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Contribuții la repertoriul arheologic al județului Vâlcea. Cercetări de teren desfășurate în anul 2008

În articolul de față sunt prezentate o parte din cercetările de suprafață din anul 2008. Autorul articolului găsește analogii cu fiecare descoperire, pe raza județului, dar și în zonele apropiate ale acestuia. Materialul aparține mai multor perioade istorice, fiind încadrat următoarelor epoci: eneolitic, bronz, prima vârstă a fierului, ev mediu.

Vâlcea County, located in Southern Romania, presents almost all principal forms of relief: mountains, Sub-Carpathian hills, meadows and plateau-looking plain, arranged in stairs from north to south¹.

Armăşeşti, com. Cernişoara. Glina settlement. Pottery fragments were found in the 80's at Ruginoasa location. The point is positioned on a hill; a location that was favorable for a high settlement. This discovery is due to several prospects made for new discoveries of coal deposits. The point in question is located about 200 m from the village church, on a hill top. Several pottery fragments were discovered by the Vasile Coman, a teacher, and he offered us two of them. One of the fragments had a red-brick color at the exterior, and it had a black core. The aspect of the fragments was rough, and the clay had many large size pieces of grit. The pottery fragments had as decoration an alveolar belt (Pl. III, fig. 2). The second one has no ornament, and as for the composition it belongs to the same period (brown color). In the professor's opinion, this material has been taken out from a depth of approximately -1.50 m, within an area of black color. Another essential information is that fragments with button-holes have been found along with these materials.

Băbeni City. Coţofeni settlement? In the summer of 2007, after abundant rain, Sorin Bârlad found a perforated stone ax in the riverbed. Andreea and Sergiu Bârlad brought this ax to the museum for study in August of the last year. The tool belongs to the category of axes having a callous zone around the perforation area, with the bottom drawn inwards and a slightly curved neck. The piece has the

¹ XXX, 1, 2006, p. 4.