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Chapters Reminded of Association Amendments;
Advised to Modify Their Own Rules

Documents pertaining to the proceedings of last April's annual meeting comprise this issue. Certain changes in Association by-laws were voted. The secretary of the Association has officially informed all chapter secretaries of these changes, they are published on the following pages, and they are drawn to your attention here since they have an important bearing upon business transacted by the chapters and in some cases will require changes in procedure, if not modification of chapter by-laws.

First, the vote accepting the amendment concerning selection of the trustees (p. 6). Hereafter all trustees will be selected by the chapters they represent. The next group takes office in 1957. It is suggested that they be selected at the meeting in which your officers for 1957 are selected, and that their names be submitted to the Association with the up-dated roster due November 1, 1956 (see item 5 below).

Second, the amendments to the by-laws passed by voice vote (pp. 4, 5). The amendments include the following changes: (1) The fiscal year of the Association begins on April 1; (2) Good standing in the Association shall be on a paid-up basis; (3) By February 1 each chapter secretary shall send a list of the members in good standing to the secretary of the Association.

You are reminded that this roster is considered as the registration to vote; it is THE ONLY LIST of members to whom ballots will be mailed (by March 1). It behooves chapters to have their records in order by having members signed up and dues paid before February 1, so that the roster will be complete;

(4) By February 1 one-half of all dues for members on the membership list are payable to the treasurer of the Association.

Note that dues to the Association are payable at the start of the year, for that year's membership, and not based on the previous year's receipts, as in the past. Note also that the number of copies of publications to be sent the chapters for distribution to their members is determined by the dues paid to the Association;

(5) By November Leach chapter secretary shall send a list of changes in membership (so-called up-dated roster), including officers' positions (for use in connection with nominations for the Association); (6) The deadline for the appointment of a nominating committee is changed from October 1 to November 15 (to permit use of up-dated roster); (7) Junior members will be entitled to receive Association publications upon payment of an additional dollar to the Association treasurer.

Third, the Executive Committee recommended that, in the interest of improving efficiency and cooperation between chapters and the Association, a) the chapters hold their annual meeting not earlier than August 1 nor later than November 1 preceding the annual meeting of the Association, b) the chapters' officers' terms of office coincide as much as possible with those of the Association, c) the fiscal year of the chapters coincide as much as possible with that of the Association.

The purpose of these recommendations is to provide for election of chapter officers at an annual meeting held at such time that the up-dated roster, due November 15, includes the new officers' names (for the following chapter year), for use in selecting the nominating committee and for its use; and to provide a chapter year coincident with that of the Association such that collection of dues may be completed in time for payment of dues to the Association treasurer by February 1.

It should be noted that, though the annual meeting be held by November 1, the fiscal and/or membership year need not begin as late as, say, January 1. This means that officers' terms, and membership year, would coincide more closely with those of the Association than is now the case in some chapters, yet permit payment of dues to the Association by February 1 as provided by the new amendment.

It is suggested that chapter secretaries and treasurers develop a calendar which calls for mailing bills for dues a month or more in advance of the due date, and that members be advised that prompt payment of dues assures them of all privileges of chapter and Association membership including the right to vote and to receive publications.

The purpose of these amendments and recommendations is not to regiment. On the contrary, they should result in a more orderly conduct of chapter and Association affairs, and assist in getting official business attended to promptly. It is felt that they embody sound business practice which should increase respect for, and a better understanding of, the obligations of membership.

Popular Map of Seneca Sites Again Available

Continued inquiries for the "Map of Seneca Villages and Jesuit and French Contacts, 1615-1708", originally published in 1931, have warranted another printing. Mr. Alexander M. Stewart, whose labor of meticulous research produced this pictorial map and is its publisher, has also issued a revised guide which describes the sites and early visitors. The map, executed by a professional artist, has been printed from the original plate in letter-press, on fine paper suitable for framing. Sheet dimension is 29 x 23", borders of map are 25-3/4 x 20-1/2". For your post-paid copy with the 7-page multilithed guide shipped in a substantial mailing tube, send a dollar to Charles M. Knoll, 120 Coolidge Avenue, Spencerport, New York. If you send check, make payable to Alexander M. Stewart.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting
New York State Archeological Association
for 1955

The annual meeting of the New York State Archeological Association took place at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Rochester, on April 16, 1955, with Dr. William A. Ritchie presiding.

The Executive Committee was called to order at ten o'clock, with the following members in attendance: W. A. Ritchie, C. F. Wray, C. E. Gillette, A. K. Guthe, Mrs. D. Raynor, H. Wemple, J. Bowman, W. S. Cornwell, R. L. McCarthy, J. Swart, and E. F. Casler.

A. K. Guthe and J. Bowman were appointed to open and count the ballots for the election of officers and for the vote on the amendment to Chapter 4, Sec. 1 of the by-laws, concerning the selection of trustees.

The following recommendations of the Publication Committee were acted upon:

A special word of commendation by the Executive Committee to Father Grassman for his efforts in establishing THE BULLETIN and preparing the first two numbers was unanimously supported.

The recommendation that Mr. P. Schuyler Miller, 4805 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh 13, Pa., be appointed a member of the Publication Committee was approved unanimously.

Since its publications give an organization an academic reputation and a separate publication fund would facilitate gifts and provide an excess for investment, it was recommended and passed by unanimous vote that the Executive Committee establish the Publication Fund as (a) seventy-five percent of all dues accruing to the Association whether from chapters or members at large, (b) all moneys received from gifts, grants-in-aid, bequests from estates of deceased members, etc., unless otherwise specified by the donors, (c) the proceeds from the sale of all publications specifically the property of the Association, per se, and (d) all moneys donated to the Association by the chapters, unless otherwise specified; that the treasurer be instructed by the Executive Committee to deposit these moneys in an accredited bank in an account separate from the general funds of the Association; and that it should be understood that the Executive Committee may borrow from this Publication Fund if necessary for any purpose, though only after all other sources for such funds shall have been canvassed

and found insufficient, and with a definite understanding with the treasurer as to when money borrowed from this fund shall be returned.

It was recommended and passed that the Researches and Transactions be printed as an occasional publication, but not less than once every three years, and that THE BULLETIN be established with two issues per year to be increased to three or four if funds and materials are available.

It was recommended that, as in the past, all members in good standing in each chapter shall receive a copy of each issue of THE BULLETIN and the Researches and Transactions, and that each copy of the Researches and Transactions printed in addition to those distributed to members and exchanged with other institutions shall be priced to provide a profit from sales. The question of a price on extra copies of THE BULLETIN was left to the Publication Committee for final decision, with a recommendation for a twenty-five percent markup. (*)

It was further recommended by the President that a directive be given to the librarian to extend to THE BULLETIN the policy of reserving five copies for the archives as has been done in the past with the Researches and Transactions.

Mr. B. F. Hodges of the Auringer-Seelye Chapter made the recommendation that the Association make arrangements to sell its publications at commercial enterprises such as the Fort William Henry and Fort Ticonderoga.

The following recommendations for changes in by-laws, proposed by the Committee on Good Standing, were offered by its chairman, C. M. Knoll:

Add to CHAPTER VI - CHAPTERS a new section:

" (h) Each chapter secretary shall send a list of members in good standing in all categories to the secretary of the Association by February 1st. In addition, by November 15th of each year he shall notify the secretary of the Association of any changes in membership in the chapter. "

Amend. Par. 2 (c) of the same CHAPTER VI to read:

"Each chapter shall pay to the Association annually one-half of all dues or membership payments of members in good standing. The treasurer of each chapter shall remit these payments to the Association on or before February 1st as follows: each active member

(*) It has been the decision of the Publication Committee that THE BULLETIN shall be available at the established price, only to members who desire to complete their sets. Editor

\$1.50; each sustaining member, \$2.50; each junior member, \$.50; each life member, \$20 in the year in which the member becomes a life member; and \$1 for each junior member entitled to publications."

Amend CHAPTER V II I - PUBLICATIONS, Par. 2 to read:

"The publications shall be issued under the supervision of the Publication Committee and with the consent of the Executive Committee. Each chapter shall be sent one copy of each publication issued during the Association fiscal year, for distribution to each honorary and life member, and to each active and sustaining member in good standing in the chapter on February 1st. Each member at large, whose dues are paid for that fiscal year, shall be sent one copy. Each chapter shall be sent three copies for its chapter library. Members in the junior class are entitled to receive publications issued during the fiscal year contingent upon the additional payment of \$1, all of which is paid to the Association treasurer. In addition, each new member of the above categories who joins after February 1st and whose share of dues or membership payments are made to the Association for that fiscal year shall be eligible to receive Association publications issued during the year. The Publication Committee shall not be required to send copies of publications to any chapter for distribution to its members until it has received certification from the treasurer of the Association that moneys payable to the Association in any year by a chapter have been paid. The publications of the Association may be made available to subscribers and as exchange publications with libraries and scientific institutions on such terms as shall be determined by the Executive Committee."

A new CHAPTER X - FISCAL YEAR

"The fiscal year of the Association shall begin April 1st:" Present Chapters X and XI be renumbered XI and XI I. In Chapter X (to be renumbered XI) Par. 1a, "October 1st" to be changed to "November 15th."

It was further suggested that Chapter XI, Par. 2 of the by-laws be invoked at the regular meeting following so that these amendments might take effect immediately.

The Executive Committee approved a resolution proposed by the Committee on Good Standing, recommending that, in the interest of improving efficiency and cooperation between chapters and the Association,

a) the chapters hold their annual meeting not earlier than August 1st nor later than November 1st preceding the annual meeting of the Association,

- b) the chapters' officers' term of office coincide as much as possible with those of the Association,
- c) the fiscal year of the chapters coincide as much as possible with that of the Association.

A resolution that all future meetings of the Association be held in Albany, presented by Mid-Hudson Chapter, was withdrawn in favor of an alternate proposal by William S. Cornwell. This alternate proposal, "The place of succeeding annual meetings will be determined by vote of the Executive Committee in its meeting in conjunction with the preceding annual meeting of the Association, with due consideration of invitations received from the several chapters, and will be announced before the close of that meeting of the Association," was accepted by unanimous vote.

The President extended an invitation for the 1956 meeting to be held at the State Museum in Albany, which was accepted unanimously.

The President proposed that Charles M. Knoll, editor pro tem, be appointed editor for 1955-56, which proposal was carried by unanimous vote.

The Executive Committee meeting was thereupon adjourned, and due to the late hour the annual meeting of the general session was called to order immediately.

It was voted that the minutes of the 1954 meeting at Albany be adopted as published.

The annual reports of the secretary and the treasurer were accepted as read, as were those of the chairmen of the Program, Publication, and Chapters and Membership committees. These reports were filed with the secretary and are appended to these minutes.

Annual reports of the chapters were given by their secretaries or surrogates, as follows: Lewis H. Morgan Chapter - C. M. Knoll; Long Island Chapter - Mrs. Raynor for J. H. Husing; Van Epps-Hartley Chapter - H. Wemple for E. J. Sheehan; Mid-Hudson Chapter - Miss M. G. Coon; Auringer-Seelye Chapter - C. M. Knoll for Mrs. M. J. Green. These reports were accepted as read, filed with the secretary, and appear as part of these proceedings.

Under old business, the tellers reported their count of the vote on the amendment to Chapter 4, Par. I, of the by-laws, as 125 for and 5 against acceptance. Accordingly, hereafter all trustees will be selected by the chapters they represent.

Under new business came the Nominating Committee's report on the elections. The following officers were declared elected for the year 1955-56:

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

Trustees to 1959: Lewis H. Morgan Chapter, W. S. Cornwell; Long Island Chapter, Ralph Solecki; VanEpps-Hartley Chapter, Henry Wemple; Mid-Hudson Chapter, Miss M. Coon (1955-1959), Godfrey Olsen (1955-1957); Auringer-Seelye Chapter, L. E. Follett.

The recommendations for amendments to the by-laws submitted by the special Committee on Good Standing were read with the request that they be brought to an immediate vote under the provisions of Chapter XI, Par. 2 of the by-laws. They were carried by the necessary unanimous vote.

Adjournment followed at 1:00 P. M.

A program of papers was given in the afternoon and evening as outlined in the report of the Program Committee.

Charles E. Gillette
Secretary, N. Y. S. A. A.

Report of the Secretary for the year 1954-1955.

The New York State Archeological Association currently comprises five chapters with a total of 250 members. These are distributed as follows: Lewis Henry Morgan Chapter, 73; Long Island Chapter, 26; Van Epps-Hartley Chapter, 79; Mid-Hudson Chapter, 32; and Auringer-Seelye Chapter, 40.

The Association is affiliated with the Eastern States Archeological Federation and was represented by ten members at the 1954 annual meeting of the Federation in Pittsburgh, Pa.

During the year 1953-1954 the monograph "Dutch Hollow, an Early Historic Period Seneca Site in Livingston County, New York" by William A. Ritchie, was published as Vol. XIII (13) No. 1 of the Researches and Transactions series. A new publication, The Bulletin of the New York State Archeological Association was inaugurated and to date three numbers have appeared. As planned, THE BULLETIN will contain short papers, news items and announcements of interest to the general membership of the Association.

Except for the annual meeting held in Albany on April 3, 1954, there were no meetings or field trips sponsored by the Association per se. However, such activities were held by the constituent chapters as detailed in their secretarial reports.

Charles E. Gillette
Secretary, N. Y. S. A. A.

Treasurer's Report
March 15, 1954 - March 14, 1955

Balance: March 14, 1954			\$ 553. 28
<u>Receipts:</u>			
Dues from Chapters			
Auringer-Seelye	\$ 58.00		
Long Island *	37.50		
Mid-Hudson	91.00		
Morgan	74.50		
Van Epps-Hartley	<u>89.00</u>		
	350.00		
Sale of Vol. XIII, # 1			
Researches and Transactions	18.00		
	Total		\$ 368.00
Cash on hand			<u>-53</u>
CREDITS			\$ 921.81

* - Includes \$12 for 1955-56 dues

Expenditures:

Stationery (Lane Printing Co.)	\$ 19.50		
Guest Speaker - Annual Banquet (4/3/54) - Maurice Robbins	25.00		
100 Columbian Clasp Envelopes	<u>2.81</u>		47.31
Vol. XIII - #1 Researches and Transactions			
Printing	540.15		
Postage for distribution to Chapters, purchasers and exchange list	13.67		
Express charges for 100 copies to author	<u>4.70</u>		\$ 558.52

	Forwarded	\$558.52
Bulletins		
#1	\$ 3.22	
#2	<u>49.72</u>	52.94
		<u>\$658.77</u>
Account Receivable	\$65.00	

SUMMARY

Credits	\$921.81
Expenditures	<u>658.77</u>
Balance - March 14, 1955	\$263.04

Alfred K. Guthe,
Treasurer, N. Y. S. A. A.

April 16, 1955

Program, Annual Meeting
Rochester, New York
Saturday, April 16, 1955

MORNING PROGRAM
(3rd Floor Club Room)

9:30 A. M. Business Meeting (William A. Ritchie, Presiding)

AFTERNOON PROGRAM
(3rd Floor Club Room)

(Alfred K. Guthe, Presiding)

1:30 P. M. "An Analytical Study of Trade Axes"
-Kenneth E. Kidd, The Royal Ontario Museum of Archaeology

"The Evolution of the Smoking Pipe among the Seneca"
-Charles F. Wray, Morgan Chapter

"Types of Combs Worn by Seneca Men"
-Harry L. Schoff, Honeoye Falls, N.Y.

"A Prehistoric Site near Phelps, New York"
-Rosemary Mann, Morgan Chapter

"A Cache of Graphite Found on Long Island, N.Y."
-Roy Latham, Long Island Chapter

"Prehistoric Settlement Patterns in New York State"

- Dr. William A. Ritchie, State Archeologist,
- Albany, New York

"Material Recently Acquired by the Niagara. County
Historical Society"

.....Richard McCarthy, Morgan Chapter

DINNER

6:00 P. M. Cafeteria of Cutler Union, University of Rochester
University Avenue near Goodman Street

EVENING PROGRAM

"Archeological Reconnaissance of Lake Abitibi"

Frank Ridley, Toronto, Canada

Report of the Publication Committee

For the Publication Committee of the New York State Archeological Association and the editors, 1954 was a most active year. The publication of THE BULLETIN was approved and two issues were produced. Also, Dr. Ritchie's description of the Dutch Hollow site was printed in Vol. 13, No. 1, of the Researches and Transactions. Copies of all issues were sent to each chapter for distribution to members, and were sent as well to the various institutions authorized to receive copies on exchange or complimentary basis. Issue No. 3 of THE BULLETIN was prepared, though not printed and mailed until after the close of the fiscal year on March 15, 1955.

As though this activity was not enough in itself, it was done in the face of rather critical changes in personnel of the Publication Committee. The year began with Mr. Charles Knoll as chairman of the committee and Father Thomas Grassman as editor. The members were Mrs. Dorothy Raynor, Mr. B. Frank Hodges, Mr. Edward Sheehan and Dr. A. Scott Warthin. Father Grassman, aided by Mr. Edward Sheehan, produced the first two issues of THE BULLETIN. The issue of the Researches and Transactions was prepared by him and Mr. Knoll. During the autumn Father Grassman felt that he should not continue his duties as editor due to ill health. His resignation was most reluctantly accepted by Dr. Ritchie. Mr. Knoll was then appointed editor pro tem and Mr. Cornwell, chairman of the Publication Committee. Dr. Warthin also was obliged to resign because of other duties. Dr. H. N. MacCracken of Poughkeepsie, New York was appointed in his place.

The contribution made by Father Grassman in establishing THE BULLETIN merits special comment. Because of his and Mr. Sheehan's generosity the first two issues were published at very nominal cost to the Association. Further, Father Grassman made clear in his handling of the contents how THE BULLETIN can serve the wide variety of interests of the Association's membership. The members of the Publication Committee were sorry indeed that it was necessary for him to relinquish his editorship, and wish him well.

The Publication Committee made a unanimous recommendation to the committee on good standing that "distribution of Association publications be made only to members whose share of dues to the Association have been paid up."

To pass now to other matters, the exchange list of publications numbers 30.

The cost of publications during the fiscal year ending March 15, 1955 was as follows:

Bulletin No. 1, 275 copies, 14 pages	\$ 3.22
Bulletin No. 2, 375 copies, 14 pages	\$ <u>49.72</u>
	\$ 52.94

Researches and Transactions, Vol. 13, No. 1, 1954

Total Cost	\$1907.03	
Less	<u>1000.00</u>	(Contributed by Roch. Museum Assoc.
Balance	\$ 907.03	\$557. 03 Paid by Assoc. \$350. 00 Paid by Morgan Chapter

Total cost of publications to the Association per se

\$ 52.94
<u>557.03</u>
\$609.97

William S. Cornwell
Chairman, Publication Committee

Attending meeting of Publication Committee April 15, 1955 and concurring with this report:

Mrs. D. Raynor
Mr. C. Knoll
Mr. A. K. Guthe (alternate for B. F. Hodges)
Mr. W. S. Cornwell

Report of the Auringer-Seelye
Chapter

This chapter, since the last annual report to the Association, had as a guest speaker at a special meeting last spring, Dr. Wm. A. Ritchie speaking on an archeological subject with colored slides to an appreciative audience of members and guests.

The chapter has also been addressed by Mr. Elmer Rowley, eminent mineralogist, speaking on identification of cherts and other minerals used in the ancient manufacture of stone tools, their probable source in our area, and the location out side our area of the source of some of the artifacts. Just recently, Mr. Rowley again addressed us on the Uranium family of minerals, using specimens and apparatus to demonstrate the properties of each, and methods of dating organic matter thru Carbon 14 and the earth thru the half lives of the radio active minerals. These were public meetings.

We were introduced to the microscopic world both animate and inanimate, thru addresses by our member, Dr. Francis F. Lucas, noted scientist. In the inanimate field, we were shown 1600 feet of film of a critical study of microscopic particles of Buta and Heavea Lactics. This film has been submitted to the British Government for study by their scientists.

In the interests of attracting membership, we attempt to provide interesting addresses at different cultural interest levels.

We had as a guest speaker, Mr. Godfrey Olsen whose interesting and illustrated subject was the early Moravian missionaries, and their work with the Mahakan and Scaticook Indians. Our member, Dr. Henry E. Clarke gave an instructive lesson in anatomy for use by field workers, while Stanley Gifford and Vincent Stanger talked on the restorations of Ft. Wm. Henry and Fort Anne, respectively, B. Frank Hodges and Clarence Jakway prepared a series of slides on work at the Harris site and their work elsewhere, which have been shown and explained to different organizations in our area, showing the work in the field.

The chapter's Harris site still yields interesting data, recent finds showing at least three occupancy levels, identifying it as a significant habitation point over a long period of time.

Our annual meeting and election of officers took place November 2, 1954. Our new officers:- Webster M. Price, President; James A. Magee, Vice-President; Margaret J. Green, Secretary-Treasurer. Our activities since then have been as enumerated above. Our chapter comprises two (2) sustaining, thirty-five (35) active, and three (3) junior, or a total of forty (40) members as of April 1, 1955.

Margaret J. Green
Secretary-Treasurer

Report of The Long Island Chapter

At the annual meeting of the Long Island Chapter of the N. Y. S.A. A. held in October 1954, officers were elected for the coming year.

The following are serving in the capacity noted: President: Mrs. Dorothy Raynor; Vice-President: Dr. Haven Emerson; Secretary: J.H. Husing; Treasurer Stanton Mott.

The report of the treasurer showed a balance on hand in the sum of \$1,717.70. Present membership: 26.

The secretary reported that a very large portion of the estate of Mr. Charles Goddard had been bequeathed to the chapter by the terms of his will. Mr. Goddard was President of the chapter from its inception until his passing in 1954.

The chapter is maintaining an exhibit at its museum at Riverhead, and also in the High School at Southold, L.I., comprising many interesting objects.

Some work is being done on the preparation of papers for possible future reading, or for record purposes for the Association.

Records are being assembled covering locations of known sites of Indian habitation, or burials, to prevent loss of such knowledge due to real estate development, and for other reasons.

Some lecturing was done by one member to societies and student groups.

Constant search is being made for all interesting on surface materials and other locations.

Attention is being given examination of new building excavations, and road building, etc., for possible evidence of Indian materials which might be uncovered during such work. This chapter is also now working on a plan to secure actual ownership of an important Indian site, to preserve it for all time for our Association.

J. H. Husing, Secretary

Report of the Mid-Hudson Chapter

During the year 1954 the Mid-Hudson Chapter held nine regular monthly meetings and conducted seven field trips.

There were 47 members in good standing, 41 active and 6 juniors.

The chapter held an open meeting attended by forty guests who were attracted by newspaper publicity. At the meeting Godfrey Olsen presented a paper on Moravian-Indian mission sites in Dutchess County. Other lectures given by Godfrey Olsen during the year were presented to an adult organization, a private school, the Auringer-Seelye chapter, and the Mohawk-Caughnawaga Museum.

The chapter sponsored an archeological exhibit at the Dutchess County Fair in Rhinebeck. In connection with the exhibit fifty-seven dollars worth of Researches and Transactions were sold at the regular list price.

The chapter purchased thirteen copies of Researches and Transactions for the chapter library.

A building fund was set up and plans formulated for obtaining an abandoned one-room schoolhouse in Rhinebeck for use as a meeting place and museum.

The annual dinner-meeting of the chapter was held at the Beekman Arms, Rhinebeck, with forty members and guests in attendance. Guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. A. Scott Warthin, chairman of the Geology Department, Vassar College, and President of the Paleontological Society of America, who gave an illustrated talk on the geological history of the Mid-Hudson valley.

Plans for the coming year include a membership drive, excavation of a virgin site in Rhinebeck, and improvements to be made at the new chapter house.

Margaret G. Coon, Secretary

Report of Morgan Chapter

MEMBERSHIP: At the end of the year we had 73 members. There were 17 life members, of which one is an honorary member, 6 sustaining, 46 active, and 4 junior members. This amounts to a net loss of 9, in spite of the addition of 8 new members. One member was lost by death, Dr. Arthur C. Parker. Three resigned, and 13 were dropped for lack of interest.

MEETINGS: Three meetings were held during the fall and winter months. On November 12, 1954, Dr. Wm. A. Ritchie addressed the chapter on "An Archeological Miscellany". This covered work in Quebec and on the speaker's researches relative to the pre-historic cult of the dead, evidence of which has been found in widely

separated areas, on Long Island and in the St. Lawrence River area. On December 16th, Dr. Charles Bartlett, of Castile, N.Y., presented a talk on Seneca songs, dances and rituals. He played tape recordings of many of these. Charles F. Wray spoke on "Field Techniques and How to Make Use of Field Data" on March 4, 1955.

On June 5th and 6th, 1954, a chapter dig was held on the Hummel Site in Bristol township, near Canandaigua, Ontario County. An attendance of 70 persons, in spite of threatening rain on both days, speaks for the popularity of this project.

OFFICERS: During the past year our officers, were:- President, A. K. Guthe; Vice-President, Richard McCarthy; Secretary- Treasurer, Charles M. Knoll. The Executive Committee consisted of:

<u>Terms expired 1955</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1957</u>
Marian White Albert	Albert J. Hoffman	William Carter
Alexander M. Stewart	Charles F. Wray	Thomas Hewett, Jr.
Charles M. Knoll	Franklyn Eggleston	Gordon K. Wright

Elections for the year 1955-56, were conducted by mail ballot. The President and Secretary-Treasurer were re-elected. L. L. Pechuman was elected Vice-President Donald Cameron, William S. Cornwell and Richard McCarthy were elected to three-year terms on the Executive Committee.

FINANCIAL: The major expenditure was the \$350 appropriated to support publication of Dr. Ritchie's Dutch Hollow manuscript as Vol. XIII, No. 1 of the Researches and Transactions. The total expenditure of \$503 was tempered somewhat by an income of \$313, the highest in six years. Of this, \$190.50 was from dues. The balance of \$122.50 was from sales of publications, the highest income from that source in eight years. Lewis H. Morgan Chapter is obligated for much of this income to the efforts of Mid-Hudson Chapter. That group sold \$57 worth of publications at its exhibit at the Dutchess County Fair, last September. The year end-balance was \$284. 01.

MISCELLANEOUS: The chapter obtained and distributed to members the following papers published in other journals:

"The Hummel Site", by A. K. Guthe; in Museum Service Bulletin of the Rochester Museum. Jan. 1955

"The First Sheguindah Expedition, Manitoulin Island, Ontario", by Thomas E. Lee; in American Antiquity, Oct. 1954

Charles M. Knoll, Secretary-Treasurer

Report of Van Epps-Hartley Chapter

The Chapter held its annual meeting on June 27, 1954 at the Mohawk-Caughnawaga Museum, Fonda, N. Y. The following officers were elected: - Henry Wemple, Fultonville, N.Y., President; Thomas Carney, Schenectady, N.Y., Vice-President; Edward J. Sheehan, Fultonville, N.Y., Secretary; Wayne S. Arnold, New Rochelle, N. Y., Treasurer. Trustees: Dr. Vincent J. Schaefer, P. Schuyler Miller, William Marvin (Term expiring 1955). Very Rev. Thomas Grassman, Dr. Carl E. Guthe, Charles E. Gillette (Term expiring 1956). John Swart, Carl Sundler, Albert Gayer (Term expiring 1957).

The President named the Committees for the year.

Mr. Charles Wray of the Morgan Chapter was the guest speaker.

Following the meeting a dinner was served at the museum.

On July 18, 1954 the chapter held a field trip to Rice's woods and a second trip on July 28, 1954. August 7th ten members of the chapter visited the Snowitz farm to investigate the reports of a new site. August 20th eleven members of the chapter visited Fort Ticonderoga and in the evening attended the Indian pageant.

In September President Wemple, John Swart and Elwood Szabo mapped out the Chapin site so as to prepare for a chapter dig this spring.

The October meeting was held at the museum on a Saturday evening. P. S. Miller, guest speaker, spoke on the similarities of Pennsylvania and New York materials. On October 29th eight chapter members attended the Eastern States meeting in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Wednesday night work and study sessions have been well attended during the fall and winter months. Several collections have been catalogued.

E. J. Sheehan, Secretary

Report of the Chapters and Membership Committee

We wish to report progress. No new chapters have been added, but interest is being investigated in the Nassau County Archeological Association, and the Chenango Archeological Association. Mr. Ritchie has been requested to contact the Nassau organization.

Reports that the group at Watertown is interested will be investigated also.

Henry Wemple, Chairman