

Indian Mound Excavations May Explain Migrations

From excavations of various Indian mounds in the South Atlantic states this summer archaeologists hope to find clues to the riddle of the apparent great migrations of the early American Indian.

For instance, what event or circumstance of early times caused tribes of Siouan origin to occupy South Carolina and Georgia? The Siouan nation belongs to the American west. They are plains Indians. Yet there were Siouan tribes hereabouts, the archaeologists say, long before the tribes the white man found here.

Archaeologists have theories about these things, but only theories. Some of the Indian mounds of the South Atlantic states have been known for two hundred years or more, but they remain to be excavated, many of them.

One of the most important excavations this summer is in the Wateres swamp near Camden, S. C. The excavations have already uncovered several skeletons, estimated to be 700 years old or more, and some relics.

The excavation project was started when David Williams, owner of Mulberry plantation on which the mound is situated, noted that the Wateres river is changing its course and that the mound would eventually be washed away and lost to science.

Heading the project is Dr. A. R. Kelly, director of the department of anthropology and archaeology at the University of Georgia, who has dug into many mounds in the Southeast, and Jack Hanahan, curator of natural science at the Charleston Museum.

The diggings indicate, according to Dr. Kelly, that the ground was built up over many generations, probably by baskets of earth brought to the site from elsewhere. The theory is that this mound was first built for

a temple, and later was used for burial purposes by a later tribe. The original builders apparently deserted the village.

While archaeologists and anthropologists look to the project for some clues to the past, the future isn't overlooked. Samples of soil from the mound site have been collected and sent to research laboratories where the quest goes on continuously for new antibiotics with which to fight disease in humans and animals.

Antibiotics such as the golden mold, aureomycin, are made from molds produced by micro-organisms in the soil. Since aureomycin was found in a soil sample from Missouri, the search is organized so that samples will be gathered from all places—including some of the strange and remote parts of the world.

Scientists believe that somewhere—possibly in someone's backyard, or in some unusual and unfrequented place like the Indian mound deep in the watery swamp—there may be a soil with a strain of micro-organisms that will prove as effective in man's war against disease as that soil sample which gave the world aureomycin.

IN GERMANY

Two Hertford soldiers recently arrived in Germany and have joined the 2d Armored Division.

They are Privates Charles J. Mansfield, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Mansfield, and Robert W. Overton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Overton.

The 2d, training as part of the North Atlantic Post Army, is in new positions east of the Rhine River near the border of Red-held East Germany.

Mansfield and Overton entered the Army in January this year.

Hatteras Highway Celebration Postponed

The celebration scheduled for Roughton on August 16 to celebrate completion of the Hatteras Highway is being postponed until September or possibly October because finishing touches have not been completed on this widely publicized road, and ferry service at Oregon Inlet isn't sufficient to accommodate crowds.

BURGESS W. M. U. MEETS

The Burgess W. M. U. met Monday night with Mrs. William Stallings

with Mrs. Willie Lane as joint hostess. The meeting opened by singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," followed by The Lord's Prayer.

The roll was called and minutes read of the previous meeting. Report from constituency mission leader was heard and accepted.

Nominating committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Irvin Whedbee, Mrs. Edgar Biddick and Mrs. Josiah Proctor.

The society voted to buy literature for the R. A.'s and G. A.'s. Announcements were made by the president, Mrs. Winston Lane gave a most interesting program on "Con-

Report Says Cotton Favored In Selection Of Piece Goods

Cotton accounted for nearly 60 per cent of the more than 686,000,000 square yards of piece goods sold in the United States last year, according to a report by the National Cotton Council.

The report, the first authoritative study to be published on the size and importance of this market, points out that 20,000,000 women in the United States do their own sewing. A desire to save money, individuality, pleasure, better fits and greater selectivity are important reasons given for this upsurge of home sewing. The report shows that each woman who sews makes an average of 18 garments a year, mostly for herself and her children. Household articles and a few items for men also are included. More dresses are made at home than any other single item, the report disclosed.

Cotton has steadily gained in the modern-day revival of home sewing. Cotton retail piece goods accounted for approximately 35 per cent of the total dollar value in 1949; 41 per cent in 1950. Last year, the survey found, it rose to 43 per cent of approximately \$210,000,000 of the total piece goods volume.

On a yardage basis, cotton holds an even larger proportionate share. Last year cotton accounted for 397,000,000 square yards of piece goods production or nearly 60 per cent. A minimum

total of 240,000 bales of cotton went into this market.

Copies of the report "Cotton in Retail Piece Goods" may be obtained upon request at the National Cotton Council, P. O. Box 18, Memphis 1, Tennessee.



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The Community Birthday Calendar is again being sponsored in Perquimans County by the Hertford Junior Chamber of Commerce. The Calendar will start January 1, 1953. It is designed and sold with the idea of promoting closer friendship among residents of this County by providing a constant reminder of important dates, such as birthdays, wedding anniversaries and meeting nights of civic, social and veterans clubs. Each listing in the calendar will sell for 25 cents and each calendar will sell for 50 cents—you do not have to purchase a calendar in order to list your birthday or other dates. If your name is listed on the calendar under your birth date, the State Theatre of Hertford will permit you to the movie showing on that date free of charge. In addition, there will be other gifts from leading merchants on your birthday. Within the next two or three weeks you will be contacted by a Jaycee or a wife of a Jaycee, the calendar will be fully explained and you will be given opportunity to list your birthday and place order for a calendar. As in all other Jaycee projects, the profits of the calendars will be spent for community betterment.

If you desire to have your name listed on the calendar and are missed being contacted by one of our solicitors, you are asked to call at the following local business houses: Field's Insurance Agency, Diver's Jewelry Store or Jackson's Wholesale Company.

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