Archeologists Solve Horseshoe Mystery

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Dirty trenches and shovel marks are gradually vanishing from the Horseshoe area, as the results of the archeological investigation of the site are now beginning to be revealed. A map of the Horseshoe has been drawn up, as well as the site's history.

The archeology map reveals that each building (DeSaussure and South) was dug with a ten-foot square in 1805, as said South, in 1806 a matching well was built at DeSaussure. An 11-foot by 14-foot well was built at Harper in 1848 and the DeSaussure well was removed to match it. The Rutledge well was replaced by a new one or few feet north of the original but both were filled by 1848.

South said octagonal wells at Harper and DeSaussure by the 1860's. The fear that the wells contained typhoid led to their being filled in 1869. In addition to the walls and building foundation, the team has uncovered walkways which led around the wells and between the buildings. Numerous artifacts, which will become the property of the Institute, have also been excavated. China, brick and glass have been found and some of the finer relics may be placed on display or donated to museums, said Institute officials.

The 1848, square 11-foot by 14-foot well will probably be used in the renovation plans, said South. And by the end of the week, survey teams, grass seeding equipment, several barren areas and a large sign-bearing sign will be the only tell-tale indications that an excavation has occurred.

Horseshoe, the dig, is completed. The digging expedition headed for the Institute with the South Carolina Institute of Archeology and Anthropology, out June 11 to find wells and landscape features in connection with the planned restoration of the structures and buildings of the Horseshoe. Most of the data is complete and everything should be wrapped up by next week, said South.

Bicycle, Foot Races

Featured In Festival

Cross-country bicycle races and foot races, both open to the public, will be held at Greenwood's Festival of Flowers July 28. The first bicycle race, sanctioned by the Amateur Bicycle League of America, will be held over a 30-mile course in rural Greenwood County. This race is for more experienced riders, said Kevin Glenn, coordinator, said.

The second event is an 18 mile bike race open to anyone. Two cross-country trail events are also included, the AAN is sponsoring a 10-mile 'Mini-Marathon'. Only those who have been "rigorously conditioned" should compete in this event, sponsors said.

A second running event for individuals who walk or jog for their health will be a walk-run competition over a two-mile course. In addition to individual trophies, awards will be made to those families with the best average time.

Trophies will be awarded in age groups for each race.

Entry fees are as follows: 30-mile bike race, $2; 18-mile race, $1; 10-mile foot race, $2; walk-run competition, $1 for individual and $2 per family. Checks should be made payable to Festival of Flowers Athletic Committee.

Those interested in competing should mail their name, address, age, event entered, and check to Philip Snoddy, Route 6, Box 186, Greenwood, S. C. Applicants will receive further information about times, places, and safety precautions by return mail.