMALS FROM WESTERN IOWA AND THE TAR PITS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, WILL BE OPEN THROUGH JULY. REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED BY MR. AND MRS. PAUL WILLIAMS AND MR. AND MRS. C H D SMITH.

THE FEBRUARY MEETING WAS A PLANETARIUM PROGRAM ENTITLED "**KOPERNIK**" BY **ROBERT BOLOGNA**, PLANETARIUM SPECIALIST AT THE MUSEUM. THE PROGRAM MARKED THE 500TH BIRTHDAY OF THE FAMOUS POLISH ASTRONOMER **COPERNICUS** WHO CHANGED PHILOSOPHY AND SCIENCE WITH HIS "**SUN CENTERED**" SOLAR SYSTEM. THE DEMONSTRATION TRACED CONCEPTS OF THE ANCIENT **BABYLONIANS, EGYPTIANS, AND GREEKS** AS THEY PRESISTED THROUGH THE MIDDLE AGES. THE VIEWS OF **COPERNICUS** WERE THEN DISCUSSED IN THE LIGHT OF MODERN ASTRONOMICAL THEORY. REFRESHMENTS WERE SERVED BY **ALINE ONN AND CLIFFORD CHAPMAN**.

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REPORT FROM THE REMEMBER THE "**BERTRAND**" COMMITTEE:

APRIL 1, 1973...ON THIS DATE ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE YEARS AGO, THE STERNWHEELER "**BERTRAND**" SANK IN THE MISSOURI RIVER AT PORT LA FORCE, NEBRASKA. (ED. NOTE: SEE IAS NEWSLETTER #55, DATED APRIL 1970)

WE ARE PRINTING THE FOLLOWING LETTER JUST RECEIVED.

PISGAH, IOWA

DEAR "**DEAD EYE**":

WHEN I WAS JUST A LAD, MY OLE GRANPAPPY USE TO TELL US OF THE STEAMBOAT WHICH SANK AT **DESOTA BEND**. HE VERY FIRMLY STATED THAT THE VESSEL RECEIVED A BROADSIDE OF ARROWS FROM HOSTILES WHO WERE AWOL FROM NEARBY **FORT UMPQUAH**. THE HULL AND VITAL INNARDS WERE PENETRATED WITH SUCH FORCE THAT THE CREW ENPERIENCED GREAT DIFFICULTY IN SAVING THEMSELVES FROM THE RAPIDLY SINKING BOAT.

HE ALSO RELATED THAT A SHIPMENT OF **HAIR BLEACH, HAIR SET LOTION** AND ONE GROSS OF **GOLDEN HAIR PINS** WAS ON THE CARGO MANIFEST AND WAS ENROUTE TO A **COL. G. A. CUSTER, MILITARY TERRITORY**. THE BLEACH WAS DISGUISED IN **FANCY BITTERS BOTTLES**. THE QUESTION IS, HOW MANY **ARROWHEADS** WERE FOUND WHEN THE HULK WAS RAISED.

SIGNED

BILL LEEKY

REPLY:

I DON'T REMEMBER THE **NPS** LISTING ANY POINTS FOUND WHEN THE CARGO WAS SALVAGED. HOWEVER, THEY ALSO DID NOT RECOVER SEVERAL LARGE **BOILERS** AND THE MAIN **PROPULSION MACHINERY**.

IN THAT THE SO CALLED **INDIAN WARS** SEEM TO HAVE NOT BEEN TERMINATED

AND THE PENTAGON IS SO CONCERNED ABOUT SECRET PAPERS, IT WOULD SEEM BEST NOT TO DISCUSS CARGOES WHICH MIGHT STILL BE CLASSIFIED AT THIS TIME.

"DEAD EYE" McCARTY CHAIRMAN

"ARCHEOLOGY BILL" NOW PENDING BEFORE CONGRESS:

THE 93RD CONGRESS IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD EXPAND THE PROTECTION OF PREHISTORIC AND HISTORIC SITES IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH WOULD BE DESTROYED OR ALTERED BY THE ACTION OF A FEDERAL AGENCY. ALL PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS MUST INCLUDE A REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR CONCERNING THE ARCHEOLOGICAL DATA IN THE AREA. ANY QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION MAY THEN APPLY FOR FUNDS TO SAVE THE THREATENED MATERIAL. THE BILL STIPULATES THAT ARCHEOLOGISTS WILL MAKE THE FINAL DECISION ABOUT THE SALVAGE OPERATIONS FOR ANY CONSTRUCTION SITE.

THE IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THIS LEGISLATION IS THAT ARCHEOLOGISTS WILL HAVE MORE TIME AND FUNDS TO CONDUCT SALVAGE PROJECTS WITH CARE AND COMPETENCE. IN ADDITION, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE POSITIVE STEPS TO SEEK PROFESSIONAL OPINIONS AND TO IDENTIFY THREATENED SITES IN A PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AREA. THIS LEGISLATION IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD FOR ARCHEOLOGY IN THE UNITED STATES. CONGRESSMAN WILEY MAYNE OF IOWA IS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE HOUSE VERSION OF THE BILL. THE NUMBER IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IS H.R. 3584. THE SENATE BILL WAS PASSED LAST YEAR AS S.1245 AND HAS BEEN INTRODUCED AGAIN IN THE 93RD CONGRESS AS S.514. THE CONGRESS ADJOURNED LAST YEAR BEFORE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE "ARCHEOLOGY BILL" COULD BE OBTAINED.

MEMBERS OF THE IOWA ARCHEOLOGY SOCIETY SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FINAL OUTCOME OF THIS LEGISLATION. IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU EXPRESS YOUR OPINION TO THE APPROPRIATE CONGRESSMEN AND SENATORS. IF YOU HAVE ANY ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE NEWSLETTER EDITORS OR PRESIDENT DUANE ANDERSON, SANFORD MUSEUM, 117 EAST WILLOW STREET, CHEROKEE, IOWA 51012.

BOOKS

"STALKING THE SKUNK" by David M. Gradwohl & Nancy Osborn...A preliminary survey and appraisal of archeological resources in the Ames Reservoir. This is in part an Environmental impact study to locate both historical and prehistoric sites that would be inundated, destroyed or endangered by a proposed flood control dam on this river. Over 51 Indian sites were surveyed, with most of the site locations being given by amateurs. Price \$4.50 ppd. Papers in Anthropology No. I. ISU, Ames, Iowa 50010

BOOKS (Continued)

"DISCOVERING HISTORIC IOWA" by LeRoy G. Pratt...A resume on all 99 counties of Iowa, locating historical and prehistorical sites. Most organizations are listed. A must for the person who travels and likes to visit the most interesting places in Iowa. Price \$2.00 ppd. State of Iowa, Department of Public Instruction, Grimes Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319.

"CLAY PIPES FROM PAMPLIN" by H. W. & J. T. Hamilton...An ideal publication to identify clay pipes made in Pamplin, Virginia and found many places in the U.S. Many plates and pictures identifying this brand of pipe, plus loads of pertinent information. New publication--cost not given. The Missouri Archeologist Vol. 34 Nos. 1 and 2, December 1972. Missouri Archeological Society, 15 Switzler Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

REVIEWED BY DON SPEARS

MOST OF YOU PROBABLY TAKE THE NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC MAGAZINE BUT IN CASE YOU DON'T, YOU SHOULD SEE THE DECEMBER 1972 ISSUE. THERE ARE TWO ARTICLES AND A MAP WHICH DESERVE YOUR ATTENTION. "THE NAVAJO NATION LOOKS AHEAD" BY RALPH LOONEY AND BRUCE DALE PRESENTS A PICTURE OF A CONTEMPORARY INDIAN NATION. "MOUNDS: RIDDLES FROM THE INDIAN PAST" BY GEORGE E. STUART DEALS WITH A SUBJECT WHICH IS NEAR AND DEAR TO THE HEARTS OF MIDWESTERN ARCHEOLOGISTS. THE SPECIAL PRIZE OF THE DECEMBER ISSUE, HOWEVER, IS THE MAP AND CHART SUPPLEMENT ENTITLED: INDIANS OF NORTH AMERICA.

AT LONG LAST A BOOK ABOUT NORTH AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGY WHICH CAN BE UNDERSTOOD AND ENJOYED BY THE LAYMAN. THE FIRST AMERICAN BY C. W. CERAM PULLS TOGETHER ENORMOUS AMOUNTS OF RESEARCH AND INFORMATION IN CONCISE AND READABLE FORM. CERAM, WHOSE REAL NAME IS KURT W. MAREK, IS THE AUTHOR OF THE WORLD FAMOUS BOOK, GODS, GRAVES, AND SCHOLARS, WHICH PROVIDED THE LAY READER WITH AN UNDERSTANDABLE ACCOUNT OF ARCHEOLOGY PRIOR TO 1951. THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT SUCH A BOOK WAS NECESSARY. NORTH AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGISTS HAVE BEEN ESPECIALLY PROLIFIC WITH TECHNICAL ARTICLES AND MANUSCRIPTS WHICH ARE SCIENTIFICALLY CORRECT, BUT OFTEN DULL OR BEYOND THE COMPREHENSION OF THE AVERAGE READER. THE DISTRIBUTION OF ARTIFACTS AT A SPECIFIC SITE IS OF SPECIAL IMPORTANCE TO THE PROFESSIONAL WHO IS REQUIRED TO INTERPRET AND ANALYZE ARCHEOLOGICAL DATA. THE LAYMAN, HOWEVER, WANTS TO KNOW WHAT IT ALL MEANS—AND IN TERMS HE OR SHE CAN UNDERSTAND. THE FIRST AMERICAN FILLS THIS NEED WITH CHAPTERS COVERING SEVERAL CATEGORIES OF NORTH AMERICAN ARCHEOLOGY. THE QUESTION REMAINS, HOWEVER, WHETHER THE BOOK PRESENTS AN ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE CURRENT FINDINGS OF ARCHEOLOGISTS. IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO READ PROFESSIONAL REVIEWS OF THE BOOK. THE NEWSLETTER WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO PRINT SUCH A REVIEW. WAIT. IN THE MEANTIME, PICK UP A COPY OF CERAM'S LATEST EFFORT, YOU SHOULD ENJOY IT.

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