SR Archaeology Research Program

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As a result of the Federal and State laws and regulations, the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology/Savannah River Archaeological Research Program (SCIAA/SRARP) began in 1973 a phased approach to archaeological compliance involving reconnaissance surveys, general intensive watershed surveys, specific intensive surveys, data recovery and coordination with major land users on and around the Savannah River Site.
The Antiquities Act of 1906 (Section 3) and subsequent cultural resource laws and regulations state that the intent of Congress in the undertaking of cultural resource protection and investigation is to benefit recognized scientific or educational institutions, with a view to increasing public knowledge (particularly the proposed new 36CFR800 Section 106, 110 regulations). Archaeological, historical and geo-archaeological research must be conducted within the Savannah River Basin in order to adequately investigate and properly manage cultural resources of the SRS for the future.
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Savannah River Archaeological Research Program
The SRP moves in.

$260,000,000 H-bomb material facilities will be constructed in S. C. near Augusta

Ellenton area group is told of AEC plans

November 28th, 1950

H-Plant Site Picked Over 124
Cassel’s Longstore, November 29th, 1950.
"Victims of the Cold War"

Nearly 7000 people were moved out of the area needed to construct the Savannah River Plant. These towns and hamlets were named:

- Dunbarton
- Hawthorne
- Denora
- Greenland
- Sleepy Hollow
- Leigh
- Meyers Mill
- Robbins
- Ellenton

Boundary Lines of AEC Facility Are Changed; Snelling and Jackson Removed.
FIRE!
FLOOD!
TORNADO!
A-BOMB!
Moving the dead.

Over 130 cemeteries, (nearly 6000 graves), were removed during the construction of the SRS. Thirty-two cemeteries remain in the site boundary.
Packing up.

Strange calm settles over four towns to be moved for H-bomb installation.

H-plant DPs are both sad and glad AEC picked best spot in the world.

Rep. Riley praises patriotism of DPs in Aiken and Barnwell.
Where to go?

- Edgefield county officials invite H-bomb area folks
- H-bomb evacuees invited to live in Lakeland, Fla.
- Branchville wants H-bomb evacuees
- Hampton invites families living in bomb site area
A lot needs doing......

Affected H-Plant Areas
Assured of Federal Help

Hourly wage rates at H-plant range from 90 cents to $2.60

Augusta-Aiken area housing aid urged

Mayor lists sewage disposal as major problem of Augusta
Starts today

First dirt removal for A-plant begins

Aiken-Burke link

New bridge is seen for Savannah river
A lot going on.

‘Big-time’ gamblers reported in Augusta

Rivers says they’re around

No Iron Curtain spies spotted in Augusta, hotel men declare
Making a living.

Agriculture was the primary source of income for many of the residents.

Loading Watermelons for shipping in Meyers Mill.

Major crops grown included corn, cotton, sugar cane, watermelons, and peanuts.
Ellenton Agricultural Club established March 24, 1894

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Dick's Garage, Dunbarton.
Ginning cotton in Meyers Mill.
Ellenton, Dunbarton and Meyers Mill Post offices.
Dunbarton Last Day Stamp
April 15, 1952
Dr. Brinkley's office, Ellenton
“...it is illegal to engage in horse racing or cock fighting within the corporate limits of the town of Ellenton without special permission from the Mayor or Town Council.”
Ordinances for the town of Ellenton, 1926

Last Policeman in Ellenton
J.E. “Johnny” Steed
Going to school.

Dunbarton Grammar School
Ellenton Grammar/High School
Four Mile High School
Religion

“...assembled this 13th day of January A.D. 1900 that after this date, the practice of DANCING, the use of PROFANE LANGUAGE and DRUNKENNESS will not be allowed among its members”
Cypress Chapel Church Minutes
January 13, 1900

Dunbarton Baptist Church
“...any member found guilty of any offence mentioned shall on the repetition of the offence be excluded from the fellowship and his name be excluded from the Church Book.”

St. Luke Baptist Church, Dunbarton
Ellenton folk say 2 visitors who got roughed up called church members ‘Sharecropper Baptists’
Entertainment

Basketball
Softball
Baseball
Football
Cheerleading
Swimming

Ellenton Girl's Basketball Team, 1940
Shaw’s Store, O’Berry’s Theatre, Nixon’s Liquor Store
O'Berry Theatre
Tonight
1230 ON YOUR DIAL

The Halls of Ivy
8:00
delightful campus comedy series
starring Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Colman

The Great Gildersleeve
8:30
great fun with America's favorite
Water Commissioner

You Bet Your Life
9:00
produced by John Guated
the great comedy-quiz with
Greisho, the master Marxman

Mr. District Attorney
9:30
another thrilling case packed
with fast-paced action

Big Story
10:00
an authentic, dramatic headline story
by a prize-winning reporter

Richard Diamond, Private
10:30
Detective
starring Dick Powell as the
toughest tenor in the business

7:30 on NBC
going for a drive
hanging out at the Blue Goose
April 12, 1952
Are Flying Saucers Spying On Proposed Site of H-Bomb Plant?

ELLENTON, S. C., Dec. 2 (UP).—Were flying saucers spying on the proposed site of the nation’s first hydrogen bomb plant last night?

Four persons told today of seeing a strange, brilliantly-lighted object in the sky about 10:45 p.m. It dipped up and down and flashed back and forth for about 10 minutes before it flew out of sight, one eye-witness said.

This town is in the midst of the vast tract which the Atomic Energy Commission has selected for the site of the multi-million dollar H-bomb plant which will be under construction by early 1951.

The Rev. R. D. Parkinson, a Baptist minister, said he was reluctant to talk about flying saucers because everyone was already excited about having to abandon the town to make room for the H-bomb.

"People probably think we’re crazy down here anyhow,” he said.

He said it seemed unlikely anyone would try to make a secret flight over the area in a craft as well lighted as the object he saw, but he felt he should report it anyhow.

The pastor said Golphin Dunbar, a neighbor, first spotted the “saucer” and called him outside to look at it. Iradell McCarthy of Aiken, S. C., a dinner guest, and his 12-year-old daughter, Evelyn, came along.

According to Dunbar, “It looked like a great, big white star with red lights and moved around back and forth and up and down” over the town.

Parkinson said the red lights were no longer visible when he got out in the yard. By that time, “It looked like four stars together and was moving away. It was moving away toward Georgia in a northwesterly direction."

“It didn’t look like a meteor because it didn’t burn out like they do. Also it didn’t have the downward movement that meteors have. It was nothing like a plane either.”

The minister said he had read a lot about flying saucers and had "always been hoping I’d see one.” He said he had a lot of newspaper and magazine clippings about them.

Parkinson said he was aware that the U. S. Air Force has denied the existence of flying saucers but “I don’t know what else to call the thing we saw.”