

# NEWSLETTER

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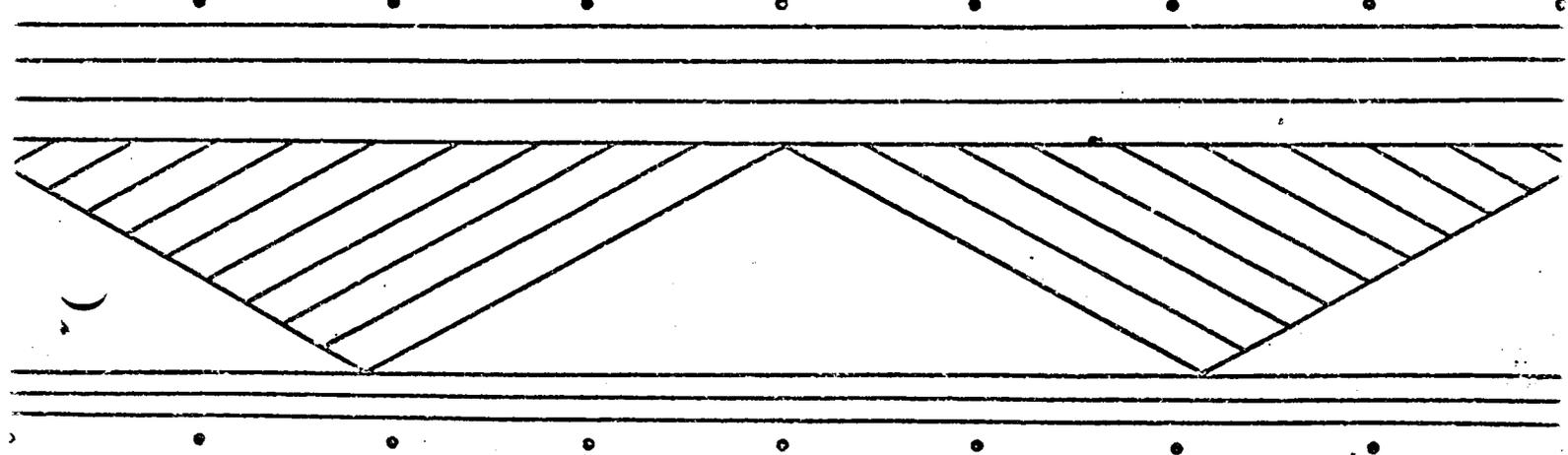
## HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

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"The Carancahuas are a small band of Indians who reside on the western portion of the coast -- and are generally found about the La Baca bay or the Aransas. They have once been a very powerful nation -- and were more celebrated for their bravery than any other tribe of the south-western Indians; but their continued wars with Mexico and the wild Indians and the early American settlers of this country have reduced them to a mere handful, and their spirits have met with a corresponding depression. They do not now number more than one hundred souls, with twenty-five warriors. It is not known that they have for the last eight years committed any depredations upon this country, and they have become quite useful to the western people in procuring venison, fish, &c. with which they furnish them in great abundance."

--- Geo. W. Bonnell  
From his book "Topographical Description of Texas"  
Published 1840



The Newsletter is published four times per year by the Houston Archeological Society. Contributions of news items, short articles and information of archeological significance should be sent to the Editor - Alan R. Duke, 1706 Oaks Drive, Pasadena, Texas 77502

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### Officers 1967-68

Newly elected officers installed at the September meeting are as follows:

Chairman - Lawrence E. Aten, #9 Courtland Place, Houston, Texas

Sec.-Treas. - Louise Caskey, P. O. Box 93, Bellaire, Texas

Directors - Alan R. Duke  
Charles K. Chandler  
W. L. Fullen

Nominating Committee: Murray Robinson - Chairman  
J..G..Saunders -  
Mrs. W. L. Fullen

Our thanks to retiring officers Frank Brezik and Bill Caskey for a job well done!!

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### Front Cover

George W. Bonnell fought in the Texas Revolution and settled in Houston in 1837. He was Commissioner of Indian Affairs under Sam Houston and wrote his report on early Texas in 1840. He joined the Mier Expedition, was captured by the Mexicans and shot "in cold blood". His book is available thru the Texian Press.

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### Past and Future Programs

- June 1967 - Elaine Burleigh and Shirley Thompson presented an interesting talk on their archeological tour of Peru.
- July 1967 - Jay Sharp discussed the photographic documentation of the Harold Williams site (TAS Field School).
- August 1967 - Mr. Sam Velastro of the Radiocarbon Lab, Balcones Research Center, spoke on Carbon 14 dating.
- Sept. 1967 - Charles Chandler showed slides of the HAS weekend dig at 41MQL4 near Conroe.
- October 1967 - Dr. Frederick Gamst, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Rice University will speak on Ethiopian Archeology.

Texas Archeological Society Field Schools.

Houston Archeological Society members attending the field school near Pittsburg, Texas were: Ann Childers, Frank Brezik, Lou and Margie Fullen, Nancy Jircik, Kerza Pickworth and Jay Sharp.

Those HAS members attending the second field school in San Antonio at San Juan de Capistrano were: Mr. & Mrs. Charles Chandler, Mr. & Mrs. Jay Sharp, Mr. & Mrs. Lou Fullen, Kerza Pickworth, Evelyn Lewis, Frank Brezik, Nancy Jircik and Tommy and Cynthia Medlin.

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Texas Archeological Society Annual Meeting

Preparations for the annual meeting on November 3 - 5 at Rice University, Houston, Texas are moving along in fine fashion. HAS members are requested to bring their artifacts for display at the meeting. Showcases will be provided and artifacts will be protected. Call Charlie Chandler if you have artifacts you wish to display. It is hoped that other local societies will also bring artifacts for display as well as publications of their local groups. Provisions will be made for the sale of these publications as well as those from the Texas Memorial Museum.

Final plans and arrangements for the meeting will be published in the near future in the Newsletter of the Texas Archeological Society. Plan to attend!!

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Jamaica Beach Site (41GY5)

Have you visited this Galveston Island site recently? Don't waste your time. Vandals broke into the concrete and glass "mausoleum" a few months ago and carried away most of the skeletal material. So far the owners have not taken any action on either repairing the damage, cleaning up the area, or closing the museum (?). The latter course certainly would be more desirable since the appearance of the place is a reflection on all concerned -- including the Houston Archeological Society whose name is very much in evidence at the site.

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News From Other Societies

The Midland Archeological Society is planning another training program and several field trips now that cooler weather is approaching. Fourteen members of the Society attended the Anthropological Symposium sponsored by Eastern New Mexico University and the El Llano Archeological Society in Portales, New Mexico in July.

The Southwestern Federation of Archeological Societies met in Hobbs, New Mexico on July 30. The Federation plans to hold its 1968 Convention in Iraan, Texas with the Iraan Archeological Society as host. The Portales (New Mexico) Archeological Society will be host in 1969.

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New Members

The following members have joined the Society since our last Newsletter -- we welcome them into the fold:

Mr. Richard S. Barnett - 6146 Beldart, Houston, Texas  
 Miss Holly Chandler - 1151 Chamboard, Houston, Texas  
 Mr. & Mrs. John V. Clay - 13934 Market St. Rd., Houston, Texas  
 Mr. Thomas W. Medlin - 6413 Edgemoor, Houston, Texas  
 Mr. Jay W. Sharp - 5818 Arboles, Houston, Texas

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Summer Activities of HAS Members

Dr. Frank Hole spent the summer excavating a pre-ceramic site near Oaxaca, Mexico. Excavation of this site along with several others in the area was sponsored jointly by the Smithsonian Institute and the National Science Foundation.

Bruce Duke located a number of sites in northeastern Mexico this summer. He also was fortunate enough to find a Folsom point on a site near Rio Grande City while visiting in the Valley.

Frank Brezik ran into Dr. Tom Campbell's site survey crew in Big Bend National Park and had an opportunity to chat with them briefly about their work.

Charlie Chandler surveyed and reported quite a number of sites in the Corpus Christi area and in Milam County.

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Final Report on the Jamison Site - 41LB2

At last the HAS will publish the final report on 41LB2 within the next 4-6 weeks and it will be available at the TAS annual meeting at Rice. A preliminary report on the site was presented by former HAS member Gordon Bailey at the Texas Archeological Society's 31st annual meeting, sponsored by the HAS, at the University of Houston in 1960.

Lawrence Aten has worked long and hard on drawing the report together and all the members who contributed time and effort both in the field and in the "lab" are to be commended for a job well done.

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Publications of the Archeological Program, State Building Commission

For the benefit of HAS members who do not receive TAS publications, the list of SBC archeological publications, from the July 1967 TAS Newsletter, is reproduced in toto on the next page. Here is a chance to enlarge your archeological library with reports on historic and prehistoric sites in Texas.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL PROGRAM,  
STATE BUILDING COMMISSION

Curtis Tunnell, State Archeologist (and also Vice-President of TAS) has been sponsoring a series of archeological projects of widespread interest throughout the state. Within the past year seven reports have been published. They may be purchased for \$1.96 apiece (plus 4¢ tax within Texas) from: State Building Commission, Box 12172, Austin, Texas 78711. Postal money orders and checks should be made payable to the State Building Commission.

Report No. 1: *Historic Background of the Mission San Antonio de Valero*, by Mardith K. Schuetz. Nov. 1966. 46 pp.

Report No. 2: *A Description of Enamelled Earthenware from an Archeological Excavation at Mission San Antonio de Valero*, by Curtis Tunnell. Nov. 1966. 21 pp.

Report No. 3: *A Description of the Stratigraphy, Features, and Artifacts from an Archeological Excavation at the Alamo*, by John W. Greer. Mar. 1967. 123 pp.

(The above three reports cover investigations conducted during the summer of 1966 at the Alamo in San Antonio.)

Report No. 4: *Archeological Exploration at Fort Lancaster, 1966, A Preliminary Report*, by T. R. Hays and Edward B. Jelks. Dec. 1966. 28 pp. (Excavation at a mid-19th century Federal fort on the Pecos River near Ozona and Sheffield, near where the TAS field school was a year ago.)

Report No. 5: *Archeological Investigations at Washington-on-the-Brazos State Park in 1966*, by E. Mott Davis and James E. Corbin. Jan. 1967. 58 pp. (Excavations in the area of 1836 Washington, where the Republic of Texas was founded. Includes detailed descriptions of artifacts, and histories of the manufacture of many 19th-century products.)

Report No. 6: *Archeological Excavations at Presidio San Agustín de Ahumada*, by Curtis D. Tunnell and J. Richard Ambler, with *A Historical Background*, by John V. Clay, and *An Appendix* by Michael B. Collins and Thomas W. McKern. Mar. 1967. 116 pp. (Excavation of an 18th-century Spanish colonial outpost established near the mouth of the Trinity River to prevent French encroachment upon Spanish territory.)

Report No. 7: *Archeological Investigations in Crosby and Dickens Counties, Texas, During the Winter, 1966-67*, by Mark L. Parsons. May, 1967. 108 pp. (Excavations in the Texas Panhandle of a late 18th-century Apache village and an early 19th-century Comanche burial with trade goods; and survey reports on several other sites in that area.)

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

TREASURER'S REPORT  
June 1, 1965 - May 31, 1967

Balance on hand May 31, 1965 \$258.15

Receipts

Membership dues	\$175.50	
Gulf Coast Symposium Luncheon		
Tickets	102.50	
Subscriptions to Newsletter	2.00	
Total Assets		558.15

Disbursements

Postage	17.80	
Secretarial Supplies	8.21	
Incorporation Filing Fee	25.00	
Film and Projector Rental	33.45	
TAS Membership dues	10.00	
OAS Membership Dues 1966 and 1967	7.00	
Gulf Coast Symposium Luncheon and Refreshments	121.69	
Supplies for Wallisville Dig	7.42	
Bank Charge for Printed Checks	1.98	
Total Disbursements		\$253.15

Balance on hand May 31, 1967 \$304.99

*Frank J. Brazik, Jr.*

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Secretary-Treasurer

cc - L. Aten  
B. Gaskoy  
A. Duko  
L. Fallon