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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the
New York State Archeological Association April 12, 1958

The annual meeting of the New York State Archeological Association took place in the Regent's Room of the State Education Building, Dr. William A. Ritchie presiding.

The executive committee was called to order at 9:35 with the following members in attendance: W. A. Ritchie, C. J. Wray, C. E. Gillette, A. K. Guthe, E. J. Casler, Alvin Wanzer, P. W. Dake, R. L. McCarthy, H. Wemple, J. M. Bowman, and Mrs. J. M. Bowman.

Dr. L. L. Pechuman, chairman of the nominating committee, and Donald Lenig were appointed to open and count ballots for the election of officers.

The only item of old business was the report of the secretary regarding the status of honorary members. This report stated that, according to the constitution, the honorary members recognized by a chapter must also be accepted by the executive committee of the Association and of the three such members claimed by the chapters, the past minutes noted the acceptance of only one. The committee then entertained nominations for the other two. Mrs. Percy Van Epps was proposed by Wemple, seconded by Casler: Mrs. Grace Dewey* was proposed by Guthe and seconded by Wray. The executive committee accepted both unanimously.

As the first item of new business Dr. Ritchie read the request of Selwyn Gibbs of Middletown, for the admission of the Orange County Archeological Society as a new chapter in the N. Y. S. A. A. Since Mr. Gibbs was present with an acceptable constitution and the necessary dues, the by-laws were suspended under the provisions of chapter XI and this group was accepted as the Orange County Chapter.

Since no formal applications had been received from three other possible groups no action was taken.

The revision of the Morgan Chapter constitution was presented. It was moved by Wemple and seconded by Casler that it be accepted pending closer examination by the chapter representatives.

*It was later learned that Mrs. Dewey is deceased.

Charles Me Knoll submitted in behalf of the publications committee, an amendment regulating the submission of membership lists and dues by the chapters. In the discussion of related problems that followed several modifications were suggested. It was then asked by McCarthy, seconded by Wemple, that the by-laws be suspended and that the amendment be accepted as modified. The motion was carried. The by-laws will now read:

Chapter VI Chapters 2H, page 5: Each Chapter shall send two lists of members in good standing in all categories, together with their dues, to the Secretary of the Association by February 1. Association Secretary shall then submit the dues and one list to the Treasurer of the Association. In addition, by November 1 of each year each chapter shall notify the Secretary of the Association of any changes in the membership in the Chapter, who in turn will certify these to the Treasurer of the Association as also being members in good standing.

Chapter XI Elections. 1b, page 6: On or before March 1 the Secretary shall send to each active, sustaining, and life member, in good standing in the Association, a ballot containing the nominations officers. This ballot may contain proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws recommended by the Executive Committee and provision for voting upon them.

It was proposed by the President that the work of the editor be divided and that Alfred K. Guthe be appointed editor of the Researches and Transactions and that Charles M. Knoll continue to edit the Bulletin and the Occasional Papers. After the suggestion that the editors consult another authority in the publication committee concerning papers within the latter's purview the proposed editors were elected for the coming year.

The executive committee then entertained the invitation of the Morgan Chapter and the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences for the Association to meet at the museum in Rochester on April 18, 1959. Acceptance was proposed by Mrs. Bowman seconded by Casler and passed.

The President then requested a confirmation note of the ballot by mail of the seal design. The design was accepted and it was moved by Wemple and seconded by Wray that expenditure be approved for two cuts - a small one for stationery and a larger one for certificates. The motion was passed.

The publications committee then proposed that we enter into two new exchange agreements. Moved by McCarthy seconded by Mr. Bowman and passed.

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Guthe made a motion, seconded by Wray, that the Treasurer be instructed to earmark the proceeds of the Occasional Paper No. 1 for future publications by Mr. Stewart.

Guthe then proposed that membership at large in the Association should not be carried in arrears for more than ninety days. It was seconded by Mr. Bowman and passed.

Adjournment of the executive committee was called at 11:00 a. m. and the regular annual meeting of the Association began immediately following.

Casler proposed that the minutes of last year's meeting be accepted as published in the Bulletin (10, July 1957). Knoll seconded the motion and it was passed.

The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were accepted as read, with the decision that the Secretary's report should be based on the membership list of November 1.

The reports of the standing committees, and the chapter secretaries were read and deposited with the Association secretary.

As an item of new business, the amendment to the Education law was explained. It was stressed that the law is not specific, enables the department of public works to accept federal funds for highway salvage under the provisions of Section 120 of the Federal Aid Highway Act of 1966. It is confined to State lands and does not include private property. Dr. Fenton stated that the plan was to issue blanket permits to institutions of higher learning and museums which employ PhD's in the discipline concerned and to require all others to apply to the state museum as individuals.

Dr. Pechuman, reporting for the nominating committee, said that the Association had elected for the coming year. Charles F. Wray, President; Alfred K. Guthe, Vice-President; Marian E. White, Secretary; Charles E. Gillette, Treasurer.

The admission of the Orange County Chapter and the amendment to the By-Laws proposed by Knoll which were previously passed by the executive committee were presented to the Association, as required by the Constitution, and passed.

The awards committee report was read by chairman, Marian White. Pechuman moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded by McCarthy and carried by vote.

Charles E. Gillette read the titles of state museum publications in archeology. Announcement was made that the next regular meeting of the N. Y. S. A. A. would be in the Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, N. Y., on April 18, 1959, and adjournment came at 12:45 p. m.

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

Report of the Secretary for the year 1957-1958

The New York State Archeological Association at present is comprised of six chapters and had a total membership of 290 in 1957. They were distributed as follows: Lewis H. Morgan, 107; Long Island, 27; Van Epps-Hartley, 75; Mid-Hudson, 31; Auringer-Seelye, 24; Susquehanna, 16; and there were 10 members-at-large (based on the list of November 1, 1957).

The Association is affiliated with the Eastern States Archeological Federation and was represented by 10 members at the 1957 annual meeting of the federation in Baltimore.

During the year 1957-58 there were no issues of the Researches and Transactions, but the publication of THE BULLETIN was continued with the normal three issues, Nos. 10, 11, and 12. At the end of the year the Occasional Papers were represented by the first issue -- "French Pioneers in North America, Part One: From Mecca to the Seneca Country", by Alexander M. Stewart.

As usual there was no unified program of the Association except the annual meeting. The activities of the several chapters are outlined in their individual reports.

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

Treasurer's Report

Dues Received:

Auringer-Seelye	\$ 38.00
Long Island	34.50
Mid-Hudson	54.50
Morgan	176.00
Susquehanna	31.50
Van Epps-Hartley	161.00
Members-at-Large	
10 Active	30.00
1 Sustaining	<u>5.00</u>
Total from Dues	\$530.50

General Fund:

Income:

Balance, April 1, 1957	\$392.43
From Dues (1/4 of total received)	<u>132.56</u>
	\$ 525.01

Expenditures:

Annual Meeting 4/6/57

Guest Speaker	\$ 30.00	
Ballots, etc	15.55	
Postage	.03	
Printing of Constitution	18.00	
Paper for Awards Com.	1.80	
Vol. XIV #1		
Plates	79.46	
Paper	<u>58.69</u>	
	24.58	

\$228.11
\$296.90

Balance, March 31, 1958

Account with Lincoln-Rochester Trust Co.

Balance \$293.66

Cash on hand 3.24
\$296.90

Publication Fund:

Balance, April 1, 1957 \$496.36

Income

From Dues (3/4 of total received)	397.92	
Contributed by Auringer-Seelye Chapter	25.00	
Sale of Publications		
Bulletin 10 10 copies \$3.50		
Vol. XIII #1 2 copies 4.50		
Occ. Papers #1 1 copy <u>.50</u>	<u>8.50</u>	

\$927.78

Expenditures:

Preparation of Bulletin #10	89.20	
Preparation of Bulletin #11	<u>61.63</u>	
	150.83	

Volume XIV, #1

Paper	225.00	
Editor's Expenses	7.60	
Postage	<u>2.85</u>	

235.45 \$386.28

Balance, March 31, 1958 \$541.50

Account with Genesee Valley-Union Trust

Cash on Hand 2.83 \$541.50

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

Report of the Program Committee

According to custom the program committee functioned only in programming the annual meeting. Early in 1958 the chairman found that he was unable to carry out his appointment and the work of the committee was taken up by the junior member. The request for papers was answered by nine members as outlined on the mimeographed sheet, which was distributed at the beginning of this meeting.¹

A request for banquet reservations was sent out with the ballots but, due to the fact that only ten reservations were made by the appointed time, no annual dinner was planned.

Our appreciation is given to Dr. Don Dragoo of the Carnegie Museum, who will give our evening address. His subject will be, "Early Cultures of the Upper Ohio Valley".

We wish also to extend our thanks to the New York State Education Department for permitting the use of the facilities of the Regents Room for this meeting.

Charles E. Gillette

Report of the Awards Committee

The committee consisted of one representative from each chapter as follows: Louis A. Brennan, Mid-Hudson; Earl Casler, Van Epps-Hartley; John H. Husing, Long Island; Francis F. Lucas, Auringer-Seelye; Clyde Olson, Susquehanna; and Marian White, Morgan, chairman. The duties of the committee as outlined by the executive committee and approved at the annual meeting in 1957 were as follows: an awards committee will be appointed annually with final authority to establish the criteria for fellows and to select candidates for both the achievement awards and the fellowships.

During the year this awards committee has carried on a considerable body of correspondence and had one meeting in order to carry out these duties. We have issued a preliminary report in the November BULLETIN, sent a letter to all members and to chapter presidents calling for recommendations for these awards. The awards program has been discussed in meetings of at least three of the chapters.

As a result of these activities we have agreed upon one selection for the achievement award of 1957 and three elections to fellowship. In the course of so doing we have agreed upon certain criteria for each kind of recognition and have

1. See THE BULLETIN No. 13, p. 2.

adopted policies to govern the carrying on of the machinery of awards business. We suggest that in accepting this report it be understood that the N. Y. S. A. A. endorses the basic points of the program and the criteria and that these be unchanged except by specific recommendations from a future awards committee and approval by the executive committee. Changes in policy should be left up to the discretion of future awards committees.

The basic feature of the awards program is two kinds of recognition:

1. An annual achievement award
2. A class of fellows

These two kinds of recognition are comparable in their purpose of recognizing outstanding individuals but are bestowed for different kinds of endeavor. The achievement award may be given for a single brilliant achievement of any kind whatsoever which is an outstanding contribution to the Association and its objects. The conditions under which it is bestowed must remain flexible to allow its function for this purpose. Fellowship, a class for which members only may qualify and of which they remain a part as long as membership in the N. Y. S. A. A. continues, is granted as the result of a long and serious interest in contributing to the body of knowledge on New York State Indians through careful research work.

Policy governing the Achievement Award

1. Submission of recommendations should be on forms for that purpose and must include a full statement of the achievement.
2. The culmination of the achievement must be in the year for which the achievement award is made. If no outstanding contribution has taken place in a given year, no awards will be made.
3. Consideration for the achievement award will be based on a single achievement, which in itself may have covered a considerable time period but which shows exceptional excellence in the year for which it is made.
4. Recommendations for the achievement award may be made by a chapter or by an individual member.
5. An announcement calling for recommendations for the achievement award will be made in the November BULLETIN each year. *
6. Recommendations will be accepted only between December 15 and February 15, for the preceding year's achievement award.

*Not done, since the editor was not so instructed, nor were these minutes submitted for publication in time.

7. The award may be made for a group achievement.

8. Winners of the achievement award will receive a certificate containing a citation of their achievement.

Class of Fellows

Fellowship in the N. Y. S. A. A. is a special class existing within the membership for the recognition of those members whose individual research has contributed in an outstanding manner to the knowledge of New York State Indians.

1. Any member of the N. Y. S. A. A. in good standing may be elected to a fellowship upon approval by the awards committee of a completed research project. The major consideration of the committee will be the importance of this research as a contribution to our knowledge of New York State Indians.

2. The decision of the awards committee will be based on a report of the research project which must be submitted by the researcher in manuscript or published form. The minimum requirement will be: one report which the researcher has prepared as sole or senior author or at least two reports which he has helped prepare as junior author or collaborator, the number depending upon the nature of his contribution to the research.

3. The research project as evidenced by the report to the committee will be assessed on the following points:

I. Subject matter

- (a) This must consist of original research either in the description and presentation of new data or new interpretations.
- (b) While the main subject matter of the report need not be the history, ethnography or archaeology of New York Indians or of New York State, understanding of the subject matter must contribute to the knowledge of New York State Indians and this relationship must be clearly stated.

II. Contents

- (a) There must be adequate description of the data and of the manner in which they were collected, including illustrations and proper references where required.
- (b) There must be an adequate description of the methods of analyzing the data.

- (c) The report must demonstrate competence in the use of techniques which are scientifically acceptable procedures for collecting data.
- (d) The report must demonstrate competence in the use of scientifically acceptable methods for analyzing the data.
- (e) The conclusions must be those which are warranted by the analysis of the data.

III. General

- (a) The total report must demonstrate an understanding of the relationship of the research problem and the conclusions to current knowledge of New York Indians and to the broader field of knowledge of which it is a part.
- (b) The report must show integrity, stemming from the absence of any discrepancies which might reflect on personal honesty or technical competence.

Policy governing the election of fellows:

1. Consideration for fellowship will be made at any time by the awards committee upon the submission of the completed research project either by the researcher or by another member or by a chapter with permission of the researcher.
2. Manuscripts may be submitted at any time during the year but as soon as possible after completion. Manuscripts submitted and approved during the calendar year will lead to fellowship at the subsequent April annual meeting.
3. During 1958 only those research projects completed during 1957 and 1958 will be considered. This refers to the completion of the manuscript rather than the time when the field work or study was completed.
4. Members who submit a current (1957- 10,58) research report as a junior author or collaborator may submit other research projects in which they have been junior author or collaborator even though these were completed prior to 1957.
5. Research projects which are rejected will be returned with a statement of what criteria are not satisfactorily met and suggestions for satisfying them. Revised manuscripts may be resubmitted.
6. Research projects which are accepted and for which no publication plans have been made will be recommended to the publications committee for publication

in one of the three Association series.

7. In the November BULLETIN a final call will be made for research projects for the preceding year to be submitted by January 1.

8. After acceptance of a research project by the awards committee, the executive committee will pass on the general worthiness of the researcher for fellowship. Since the executive committee is composed of chapter presidents and two chapter trustees, this procedure will provide local as well as statewide assessments of the researcher's worthiness of recognition. The final authority for election of any member to fellowship will, however, rest with the awards committee.

Marian E. White, Chairman

Report of the committee on Chapters and Membership

President William A. Ritchie appointed the following to serve on the committee on chapters and membership. Carl Sundler, Van Epps-Hartley; Harold Secor, Virginia Cummings, and Charles Wray, all of Morgan. Charles Wray was to serve as chairman of this committee.

We are very happy to announce that following much ground work by Dr. Ritchie, the Orange County Archeological Club, Mr. Selwyn M. Gibbs, president, Middletown, has formally applied for affiliation with the N. Y. S. A. A. as a duly recognized member chapter. They have submitted a copy of their constitution which conforms with that of the N. Y. S. A. A. They have also submitted a list of 30 active and 9 junior members in good standing as well as a check for \$49.50 to cover one half of the regular dues for these members. Mr. Gibbs adds that they expect to increase their membership within the next few weeks. They will become the seventh chapter in our Association.

We regret to report that the Archeological Society of Central New York, Auburn, is financially unable to affiliate at this time, but looks forward to January 1, 1959 as a target date for formal application. Due to some unfortunate financial losses this society has been on shaky ground for the past year, but is making excellent progress in catching up on its back commitments and delayed publication of its Bulletin. Prof. Walter K. Long reports that the group is growing steadily both in numbers and caliber. We look forward to their eventual affiliation by this time next year.

The chairman has had considerable correspondence with Mr. Walter Bennett of Poolville, and Mr. Fred Chesebro of Sherburne, both of the Chenango Archeological Society. That society is at the present time seriously considering affiliation with the N. Y. S. A. A. All that remains is clearing up the problem of dues and their constitution. Their questions have been answered to the best of our ability and a copy of the

constitution has been forwarded to them. We look forward with considerable anticipation to their coming affiliation.

Prof. George Agogino of the Department of Anthropology, Syracuse University, reports that they have a small group of students interested in archeology and requested a copy of the constitution of the N. Y. S. A. A. as the group is considering the possibility of becoming a chapter. Mr. H. R. Hays of New York reports that the New York City Archeological Club has 14 members at present, but feels they are not active enough as yet to become a member chapter. He anticipates a campaign this summer to stimulate activity and increase membership. Mr. Hays looks forward to possible affiliation in the near future. The Nassau Archeological Society, Long Island, was circularized but no reply was received.

In summary, we welcome the formal application of the Orange County Archeological Club and look forward to the coming affiliation of the Chenango Archeological Society and the future affiliation of the Archeological Society of Central New York. State-wide interest in archeology appears to be a healthy condition and promises to continue to grow with increased vigor. We hope and expect that within the next several years membership in the N. Y. S. A. A. will attain size befitting New York's population.

Charles F. Wray, Chairman

Report of Auringer-Seelye Chapter

The Auringer-Seelye chapter of the N. Y. S. A. A. has held twelve monthly meetings this year. Several of them have been held in the homes of members which afforded the group an opportunity to review the private collections of the respective members. Many of these meetings were a revelation and proved to be very successful as well as interesting.

Several members attended an exploratory trip, directed by Frank Hodges, to the Rush Pond site near Lake George. This site, being on a wild animal preserve, created excitement for the group who, nevertheless, did recover some artifacts of interest.

Another group of several members made a trip to the gravel pits in the Mohawk valley where a classical find of large portions of a steatite pot were recovered by Anthony Sassi, a junior in the Saratoga Springs high school and a very promising member of our chapter. Also, Mrs. William H. Rice recovered an unusually beautiful triangular point from the same pit.

A check of \$250 00 was donated to the publications fund of the N. Y. S. A. A.

Arrangements have been made with the Fort William Henry Corporation to meet

at their restoration during the summer months and we have been invited to assist them in their research excavations. This arrangement holds promise of being of unusual interest.

We feel we have experienced a pleasant and profitable year.

Alice H. Dake, Secretary

Report of Long Island Chapter

1. The annual meeting was held in October, 1957 and new officers were elected for the coming year, as follows. president, Mrs. Dorothy E. Raynor; vice president, Mr. J. Burgess Jamieson; secretary, Mr. J. M. Husing; treasurer, Mr. Stanton Mott.

The treasurer's report showed a very satisfactory balance in various banks, resulting from a recently received legacy from the estate of Mr. Charles F. Goddard, deceased, who was the first president of the chapter, and one of its founders.

2. The membership of the chapter was increased during the year. A suitable tract of land was acquired in 1957 in Southold, L. I., for the proposed location of a suitable museum building. Plans for the building are still in a formative state. A great many very valuable items are owned by this chapter, some of which are now on exhibit at the museum building, at Riverhead, L. I. It is desired to have a chapter museum building to properly display and safely protect the various objects.

3. An exhibit of Indian objects was maintained at the Southold high school, in addition to the display at the Riverhead museum.

4. Some minor digging was done during the year, and searches were continued on the farms, and beaches for surface materials.

5. Some lecturing was done before club and school groups, and a member is preparing a history relating to Long Island Indians, especially from the eastern end of the Island, etc.

6. Locations of known Indian sites are being listed, for permanent record, because of loss of some of them due to real estate developments, etc., and efforts are being made to explore sites where buildings may soon cover them.

John M. Husing, Secretary

Report of Mid-Hudson Chapter

During the calendar year 1957, the Mid-Hudson chapter had 32 paid-up members, 27 active and 5 junior.

Eight regular meetings were held at the chapter house in Rhinebeck. Guest speakers included Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, President-Emeritus of Vassar College, who spoke about the early historic Indians of Dutchess County; and Mr. Jacob Lambert of Utah, who lived among the Sheshone Indians as a boy, and demonstrated the manufacture of obsidian points as he learned it from the Indians.

In June a covered-dish picnic was enjoyed by members and their guests, forty-six in all.

Several bees were held to paint the outside of the chapter house. The job will be completed as soon as weather permits.

The Chanler site was back-filled and leveled. Much of the material has been catalogued. Little work was done on it this winter because the severity of the weather prevented traveling on work-session evenings. However, it will not be neglected indefinitely and a full report is promised within the year.

One of our small exhibit cases was loaned to the Rhinebeck elementary school classes, and Malcolm Kinney spoke to a group of Hyde Park students.

For the sixth successive year, an archeological exhibit was staged at the Dutchess county fair. Each year our members build a few new cases for use at the fair, after which they are added to our permanent collection at the chapter house. Last fall three wall-cases measuring 16" x 24" were constructed and painted to match the others, with charcoal exteriors and scarlet interiors, a combination that we have found makes for a striking museum display.

As a group we did not sponsor any serious digging last year. Just for fun we had several beach-combing excursions to the Hudson which yielded the usual assortment of flint artifacts, kaolin pipes, old coins, and one star bead. These have been added to our chapter house collection which we hope soon to open to the public on Sundays during the tourist season.

Margaret Coon Bowman, Secretary

Report of Morgan Chapter

Membership:

Since our fiscal year has been changed to January 1, the Morgan chapter activities reported here cover the period April 1, 1957 to December 31, 1958. At the close of the 1957 year Morgan chapter had a total of 105 members, as follows active, 72; junior, 8; sustaining-institutional, 8; life, 16; honorary, 1. During 1957, we lost two members through death, and added 25 new members. At the end of the 1957 year five members resigned and four were dropped for being in arrears. Fourteen new members have joined for 1958 and we are currently carrying five whose dues are unpaid, giving us a total of 110 members.

Meetings:

The chapter has held five regular meetings and three executive committee meetings and has sponsored one dig. At the April meeting, Donald Cameron described the work of several chapter members at the Marsh site. In May, Charles Wray discussed previous "Morgan Chapter Digs" and emphasized the importance of careful digging techniques aimed at full recovery of information. At the first fall meeting, Alfred K. Guthe told about the museum's archeological activities of the previous summer. The next two meetings were concerned with local history. George B. Seldon talked on the Denonville expedition and Alexander M. Stewart talked about historical research on local Seneca sites.

On June 22 and 23, the chapter dig was held at the Morrow site, Honeoye, where the Rochester Museum was about to begin more extensive investigations of an Owasco component.

Officers:

The officers for 1957 were- president, A. K. Guthe; vice president, Charles Wray; secretary-treasurer, Marian White. The executive committee consisted of:

<u>1958</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>
Donald Cameron	Albert J. Hoffman	William Carter
Wm. S. Cornwell	Charles M. Knoll	Robert Graham
Richard McCarthy	Charles F. Wray	Gordon Wright

Trustee to the N. Y. S. A. A. for 1957-61 is Richard McCarthy

Miscellaneous

During the year Morgan chapter contributed \$450 toward publication of the next

Researches and Transactions, "The Late Prehistoric Occupation of Southwestern New York - an Interpretative Study", by Alfred K. Guthe. The chapter, as host at the 1957 annual meeting in Rochester, assisted in planning the program, installed exhibits, and sponsored the afternoon cocktail party. In addition to the regular Association publications, the chapter distributed reprints of "What Do the Bones Have to Say?" by William S. Cornwell.

Marian E. White, Secretary-Treasurer

Report of Susquehanna Chapter

The new officers of our chapter are as follows' president, Raymond McRorie; vice president, Normond Calhoun; secretary, Harry McCloskey; treasurer, Walter Block.

Membership: At present we have sixteen members, eleven of them are paid up.

Speakers: Per Guldbeck, Clyde Olson, and Vivian Olson each gave an illustrated talk. Per Guldbeck, an associate of the New York State Historical Association and a professional archeologist gave a talk on Pueblo Indians, past and present. He showed many interesting slides of the Pueblo ruins.

Field Work: We made a survey in the Weaver Lake area, where we found the remains of an archaic site at a road cut.

We made a trip to Theresa, N. Y. to look over a rock shelter. We found enough evidence of recent occupation (shotgun shells, coke bottles, beer cans, etc.) but nothing in the way of Indian artifacts.

Other events were our summer corn roast and the annual steak dinner in December. Our new officers took over at the December meeting.

Harry McCloskey, Secretary

Report of Van Epps-Hartl2yChapter

Membership as of January 1, 1958- sustaining, 5; active, 55; junior, 6; life, 2; honorary, 2; a total of 70.

The 1957 winter meeting was February 16, 1957 in the Regents Room of the State Education Building, Albany, with 30 members and guests present.

President Wemple and John Swart reported on the work done on the Chapin site.

Don Lenig gave a report on his pottery studies. Dr. Wm. A. Ritchie reported on the Long Island excavation.

At a meeting of the officers and trustees of the Chapter June 5, 1957, it was voted to change the chapter's by-laws in regard to the date of the annual meeting from June to January each year to comply with the N. Y. S. A. A. by-laws. The summer meeting will still be held as a social meeting. The summer meeting was held June 14, 1957 at the Mohawk-Caughnawaga museum with 70 members and guests present. Henry Wemple, president, presided and he gave a report of chapter activities.

Ralph Ives, Roxbury, gave an interesting report of work which has been carried on in the southern part of the State. James V. Wright of Toronto reported on the State Museum excavations on the Getman site. Don Lenig gave a very fine paper on his work and pottery study in the Mohawk Valley. A luncheon was served.

The annual meeting of the chapter was held in the Regents' Room January 18, 1958 of the State Education Building, Albany, N.Y.

The following officers were elected. president, Earl F. Casler; vice president, Lloyd M. Brinkman; secretary, Edward J. Sheehan; treasurer, Wayne S. Arnold; trustees, Henry Wemple, C. M. Van der Veer and John Swart.

Dr. William A. Ritchie gave a very interesting talk on his work in the field during the season of 1957. His subject was "Settlement Pattern Studies". The talk was followed by a question and answer period.

Edward J. Sheehan, Secretary

NEWS AND NOTES

A report from Orange County Chapter, dated December 31, 1958, tells us: "Although our first season in the field as a chapter left much to be desired, it had its bright side. Digging was sketchy, due to a distinct lack of manpower and exigencies caused by top-soil removal operations. The sherds, in sufficient quantity to restore five pots with rim or body decorations, were excavated from pits. One recovered by Barbara Maly, who is majoring in archeology in the University of Pennsylvania, has been restored at the Bronson Museum, Attleboro, Mass. A number of other interesting artifacts were discovered, considering the comparatively small area dug... We are working on a map of the Swarthout site, with a trait table. Each specimen or other evidence is accurately recorded on cards which will eventually be included in a complete archeological report of the site. This is probably the largest and the first extensive organized excavation undertaken in Orange County". The exact location

of the site is not mentioned. We look forward to more reports from this chapter; possibly a paper or two for publication in THE BULLETIN.

Van Epps-Hartley Chapter was to have held its annual meeting January 17. Wm. A. Ritchie was to speak on the Bates site. The following were nominated, and we have a subsequent report that the slate was elected: Earl F. Casler, president; Lloyd M. Brinkman, vice-president; Edward J. Sheehan, secretary; Wayne Arnold, treasurer.

The Association owes a debt of thanks to Auringer-Seelye Chapter, which continues its generous contributions to the publication fund with a \$25 donation. Auringer-Seelye contributes regularly, and the total is greater than most, - actually second only to one chapter. Would that the others had such interest and faith in us!

As of this writing we are informed that the slate of officers consists of the incumbents (Wray, Guthe, White, and Gillette, for president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer respectively), and that one additional name, Donald Cameron, Morgan chapter, is another contender for treasurer. This continues the state of affairs which we have lamented, namely that Morgan and Van Epps-Hartley are the sole representatives. Now, though we are certain this should not be, we are told that others who were selected for the slate by the nominating committee, declined. We are sorry to say that we cannot name them, other than those we nominated (Earl Casler, Mrs. Bowman). For, while we served on the nominating committee, we were not accorded the customary reports of the results of the polling, nor of the various steps taken to determine the final slate. Nor were we offered such information when, as committee member (and editor, for publication purposes) we requested further details. At any rate, we'll have to capitulate to the indisputable fact that by far the majority of able and willing personnel bear the Lewis Henry Morgan banner.
