Les Vingt Quatre Club held its March meeting Monday afternoon at the Art Center with Mmes. Bernard Beaulieu, Robert Browne, C. Thad Montgomery Sr., and Harrell Town as hostesses. The business meeting was dispensed with and the members and their guests assembled in the large salon on the second floor to hear Mrs. Edward McIlhenny Simmons of Avery Island give a lecture on the anthropological discoveries recently made on Avery Island.

Using slides, Mrs. Simmons explained the topography of Louisiana and showed maps indicating the location of Indian cultures in prehistoric Louisiana. Work at Avery Island began some five years ago, according to Mrs. Simmons, when the Department of Geology and anthropology of L.S.U. was asked to catalog some 12,000 artifacts that formed a family collection gathered over a hundred years of farming the area.

The collection, which had attracted the attention of the Smithsonian Institution in the 1890's, was so interesting that the work of excavation was begun. This activity recovered spear heads; beads; tools, such as engravers or scrapers; and celts or axe handles. The spear points made by pressure flaking calling Mmes. George Womack with bone tools date as far back as five million years ago. Excavations in the historic era Plequemine period stratum exposed arrow head in the lower levels and later fragments of an 1846 liquor bottle. At the top levels were Tabasco bottles.

In an interesting digression Mrs. Simmons explained the way in which the salt dome islands had been formed 180 million years ago. There are five such islands in Louisiana along the coast, Jefferson, Avery Weeks, Cote Blanche and Belle Isle.

At the end of the talk and the question and answer period which followed, Mrs. Montgomery, president of Les Vingt Quatre who had introduced the speaker, presented her with a gift from the club.

During the social hour, refreshments were served to the 75 members and guests present from tables adorned with colorful arrangements of camellias and spring flowers.

The April meeting of the club will consist of a bus trip to the ante bellum homes, Rosedown and Oakley, and to an antique show in Jackson. Members may invite guests to join this tour. Reservations should be made as soon as possible by writing or calling Mmes. George Womack and David R. Williams.