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## MEETING OF THE IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY IN IOWA CITY, NOVEMBER 9

On November 9 the members of the Iowa Archeological Society were the guests of the Iowa Society of the Archaeological Institute of America at a joint meeting of the two organizations held in the Shambaugh Room of the new University Library in Iowa City. The meeting was an interesting one, and was well attended, considering the fact that the weather during the week had made the roads quite bad.

The program, which had been arranged by Dr. A. K. Fisher of the State University of Iowa, included several very interesting papers on Classical Archaeology. The program opened with an address of welcome by Virgil Hancher, President of the State University of Iowa. Following President Hancher's address, Dr. David B. Stout of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology of the State University of Iowa gave a talk on "Plans for Anthropology at the State University of Iowa". This paper was followed by one entitled "Pompeii" by J. Frank Gilliam of the Department of Classics and History of S. U. I. Mr. Gilliam's paper was illustrated by a series of excellent color slides of buildings, wall paintings, and street scenes in the parts of Pompeii which have been excavated.

Mr. W. D. Frankforter, Director of the Sanford Museum in Cherokee, Iowa gave a paper on "The Relationship of Paleontology and Archeology in the Middle West". In giving examples to illustrate his points, Mr. Frankforter spoke of the Lime Creek Sites of Nebraska on which he has done some work. These sites are camps of Early Man in the Plains. The recently released Carbon 14 dates on these sites average around 9500 years ago. Following Mr. Frankforter's paper, Mr. Gerald F. Else of the Department of Classics, S. U. I., gave a paper on "Schliemann, Troy and History". Mr. Else's paper was illustrated with a series of slides on the excavations at Troy made not only by Schliemann, but by other agencies as well.

The last paper on the afternoon session was a highly interesting one by Pauline Cook of the University Library on "Iowa Place Names of Indian Origin". The results of Miss Cook's investigations were fascinating; in some cases she has

found that names of presumed Indian origin are not really Indian at all.

With the end of the Afternoon session of papers, the two groups held independent business meetings. Due to the small number of Iowa Archeological Society members in attendance, no formal business was acted upon. General discussion of all of the members of Society policy, Society aims, suggestions for improvement of the Society, and membership drives comprised the bulk of the discussion. Mr. Harry Carl of Davenport suggested that the names of all the members of the Society be published in a coming issue of the Newsletter in order that individual members in the various localities in the State may get to know what members live closest to them. Mr. Carl felt that this might lead to cooperation in archeological surveys and membership drives. The problem of formation of Chapters was discussed in a general way. Mr. Frankforter stated that he hoped to start a Chapter in the Cherokee area eventually. Members living in Northwest Iowa should get in touch with Mr. Frankforter, and talk over activities along an archeological line with him as well as discuss the possibilities of Chapter organization.

Following an informal dinner at the Student Union of the State University of Iowa, the evening session began in the Shambaugh Room of the Library. Two papers were presented. Mr. Frederick P. Bargebuhr of the School of Religion, S.U.I. gave an illustrated talk on "Archeological Investigations in Jerusalem". The final paper on the program was given by Mr. Carl H. Chapman, Director of American Archaeology, University of Missouri, Secretary of the Missouri Archaeological Society. In a paper entitled "Archeological Research in Missouri", Mr. Chapman gave a detailed account of the work that has been accomplished in Missouri within the past few years. A series of slides of excavations and material recovered from excavations added much information for all of the members of the audience. At the beginning of his talk Mr. Chapman conveyed a message from the President of the Missouri Archaeological Society, Professor Jesse E. Wrench. Professor Wrench wished to commend the members of the Iowa Archeological Society on their action to start such a society in Iowa. He gave further commendation on the quality of the first issue of our Journal, and on the Newsletter. As members of the Iowa Archeological Society, we wish to thank Professor Wrench for these very nice compliments. We hope that the future will see cooperation between the two societies. Incidentally, Professor Wrench and Mr. Chapman are both members of the Iowa Archeological Society, in addition to their active connections with the Missouri Archaeological Society. Your Secretary-Treasurer would also like to add here that the Missouri group is a very fine one. Their publications are superior archeological publications. Any of our members who are interested in joining the Missouri Society can obtain information about it by writing to Mr. Carl H. Chapman, Room 15, Switzler Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.

We wish to thank Dr. A. K. Fisher and Dr. David B. Stout, and all of the members of the Iowa Society of the Archaeological Institute of America for providing such a fine program and meeting place for this first joint meeting of the two groups. We also wish to thank President Hancher for the welcome he personally extended us at the State University of Iowa. We hope it will be possible for Mr. Hancher to attend other meetings of our society in the future.

Although your secretary-Treasurer is sure that not all of the members of the Iowa Archeological Society who were present at the meeting signed the register, here is a list of those who did sign:

S. L. Cohagan, Henry W. Grout Historical Museum, Waterloo; Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Mason, Cedar Rapids; Lowell S. Miller, Davenport Public Museum, Davenport; Harry G. Carl, Davenport; Carl H. Chapman, Columbia, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Kennedy, Effigy Mounds National Monument, McGregor; Dale Henning, Decorah; Dr. and Mrs. H. P. Field, Decorah; W. D. Frankforter, Sanford Museum, Cherokee; Glenn Speigh

West Branch; J. Harold Ennis, Cornell College, Mount Vernon; Mr. and Mrs. J. Curtis Frymoyer, Wilton Junction; Wilfred D. Logan, Effigy Mounds National Monument, McGregor.

Other guests who signed the register include: Walter B. Miller, Boston, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Dawson, Iowa City; Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Fisher, Iowa City; Dr. David B. Stout, Iowa City; T. P. Christensen, Iowa City; Philip George, Decorah; W. R. Kern, Iowa City; O. E. Nyhakhen, Iowa City; Fred J. Miller, Waterloo; John Sibsén, Iowa City.

If any other members of the Iowa Archeological Society were in attendance who did not sign the register, we would like to hear from you, for we would like to have an accurate record of the number of members present for the minutes of the meeting.

#### OCTOBER-NOVEMBER SOCIETY NEWS

Since no Newsletter was published during October due to the rush in which the Editor found himself over the final work on the Journal and over arrangements for the Iowa City Meeting, news and events of the two months, October and November are being presented in this double issue of the Newsletter.

#### DEATH OF H. DAYTON NIEHAUS OF WAUKON

H. Dayton Niehaus died of a heart attack at his home in Waukon Friday night, October 19, at the age of 49. He was born and reared in Waukon and returned to Waukon in 1947 to teach science and mathematics in the Waukon High School. Before this he had taught at Groton Boy's School in Massachusetts and at Cheate School for Boys in Connecticut.

Mr. Niehaus took an active part in the preliminary groundwork for the Iowa Archeological Society. He had planned to accompany Dr. H. P. Field, Vice-President of the Society, to the Iowa City meeting. Acting as an aide to the late Ellison Orr of Waukon, Mr. Niehaus helped vigorously in the preliminary meetings for the formation of the Iowa Archeological Society, especially for the one held in McGregor in September, 1950. In the death of Mr. Niehaus, the Iowa Archeological Society has lost one of its best friends. Mr. Niehaus can be said truly to have been one of the Founding Fathers of this Society.

#### FALL MEETING OF THE MISSOURI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

On October 21 the Missouri Archaeological Society held its Annual Fall Meeting in Hannibal, Missouri. Your Secretary-Treasurer, who is a member of the Missouri Archaeological Society gave a paper on "Iowa Archeology", illustrated with slides, to the group.

The meeting was an interesting one for all. A picnic dinner was served at noon, Chapter reports, an address by the President of the Society, the talk by your Secretary-Treasurer, and a talk by Mr. Chapman, Secretary of the Missouri Archaeological Society, comprised the bulk of the afternoon's activities. During the noon picnic hour your Secretary-Treasurer looked over the collections of material and the notes which the Marion-Ralls Chapter of the Missouri Archaeological Society has assembled in the past year. The Marion-Ralls Chapter, located

at Hannibal, Missouri, has carried out thorough surface surveys. The detail of their notes was of especial interest, since it is possible that the same might ultimately be accomplished by local Chapters of the Iowa Archeological Society. The reports of other Chapters of the Missouri Archaeological Society indicated that careful work has been done in a number of areas of the state. We members of the Iowa Archeological Society would do well to consider the worth of a surface survey of archeological sites in the state for the permanent records of the Society. We will talk about this in more detail later.

#### DES MOINES TRIBUNE GIVES BOOST TO IOWA ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

In a Sunday issue of the Des Moines Tribune published in October, the Iowa Archeological Society received a bit of favorable publicity in the form of an editorial. The editorial, entitled "Iowa Archeology", read as follows:

"What is probably the newest statewide organization in Iowa deals with the oldest things in the state. It is the Iowa Archeological Society, launched just this year.

You don't have to be a professional archeologist to become a member. If you did, it would be a pretty small organization, not large enough to support the journal which makes its initial appearance this month.

All it takes to belong is a modest membership fee and an interest in the earliest Iowans. This being the case, many a youngster who has collected Indian arrowheads from the Iowa countryside, or who has gazed with awe at the mounds or at sites of ancient Indian villages, has at least one prerequisite for membership.

The president of the new group is William J. Kennedy, superintendent of Effigy Mounds National Monument near Marquette and McGregor. A Decorah dentist, Dr. H. P. Field, is vice-president, and Wilfred D. Logan, archeologist at the Effigy monument is secretary-treasurer."

We wish to thank the Des Moines Tribune for this very kind recognition of our organization. Your officers have received numerous requests for membership information due to this editorial, and many of these people have joined us as a result.

#### NOTES ON EARLY MAN AND ARCHAIC SITES IN THE GLENWOOD AREA

by  
Paul. R. Rowe

(Editor's note--this material was contained in a letter written to me early in November by Mr. Rowe. Mr. Rowe has a thorough knowledge of sites in the Glenwood area for all time periods, but was prompted to supply us the interesting information below after reading the sections on Early Man and Archaic occupations in the "Research article in Vol. I, No. 1 of the Journal".)

A quarter of a mile east of my house there begins a series of campsites of a people who used no pottery. As a pure (single) site this is one-half by one quarter of a mile along the west side of Keg Creek near a series of fine early day springs (now gone). The characteristic arrow point has straight notches and a curved edge on the blade (fig. 1). On one two acre site nearly all of the arrows are fragments. There are scrapers, some of which are notched, knives, full-grooved rough axes, flint celts, one red bead  $1/4$  in. by  $3/8$  in., scoria and lots of fire-broken glacial stones, manos and a thin small metate. Depth in the road extends to five feet. Two of my corner tang knives come from near these sites.

We have points similar to many of those from the cultures being discovered further west--Borax Lake, Gypsum Cave, Finley, Scottsbluff, Nebo Hill, Hot Springs Focus. Other points include a beveled point called re-worked Yuma, a thick, wide corner-notched point, a round-based, notched point with the base ground smooth, Yuma and Folsom points. Most of these are isolated finds on the hill-tops. Some found in situ were three to three and a half feet deep, but with nothing associated.

One blue point more symmetrical than "P" on page 274, American Antiquity, April, 1949, I took from a road bank about 1906 (fig. 2). A reworked Yuma I pulled from the road bank a quarter of a mile south of this in 1940.

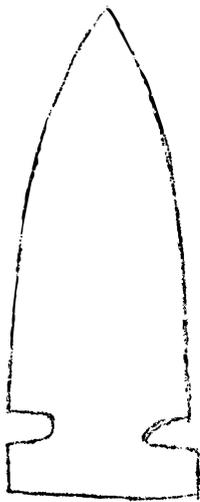


fig. 1--side-notched  
point re-drawn from  
Mr. Rowe's letter.



fig. 2--Point mentioned by  
Mr. Rowe. Redrawn  
from American  
Antiquity, Vol. XIV,  
No. 4, Pt. 1.

With regard to the material Mr. Rowe refers to in his discussion, your editor is appending the following bibliography which should give members who wish to examine Early Man occupations a little more closely something of an idea of the extent of these finds in the United States, and an idea of the types of tools made by them:

1. Harrington, M. R.  
1935 "Gypsum Cave, Nevada", Southwest Museum Papers,  
No. 8, Los Angeles

2. Harrington, M. R.  
1948 "An Ancient Site at Borax Lake, California",  
Southwest Museum Papers, No. 16, Los Angeles.
3. Howard, E. B., Linton Satterthwaite and Charles Bache  
1941 "Preliminary Report on a Buried Yuma Site in Wyoming",  
American Antiquity, Vol. VII, No. 1  
(Note--this is on the Finley site; see also Howard  
in American Antiquity, Vol. VIII, No. 3)
4. Barbour, E. H., and C. Bertrand Schultz  
1932 "The Scottsbluff Bison Quarry and Its Artifacts",  
Nebraska State Museum, Bulletin 34, Vol. 1, Lincoln,  
Nebraska.
5. Shippee, J. M.  
1948 "Nebo Hill, a Lithic Complex in Western Missouri",  
American Antiquity, Vol. XIV, No. 1.
6. Hughes, Jack T.  
1949 "Investigations in Western South Dakota and North-  
eastern Wyoming", American Antiquity, Vol. XIV,  
No. 4, Part 1. (Note--part of this is on Hot Springs  
Focus - also contains the illustration of the point  
shown in fig. 2, above.)

Mr. Rowe has presented evidence for an Early Man occupation of Southwest Iowa. The editor of this Newsletter has seen points comparable to the Gypsum Cave type in Northeast Iowa. Other types mentioned by Mr. Rowe which probably have a distribution throughout Iowa would include the side-notched form illustrated in fig. 1. This form is particularly common in Archaic sites and has a distribution in early sites through almost all of the Eastern United States.

#### SOME REMARKS ABOUT CHAPTERS

As was mentioned above, the Missouri Archeological Society has a system of Chapters. These Chapters have an advantage in that they may meet in a local area as often as the members desire, whereas the State Society can meet as a group only two or three times a year. The Chapters of the Missouri Society aid in archeological research in the state by making surface surveys--that is, by locating sites, turning in the locations to the Secretary of the Society, along with illustrations of the types of artifacts and pottery found. These go into the permanent files of the society. Since excavation is a ticklish job that is best not undertaken except under the supervision of a trained investigator, the members of the society can be of immeasurable help in the locating and recording of sites in their own locality. By keeping notes on the specimens they find and maintaining a catalog of sites and artifacts from the sites, they are preserving valuable information for future generations and for scientific study.

There are several areas in Iowa with members enough, or potential members enough to begin thinking about establishing Chapters. Northwest Iowa is one of these areas. Northeast Iowa and Southwest Iowa also could have Chapters of the Iowa Archeological Society fairly soon. Give this matter a little thought, and if you are interested in trying to get a Chapter organization started in your

locality, write to your Secretary-Treasurer for more detailed information about the qualifications a group should have, and about the method of formation of such a group.

With regard to Surface Surveys, your Secretary-Treasurer is working on a Survey Form for use by the members to turn in information for Society files. When these are finished, all members will receive a supply along with instructions for the proper use of the forms. We should build up a file of sites and locations of material in Iowa in order to preserve as much of the information about pre-historic Indians as possible, and in order to gain a better understanding of the history of Indian groups in Iowa before the whites came in.

#### NEW MEMBERS DURING OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

October and November have seen an increase in the membership of our Society. The efforts of you, as members of the Society have largely been responsible for the increase in our numbers. Keep up this good work. New members for the two months are listed below:

Sustaining-- A. C. Thompson, Spencer; A. D. Ferguson, Clermont.

Active-- George Kjome, Decorah; A. I. Mason, Cedar Rapids; Royal O. Jagerson, Decorah; Phil H. Fedderson, Dubuque; Jennie Whittaker, Ames; Mae Brogan, Cedar Rapids; Frank Dickson, Des Moines; Glenn Speight, West Branch; W. C. French, Grinnell; J. Harold Ennis, Mount Vernon; David W. Gamet, Lamoni; Willard F. Johnson, Marshalltown; Mrs. Charles R. Keyes, Mount Vernon; Mrs. Meyer Rosenfield, Des Moines; Merrill J. Mattes, Omaha, Nebraska; Paul L. Beaubien, Omaha, Nebraska; H. S. Griffith Elkader; Francis L. Stubbs, Madison, *Isc.*; John E. Heimmick, Archuyvo, Chihuahua, Mexico; Henry Hamilton, Marshall, Missouri; Paul Sellers, Lewistown, Missouri; Carl H. Chapman, Columbia, Missouri; Father Francis Phelan, McGregor.

Institutional-- University of Dubuque Library; Iowa State Conservation Commission; Minneapolis Public Library; Effigy Mounds National Monument.

#### MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

We still need members. Members should not relax on their efforts to add to the Society's membership. As the Society grows, it can expand. We have been able to operate fairly inexpensively up to the present time, but during the coming months several projects will have to be carried out in addition to the usual publication of the Journal and Newsletter. For those members who were unable to attend the Fall Meeting in Iowa City we will present an abbreviated financial statement. With all bills paid excepting the one for this present Newsletter, the Treasury holds \$231.94. The bill for the first issue of the Journal was \$92.06 including tax and envelopes for mailing. It is apparent from this that there must be continuing effort on the part of the members to add to the membership of our organization if it is to pay its own way. We have done admirably for a new organization up to the present, but we can't relax now. It is a pretty good bet that every member in our Society knows someone else who is interested in Iowa Archeology. We are offering Iowans something no other organization in the State does-- publications dealing solely with Iowa Archeology, and the opportunity to become acquainted with other Iowans interested in Iowa prehistory. As time goes on, if our membership expands, we can put out a bigger and better Journal, publishing more material on archeology around the State. The Journal and the Newsletter can only expand and

and improve as the membership expands, for memberships are our sole source of income. We must build up our Active and Sustaining memberships within the coming months, and we must look ahead in this to the coming year beginning July 1, 1952.

Your past efforts to increase our membership have borne fruit, as can be seen by a glance at our new memberships. But we have a long way to go before we are operating on completely solid footing. Two more issues of the Journal, if we are to maintain the same quality of publication, and the remainder of this fiscal year's Newsletters will reduce the Treasury to near the zero point. With this Newsletter we are enclosing four membership blanks. Make sure that people who are really interested in an organization such as ours receive them. Tell them what the Society offers them and show them the Journal and the Newsletter. Have them join without delay. If you want more membership blanks your Secretary-Treasurer can supply them upon request.

Now, with a final request that if you have any news or comments on archeology or the Society, write them to your Secretary-Treasurer and Editor for publication in the Newsletter. For all of your officers, let me say,

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Wilfred D. Logan  
Editor