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President Wray Requests Members

Propose Award Recipients, Participate

in Association Affairs

With the coming of summer and the approach of fall, it is time for us to think about our awards committee and its work. Last year three fellowships and one achievement award were made. This year only two fellowships were announced.

The achievement award may be presented to any person, or group, which has performed some outstanding service for New York archeology, or to the Association. Fellowships are awarded solely to members of the Association who have completed some original research project that contributes to our knowledge of New York Indians.

Full explanation of the criteria for awarding fellowships and the achievement award may be found in THE BULLETIN, No. 11 (November, 1957) and No. 15 (March, 1959).

Send your manuscripts, whether published or not, or your nominations, to the awards committee for consideration. The names and addresses of its chairman and members are listed in this bulletin.

The constitution of the Association states that each year the president shall appoint the members and chairman of the standing committees. In this issue of THE BULLETIN, current committees are listed, with the names and addresses of its members and chairman. Please contact these committees with any constructive suggestions you might have. I also suggest that you cooperate with these committees for the benefit of the Association and its work.

Charles F. Wray, President, NYSAA

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The annual meeting was held at the Rochester Museum.

The program:

**Morning**
Business Meeting ................................................................. Charles F. Wray, presiding

**Afternoon**
Alfred K. Guthe, presiding

Papers by members of the Association
"Woodworking Tools of the Paleo-Indian"
   Arthur G. Smith (Lewis H. Morgan)

"The Sebonac-Niantic Fusion on Eastern Long Island, N. Y."
   Roy Latham (Long Island)

"Some implications of the Bates Site Excavations of 1957-1958"
   William A. Ritchie (Van Epps-Hartley)

"A Preliminary Report on the Oak Hill Horizon"
   Donald Lenig (Van Epps-Hartley)

"Burials from a Historic Niagara Frontier Iroquois Site at Hamburg, N. Y."
   Marian E. White (Lewis H. Morgan)

"An Artificially Deformed Skull from the Dann Site"
   William S. Cornwell (Lewis H. Morgan)

"Archeology on Historic Crown Point, N. Y."
   Louis F. Ismay (Van Epps-Hartley)

**Evening**

Annual Dinner at the Museum

"Excavations in Southern Saskatchewan", William J. Mayer-Oakes, U. of Toronto
All officers of the NYSAA were re-elected at the annual meeting last April: Charles F. Wray, president; Alfred K. Guthe, vice president; Marian White, secretary; Charles E. Gillette, treasurer.

Two fellowships were awarded, to Alfred K. Guthe, and Julius Lopez. The achievement award was not bestowed this year.

Guthe's citation reads: "Archeologist, anthropologist, administrator, and scientific reporter, Dr. Alfred Guthe, Curator of Anthropology for the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, holder of many offices in the New York State Archeological Association and the Lewis H. Morgan Chapter of the NYSAA, has in the past year published the first of what it is hoped will be a long and increasingly informative series on the archeology of southwestern New York.

"Nothing can be more obvious than that the understanding of the prehistory of a region must begin with a summary and survey of the body of knowledge about it at a temporal datum point, and this is what Dr. Guthe has given us in his 1958 study "The Late Prehistoric Occupation in Southwestern New York: An Interpretative Analysis".

"New York State from the very beginning has meant to the political history of the United States the Iroquois Confederacy and its very considerable part in the shaping of our nation at the roots, and it is the archeology of the Iroquois which has engaged Dr. Guthe's most serious endeavors, both as to Iroquois in situ relationship with Owasco and its inter-regional relationship with Hopewell to the west. Ever since his first appearance in the October, 1953, issue of American Antiquity as the Assistant Editor for the northeast, it has been possible to follow Dr. Guthe's field work in short accounts written by himself. These give us brief glimpses of a developing study of the ethnology and prehistory of the Iroquois which it must some day be Dr. Guthe's task to synthesize and disseminate.

"Through this same editorship for the northeast Dr. Guthe has not only become one of the better known names on the rolls of the younger American archeologists, thereby lending his prestige to the NYSAA, he is in effect the city editor, the man in the know about the latest in the archeology and prehistory of the mid and north Atlantic States, which can be turned to great profit by our Association.

"For the completion of a necessary and basic regional study in New York archeology, for the continuation of comprehensive investigation in his field, and for work of importance to American Archeology the Officers and Executive Committee accord to Dr. Guthe the status of Fellow in the NYSAA and confer on him the prerogatives and privileges of Fellowship".

Lopez' citation: "Archeologist and engenderer of archeological enthusiasm, original researcher and founder of the New York City Archeological Group, Julius Lopez has chosen for himself the most difficult area in American prehistory, the oldest, largest city in the New World, his home town.
"He has shown it to be worthy of study and archeologically rewarding, from preceramic times to the period of the Revolution, from the Archaic of the Pelham Boulder site to our own archeological past, the buried ruins of Fort Independence in the Bronx, excavated by his New York City Archeological Group last summer.

"To the obvious difficulty of finding sites within metropolitan New York, which have any information left in situ of value to the excavator is the equally obvious archeological complexity of the mouth of the Hudson where Riverine cultures mixed with coastal complexes and where influences from the south and west merged and then emerged to trend northward by the diverse routes of the river or the coast. Particularly fruitful in clarifying metropolitan archeology have been Mr. Lopez's researches into pottery traditions which have led him into investigations and study of the regions most likely to have transferred influences to the mouth of the Hudson crossroads, that is, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware,

"To more than a dozen papers on the archaeology of his chosen field of investigation, mostly concerned with pottery analysis and appearing in the publications of this region, including the Eastern States Archeological Federation, the Pennsylvania Archeologist, the Delaware Archeologist, and American Antiquity, Mr. Lopez has added the administrative and guidance work of serving as Director of the New York City Archeological Group. A great deal more than a society of excavators, this organization has undertaken the task of gleaning what remains to be gleaned for archeology within the city limits of New York, by photography and study for publications of artifact collections in private and institutional hands.

"For original research in the archaeology of New York State, then for competence in assembling and sincerity in publishing the data, and for a rare energy and enthusiasm in the pursuit of New York prehistory the Officers and Executive Committee accord to Mr. Lopez the status of Fellow in New York and confer on him the prerogatives and privileges of Fellowship".

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President Wray Appoints

Committees for 1959-60

Membership of committees is as follows:

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Report of the Secretary for the year 1958-59

The New York State Archeological Association was comprised of seven chapters with a total membership of 339 on November 1, 1958. One, the Orange County chapter, joined at the 1958 annual meeting. The distribution of membership on November 1, 1958, was as follows:

Auringer-Seelye, 30; Long Island, 28; Mid-Hudson, 21; Morgan, 126; Orange County, 39; Susquehanna, 15; Van Epps-Hartley, 64; Member-at-Large, 16.

We have an application for membership from the Chenango Archeological Society and a resignation from the Susquehanna chapter.

The Association is affiliated with the Eastern States Archeological Federation and was represented by ten members at the 1958 Annual Meeting of the Federation at Wilmington, Delaware.

Three issues of THE BULLETIN were published during the year. One issue of the Researches and Transactions was published.

The Association adopted an official seal for the organization and this is now
being used on stationery, publications, and as a sticker on official documents. The Association thanks Virginia Cummings of Morgan chapter for the design of the seal and Alvin Wanzer of the Mid-Hudson chapter for dies for the seal.

The Association per se holds only this annual meeting and has sponsored no field trips during the year. The chapters have their own meetings and activities which will be shown in their reports.

Marian E. White, Secretary, NYSAA

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Report of the Awards Committee

On published evidence of work completed in New York archeology and considered by us to be of a high standard of competence, and of value to the advancement of the objectives of the Association, two members are recommended for the status of fellowship. They are Dr. Alfred Guthe of the Morgan Chapter and Julius Lopez, member-at-large.

Since there was no positive agreement among the members of the committee as to a recipient of the annual achievement, award, there is no recommendation for this award this year.

The committee proposes, in addition, the following recommendations:

1. That the personnel of the awards committee be named in time to be published with their addresses no later than the July issue of THE BULLETIN.

2. That there be included with this announcement a brief resume of the standards and regulations for fellowships and the achievement award, a notification that papers for fellowship and nominations for the achievement award will be received immediately, the due dates for fellowship papers and award nomination and, finally a short or suggested form of application and nomination. Now that the machinery of the awards committee has been in operation for two years, it is believed that the committee should not seek out candidates but should act only on those nominations freely and independently submitted. It should not be the function of the committee to build up a fellowship roster, but to pass on the work of those seeking this honor, and to recognize achievement when brought to the committee's attention.

3. That inducements be set up for the encouragement of submission to the committee of new, unpublished work. It is by the encouragement of the reporting of such work that the fellowship apparatus can best profit the Association. Therefore it is strongly recommended that a subcommittee, either of the awards committee or the publication committee, be appointed with the specific assignment of finding a means,
outside the usual resources available to the Association, for publication of unpublished fellowship papers. Specifically this may very well take the form of an active search for two or three Association members who have access to a mimeograph machine, and who could avail themselves of privileges of office to use it on occasion. Nothing in the experience of this committee so far leads us to believe that there would be an over-burden of such work. Indeed, not a single unpublished but publishable paper has as yet been submitted, which is the deficiency we would like to remedy. We conceive of a committee of at least two or three persons in order that the work of mimeographing might be parceled out amongst them in case there is a single long paper, or more than one short one. That there is more archeological work being done in New York than is being reported is beyond doubt. Yet if it were to be reported, but only to the fellowship committee, the value of its discoveries is lost without the dissemination we seek to encourage.

4. That in the event that such a special publication committee is set up, the privilege be extended to all those who have previously attained fellowship of submitting new papers to it for publication, on the condition of endorsement by the awards committee and review, if deemed necessary, by the publication committee. Obviously this privilege will not only increase the prestige but will encourage fellows to continue to make contributions to the archeology of the region.

5. That the personnel of this committee be reduced to three members in order to expedite its work. Since all its business must be handled by mail, and it is rare that even two members can meet in personal discussion, cumbersomeness of communication increases enormously with increase in the size of the committee.

It is the conviction of the chairman of this committee that its purposes, if energetically pursued, can strengthen the Association immeasurably by encouraging and recognizing serious and necessary work and by providing a steady supply of new information. Thus each chapter can evaluate the work being done by its membership and so begin to comprehend the place and importance of its locale in the prehistory of the Northeast. The annual meeting provides but a single yearly occasion for the exchange of information among us interested avocational archeologists. This is not often enough to keep the organization at a functioning level of vitality. It is suggested, therefore, that the President give serious consideration to a piece to be written for THE BULLETIN in which the fellowship program is described and its essential, rather than decorative, purposes in Association policy.

After two years' operation of the fellowship and awards committee, one question has become manifest if there is serious new work being done in New York archeology by the members of the Association, what is happening to it; where and in what form is it being reported?

L. A. Brennan, Chairman
Report of Auringer-Seelye Chapter

At the annual election held November 3, 1958, the following officers were chosen to serve until November, 1959: president, William H. Rice; vice president, John Spencer; secretary, Beulah M. Rice; treasurer, James Magee.


From November 1957 to November 1958 the officers were; president, Percy Dake; vice president, William Rice; secretary, Alice Dake; treasurer, Beulah Rice.

Membership (Nov. 1957-Nov. 1958) consisted of 27 active and 4 junior members, total 31. At present 26 adult (active) and 2 junior members have joined, for 1958-1959, total 28.

Twelve regular monthly meetings were held throughout the year, plus one special and one executive committee meeting.

Twenty-five dollars was donated to the N. Y. S. A. A. publication fund in January 1959.

Some of our chapter activities were:

Viewed archeological slides of Mexico at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Percy Dake.

Guest speaker Stanley Gifford spoke on two different occasions. His subjects: "Paleo-Indian Campsites in the Vicinity" and "The Iroquois Indian."

Had a month-long exhibit of artifacts (donated by members from their personal collections) at Crandall Library, Glens Falls, which received favorable newspaper publicity.

Nineteen members and guests joined in excavations on an archaic site which had been discovered by William Rice, at Snookkill, below Fort Edward.

On two other occasions a group spent the day at South Bay, Lake Champlain investigating remains of sites along the shore line. Many items were recovered.

The chapter has recently inaugurated a program of recording all known sites in this tri-county area (Warren, Washington, and Saratoga). There is much to be done in this field but some favorable results are apparent.

We now meet at the Fort William Henry Restoration, Lake George during the summer season where members join in supervised excavations from time to time. Mr. Robert Lord, curator, is making arrangements for a permanent public display of artifacts (donated by members) in our chapter quarters there.
The Harris site has again been designated as an official chapter site by the executive committee. The president is endeavoring to obtain another site nearby which promises to be interesting and has never, to our knowledge, been investigated or worked.

The lack of an official site appears to be detrimental to an expanding membership.

Beulah M. Rice, Secretary

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Report of Long Island Chapter

1. At the annual meeting, held in October, 1958, officers were elected to serve during the coming year, as follows. President, Mrs. Dorothy E. Raynor; vice pres., J. Burgess Jamieson; treasurer, Stanton Mott; secretary, J. H. Husing,

2. Some digging was done near East Northport, L. I., and important materials found. Further digging near that site is scheduled for 1959, because of evidence uncovered in preliminary explorations. Minor digging was conducted at other locations during 1958. Surface searches on the farms were continued, and some minor materials collected.

3. Good progress was made during 1958 on the plans for the new museum building, to be located at Mattituck, L. I., and to be erected as a joint venture with the Mattituck Free Library Assn., with each organization using a portion of the proposed building.

4. The exhibits of Indian materials were continued at the museum building, at Riverhead, L. I., and exhibits were also maintained at the Southold high school, at the Cutchogue school, and at the East Moriches school. Some lecturing was done before school groups and other societies, and artifacts shown and explained.

5. The chapter membership increased slightly during 1958, and considerable increase is anticipated when the proposed new museum building is completed, which will enable this chapter to exhibit some of its numerous fine artifacts at this central location. At present many valuable and important items are stored in scattered locations, and are exposed to possible damage or loss.

J. H. Husing, Secretary

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Report of Mid-Hudson Chapter

During the calendar year 1958, the Mid-Hudson Chapter had 22 paid-up members, 21 active, and 1 junior. As of April 2, 1959 there are 25 active.

Regular chapter meetings were held at the chapter house in Rhinebeck in March, April, May, September, October, and November. Several work sessions were held there during the late summer.
Two chapter-sponsored beach-combing excursions were held at South Bay, one in March and one in April.

On June 8 an all-day dig and picnic was held at Bear Spring and on June 29 a joint outing with the Orange County chapter was enjoyed at Bear Mountain Park.

In September five cases of artifacts with appropriate explanatory charts were shown at the Dutchess County Fair in Rhinebeck.

Sigfus Olafson spoke at the September meeting on "The Adena People", and in October Louis Brennan gave a talk on several sites in the Croton river basin.

Officers elected to serve during 1959 are: president, Margaret Coon Bowman; vice president, Harry Christiana; secretary, John Bowman; treasurer, Dale Fraleigh; representative to the NYSAA, Helen Aldridge.

John M. Bowman, Secretary

Report of Morgan Chapter

Membership: At the close of the year 1958, Morgan chapter had a total of 131 members as follows: active, 89; junior, 11; sustaining, 7; institutional, 8; life, 16.

During 1958 we lost one member by death and one by resignation. We have added 19 new members.

Meetings: The chapter has held 7 regular meetings and 2 executive committee meetings.

September: Alfred K. Guth, "The Cultural Background of the Iroquois".

October: Richard McCarthy, "The Portage Site", and George B. Selden, "The Levanna Thunderbird".

November: Alton Parker showed a movie of the 1937 Denonville-LaSalle 250th anniversary held at Victor, N. Y. J. Sheldon Fisher reviewed the highlights of the ceremonies. The main feature of the evening was the presentation of a group of recently made movies of the excavation methods employed during the digging upon certain historic Seneca Sites. The movies were presented by Charles F. Wray and Donald Cameron.

December: Harry L. Schoff, "A Fortified Iroquoian Site in Western Pennsylvania".

January: Marian White, L. L. Pechuman, and Stanley Vanderlaan presented an interesting program on the Oakfield Site.

February: Albert Hoffman, "An Early Historic Site at St. Ignace, Michigan", and "The Partridge Bush site".

March: The chapter's annual meeting. The speaker was George B. Selden whose topic was, "Ganargua, A Village Suddenly Sprung Up". It concerned the destruction of Huronia in 1649, and the establishment of the village on
what is now the Marsh farm.

Officers: The officers for 1958 are: president, Alfred K. Guthe; vice president, William Carter; secretary-treasurer, Robert J. Graham. The executive committee includes these new members: Don Cameron, Father Lee, and Marian White.

Robert J. Graham, Secretary-Treasurer

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Report of Orange County Chapter

The Orange County chapter, Middletown, has completed its first year as a member of the Association. Membership reported and paid for the fiscal year of 1959, was 33 active, 5 junior. (Since this report the list has been increased to 38 active, 6 junior, and 1 sustaining).

Several meetings were held and on two occasions films were shown pertaining to archeology. Digging was continued at the Swartout site, along the Neversink river at Hugenot. It is apparently quite an extensive site; about ten miles from the Bell-Philhower site near the Delaware which was dug by Ritchie several years ago. The site has been disturbed by top soil removal and river flooding which has made it more difficult for an amateur group. Pottery seems to predominate and sherd sufficient to restore at least five decorated pots have been recovered from pits. Stone artifacts consist of points, scrapers, metates, pestles, many pitted hammerstones, two celts, and an assortment of others. This material is being classified and recorded in a trait table. A preliminary opinion by Ritchie based on a rather small number of findings, indicates that more than one culture is present, possibly three or four. Owasco and some Iroquois appear to be most prevalent. Work will continue this year and much more about the site should be learned.

Other activities have consisted of making a survey of the whole area, examining collections and locating sites for future investigation. In one area of the county there is a black dirt area of about 17,000 acres, now used for onion growing, which was once a large shallow lake. Artifacts have been found extensively all around the area and seem to belong to Laurentian, or pre-Owasco. We hope to locate and work a site or two here sometime soon.

Recently two Folsom points were located in a collection. Six more of these points have been found. We expect to follow up with the hope of finding a site or at least more of this evidence.

Orange County has a history of 15 or 20 mastodon recoveries dating from 1780. Several were recovered in the area where the ground points were found and we are interested to find any connection between the two.

We wish to express our deep appreciation for the honor extended to us in
being made a chapter of the NYSAA and we pledge our chapter to strive to merit this recognition in
the future,

Selwyn Gibbs, President

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Report of Van Epps-Hartley Chapter

Membership as of February 1, 1959: sustaining, 3; life, 2; active, 51; junior, 6; honorary, 2;
total, 64.

The summer meeting was held in the Mohawk-Caughnawaga museum, Fonda, with 70
members and guests present. Father Thomas Grassmann gave a very interesting illustrated talk on "The
Indians of New Mexico". A feature of this meeting was a unique exhibit of southwestern material
loaned by Father Thomas and Mrs. Bernard Cavert of Fultonville, N. Y.

In October we held a joint meeting with the Mohawk Valley Historic Association. It was held
in the Fort Rensselaer Club, located in the old Van Alstyne House, Canajoharie. This house was built
in 1749 by one of the early settlers. For the afternoon session, Louis F. Ismay, director of the
Rensselaer County Junior Museum, Troy, N. Y., presented "The Crown Point Story". This was a
dramatic report showing what teenagers can accomplish in the field of archeology. There were also
about a dozen exhibits of Mohawk valley material. The evening speaker was Miss Ann Cunningham,
supervisor of Historic Sites of the State of New York. There were 102 members and guests present.

The annual meeting of the chapter was held January 17, 1959 in the Regents room of the state
education building, Albany. Thirty-five members and guests braved the wind and cold. The following
officers were elected for 1959: president, Earl F. Casler, RD 2, St. Johnsville; vice president, Lloyd M.
Brinkman, 2543 Rosendale Rd., Schenectady; secretary, Edward J. Sheehan, P. O. Box 501, Fonda;
treasurer, Wayne S. Arnold, 230 Pelham Rd., New Rochelle. Trustees for 3 years: Dr. Vincent J.
Schaefer, RD 3, Schenectady; William H. Marvin, Northampton Rd., Amsterdam; Katherine M.

John Swart reported on three field trips made by chapter members to the Chapin site.

Ed Sheehan reported that the chapter library has been catalogued.

It was voted to change the annual meeting from January to October, the chapter officers elected
at that time to take office the following January.
President Casler then turned the meeting over to Dr. William A. Ritchie, state archeologist, who presented some interesting new evidence with his report on "The Bates Site Excavations of 1957-58 and their Probable Significance".

Edward J. Sheehan, Secretary


Miss Fundaburk, following the publication of her first book, "Sun Circles and Human Hands", has produced an equally important and interesting volume. Unlike her first book, which depicted in catalogue form "The Art and Industries of the Southeastern Indians", this volume is a catalogue of pictures of the Indians of southeastern United States from 1564 to 1860.

It groups together for the first time the majority of the painting and drawings of both European and American artists. This is a wonderful contribution for the student and admirer of the American Indian. The hours of research and travel that were required to bring together these authentic pictures from more than thirty-six sources must have been countless.

The 354 pictures are reproduced in half-tones and are in chronological order. They are the drawings and paintings of DeBry, White, Smith, DuPratz, Bartram, McKenney and Hall, Catlin, Vinton, and many others. Both individual portraits and general views of ball games, burials, dances, warfare, torture, agriculture, clothing, implements, etc. are shown in this series.

More than fifteen tribes are represented. These include the Choctaw, Creek, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Seminole, Tuscarora, Caddo, Shawnee; etc. This is a wonderful source of information for the student, providing information on many things that neither archeology nor history can provide.

We hope that Miss Fundaburk or some other student may duplicate this work for the northeastern and the western United States. Miss Fundaburk is to be congratulated for this noble contribution, and for providing the reader with this fund of source material, and many pleasant hours of viewing and reading. - C. F. Wray

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