

HOUSTON ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Regular Monthly Meeting

Friday, December 11, 1970

7:30 p.m.

Museum of Natural Science

Room 2

Topic: Highway Salvage

Speaker: Frank A. Weir, Archeologist, Texas Highway Department

Mr. Weir began work in the Division of Highway Design in July, 1970; and since then, a program of highway salvage has been developing that will require coordination of Highway Department personnel and amateur organizations.

Note:

Members of the Houston Archeological Society and students from Rice University under the direction of Dr. Frank Hole, an archeologist at Rice, are currently excavating a pre-historic Indian site in the Clear Lake area. Work will continue through the weekends of December. The site is apparently a living surface and contains many fragments of animal bone believed to represent food sources, some bone and lithic artifacts, as well as numerous potsherds.

Bring screwdrivers, trowels, pails, and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " mesh screens (preferably with legs) if you have them. Most Texas archeologists prefer a Marshalltown brand brick mason's pointing trowel  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " to  $5\frac{1}{2}$ " long. These sturdy trowels are available at most hardware stores and are a good investment because the handle is forged onto the trowel, not spot-welded. It helps a lot if the edges are sharpened with a file or grinder. If not both edges, at least sharpen the left edge for right-handed persons.

To find out about the weekend work schedule, and to get directions to the site, call Dr. Hole at 528-1707 or the Field Foreman, Mike O'Brien, at 524-5702 during the week or at 645-7378 Friday through Sunday. There is a lot of work to be done before Winter makes work uncomfortable, so try to get out to the site to help.