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Announcement

This, the first issue of THE BULLETIN, inaugurates a publication intended to fill a long-standing need; a need for a medium of disseminating information about Chapter and Association affairs and interests. It is also a means of providing our members with papers relative to our sphere of activities. Such papers may be considered too short or informal for our Researches & Transactions series. Nevertheless their importance is immeasurable in providing and maintaining an awareness of the interests and objectives common to all of us.

This is your publication! Its contents, and hence its value, are entirely dependent upon the support offered by the Chapters. The publications committee relies upon you to submit news items of your digs, your meetings, lab sessions, et cetera. Such items are of interest to the entire membership, as are short papers on sites, cultures, techniques and related subjects.

As will be noticed, this issue of THE BULLETIN publishes the minutes of the Annual Meeting held at Albany, April 3, 1954, together with the related documents. Future issues will include abstracts of the papers read at the same meeting. Other than this, the contents of successive numbers of THE BULLETIN merely can be surmised. You, as a chapter group, can help provide what is required and desired.

Each Chapter has representation through its member on the publications committee. All material should be submitted to him or to the Chapter Secretary. It is up to each Chapter to decide which of these two individuals is to be held responsible for transmitting items for inclusion in THE BULLETIN. Copy should be typed, double-spaced. Be brief, in order to provide a minimum need for editing. Send items monthly to Mr. Charles M. Knoll, 120 Coolidge Ave., Spencerport, N.Y. The frequency or intervals at which THE BULLETIN will appear, of necessity, depends upon "demand, supply and finances" as well as upon eventual progress and adjustment.

Publications Committee:

Rev. Thomas Grassmann - Editor
Charles M. Knoll - Chairman: Lewis H. Morgan Chapter
B. Frank Hodges: Auringer-Seelye Chapter
*Dr. H. N. MacCracken: Mid-Hudson Chapter
Mrs. Dorothy Raynor: Long Island Chapter
Edward J. Sheehan: Van Epps-Hartley Chapter

Note *: Dr. MacCracken replaces Dr. A. Scott Warthin who was obliged to resign because of pressure of other duties. The Association owes a debt of thanks to Dr. Warthin for his able assistance in formulating publication policy during his term on the publications committee.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
New York State Archeological Association
for 1954
April 3, 1954

The annual meeting of the New York State Archeological Association took place in the Regents Room of the State Education Building, Albany, on April 3, 1954. In the absence of the President, Carl E. Guthe, the morning sessions were in charge of Edward J. Sheehan, Vice President.

The executive Committee meeting was called to order at ten o'clock, with the following members of this group presents E. J. Sheehan, W. A. Ritchie, A. K. Guthe, J. Swart, F. W. Korfman, A. F. West, R. L. McCarthy, J. Shafer, B. F. Hodges.

The President's report was placed on record for subsequent publication in the proceedings.

L. L. Pechuman, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, and A. K. Guthe, a member of this committee, were appointed tellers to open and count the ballots for election of officers and the vote on the amendments to Article III of the Constitution and Chapter I of the Bylaws concerning membership at large.

The following recommendations of the Publication Committee were offered by its Chairman, C. M. Knoll, and carried by unanimous vote:

Administration of the Publication Fund

a) Income. The publication fund's source of income shall be from sales of publications financed by it; by contributions or grants by members, other individuals or educational and/or scientific organizations, subject of course to approval of the Executive Committee on recommendation by the Publication Committee; by transfer of funds from the general NYSAA Treasury, the exact amount to be determined at least once each year by the Executive Committee on recommendation from the NYSAA Treasurer who shall estimate the amount of money which can safely be transferred to the publication fund after ample funds have been retained in the general treasury for other necessary expenditures.

b) Expenditures. These shall be disbursed by the Treasurer upon authorization as noted below, and solely for use of the Publication Committee. Such uses shall consist of 1) printing costs, all of which shall be approved by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Publication Committee; and 2) for cost of distributing publications, which includes envelopes and postage for mailing, and for mimeographed lists of NYSAA publications, money for which shall be requisitioned by the Publication Committee Chairman or committee member specifically appointed by the chairman.

Mr. Knoll reviewed the existing publications exchange list and called for a discussion of policy. Following a rather long consideration of this matter it was agreed that the Executive Committee would accept the recommendations of the Publication Committee after further study in the light of the discussion. (A revised exchange list was prepared on April 3, 1954 and has been filed with the secretary of the Association.--Ed.)

A proposed amendment to Chapter IV, Paragraph 1 of the Bylaws of the Constitution, regulating the method for the election of trustees, was read by C. E. Gillette. The general consensus being favorable, it was agreed that the measure, offered in writing, be tabled for a vote to be reported at the next regular meeting, in accordance with the stipulation of the Bylaws.

Rev. Thomas Grassmann, O.F.M. Conv., was reappointed Editor by unanimous vote.

The adjournment of the Executive Committee meeting was followed five minutes later by the annual general session of the N.Y.S.A.A.

It was voted to adopt as published the minutes of the 1953 annual meeting at Rochester.

The Secretary's report was accepted as read, as were the annual reports of the Treasurer, Program and Publication Committees. These reports were filed with the Secretary. No reports were presented by the committees on Chapters and Membership and Finance.

Annual reports of the Chapters were given by their respective secretaries or surrogates, as follows: Lewis H. Morgan Chapter – C. M. Knoll; Long Island - Mrs. Dorothy Raynor for J. H. Husing; Van Epps-Hartley (no report); Mid-Hudson - Miss M. G. Coon; Auringer-Seelye - oral account given by A. F. West.

These reports were accepted as read and filed with the Secretary.

The first item of old business on the agenda was a report on permanent site records by C. E. Gillette, which report, accepted as read, is included in these proceedings.

The tellers then reported their count of the vote on the amendments to Article III of the Constitution and Chapter I of the Bylaws as 84 in favor, 8 opposed. Accordingly a new class of membership at large has been added to the Association. (This action eliminates the Associate class of membership,--Ed.)

A letter from W. S. Cornwell expressing, as he saw them, certain inherent dangers in the adoption of this amendment, was read by the Secretary. P. S. Miller, author of the amendment, offered rebuttal.

First under new business came the Nominating Committee's report on the election of officers for 1954, based upon 101 votes cast as follows: For President, W. A. Ritchie (88 votes), E. J. Sheehan (13 votes); Vice President, C. F. Wray (58), V. Stanger (42); Secretary; C. E. Gillette (41), T. Grassman (22), G. Olsen (20), C. M. Knoll (18); Treasurer, A. K. Guthe (85), P. S. Miller (16). Accordingly, the following officers were declared elected to serve until the 1955 annual meeting:

President - W. A. Ritchie
Vice President - C. F. Wray
Secretary - C. E. Gillette
Treasurer - A. K. Guthe

It was decided to issue to the general membership a mimeographed copy of the proceedings of this annual meeting, also a general membership roster, revised to date.

Announcements of and invitations to attend the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, to be held in Albany, May 7 and 8, and the annual meeting of the Eastern States Archeological Federation, scheduled for October 29 and 30 in Pittsburgh, were extended by W. A. Ritchie.

In a final discussion of eligibility to receive the publications of the Association, a matter raised from the floor by Mr. Knoll, the whole problem of "membership in good standing" was raised and debated. It was finally agreed to relegate this subject, along with the related point of standardizing the fiscal year and time of annual meeting of the sundry chapters, to a committee composed of the chapter secretaries, with C. M. Knoll as Chairman.

E. J. Sheehan proposed that the retiring President, C. E. Guthe, be made Honorary President Emeritus of the Association, which motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment followed at 12:30 pm.

The afternoon session, beginning at two o'clock, comprised the following program of papers (J. Swart, Chairman):

"A Probable Laurentian Site on Dunham's Bay in Warren Co., (Illustrated). B. Frank Hodges, Auringer-Seelye Chapter.

"The Davis Site at Margaretville." Ralph S. Ives, Van Epps-Hartley Chapter.

"Culture Marches On" (Illustrated). Alfred K. Guthe, Pres., Morgan Chapter,

"The Enigmatic Orient Culture" (Illustrated). Dr. William A. Ritchie, State Archeologist, New York State Science Service.

"The Rivers Site, Addison Co., Vermont". Edward Brooks, Van Epps-Hartley Chapter.

"Marine Shells in the Prehistoric Sites on Eastern Long Island, New York." Roy Latham, Long Island Chapter (read by Mrs. Dorothy Raynor).

"The Getman Site and Its Place in Mohawk Chronological History" (Illustrated). Donald Lenig, Van Epps-Hartley Chapter.

The evening program consisted of the annual dinner of the Association at the Wellington Hotel, followed by reconvention in the Regents Room to hear Dr. Maurice Robbins, of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society, speak on "Two Indian Sites in the Taunton River Valley of Massachusetts."

Dr. Robbins was introduced by the incoming president, Dr. Ritchie.

S/William A. Ritchie
William A. Ritchie
Secretary, N.Y.S.A.A.

President's Report
1953 - 1954

To the Members of the Association:

During the fiscal year 1953-54 no physical meeting of the Executive Committee was held, but the President did circularize the Committee on several occasions, in accordance with the requirements in the By-Laws.

On May 26, 1953, the President appointed a Publications Committee; consisting of five members, one from each chapter, with Mr. Charles M. Knoll, as chairman. On the same date he circularized the Executive Committee nominating Father Thomas Grassman as Editor of the Association. The returns from the members of the Executive Committee were unanimously in favor of this appointment. The President notified Father Grassman that he had been appointed Editor for the Association, and thereby had become a member of the Publications Committee.

On September 29, 1953, the President circularized the Executive Committee recommending the appointment of a nominating committee, in accordance with the mandate in the By-Laws, consisting of the Presidents of the five chapters with the addition of Dr. L. L. Pechuman to serve as Chairman. Again the response was unanimous, and the committee was notified of its appointment.

On January 6, 1954, the Publications Committee submitted a report in the form of recommendations with regard to the publication policies of the Association, and more specifically, with regard to the publication of the Dutch Hollow report as a Memoir. The publications committee has done an unusually fine job this year, and deserves appreciative commendation for its achievements from the membership of the Association.

On January 13, 1954, the Secretary, acting on behalf of the President, sent copies of the report of the publications committee to the members of the Executive Committee. The returns received made it possible to authorize the Publications Committee to proceed with the publication of the Dutch Hollow report.

On February 14, 1954, the President, knowing he would be unable to be present at the 1954 Annual Meeting, asked Edward J. Sheehan, in his capacity as Vice-President, to assume the duties of President for the remainder of the fiscal year. Mr. Sheehan graciously accepted this responsibility.

On the same date the President appointed Mr. Charles E. Gillette chairman of the Arrangements Committee for the annual meeting, and Mr. Sheehan chairman of the Program Committee for the annual meeting, with the presidents of the Morgan and the Van Epps-Hartley chapters as the other members. Later, Mr. Sheehan delegated this chairmanship to Mr. Gillette.

In this his final report, your retiring President records his deep appreciation of the honor of serving the Association for a number of years as its President and expresses his grateful thanks to the officers and the Executive Committees for their sustained support. He sends greetings and best wishes for a successful year to the annual meeting of April 3, 1954.

S/Carl E. Guthe
Carl E. Guthe

March 31, 1954

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS OF THE NEW YORK STATE
ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

DISCUSSION:

At present the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association provide for a board of trustees "elected by the Association." It is the custom of the Nominating Committee of the Association to indicate nominees for these offices and for such nominees to be elected by the membership of the entire Association. Since the Constitution provides for 2 trustees from each Chapter, up to a maximum of 24, it is the belief of the writer and other members of the Van Epps-Hartley Chapter that each such trustee is the representative of his Chapter in the government of the Association and as such should be selected by his Chapter alone. This method would seem to provide for more realistic local representation for each Chapter than does the prevailing method of electing trustees by the total membership of the Association.

CHAPTER IV SECTION 1 of the By-Laws now reads:

1. The Trustees of the Association shall serve for a term of four years, one-half of their number being elected by the Association in every second year, except that at the election of trustees immediately following the adoption of these By-Laws one-half of their number shall be elected to serve for a term of two years and one-half for a term of four years. The Presidents (or their alternates) of each Chapter shall serve on the Executive Committee only as they hold that office in their respective Chapters.

CHAPTER IV SECTION 1 as proposed - New Matter to be added is underlined:

1. The Trustees of the Association shall serve for a term of four years, one-half of their number being elected or designated by their respective Chapter during each even year, and will assume office concurrently with the Association officers each odd heretofore. Incoming Chapters, unless prevented by Article VI of the Constitution, should provide two trustees; one for two years and one for four years in odd years and one for one year and one for three years in even years and continue thereafter as the other

established Chapters of the Association. The Presidents (or their alternates) of each Chapter shall serve on the Executive Committee only as they hold that office in their respective Chapters.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION:

Article VI of the Constitution provides that this board of trustees "shall be elected or designated." It should be understood that the manner of selection of their trustees is an internal affair of each Chapter so long as it is within the spirit of this Article of the Constitution.

Proposed at the 1954 Annual Meeting of the New York State Archeological Association, Albany, New York, Saturday, April 3, 1954.

S/Charles E. Gillette

Charles E. Gillette
Trustee, Van Epps-Hartley
Chapter

Annual Report of Secretary for 1953

The New York State Archeological Association currently comprises five chapters and has a total membership (as determined from the most recent listings supplied by the respective chapter secretaries) of 247. This membership is distributed as follows: Lewis Henry Morgan Chapter - 87, Long Island Chapter - 27, Van Epps-Hartley Chapter - 61, Mid-Hudson Chapter - 33, Auringer-Seelye Chapter - 39.

The N.Y.S.A.A. is affiliated with the Eastern States Archeological Federation and was represented at its 1953 annual meeting, held in Rochester, N.Y., on November 6th and 7th, 1953, by several officers and member.

No issue of the Researches and Transactions of the N.Y.S.A.A. appeared in 1953, but a manuscript was received and arrangements were made to publish it in 1954 as Volume XIII, No. 1, entitled "Dutch Hollow, an Early Historic Period Seneca Site in Livingston County, New York," by William A. Ritchie.

While the State Association as a whole sponsored no archeological program during the past year, and conducted but one meeting the annual meeting of April 18, 1953, at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, a number of its constituent chapter members carried on field work in various parts of the state. Also regular and annual meetings of the Chapters were held, as will appear in the annual reports of the chapter secretaries, later in the program.

S/William A. Ritchie

William A. Ritchie
Secretary, N.Y.S.A.A.

Treasurer's Report

March 15, 1953 - March 14, 1954

Balance: March 14, 1953		\$329•31
Receipts:		
Dues from Chapters		
Auringer-Seelye	\$ 87.00	
Van Epps-Hartley	65.85	
Long Island	31.50	
Morgan	80.00	
Mid-Hudson	<u>42.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$306.35</u>
		\$635.66
Expenditures:		
Annual Meeting:		
Speaker: Don Drago	\$ 26.45	
Program - paper for	2.40	
Mimeographing, mailing ballots	23.53	
Dues in Eastern States Archeological Federation	<u>30.00</u>	
Total Expenditures		\$ 82:38

1 Includes dues for 1954-'55 plus \$1.00 on 1955-'56
2 for 1952-'53

Balance: March 14, 1954 \$553.28

Respectfully submitted,
S/Alfred K. Guthe
Alfred K. Guthe, Treasurer

April 3, 1954

Report of the Program Committee
1954

In the absence of a regularly appointed Standing Committee on Programs, none of the activities listed in the Bylaws were engaged and the sole function of this Committee has been relative to this annual meeting.

A schedule of papers was submitted by the membership and accepted for this afternoon as shown in the printed program, with noted corrections. The Annual Dinner will be held in the Green Room of the

Hotel Wellington as stated. We are pleased to say that Dr. Maurice Robbins, of the Massachusetts Archeological Society has accepted our invitation to speak to us this evening here in the Regents Room after the dinner.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

S/Charles E. Gillette

Alfred K. Guthe
John G. Swart
Charles E. Gillette, Chairman

April 3, 1954

Report of the Publications Committee

The publications committee, found, as is to be expected, that the major obstacle to a publication program is a financial one. An organization of our size, with a limited income from dues only, can publish little or nothing without some form of assistance from without. The Association has an annual income of some \$350.00 derived from about 220 paying members. Offset printing, the least expensive form of publication, short of mimeographed work, would cost on the order of \$100.00 per issue for a four to eight page number. This would include one plate per issue. At this rate, a quarterly would more than consume our annual income. The other extreme, the memoir type of publication on the order of the existing Researches and Transactions series, costs \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00 per issue depending, of course, on the number of pages and plates.

The committee could not help but conclude early in its deliberations that a publication program is a dire need of the Association and that the long-term solution for the dilemma on our hands could be resolved only by establishment of a revolving publication fund. The main source of income for this fund would be from sale of publications, augmented by contributions from members and grants from educational and scientific organizations. It is obvious that in order to realize the income from sales of publications a primary move was to produce a publication which would provide such income. Hence it was that Dr. Ritchie's manuscript on the Dutch Hollow site was deemed a logical choice for publication as the next number of the Researches & Transactions.

The Committee's search for the wherewithal met with some obstacles. Requests for aid from the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research, the National Research Council and the American Philosophical Society were turned down. Finally arrangements were made for joint support with the Rochester Museum Association, under whose sponsorship the site was dug, and Lewis H. Morgan Chapter. The former would share in the number of copies printed on a pro-rated basis, while Morgan Chapter's support was offered as a grant.

The outcome of the committee's efforts is best summarized in its recommendations, all of which have been approved by vote of the Executive Committee. They are:

1. Publish the Dutch Hollow paper with joint sponsorship of the Rochester Museum Association, Morgan Chapter and the Association's treasury. The Rochester Museum will pay \$1,000; Morgan Chapter's appropriation is \$350.00; The Association's contribution is \$460.00.

2. Defer details of publishing a periodical to a later date.

3. Establish a publication fund. Means of administering the fund were established.

4. Revise the exchange list to conform to present conditions.

Papers by members of the Association were published during the 1953-1954 fiscal year, as follows:

"Indian History of New York State", By William A. Ritchie; in the Educational Leaflet Series, New York State Museum, March, 1953.

"An Early Owasco Sequence in Western New York". By Wm. A. Ritchie, Donald Lenig and P. Schuyler Miller, New York State Museum Circular 32, October, 1953.

"A Preliminary Report on the Seneca Sequence in Western New York, 1550-1687". By Charles F. Wray and Harry L. Schoff; Pennsylvania Archaeologist, Vol. XXII, No. 2, July, 1953.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee

Charles M. Knoll, Chairman
Thomas Grassmann, OFM Conv.
B. Frank Hodges
Dorothy Raynor
Edward J. Sheehan
A. Scott Warthin

April 3, 1954

Morgan Chapter Activities: 1953-1954

Membership: At the end of the year, the Chapter had 82 members on the rolls: one Honorary, 17 Life, seven Sustaining, 53 Active, and four Junior. Two members died, three resigned and two were dropped for being in arrears at least three years plus lack of interest. Two new members were gained. An attempt is being made to determine whether some, who have shown an interest, intend to continue membership.

Meetings: Attendance has been an average of 20 per meeting. However, only 22 members or 27% of the total live within 20 miles

of Rochester. The meetings during the past fiscal year follow: October 23, 1953: Laboratory Session; December 4, 1953, address- "Who Made Wampum; A Historical Study" by Dr. Arthur C. Parker; March 5, 1954: Laboratory Session.

Officers: The officers for the past fiscal year were re-elected, namely: Alfred K. Guthe, President; Richard McCarthy, Vice-President; Charles M. Knoll, Secretary-Treasurer.

In addition to the above, William Carter, Thomas Hewett, Jr. and Gordon K. Wright were elected to the Executive Committee for the three-year term ending 1957.

Miscellaneous: The co-authored paper by Charles F. Wray and Harry L. Schoff, printed in the July, 1953, issue of the Pennsylvania Archeologist, presents "A Preliminary Report on the Seneca Sequence in Western New York, 1550-1687".

Six publications were distributed to members: Bulletin 11 and 12 of the Eastern States Archeological Federation; Minutes of the 1952 and 1953 Annual Meetings of the N.Y.S.A.A. (mimeographed); Dr. Ritchie's "Indian History of New York State"; also reprints of "The Excavation and Historical Identification of a Huron Ossuary", by Kenneth E. Kidd; as well as the above mentioned paper written by Charles F. Wray and Harry L. Schoff.

Sales of publications amounted to \$35.35 for Researches & Transactions and \$7.00 from reprints.

The major financial commitment of the chapter was a \$350.00 grant to the Association to assist in publishing the next issue of Researches and Transactions.

Even though the chapter did not sponsor a dig this year, individual members continued activities as usual. Messrs. Wray and Schoff applied their major efforts on the Dann site and established that the number of graves in the old cemetery totals about 300. Factory Hollow was the scene of activities engaged in by Robert Graham, Wm. Carter and Donald Ayers.

Respectfully submitted by
Charles M. Knoll, Secretary-Treasurer

Long Island Chapter

Annual Meeting was held at the Fire House, Southold, L.I., on Sunday October 4, 1953; Dr. Haven Emerson, Vice-President presided.

The customary order of business was followed.

By unanimous vote, the following officers were re-elected to serve up to the date of the 1954 Annual Meeting: Charles F. Goddard, President; Dr. Haven Emerson, Vice-President; J. H. Husing, Secretary; Roy Latham, Treasurer. Also, Mr. William Griswold was re-elected as a Trustee for a five year period, starting October 4, 1953.

A possible affiliation with the Riverhead Museum through the Suffolk County Historical Society was discussed for the purpose of obtaining suitable and safe storage space for valuable items owned by the Chapter and also because of the large display maintained by the Chapter at the Riverhead Museum. Dr. Emerson read a paper prepared sometime ago by Charles Goddard, describing results of field work near Aquebogue. At the same meeting Dr. William A. Ritchie lectured on his recent work at Jamesport Hill. Continued and careful search is being maintained for a possible undisturbed Orient Focus Site, A comprehensive record is in preparation for listing all known important sites in the eastern Long Island area. Attention is being given to preserve old reports and records on sites no longer available for further study. Chapter members have given some lectures to schools and local societies as well as to interested groups. In addition to the exhibit maintained at the Riverhead Museum, the Chapter has a smaller exhibit at the Southold High School, Southold, L. I.

Submitted by J. H. Husing, Sec.

Van Epps-Hartley Chapter

The Annual Meeting was held on Sunday, June 14, 1953, at The Mohawk-Caughnawaga Museum, Fonda, N.Y. Officers elected were: John Swart, President; Henry Wemple, Vice-President; Albert Marotta, Secretary; Wayne S. Arnold, Treasurer.

Dr. Irving Rouse presented an illustrated lecture on the "Cultural Sequence in Connecticut" at the annual meeting.

During the 1953 field season, a number of members attempted to recover all possible evidences of Indian occupation in the Mohawk Valley from sites endangered by Thruway construction. Henry Wemple and John Swart excavated a number of pits on a contact Mohawk site which was being destroyed for Thruway fill. Clyde Olson and Leo McLean continued their work on the Weaver Lake site. Mr. George Younkheere is endeavoring to recover what artifacts he can from the various locations being destroyed by construction projects in the Bronx section of New York City. Father Thomas Grassmann extended the excavations during the past summer on the historic Mohawk Caughnawaga site. Two of the Chapter's Albany members, Edward Brooks and William Mohr, are excavating sites of former Colonial homes and taverns. The weekly Wednesday sessions are partly being devoted to rechecking and verifying Chapter holdings. As of January 1, 1954, the Chapter records indicate that 53 individuals have paid their annual dues.

Submitted by Albert Marotta, Sec.

Mid-Hudson Chapter

During the past year the Chapter usually held its meetings on the last Tuesday of each month at the Hyde Park Free Library.

Paid-up membership as of December 31, 1953, consisted of 21 active members and two Juniors.

Officers elected January 28, 1954 for a term of one year, are: Fred W. Korfmann, President; John M. Bowman, Vice-President; Miss Margaret G. Coon, Secretary; Mrs. Gerald Flewelling, Treasurer, Members of the Executive Committee are: James Shafer, John Losee, Gerald Flewelling, Standing Committees have been appointed for Membership and Extension; Program, Education and Publications; Publicity.

Special speakers during the past year were: Dr. Irving Rouse for April 22; Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken for December 29; Dr. William A. Ritchie for January 28.

Two field trips were made: one in the Spring and another in the Fall - both to Cruger's Island along the eastern shore of the Hudson River near Annandale. Various sites in Dutchess County received attention and work was begun on a recently discovered rock shelter in Rhinebeck. An illustrated address was given to a High School science class. An intensive membership drive is planned for the coming year.

Submitted respectfully
by Margaret G. Coon, Secretary

Auringer-Seelye Chapter

Officers elected at the annual meeting, held November 1953, were: Arthur F. West President; Webster Price, Vice-President; Charles W. Hodgins, Secretary; Edward Dudley, Treasurer.

Finance, Membership, Program, Publications and Curator Committees were appointed and all are functioning.

The Chapter has a paid membership of 33 active, sustaining, associate and four Junior members which is an increase of 19 new members. Meetings are held in the Glens Falls Library monthly; usually on the first Monday.

The Harris Site in the Town of Queensbury was comprehensively surveyed and thereafter certain areas were extensively worked by trenching. Numerous artifacts were recovered. Fireplaces and post molds indicated a heavy occupation. A quantity of charcoal was forwarded to the University of Chicago for Carbon 14 analysis.

A permanent display of recovered and catalogued artifacts is maintained in the Glens Falls Library. This is augmented by series of color slides with narrative information so that a well-defined history of the excavation of the Harris Site is available and has been shown to a number of interested public groups.

Respectfully submitted by
C. W. Hodgins, Secretary

Report of the Special Committee on Site Listings

As an item of new business of the annual meeting held 1952, Godfrey Olsen of the Mid-Hudson Chapter raised the question of keeping site records on 7 1/2 minute quadrangle maps. The matter was left for ultimate decision to The Mohawk-Caughnawaga Museum.

A committee was appointed by the Museum to deal with this problem. The decisions are:

1. The 15 minute U.S.G.S. maps will be retained as the bases for site numbers in all records kept by the Association and its constituent chapters.

2. Site numbers will continue to follow the abbreviations listed in "New York State Abbreviations for Topographic Names", as amended.

3. In consideration of the fact that 7 1/2 minute quadrangles are replacing many of those of the 15 minute style, the sector number on all 15 minute quadrangles will be changed. The old nine sector system will be dropped in favor of a four sector system. These new sectors (numbered 1 to 4) will represent the NW, NE, SW and SE quarters of one 15 minute quadrangle and each will, or may in time, correspond to a 7 1/2 minute quadrangle.

The fact that many of the 15 minute quadrangles are losing their identity need not concern the individual, since he still receives his site number from Mr. Lenig of the Mohawk-Caughnawaga Museum or Mr. Guthe of the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, and he needs only to submit it located on either a 7 1/2 minute or a 15 minute quadrangle sheet.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee:
Charles E. Gillette

Earl F. Casler
Charles E. Gillette
Donald Lenig, Chairman