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ANCIENT SKELETON IS FOUND IN MOUND NEAR MARINELAND

Scientists conducting a study of ancient Indian shell mounds at Marineland have discovered a skull and other human skeleton remains which Dr. Vernon Lamme said were over 1,000 years old.

The archaeologist said he believed it to be one of "the most important Florida finds in many years."

The freakish-looking skull was removed from the bottom stratum of a large sand burial mound. The features bore a strong resemblance to those of an ape.

The upper jaw and teeth protrude almost directly away from the face. The hair-line is low and gives a "sheggy" appearance usually associated with the cave-man type. The cranium is large, with a slight crease running from forehead to the base of the skull. The eye sockets are similar in appearance to those of other pre-historic specimens.

"It is one of the most unusual skulls I have ever seen," said Dr. J. W. Winter of the Carnegie Institution. "I am most anxious to follow a complete study with the hope that something of great scientific interest can be learned"

Pictures of the discovery were rushed to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., and Dr. Matt Stirling, chief of the Bureau of Ethnology, sent word here they would be turned over immediately to Dr. Thomas Stewart,