

Don't Miss the Field Trip July 16. Description at End of Newsletter.

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Renewed Newsletter

At the last annual meeting of the Society we all decided to renew the Newsletter so that people throughout the State would keep in touch with recent developments, discoveries and explorations. We hope this will stimulate new enthusiasm for the work we are doing.

Send all notes, comments and reports of finds to the Newsletter Editor:

Mr. Earl Ingmansen, Archeologist
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Recent Exploration in Webster County

Work is now in progress to make a complete survey of mounds and camps for the County Conservation Board. The crew is led by Rex Hansman of Humboldt and Dick Flanders of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Hansman teaches high school English in Humboldt and is taking part-time graduate work in the Anthropology Department. Flanders got his M.A. in Anthropology at the University of Iowa and is working towards his Ph.D. at Michigan. We published Flanders M.A. thesis last November as you will recall.

The crew has worked hard and found many spectacular sites. I had no idea the central area of the state was so rich. They have found five separate groups of linear mounds. One of these is over eight hundred feet long! They have so far located over 120 sites in Webster County but we are keeping the locations secret so that relic hunters will not loot them.

Ten Thousand Years of Iowa History

This is the title of the book I am working on this summer. It is specifically written in plain straightforward English to tell people about the rich history of Indian life which dates back to the Ice Age in Iowa.

The first draft is nearly done and I hope to have it published in about six months. It will have lots of illustrations so that you can identify the specimens in your collections.

Red Rock Reservoir

Many people have asked me about the rich sites which will be permanently destroyed by the reservoir. What are we doing about it? I have talked with the National Park Service Archeologists who are very much concerned over the loss of these Iowa sites. They are trying their very best to get action. It looks as if the Smithsonian Institution at Washington will send in an expedition this summer and I am really pleased with this news.

Journals

Volume Ten Number Four contains a series of short reports on archeological finds throughout the state. It also includes my Annual Report telling about my activities as State Archeologist. This issue has an index to all ten volumes so that you can easily check what has been written about your local county.

Volume Eleven Number One is a technical report about the finds made in Webster County last summer. I am putting it out in a new type of cover, which has illustrations of the specimens on it. We are improving the appearance of the Journal and plan on putting out many more articles each year--both popular and technical.

Both of these Journals will be mailed out together in about two weeks.

Archeology Laboratory

The University has bought new equipment for the Lab and this will improve our efficiency about 100 percent. We have four new cameras for field work, an elaborate copy stand and lights, a new drafting table, and drafting equipment. Most of the tables and so forth have been painted.

All of the major collections have been catalogued and we added about seven hundred site records to the files.

Effigy Mounds Contract Completed

A final report has just been finished for the National Park Service which made surveys of many of the bears, birds and linear mounds in the South Unit. The Park Service needed accurate maps prior to clearing the trees and opening up the area to the general public. The contract was originally set up by Rey Ruppe before he left for Arizona and James

Anderson, one of the graduate students at the University did the mapping last fall and wrote the report this spring.

This is a real milestone in the archeological program since it is the first archeological contract completed under the office of the State Archeologist.

Salvage Archeology in Southern Illinois

Two graduate students of our department, James Anderson and Gene Molene, are working in southern Illinois under Warren Wittry of the Illinois State Museum. The project is part of Illinois active highway salvage program in archeology.

THE ARCHAEOLOGIST'S NOTEBOOK is a Great Aid

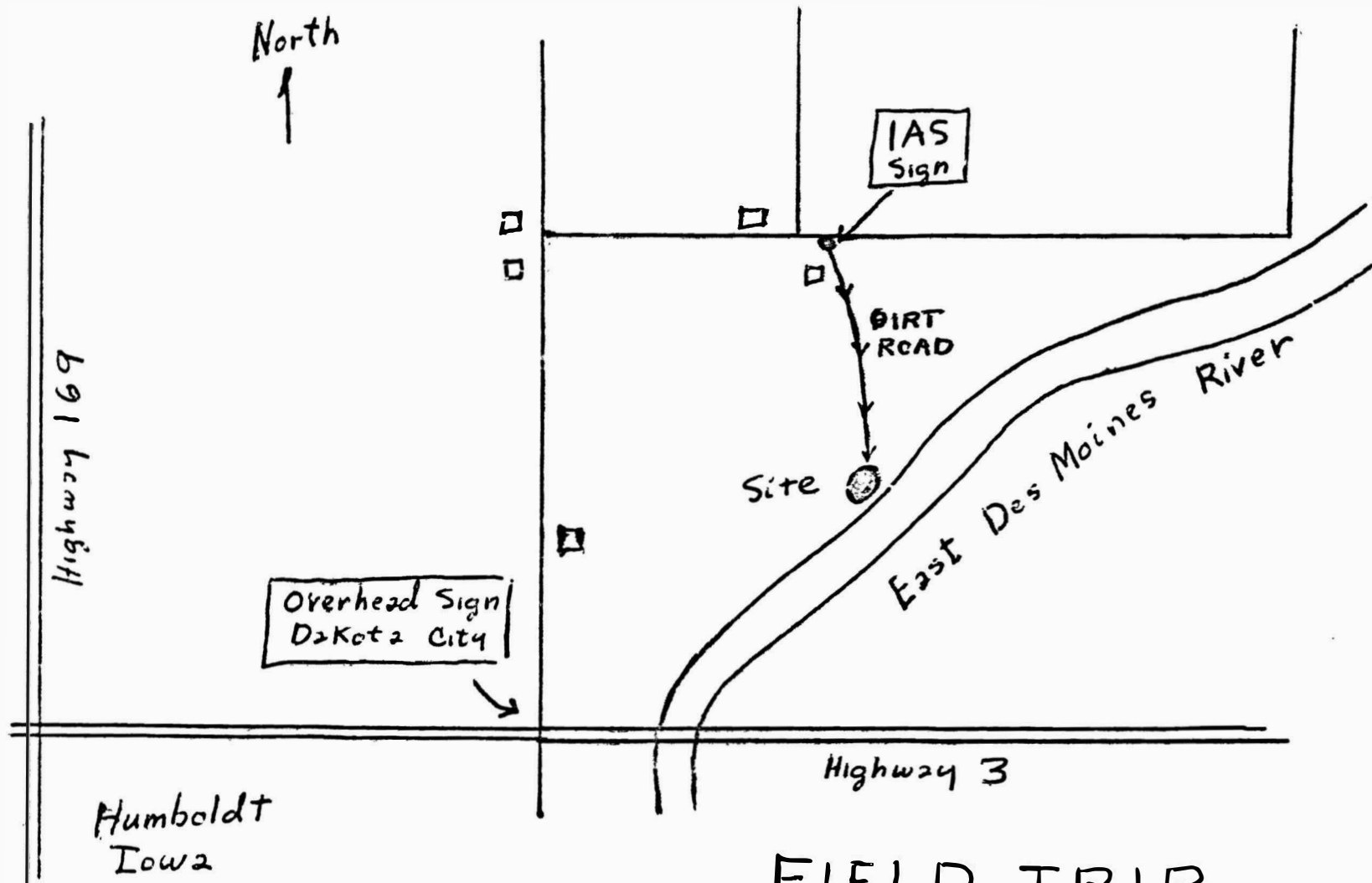
Every amateur archeologist knows he is supposed to keep field notes but the temptation is always present to put note-taking off until after the dig. Sometimes nothing gets written down.

A new book written by Clement Melghan from the University of California, Los Angeles solves the problem. Entitled The Archeologist's Notebook, it contains different kinds of easy-to-read scientific forms which can simply be filled in while digging. Each type of form has a set of instructions which clearly explain the purpose of the records and briefly discusses basic excavation techniques. Get your copy by sending \$4.50 to the Chandler Publishing Company, San Francisco, California.

A collection of specimens is worthless from a scientific point of view unless they are carefully excavated and field notes are in good order.

Field Trip to Ancient Camp

All members of the Iowa Archeological Society are cordially invited to a field trip Sunday, July 16. The purpose of the trip is to visit an ancient campsite being excavated by a University of Iowa crew in Humboldt County. The campsite belongs to the Archaic Pony Creek Complex discovered by Weldon Frankforter and this camp probably dates between 6500-3000 B.C. The map shows you how to get to the site which is very near the town of Humboldt. Come by after 10 A.M. and bring a picnic lunch.



Dakota City

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JULY 16, SUNDAY