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Club News

The meeting for the month of January was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Solberger. A nice crowd was present and a good meeting was held.

The meeting for the month of February will be held on Friday night, February 17, 1956 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harper. The address is 8202 Grace Road.

Society of American Archaeology
Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Society of American Archaeology will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on May 3-5, 1956. Meetings will be held at the University of Nebraska's Department of Anthropology. Sometime during the meeting a Workshop Conference will be held on the following subject: The Local Archaeological Society.

Dr. Alex Krieger will discuss the Texas groups at this conference. All of the members of the Dallas Archaeological Society who can attend will find an interesting meeting. Your president will attend if at all possible.
A FLEXED BURIAL SITE 1905-15, DELTA COUNTY, TEXAS

On a field trip to the Cooper Reservoir in the fall of 1955, the writer and Mr. John Perkins visited Site 1905-15 on the north side of the South Sulphur River. This site is near the junction of the South and Middle Sulphur Rivers. It will be flooded by the Cooper Reservoir when it is completed. The site was located by Mr. Ed. Jelks and Mr. Ed. Moorman of the River Basin Surveys of the Smithsonian Institution during the survey of the Cooper Reservoir during November and December 1951.

Site 1905-15 is an open site with a small mound or rise. It covers about one acre, and is located in a small bend of the South Sulphur River.

While looking over the site during the trip in the fall of 1955, the writer noticed two or three small pieces of human skull near the top of the rise or mound. A small pit was dug which resulted in locating the burial. The body had been placed in a pit about 36" long by 24" wide. It was tightly flexed and was placed on the right side with head to the west and face to the south. It appears to be the burial of a young male about 25 years old. The skeleton was in fairly good shape and the long bones and skull were removed for study. The skull was somewhat disturbed by the last plowing but has been put together.

Five artifacts were found in the burial. They were as follows: one bone pin, one spear point, two small Gary dart points and one small arrow point. The location of these artifacts were as follows:

Artifact 1 - a small bone pin found on the left elbow near the center of the grave.
Artifact 2 and 5 - two small dart points placed at the side of the left ear. Both of the dart points are of the Gary type.
Artifact 3 - a spear point of central Texas flint placed just in front of the face. In type it resembles the large points called Castrovile in Central Texas.
Artifact 4 - a small arrow point of the type Scallorn was found just under the lower jaw.

Plate I shows a burial diagram of this grave which has been given a number as Burial 1, Site 1905-15. Plate II show the artifacts found with the Burial.

Conclusions

Due to a very limited study of the site, only two broad conclusions can be made at this time. They are as follows:

From sherds found at the site and from the flexed burial, the site seems to have relations to the Wylie Focus found on East Fork of the Trinity River in Rockwall, Collin, and Kaufman counties.

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Artifacts found with Burial 1
Site 19C5 - 15

Scale Full Size
Plate II