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by
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Had he lived to September 16, Jesse J. Cornplanter would have been 68 years old. Death came to the battle-scarred warrior on March 18, 1957. And, as he would have liked, the final moment found him with his moccasins on, defiant to the last of the ill health that had plagued him these last few years,

He was born on Cattaraugus reservation, the son of a distinguished father, Edward Cornplanter. Sosondowah early began teaching his son Jesse the rituals and background of the Longhouse people. The father, lifelong Faithkeeper and authoritative ritualist, found in the son an eager and consecrated pupil. Though all his life Jesse was to travel widely, make many contacts with people of other faiths and explore many of the world's religions, always he was to come back to the teachings of his father and his own people. In due time Jesse himself became a Faithkeeper at Cattaraugus. The ritual name he received was taken from him by a lifelong friend, Chief Solon Jones, on the day of the funeral. According to custom the name must be returned to the clan until a new Faithkeeper is named.

When Chief Corbett Sundown rose from the chief's bench at Tonawanda and began the long Seneca funeral oration in the midst of the crowded longhouse, everyone who was privileged to have known Jesse Cornplanter knew that his spirit exulted in the sonorous phrases that sent it on the ten-day journey to the land of eternal rest. So, too, would he have been proud of the military groups that came to pay him final tribute. He always had a quiet and joyous pride in his military service, and comrades of whatever war or branch of service came first in his consideration. Jesse's war service lasted from June 4, 1917 when he enlisted, to April 19, 1919 when he was honorably discharged. He served as private and corporal in machine gun Company C, 147th Infantry, of the justly famous 37th (Buckeye) Division. Wounded, gassed, he also suffered a series of spiritual blows when his father, mother, and all but one of his sisters died when he was overseas. The physical scars remained to the end, and only with difficulty did he regain a normal outlook on life.

As early as 1906 he had accompanied his father into the Hiawatha pageant, and as a member of the cast he traveled for many months. There followed a trip to Europe and England with his father, in Indian show. Over six feet tall, of commanding appearance, he became famous and popular not only in the longhouses of the Iroquois, but before white audiences. An unusually fine singing voice added to the authenticity of his songs.

True to the patterns of his race, he was fond of young people and took great pains to

Explain and answer their questions. "I am never afraid of saying 'I don't know' in answer to questions. I have to be careful. I am a Cornplanter, and what I say to them they repeat. It would not be seemly for a Cornplanter to give false information."

As an informant on Seneca customs he was much sought after. Fenton, Hewitt, Deardorf, Speck, Parker, and many others came to his Tonawanda home to question, to argue and to learn. Great singers and authorities of his own race often came to hear his versions of songs and ritual. Yet ironically, he recently lamented that a correspondence school refused him an application because his formal education stopped at the third grade.

Jesse Cornplanter possessed a many-faceted personality. Faithkeeper, ritualist, athlete, actor, artist, author, soldier, skilled craftsman, - a dozen people might give as many versions of his impact on them.

As I write there hangs over my desk a Seneca cloth bag with the tools of the singer's trade. A red water drum which he cut down from a small keg is inscribed on the bottom "From Jess Cornplanter the Seneca". Also made by him, several delicately carved and balanced drum beaters; half a dozen horn rattles patiently whittled and assembled, the shape of the handles always the same, his trademark. At my side is a Pamphlet of his drawings labeled "the Seneca boy artist". On the shelf are numerous New York State museum bulletins containing his drawings of many phases of Seneca life. "The Code of Handsome Lake" or Gaiwiio, the work of Edward Cornplanter, is enhanced by many drawings by Jesse, the son. Alongside is a copy of "Legends of the Longhouse", Jesse's own book, written and illustrated in 1938.

To those who knew him there was small cause for wonder on that raw March day as to why so many crowded his reservation home for the final ceremonies. Chiefs and sachems, visiting dignitaries from Canadian and New York reservations, anthropologists, students of Indian lore, red men and white, - each owed a debt of gratitude to this man, last of the Cornplanters. Six Seneca friends bore his casket from the home to the longhouse: Dean Gardner, Patty Ground, Dwight Blackchief, John Jimerson, Sam George, and Roger Sundown.

"We are assembled in this longhouse for what God has decreed to be". Thus it begins, the long funeral oration in Seneca lasting 45 minutes. "Most of you people come here to give your respects to one who has gone on. Most are friends and relatives. Thus it is decreed, and we can go no farther along the earthly path. From here his spirit must go on alone. Farewell". Thus it ends, with an invitation to all present to look finally upon the face of the one departed. Remaining to mourn for the ten days appointed by Seneca custom, is the wife Elsin, married on that long ago day of October 29, 1929; a sister, Mrs. Anna Lyons of Cattaraugus, and a daughter.

Remaining too, carefully wrapped, are the medals of the warrior. Each eloquently speaks of past glories, of a man who carried on the Cornplanter tradition, even in a white

man's war. The Purple Heart, Disabled Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Medal of Conspicuous Service; medals commemorating Ypres-Lys, St. Mihiel, Meuse-Argonne, and Verdun; French medals Republique Francais and Medalie Commemorative. There are other memorabilia of Hayonhwonhish, the Seneca. A prolific writer, dozens of letters remain. Many of them written on the spur of the moment emphasize the stalwart, challenging character of the man. His books and correspondence, yet to be catalogued, reveal the probing, inquisitive mind.

Over the years recordings have been made, notably by Fenton and Parker, that will continue to pay tribute to this Seneca ritualist at the peak of his art. Since 1954, Jesse Cornplanter, with the writer had been recording the songs he had committed to memory during his lifetime as a longhouse singer. Despite continued ill health he had deposited on tape nearly five hours of material.

"This is for my people" he said. "I want it down so that those who wish may learn the old ways and keep them alive. Most (of this) I learned from, my father".

"Who knows," Jesse reflected, "this work we are doing, may be my monument".

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

The regular meeting of the executive committee of the NYSAA was held in Craft Room C of the Rochester Museum at 9:40 a.m. on Saturday, April 6. W. Stephen Thomas, Director, welcomed the group on behalf of the Rochester Museum.

The following committee members were present; William A. Ritchie, Charles F. Wray, Alfred K. Guthe, Margaret Bowman, John Bowman, Earl Casler, Richard McCarthy, C. B. Olson, and Henry Wemple.

The President summarized the results of the previous evening's special meeting. The proposed change in Chapter 3 of the Constitution was approved. P. Schuyler Miller was appointed to serve in place of Franklyn Eggleston on the nominating committee, together with Earl Casler, to count the mail ballots for officers for the coming year. The President explained at length the plans for recognition of members so that those present might be better informed in order to vote at the succeeding general meeting.

The President asked for opinions on raising dues. McCarthy stated that most organizations had done so in recent years and that he favored the NYSAA doing the same. Guthe noted that we could accomplish the same ends by keeping dues at their current rate and increasing membership through an active campaign. This was followed by a discussion of a campaign on two levels: 1 reaching individuals, 2. reaching potential chapters.

Three potential chapters were mentioned as possibilities; Nassau County Archeological Society; Archaeological Society of Central New York and the Chenango Valley Archeological Society. Ritchie reported interest on the part of the Nassau group. Fenton suggested a formal invitation to unaffiliated societies, setting forth the advantages of membership and asking for their reasons for opposing it. This should be followed by a visit from an NYSAA representative.

The executive committee was not generally in favor of an increase in dues at this time. Wemple moved for adjournment at 10:20 and the meeting was closed.

The general meeting of the Association was held in Craft Room C of the Rochester Museum immediately following the executive committee meeting. William A. Ritchie presided. About 50 members were present.

The President called for a reading of the minutes of the 1956 annual meeting. It was moved and seconded that the minutes be accepted as published in THE BULLETIN. This was approved. In the absence of the secretary his incomplete statement was given. Acceptance was withheld pending the submission of a revised report. The treasurer's report was read and accepted. The reports of the program, publication, and finance committees were read. The committee on chapters and membership had nothing to submit.

The reports of the chapters' activities were read by their secretaries, or representatives, or in the absence of any chapter member, by the secretary, pro tem, as follows: Lewis Henry Morgan chapter, Marian E. White; Long Island chapter, secretary, for J.H. Husing; Van Epps-Hartley chapter, Henry Wemple for Edward J. Sheehan; Mid-Hudson chapter, Margaret Coon Bowman; Auringer-Seelye, secretary, for Alice H. Dake; Susquehanna chapter, Vivian Olson. These reports accompany the minutes.

The nominating committee, P. Schuyler Miller reporting, announced the results of the elections as follows: President, William A. Ritchie; Vice President, Charles F. Wray; Secretary, Charles E. Gillette; Treasurer, Alfred K. Guthe; Representative to E.S.A.F., Margaret Coon Bowman.

The 1958 annual meeting of the Association will be held at the New York State Museum in Albany on April 12.

Under old business, the report of the committee on revisions, Carl S. Sundler, chairman, was read along with the recommendation of the executive committee that it be accepted and that the bylaws be suspended so that it might be voted on immediately. A vote was taken to suspend the bylaws, after which it was moved that the recommendation of the executive committee be accepted and the necessary change be made in Chapter 3 of the Constitution as follows: Delete present Chapter 3 in toto. Add new Chapter 3

"Presidents Emeriti -- All past presidents of the Association per se shall be designated presidents emeriti and shall be listed in these By laws in order of service with the added title of founder following the name of Arthur C. Parker".

Knoll stated that the question of whether honorary members in chapters are also honorary members of the Association had been left unfinished from the preceding annual meeting. The consensus is that they are not, but this ruling would conflict with Chapter VI, 2(a) of the Constitution. Wemple announced that Van Epps-Hartley had resolved this difficulty by paying dues as active members for its honorary members. Miller moved that this problem be referred to the secretary, with recommendation for action at the next annual meeting. This was seconded and passed.

Knoll reviewed the recommendation of the executive committee at their 1956 meeting that institutions be limited to sustaining membership. There was a discussion on whether they should be confined to membership-at-large or could hold Chapter memberships as at present. Fenton recommended that we continue the present policy but in future applications give preference to membership-at-large. Knoll then proposed that the following be added to Chapter 1, par. 6, of the "Institutions shall be limited to sustaining membership". This was seconded and passed.

Under new business, the President explained the plans for special recognition for meritorious work by members of the NYSAA as advocated by the executive committee. It was moved that the President be given authority to appoint an awards committee. This was seconded and passed.

Guthe proposed that the Association should take cognizance of the Highway Salvage Act, and also of the proposed construction of the dam at Kinzua, Pennsylvania. Fenton and Ritchie explained the application of the Federal Highway Salvage Act to New York State archeology and the current status of legislation. Fenton suggested that it might be appropriate for the NYSAA to pass a resolution, which would be sent to the Governor and Board of Regents, favoring enabling legislation designating the New York State Museum and Science Service as the agency for highway salvage work and urging that the enabling legislation, be re-introduced and passed at the next session of the state legislature. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed.

Fenton gave a brief account of the possible effects on the Seneca Indians of the Allegany reservation of the proposed Kinzua dam. He suggested that action might be taken on two levels. Individual members who were opposed to the dam construction should write their respective representatives and urge deletion of the appropriation for this dam on page 598 of the Fiscal Budget for 1958. The Association should send a resolution to the appropriate legislators urging them to refuse the necessary moneys for the dam, and to oppose the abrogation of the Indians' rights to the land on moral grounds. A resolution to this effect was made, seconded and carried by a unanimous vote.¹

1. This resolution is published at the end of these documents.

Since there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned,

Marian E White, Secretary, pro tem

Minutes of the Special Meeting of
the Executive Committee, NYSAA

A special meeting of the executive committee of the Association was held in the Rochester Museum on Friday evening, April 5, 1957, President William A. Ritchie called the meeting to order at 8:30 and after noting that a quorum was present, announced that official business could be transacted. The following were present: William A. Ritchie, Charles F. Wray, Alfred K. Guthe, Margaret Coon Bowman, John Bowman, Earl Casler, William Cornwell, C. B. Olson, and Henry Wemple. Marian E. White was appointed secretary pro tem.

The first item of old business was a request by the publication committee, William Cornwell, chairman, for instructions on publishing the revised Constitution. Agreement was reached on trying to keep costs at about \$25 by publishing 75 copies only. Five copies would be sent to each chapter and 1 copy each to the officers, executive committee members, and chairmen of standing committees. The rest would remain with the secretary to be distributed on request to members of the NYSAA or to other interested parties.

Charles Wray presented the report of the committee on revisions, made by Carl S. Sundler, chairman. This dealt with deleting present Chapter 3 in toto and adding a new Chapter 3. The executive committee approved the recommendation and will propose it at the general meeting, asking for proper action to set aside the bylaws in order to expedite passage.

The first order of new business, initiated by the President, was the matter of special recognition for meritorious work in the NYSAA. After a lively discussion, agreement was reached on the following plan. There will be two kinds of recognition established. The first, an achievement award, may be awarded annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the Association and its work. The conditions under which this award will be bestowed will remain flexible. The second, a class of fellows, may be elected annually and is open to all members who fulfill certain qualifications. Recognition for both kinds will be made through certificates. An awards committee, whose decision shall be final, will be appointed annually by the President with approval of the executive committee, to select candidates for both kinds of recognition. The first awards committee will also establish the criteria for fellows. Each chapter will have a representative on the awards committee. The awards will be presented without respect to amateur or professional status. It is hoped that the awards committee can have the plan in operation before the 1958 annual

meeting so that candidates can be presented at that time.

There was general agreement on the advisability of having an official seal for the NYSAA to be used on stationery and certificates of recognition. Casler suggested that a request be made in THE BULLETIN for designs to be submitted. The President shall appoint a committee to circulate a request for designs and to submit appropriate designs for the approval of the executive committee.

Selection of editor for the publications of the Association was the next item of business.(1)

The President asked for invitations for next year's meeting place for the NYSAA. The New York State Museum invited the group to Albany, the meeting to be held on April 12. This was accepted. It is hoped that the meeting the following year may be held in Cooperstown and Mrs. Clyde Olson is investigating the possibilities.

The proposed family membership met with no enthusiasm from the executive committee. It was decided to present the question of raising dues at the general meeting.

The Society for American Archaeology questionnaire on problems of affiliation was read by the President and answers to the questions were discussed. The motion was made and carried that the President indicate to Douglas Byers, chairman of the committee on affiliation, SAA, that the NYSAA is not interested in affiliation at this time under the present plan. If the SAA proposes a new plan, the Association will reconsider. Cornwell suggested that we supply the SAA with our membership list if they desire it. Ritchie suggested that at chapter meetings there might be a discussion encouraging individual membership and participation in the SAA.

Cornwell of the publications committee asked for instructions on the debt of the Fort Anne Restoration, Corporation for copies of the Dutch Hollow report. The unsold copies have now been returned by the corporation. It was decided to accept the returned copies and eliminate the item of indebtedness from the treasurer's records.

Cornwell reported that the publications committee had approved for publication in the Researches and Transactions, "The Late Prehistoric Occupation in Southwestern New York An Interpretive Analysis," by Alfred K. Guthe. The Rochester Museum Association has agreed to contribute \$1000.00 toward costs of publication of this paper jointly as an issue of the museum's Research Records and an issue of the Researches and Transactions of the NYSAA. Lewis Henry Morgan chapter has voted up to \$450 to aid in publication. Cornwell moved that the executive committee accept this paper and empower the publication committee to spend as much as may be deemed advisable from the publication and general association funds. It was decided that a maximum of \$500 could be spent, composed of

1. Details on this subject appear elsewhere as part of the publication committee report, and are omitted here for brevity.

\$225 from the publication and \$275 from the general fund. The motion was carried.

The executive committee meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Marian E. White, Secretary pro tem

Report of the Secretary for the year 1956-1957

The New York State Archeological Association now comprises six chapters and a total of 277 members. These are distributed as follows: Lewis H. Morgan, 69; Long Island, 27; Van Epps-Hartley, 83; Mid-Hudson, 41; Auringer-Seelye, 31; Susquehanna, 16; and we have 10 members-at-large.

The Association is affiliated with the Eastern States Archeological Federation and was represented by nine members at the 1956 annual meeting of the federation at Trenton, New Jersey.

Three issues of THE BULLETIN were published during the year, but there were no issues of the Researches and Transactions.

Except for this annual meeting there were no meetings or fieldtrips sponsored by the Association per se. The various chapter reports detail their own activities in the field.

Charles E. Gillette, Secretary, NYSAA

Treasurer's Report

Dues Received:

Auringer-Seelye Chapter, 9/4/56		\$ 10.50	
	2/11/57	<u>31.00</u>	\$ 41.50
Long Island Chapter, 7/5/56		31.50	
	1/28/57	<u>31.50</u>	63.00
Mid-Hudson Chapter, 6/26/56		53.00	
	3/22/57	<u>11.00</u>	64.00

Morgan Chapter, 5/23/56		9.00	
	1/26/57	<u>102.00</u>	\$111.00
Susquehanna Chapter, 1/29/57		24.00	24.00
Van Epps-Hartley Chapter, 9/24/56		108.50	<u>108.50</u>
			\$412.00
Members-at-Large			
8 Active		24.00	
2 Sustaining		<u>10.00</u>	<u>\$ 34.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED FROM DUES			\$446.00
General Fund:			
Income			
Balance April 1, 1956		\$351.33	
From Dues (1/4 of total received)		111.50	
Gift from 9th Iroquois Conference		<u>16.90</u>	\$479.73
Expenditures:			
			<u>87.30</u>
BALANCE:			\$392.43
Account with Lincoln-Rochester Trust Co. balance:		390.97	
Cash on hand:		<u>1.46</u>	
		392.43	
Publication Fund:			
Income:			
Balance--April 1, 1956		\$161.33	
From Dues (3/4 of total rec'd)		334.50	
From Gifts			
Morgan Chapter	\$50.00		
Auringer-Seelye	83.50		
Long island	<u>89.00</u>	222.50	
From Sales of Publications			
Vol. XIII #1 (36 copies-			
25 of these to Ft. Ticonderoga)		60.12	
Bulletin 6		.35	\$778.80

Publication Fund (con't)

Expended:

Bulletin	\$269.80
Postage	4.65
Miscellaneous (express, paper, typewriter ribbon)	
Total expended	\$282.44

Balance (April 1, 1957)	778.80
	<u>282.44</u>
	496.36

Bank account: Genesee Valley-Union Trust Co.

(University-Culver branch) \$495.57

Cash on hand: .79
\$496.36

Alfred K. Guthe, Treasurer NYSAA

Report of Publication Committee

Since the previous annual meeting, April 14, 1956, three issues of THE BULLETIN (Nos. 7, 8, and 9) have been published under the editorship of Charles M. Knoll. Four hundred copies of each issue were printed and sufficient copies were sent to the secretaries of each chapter for distribution to all members in good standing in the Association, in accordance with the rules concerning membership adopted April 15, 1955. Also 45 copies were sent to the secretary of the Association for the exchange (currently 32), for distribution to members at large (10), and for promotional purposes. The balance is available to chapters and to the committee on chapters and membership as an aid in interesting individuals in membership, and for sale to new members at \$.35 per copy. The three issues contained the minutes of the 1956 annual meeting, the annual reports of the various committees and chapters, the papers presented at the annual meeting, news items concerning chapter digs and activities, notes concerning the Association's publication fund and a list of chapters making special contributions to it, and a note on the Association's library and a list of recent publications acquired. New to THE BULLETIN were three original contributions, as follows: "The McClintock Burial Site", by Albert J. Hoffman (Morgan chapter) "The Cain Mound (Ctg 5-2), Erie County, New York", by A. C. Glamm, Jr. (Van Epps-Hartley chapter), and "A Woodland Site in Washington County", by L. M. Brinkman (Van Epps-Hartley chapter). The publications committee considers such contributions a valuable addition to the effectiveness of THE BULLETIN and hopes that members will send in similar articles in increasing numbers.

In addition to the chairman, the present publication committee is composed of the following: B. Frank Hodges, 12 May Street, Glens Falls, New York (Auringer-Seelye); Mrs. John Bowman, Hollow Road, Clinton Corners, New York (Mid-Hudson); Mrs. Dorothy Raynor, Box 57, Eastport, Long Island, New York (Long Island); Mrs. Clyde Olson, Jr., RD #2, Cooperstown, New York (Susquehanna); Rev. Thomas Grassman, Mohawk-Caughnawaga Museum, Box 6, RD #1, Fonda, New York (Van Epps-Hartley); Charles M. Knoll, 120 Coolidge Avenue, Spencerport, New York, Editor (Lewis H. Morgan).

A meeting of the committee was called for Friday, April 5, 1957, 2 p.m. at the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences. However, since only Mrs. Bowman, Dr. Guthe (representing Mr. Hodges), Mr. Knoll, and Mr. Cornwell could be present, it was felt that an insufficient number of the committee were available for a formal meeting. Instead, an unofficial discussion was held. The recommendations of the executive committee described below were presented later by the chairman of the publication committee with the concurrence of the members present at this informal discussion.

Inasmuch as an issue of the RESEARCHES AND TRANSACTIONS should be published in 1957, if a previous directive of the executive committee be implemented that one be published at least every three years, efforts to make such arrangements were intensified during the past year. In the 1956 report of the committee, it was indicated that papers were in prospect from Mr. Charles Wray on Seneca archeology, from Mr. Roy Latham on the Orient focus, from Mr. Kenneth Kidd on Iroquois beads, and from Mr. A. M. Stewart on early European contacts with New York State Indians. Mr. Kidd's paper was subsequently withdrawn because the financial arrangements necessary for its preparation necessitated publication elsewhere. Mr. Wray's and Mr. Latham's papers are not yet ready. Mr. Stewart's material was recommended for publication and was accepted by the executive committee at its meeting Friday, April 5, 1957, but is to be printed in a new publication entitled OCCASIONAL PAPERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, to be discussed below. In the meantime, a paper entitled "Late Prehistoric Occupations in Southwestern New York" by Dr. Alfred K Guthe was recommended for publication in the RESEARCHES AND TRANSACTIONS and was accepted by the executive committee. The sum of \$500 was appropriated by the committee for this purpose, with the understanding that the paper would be published simultaneously in the RESEARCH RECORDS of the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences for which the Rochester Museum Association has appropriated \$1,000, and that, any expenses of publishing this issue, which exceed the \$1,500 appropriated by the institutions, would be paid to the extent of \$450 appropriated for this purpose by Lewis H. Morgan chapter.

The new publication, OCCASIONAL PAPERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, was recommended to and accepted by the executive committee as a vehicle for publishing manuscripts that were too long for THE BULLETIN; that might require publication serially over a period of time; that, though entirely worthy of publication by the Association, were different in scope than the formal reports of archeological research which have appeared in the RESEARCHES AND TRANSACTIONS in recent years.

Specifically, the first issue is to contain the first part of Mr. Stewart's manuscript dealing with the contacts of the early explorers with the Indians of New York; other parts of Mr. Stewart's material on various phases of European settlement, particularly the activities of the Jesuits, will appear in subsequent issues. It is understood that Mr. Stewart will pay for the publication of his contributions.

It was recommended to and accepted by the executive committee that a change be made in the editorship of the Association's publications, as follows: Editor of THE BULLETIN and of the OCCASIONAL PAPERS OF THE NEW YORK STATE ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, Mr. Charles M. Knoll; editor of the RESEARCHES AND TRANSACTIONS, Dr. Alfred K. Guthe. The change was proposed entirely on the responsibility of the chairman of the publications committee and for reasons that were entirely practical. The editorial load for publishing THE BULLETIN alone is a heavy one in Mr. Knoll's busy life, and to add the editorship of both the OCCASIONAL PAPERS and the RESEARCHES AND TRANSACTIONS to this seemed both unfair and inadvisable. The matter was first discussed with Mr. Knoll, with Dr. Ritchie's prior concurrence. After Mr. Knoll had indicated his willingness that the proposed change be made, the proposal was brought to Dr. Guthe's attention and his acceptance obtained.

The following new application for exchange of publications was received during the year and was accepted by the executive committee at its meeting on April 5, 1957:

The Archeological Society of Maryland, 400 Cathedral Street, Baltimore 1, Maryland.

William S. Cornwell, Chairman

Report of Auringer-Seelye Chapter

At the October meeting of the chapter, the following officers were nominated and at the November annual meeting were elected:

For the year November 1956 to November 1957:

President, Henry McIntyre, 5 Foster Ave., Glens Falls; Vice President, Percy W. Dake, 194 Lake Ave., Saratoga Spa; Secretary, Mrs. Alice Dake, 194 Lake Ave., Saratoga Spa; Treasurer, Mrs. Beulah Rice, RFD 1, Gansevoort.

Nominated for Trustee of NYSAA: B. Frank Hodges, 12 May St., Glens Falls (4 years).

During the past year the chapter was entertained at the residence of Mr. and Mrs.

Percy Dake, Saratoga, and at the summer home of Mr. And Mrs. John Spencer at Saratoga Lake.

Individual digs were conducted by several members, and several joined Dr. Ritchie and his party at a dig on a Fish creek site owned by Mr. Percy Dake near Saratoga, on two occasions. We had several speakers, including Dr. Ritchie, at our October meeting.

Our membership at this date is 22, 20 of which are adult active members and two junior.

Alice Dake, Secretary

Report of Long Island Chapter

1. The annual meeting was held in October and new officers elected as follows; President, Mrs. Dorothy E. Raynor; Vice President, Dr. Haven Emerson; Treasurer, Stanton Mott; Secretary, J. H. Husing.

2. Some field work was done in 1956, with digging at various locations. Efforts are being made to explore all probable Indian sites before the areas are taken over for real estate developments, etc. Searches are constantly being made for surface materials on the farms and on the beaches.

3. Exhibits are being maintained at the museum building, in Riverhead, and also at the Southold high school. Several new members were secured for this chapter in 1956. Numerous lectures were delivered by the President, in 1956, before various societies, clubs, and some schools, including the showing of colored slides, and exhibition of other materials found in our area.

4. A paper is now in process of preparation by one of our members, covering an intended history of the Indians of Long Island.

5. The former President, and one of the organizers of our chapter, Mr. Charles Goddard, left a legacy to this chapter. This will be useful in connection with present efforts to secure a permanent location for the safe-keeping of the many valuable items collected by this chapter, as well as to provide facilities for meetings, etc.

J. H. Husing, Secretary

Report of Mid-Hudson Chapter

During the calendar year of 1956, the Mid-Hudson chapter had 43 paid-up members, 35 active and 8 junior.

Eight regular meetings were held. Chapter digs, for the most part well-attended, were held almost every Sunday during the digging season, and artifacts recovered at the digs were placed in the group collection, none being retained by individuals.

Following an all-day dig on Sunday, June 10th, a covered dish supper was served at the Chapter House to members and their guests, after which Louis Brennan gave an illustrated talk on two sites he excavated near Ossining.

Officers for the year were: President, John M. Bowman; Vice-President, John Losee; Secretary, Margaret Coon Bowman; Treasurer, Marian Flewelling.

Elections for the year 1957 were conducted by mail. Alvin Wanzer was elected President, and the other officers were re-elected. John M. Bowman was named to the NYSAA executive committee for 1957-1961.

For the fifth time, we staged an archeological exhibit at the Dutchess County Fair, showing this time a multiple burial and the accompanying artifacts, all of which were uncovered last summer near Rhinebeck. Also shown were five cases of local artifacts never before exhibited at the fair.

Since the opening of the Rhinebeck-Kingston bridge this spring, our members on the west find it much easier to participate actively, and we look forward to a growth in membership from the west side of the river.

Margaret Coon Bowman, Secretary

Report of Morgan Chapter

MEMBERSHIP: Morgan chapter closed its fiscal year with 85 members; 58 of these were active, 7 sustaining, 1 institutional, 1 junior, 17 life, and 1 honorary. As of this date, 78 members are registered for the 1957-1958 year.

During the year, 14 new members joined the chapter. We lost 2 through death--Mr. Earl S. Mann, and Mr. George N. Gessner. Mr. Everett Willoughby resigned and Mr. Charles Knoll transferred his status to that of member-at-large in the Association. Thus with 85 members, the chapter enjoyed a net gain of 10 members over 1955-56

MEETINGS. During the year, seven meetings and two digs were held. In June, a one-day dig was held at the Appleshed site near Geneseo (a prehistoric Iroquois site). Also in June, the chapter participated in a weekend dig near Munnsville (a historic Oneida site).

At the September regular meeting, Mr. William Carter spoke on the Iroquois Masks in the Quinlan Collection. The October meeting was jointly sponsored by the chapter and the Rochester Museum. At this meeting Dr. Charles Bartlett and his Indian Dance Team presented a program of Indian Dances. The regular November meeting was a lab session devoted to the study of Factory Hollow Material. Also in November, a joint meeting was held with the Rochester Cosmopolitan Club. Dr. Alfred Guthe, Mrs. Ethel Brant Montour, and Charles Wray were the speakers on The American Indian - Past and Present. In January, William Cornwell spoke on What the Bones Have to Say. The February meeting presented Dr. William A. Ritchie who described the New York State Museum's Excavations on Long Island in 1956. At the March meeting, Dr. Alfred Guthe described Current Trends in American Archeology.

OFFICERS: The officers for the year were President, A. K. Guthe; Vice President, Donald Cameron; Secretary-Treasurer, Charles Wray. The Executive Committee consisted of:

<u>1957</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>
William Carter	Donald Cameron	Albert J. Hoffman
Thomas Hewitt, Jr.	Wm. S. Cornwell	Charles M. Knoll
Gordon K. Wright	Richard McCarthy	Charles F. Wray

Elections for 1957-1958 were conducted by mail ballot. The President, Dr. A. K. Guthe was reelected; Charles F. Wray was elected Vice President; and Dr. Marian White was elected Secretary-Treasurer. Three year terms on the executive committee were won by: William Carter, Robert Graham, and Gordon Wright. Reelected as trustee to the NYSAA for 1957-61 was Richard E. McCarthy. William Carter and Alfred K. Guthe were appointed as the committee for planning future digs and salvage operations.

MISCELLANEOUS. The Constitution of the Morgan chapter was revised to conform with that of the Association. It was duly adopted by unanimous vote at the regularly scheduled November meeting and will be submitted to the executive committee of the NYSAA for approval.

During the year, the regular issues of THE BULLETIN, reprints of articles by Guthe, White, and Wray, and Ritchie's Indian History of New York State, Part III--The Algonkian Tribes were distributed to chapter members.

Charles F. Wray, Secretary-Treasurer

Report of Susquehanna Chapter

This chapter was officially formed on March 23, 1956. The group drew up a Constitution for presentation to the NYSAA together with application for membership. Officers and trustees were duly elected and we were subsequently accepted by the Association.

Officers elected were: President, Clyde B. Olson; Vice President, Fred Barnard; Secretary, Vivian Olson; Treasurer, Walter Block.

Since we are comparatively new, comprised of only 18 members (with prospects of many more to come), our aim has been to familiarize our members with the basic fundamentals of archeology. Mr. Olson devoted several meetings to teaching the group along these lines, illustrating the talks with slides.

At our May meeting, Donald Lenig, of St. Johnsville, gave an illustrated talk on proper methods of excavating and the importance of cataloging. We have had as guests several groups of Indians, including Mohawk, Sioux, and Ottawa. In September, Charles Wray, with Donald Cameron, gave an interesting illustrated talk on the Seneca Indians.

As for field activity, the chapter has conducted several group surveys, which gave members excellent experience and produced good results. These surveys will be continued this coming season and we look forward to steady growth, and extensive research.

(Mrs.) Vivian Olson, Secretary

Report of Van Epps-Hartley Chapter

Membership as of March 1, 1957: sustaining members, 7; active members, 59; junior members (publication privileges), 1; junior members, 5; life members, 2; honorary members, 2; March 1, 1957, paid up members total, 76, total membership, 83.

The 1956 annual meeting of the chapter was held at the Mohawk-Caughnawaga museum on August 5, 1956 with 72 members and guests in attendance.

The following officers were elected: Henry Wemple, President; Clarence M. Van Derveer, Vice President; Edward J. Sheehan, Secretary; Wayne S. Arnold, Treasurer; Rev. Thomas Grassmann, Charles E. Gillette, and Chester J. Woodin, Trustees for 3 years.

Arthur Glamm, Jr. gave a paper on the excavation of the Cain, mound in western New York.

Donald Lenig gave an interesting discussion of his work in the Mohawk Valley.

Ken Mynter presented a paper on the Claverack rock shelter.

Dr. A. J. Cohan, of Pittsburgh, Pa., President of the Allegany chapter of the Pennsylvania Archeological Association spoke on the work of his chapter and the work on the Caughnawaga village site 1667-1693.

Following the meeting, a luncheon was served.

After three rain dates, a chapter dig was conducted at the Chapin site in October.

The fall meeting of the chapter was held in the city hall at Schenectady, N. Y. with a very poor attendance. Several interesting papers were read: Lloyd Brinkman, on the Flat Rock Bay site on Lake Champlain; Arthur Glamm, Jr., gave a very interesting illustrated talk on several sites in western New York and Ohio; Arthur Johnson, and Edward Christman, exhibited a large collection of Indian artifacts from the Hudson valley.

The winter meeting of the chapter was held February 16, 1957 at the Regents room of the State Education Building, Albany, N. Y. with 25 members and five guests present. John A. Swart gave a report on the work done on the excavation of the Chapin site. Dr. William A. Ritchie gave a very interesting illustrated report on the Long Island excavation of the summer of 1956.

Edward J. Sheehan, Secretary

Kinzua Dam Resolution

A copy of the following resolution was sent to Chairman Clarence Cannon, of the House appropriations committee:

1. that the New York State Archeological Association express its concern at the initial budget item which will lead to a much larger ultimate expenditure of taxpayers funds;
2. that it express its protest at the appropriation of funds for the Kinzua dam which would inundate a large portion of the remaining bottom lands on the Allegany Reservation of the Seneca Nation in New York State;
3. that it express concern over setting aside the ancient covenant given by the United States in the Pickering Treaty which has greatly disturbed the Seneca Nation who regard this action as a breach of faith;
4. and, that we are deeply disturbed that this action would expose the United

States to criticism from abroad for dealing arbitrarily and in faithless fashion with our eldest minority group.

5. therefore, be it resolved, that the New York State Archeological Association express its protest to the Chairman of the House appropriations committee, interested representatives, to the New York Senators, and ask them to delete this item from the budget.

Copies were sent to Congressmen Kenneth B. Keating, Harold C. Ostertag, Daniel A. Reed, Leo W. O'Brien, John Taber, and Senators Jacob K. Javits and Irving M. Ives. Members are urged to write personal letters to their congressmen and the two senators.

Haven Emerson

Dr. Haven Emerson, a founder and vice president of Long Island chapter, passed away after a short illness on May 21, 1957. The New York Times noted that his had been a busy life of over 80 years, which included many years as health commissioner of New York City, service in the army medical corps in World War I with the rank of colonel, and active participation in the medical field in the United States and in foreign lands.

Jesse Cornplanter--A Tribute by Nick Bailey

The death of Jesse Cornplanter forcibly brings uppermost in my mind the appropriate sentiment: "A mighty oak has fallen".

In his passing the Longhouse lost one of its staunchest supporters--one whose whole life was demonstrably portrayed in total enwrapment of the consolation and spirituality of the simple religious beliefs of his forefathers; and, who remained to the very end, in the truest and best sense, a sincere, devoted, and dedicated Faith Keeper.

Personally I lost not only a close friend whose personal worth never ceased to wholly command my esteem, honor and tribute, but also a most willing and generous counselor, whose deep well of knowledge and information was ever mine for the asking. Working together many years--he the demonstrator, I the expounder--always our purpose was to create a true portrait of the fine, uplifting, sustaining spiritual values inherent in the religion, customs, and ceremonies of our people. When Son-do-weh-go-wah, the dread Angel of Death, summoned him to man's inexorable doom, Cornplanter departed hence--

"in the glory of the sunset
in the purple mists of evening"

through the parted veil, into the land of the ever-living.

Who will say that no loving hands took his own in joyous greeting, to guide and accompany him on his journey to the abode of his Maker,

"To the Islands of the Blessed
To the Kingdom of Ha-wen-e-yoh
To the land of the Hereafter."
