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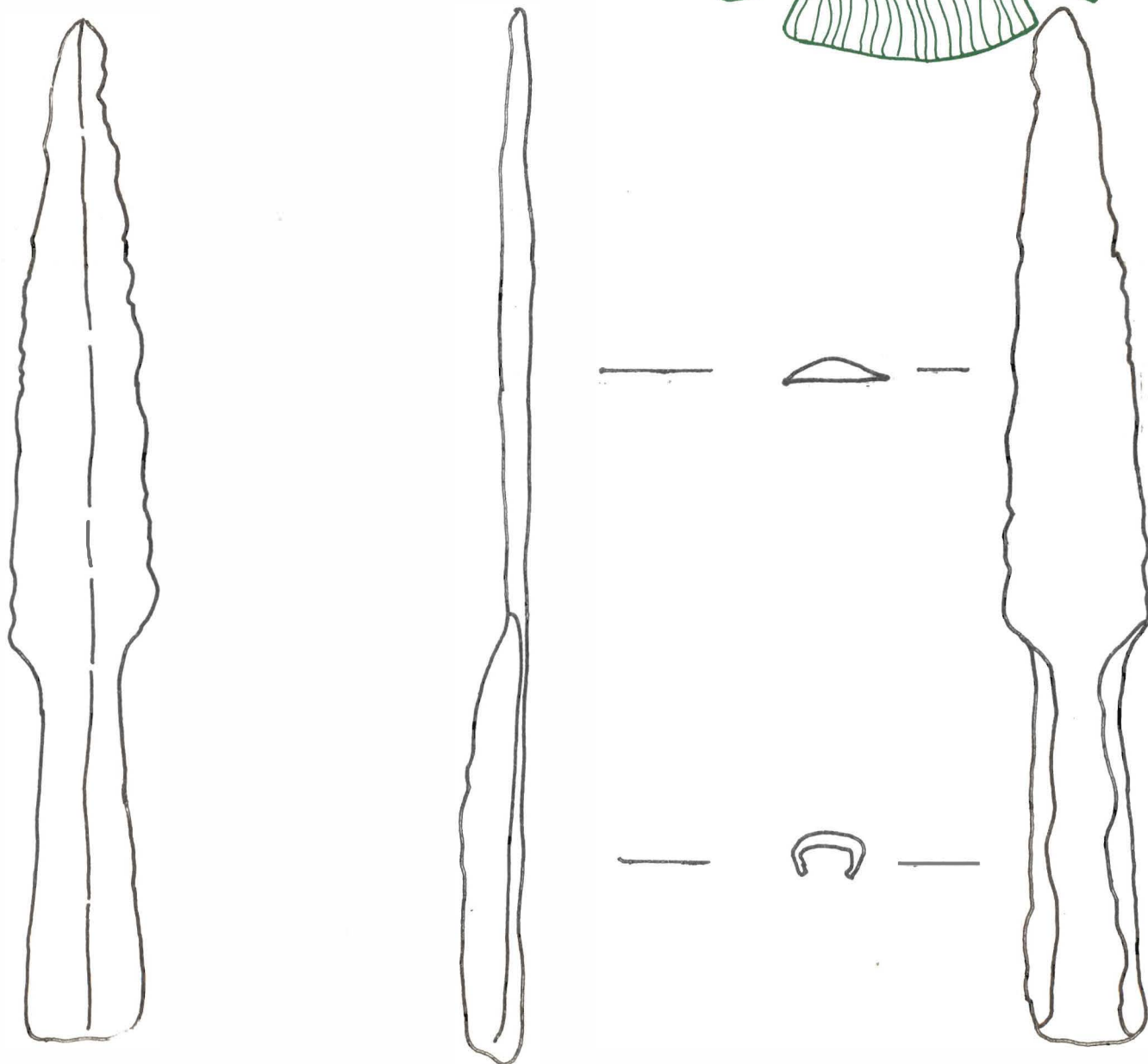
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!!! DO IT NOW!!!

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

At a meeting of Officers and Trustees of the Society I outlined my proposals for a program for this year. They are as follows:

1. To promote the formation of more Chapters within the Society in order to stimulate participation.
2. As Chapters form, to try to attract new members by providing various kinds of Chapter activities in archeological research.
3. To use these Chapter projects to teach archeological methods and theories, so that members that wish to may be able to lay claim to the title "amateur archeologist".

In justification of the above, I would like to point out that a person interested in archeology is not an amateur. An amateur is not a beginner, either. In archeology, an amateur does as a hobby what the professional does for a living. The level of required competence is the same for both.

I could not begin to guess at all of the reasons that lead people to become members of this Society. I suspect that many of you are simply interested in learning something about the archeology of Iowa. Some of you enjoy collecting artifacts, and for you the Society is both a means of learning what other members have found and a source of information about the significance of these artifacts. The NEWSLETTER, Journal, and the annual meeting seem to meet your needs.

Many of you wish to excavate; to "do archeology", but the training of amateur archeologists is an area of responsibility that has generally been neglected by the Society, if not studiously avoided, in the past. I hope to remedy this situation, but it will make you responsible for a lot more work.

As an example, we have had meetings in the past at sites being excavated under professional direction. Some of you have spent a few hours excavating under supervision. Less than half a dozen of you have spent as much as three days to six weeks with these field crews.

No student is considered adequately exposed to the problems of archeological field work with less than two or three field sessions to his credit. I do not think it is insulting to suggest that an amateur will need an equally intensive amount of supervised training in archeological method and theory.

I am personally in favor of excavations by amateur archeologists--but remember how I have defined amateur.

If you have become a member of this Society because of a desire to become an amateur archeologist, that is fine. I would regard the Society as the proper institution for part of your training, and association with professional archeologists to obtain what the Society cannot provide.

I am aware that the Society has not attempted to do this in the past, but I think it can and should.

There are many archeological research projects, including site excavation, that can be conducted by amateurs. I will do my best to assist those Chapters with such projects where the intent and ability to do properly scientific work is demonstrated. At the same time, as President of this Society, I will not condone improper or unscientific site excavation.

In the next few months I will spell out exactly what I think the Society can provide, and what you will have to obtain from outside the Society, in order to become amateur archeologists.

I can, and will, make the information available and help you with any problems. The rest is up to you.

I will do my best to answer any letters you care to write, and as soon as classes begin in the Fall, will be happy to visit the various Chapters to discuss my views in detail.

In the Fall we plan to have a general meeting--a casual workshop session--to try to stimulate interest in Chapter projects.

In January or February we will have a second workshop session to discuss and remedy any problems arising from the projects.

Then in the Spring I hope to have these Chapter projects as feature items of the program for the annual Spring meeting. This will be held in Iowa City.

To summarize, I feel that the formation of more Chapters will draw Society members into closer association, and provide a sense of solidarity that has not existed before. I think that these Chapters will also provide the foundation for achievements in archeological research that will be rewarding to the participants, their communities, and to the Society.

I hope you will work to prove I am correct.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

At the meeting of Officers and Trustees recently held in Iowa City it was agreed that a regular schedule for the NEWSLETTER would be attempted. For the coming year a quarterly schedule was established with issues to appear in June, September, December and March. Should enough additional material be forthcoming extra numbers will be issued. The first Monday of each of the above listed months will be the deadline for material in that NEWSLETTER. Anything received after that time will have to wait for another three months. So be prompt in sending whatever offerings you have.

The Editor also committed himself to producing three Volumes of the Journal during the next year. If it can be done, and right now there seems to be no good reason why not, it will put the Society on a current basis with publications.

The Society emblem was also discussed at the Trustees Meeting. Because of the potential hazard of anything applied to the windows of automobiles the decal idea was dropped. Carolyn Gordon had suggested that perhaps members might prefer the emblem in the form of a jewelry item such as a tie tack or pin and later a ring was suggested. Several firms have been asked to provide cost estimates. When these are all in, a ballot will be prepared to insert in the NEWSLETTER so you can express your preference for felt, cloth, pin, ring or no emblem at all.

You will note further in this NEWSLETTER that there are two opportunities to take part, at least to a limited extent, in excavations this summer. If all works well this summer it will probably become a regular part of the summer programs. I hope that many of you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity to have several days of enjoyment, learn something and contribute to the understanding of Iowa prehistory.

Members of the Iowa Archeological Society were shocked at the Annual Meeting to learn that the City Park Board of Clinton permitted the destruction of part of a Woodland village site located in Eagle Point Park. The saddest part is that the site was acquired specifically to preserve the site, and Assistant State Archeologist Adrian Anderson was planning to make excavations at the site. In fact the SUI Field School will be held there this summer. We understand the need for levees to protect the city in time of flood but it is said that other material was available nearby and that it had been offered to the city. This event points up dramatically the need for a State Antiquities Law which will at least preserve such places on public lands until they can be studied.

You will notice that the list of officers on the back of the cover is not current. As these were printed in advance and only enough were on hand for one more issue it was decided to use them anyway and save a few dollars printing cost. The current list will appear in the next NEWSLETTER. The Addressograph approved at the Annual Meeting has been delivered and it will be used for the first time with this number.

✓ OLD COPPER SOCKETED PROJECTILE POINT

The copper projectile point shown on the cover of this issue of the IAS NEWSLETTER was found near Lost Nation in Clinton County, Iowa. It was made available for study and illustration by Mr. James B. Gilroy, Postmaster at Lost Nation. He reports that it was found in the 1870's by his father after an extremely heavy rain had caused much erosion along a creek near the family farm. The slender triangular blade is deeply pitted by erosion and it has a median ridge running down the back of the blade, making it triangular in cross section also. The opposite side is flat along the entire length except where the sides of the socketed tang were folded around the shaft. Similar examples of this ridged-back socketed point were found at the Osceola Site near Potosi, Wisconsin on the Mississippi River just north of Dubuque. Those interested in Old Copper Culture would do well to start with "The Old Copper Culture of Wisconsin," Robert Ritzenthaler, Editor, The Wisconsin Archeologist, Vol. 38, No. 4, 1957.

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA FIELD SCHOOL

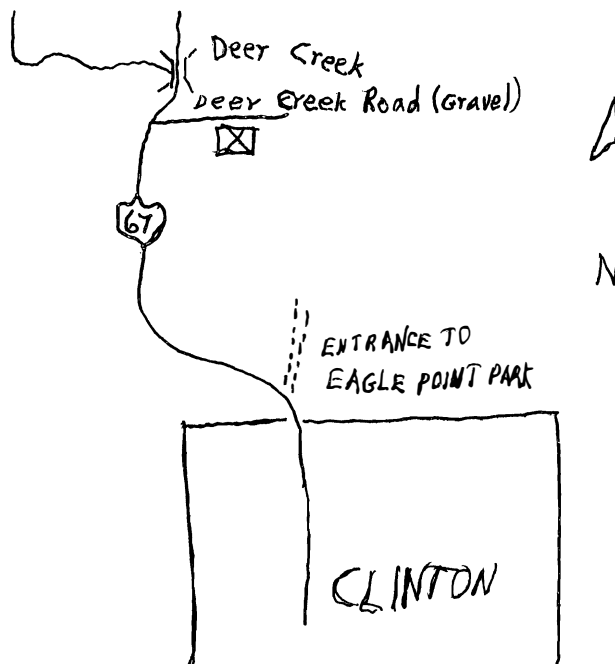
Base camp for the State University of Iowa Field School will be at Clinton, Iowa this summer. Assistant State Archaeologist Adrian Anderson, and IAS President, will be excavating at a Woodland site where Adrian hopes to find house remains. The site is located on the north edge of Eagle Point Park; just off Highway 67 on Deer Creek Road. The sketch below will help you find it. Adrian extends the following invitation to all Society members:

"I extend a welcome to those of you who wish to spend some time with us this summer, learning the rules for proper excavation.

We will be working Monday through Friday, from June 14 to August 9.

I ask only that you write to let me know when you will arrive, the number in your party, how much time you have, and that you agree to follow the same rules that the students are required to follow."

You can reach Adrian at the Office of the State Archeologist, University of Iowa, Iowa City before June 13. After that his address is: A. D. Anderson, SUI Archaeological Field School, Clinton, Iowa.



SOUTHEAST CHAPTER NEWS

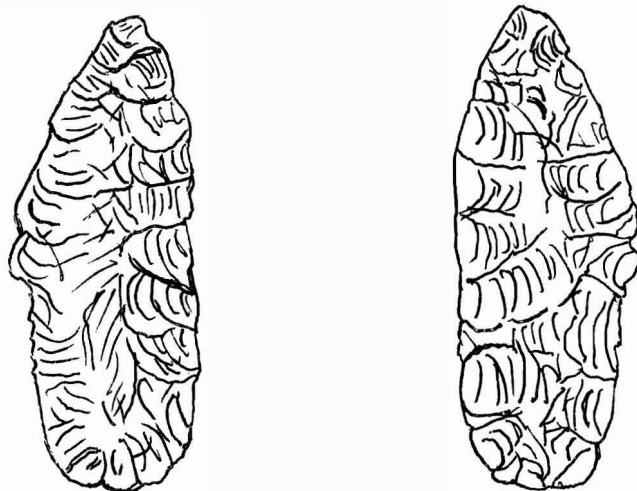
Don Spears, President of the SE Chapter reports that there were 27 persons attending their last meeting. Seven new members have been signed up by this group. Nice work! The Dr. Clyde Henry estate has given the Chapter two showcases to help exhibit specimens. VP Ed Yenger found a 3/4 grooved axe on a recent mushrooming jaunt, it weighed 13 lbs. and is 11 inches long. Field collecting is reported to be good and site survey reports are being prepared.

The SE Chapter meets at 7:00 p.m. on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Iowa Illinois Gas and Electric Company Auditorium, 225 E. Main Street, Ottumwa.

NORTHWEST CHAPTER NEWS

The May Newsletter of the NW Chapter illustrates an unusual pipe made of pipestone that was found on the Bastian Site. Only about 1½ inches long it is shaped something like an axe head with a bird's head carved on the blade and incised eyes on the sides of the blade.

Announcements on planned programs and field trips are a regular feature of their Newsletter also. The NW Chapter meets on the 3rd Sunday of each month, usually at the Sanford Museum, Cherokee, although some of the meetings are field trips especially during the nicer parts of the year.



IOWA SANDIA POINTS

Mr. Carleton Mull, Seattle, Washington, sends this sketch of a single shouldered projectile point very much like a Sandia. When Mr Mull acquired this point he was told that it had been found in Johnson County, Iowa. There remains some question whether this is actually the source. Mr. Mull notes that H.M. Wormington in "Ancient Man in North America" mentions Sandia Points found in Southern Iowa. Do any IAS members have information on finds of Sandia Points in Iowa? If so, please inform the Editor.

ISU FIELD SCHOOL IN SAYLORVILLE RESERVOIR

The Iowa State University, Ames will conduct its Archaeological Field School under the direction of Dr. David Gradwohl again this summer. Work will center in the Saylorville Reservoir on the Des Moines River north of Des Moines. Salvage operations there will be in cooperation with the National Park Service. Dr. Gradwohl will be in the field Monday-Saturday from June 7 to August 5. His field headquarters will be just south of Polk City and his map on page 9 will show you how to find him. (Incidentally he furnished enough copies of the map for the entire NEWSLETTER.) David expresses his welcome this way:

Visitors: "Sightseers" always welcome. Drop in with or without advance notice!!

Diggers: Notify David M. Gradwohl, RR1, Box 246-A, Polk City, Iowa 50226 in advance. Minimum stay: 3 days. Visiting diggers will probably have to make arrangements to stay in Ankeny or Des Moines as field accommodations are limited. Visiting diggers may eat meals with the crew at \$1.50 per day.

BUYERS BEWARE

We have recently learned that some members have been approached by persons selling fraudulent archeological specimens. Other than refusing to take part in the market, which may be the wisest course, the only way to protect yourself from such persons is experience and knowing who you are dealing with. Should this happen to you a complaint can be filed with your local law enforcement officials. Please notify your Society Officers also of any incidents that come to your attention.

BIRDSTONE FOUND IN ALLAMAKEE COUNTY

Dr. Henry P. Field reported recently that his brother had found a birdstone near the Upper Iowa River in Allamakee County. Dr. Field says that it is of the "pop-eyed" variety and in good condition. To the best of our knowledge this is the first report of one of these specimens for Iowa. Are there any others? As soon as Mr. Field returns from a trip and the specimen becomes available for study we will get full particulars and a good illustration for the NEWSLETTER.

MINUTES OF THE IAS BUSINESS MEETING, APRIL 16, 1967

President George Miller called the meeting to order and in opening expressed the thanks of the Society to Don Herold and his museum staff for making the Annual Meeting such an outstanding success. The question was then raised whether the workshops should be repeated. Discussion indicated that they would have general favorable reception but no decision was reached. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed in the NEWSLETTER.

The Treasurers report was read and approved and the Membership report was read. A question from the floor asked about the cost of the NEWSLETTER. Editor Garland Gordon answered that it was about \$50-60 per issue plus postage. He discussed the publications program further and again requested material from members. A motion to buy an Addressograph machine to simplify mailing and reduce expenditures was made by Arnold Haugen, seconded by Don Spears, carried.

President Miller introduced a letter from John Morey suggesting a felt emblem for wearing on clothing to identify one as an IAS member. The discussion was turned over to Garland Gordon. Dr. Haugen suggested a decal for use on automobiles as an alternate suggestion and Dr. David Baerreis suggested that the idea be submitted to the membership through the NEWSLETTER.

Dr. Haugen described a bill concerning the Hawkeye Naturama (SF-89) and urged individuals to write their representatives supporting the measure.

Dr. Wilfred Logan called attention to the federal Historic Sites Act of 1966. This important bill provides for State-wide surveys to identify significant historic sites (including archeological sites). It will also provide means of preserving some of them.

Dr. Dale Henning expressed concern at the low level of membership which makes the IAS a borderline operation financially. He asked if efforts were being made to expand membership, suggested that institutional memberships should be increased and that we become much more aggressive in obtaining more members. There followed much discussion on membership. Dr. Baerreis suggested that an annual publication, supplemented by regular NEWSLETTERS would probably help greatly.

Dale Henning, on behalf of Dr. Carl Chapman, extended greetings from the Secretary and President of the Missouri Archeological Society. Dr. David Gradwohl, extended greetings from the Kansas Anthropological Association.

Dr. Haugen asked if surplus funds were invested to draw interest. Jim Pilgrim asked if the state institutions could encourage public visits to sites where archeological excavations are in progress and thus increase local interest and serve as a public relations device for the Society. A general discussion followed on the need for more publicity.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Jim Pilgrim:

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	Romayne Pansegrau, Toledo
	George Miller, Davenport
Editor	Garland Gordon, Effigy Mounds, McGregor

Paul Rowe moved to accept the slate as read, seconded by Dr. McKusick the motion carried.

Mr. Pilgrim requested that the secretary be instructed to send a note of sympathy to Mrs. Robert W. Breckenridge. Mr. Miller noted that this action had already been taken. Dale Henning suggested a commendation to Mr. Miller for an excellent job as President and led in a round of applause. This was then made as a motion by Mr. Maule, seconded by Henning, and was enthusiastically carried.

President Miller requested a motion to present a Mr. Wesley, an elderly gentleman who voluntarily cares for the mounds at Toolesboro, with an honorary membership to be renewed annually. The motion which was made by Jim Pilgrim and seconded by Mrs. Pratt carried. Paul Kline moved for adjournment, seconded by Garland Gordon, the motion carried.

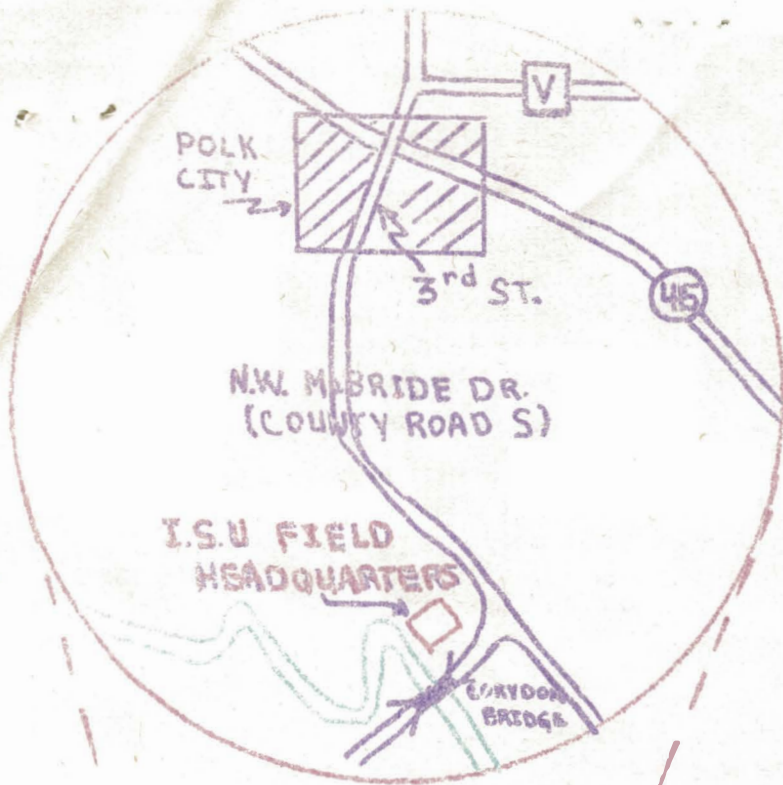
THE MISSOURI ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Although we have our own membership problems to solve, it is important that we broaden our outlook and encourage each member to learn all they can of neighboring areas. One of the best ways to do this is through the publications of sister societies in adjoining states. Archeological research in Missouri is certainly going to provide much that directly affects Iowa prehistory, especially in Southern Iowa and along the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers.

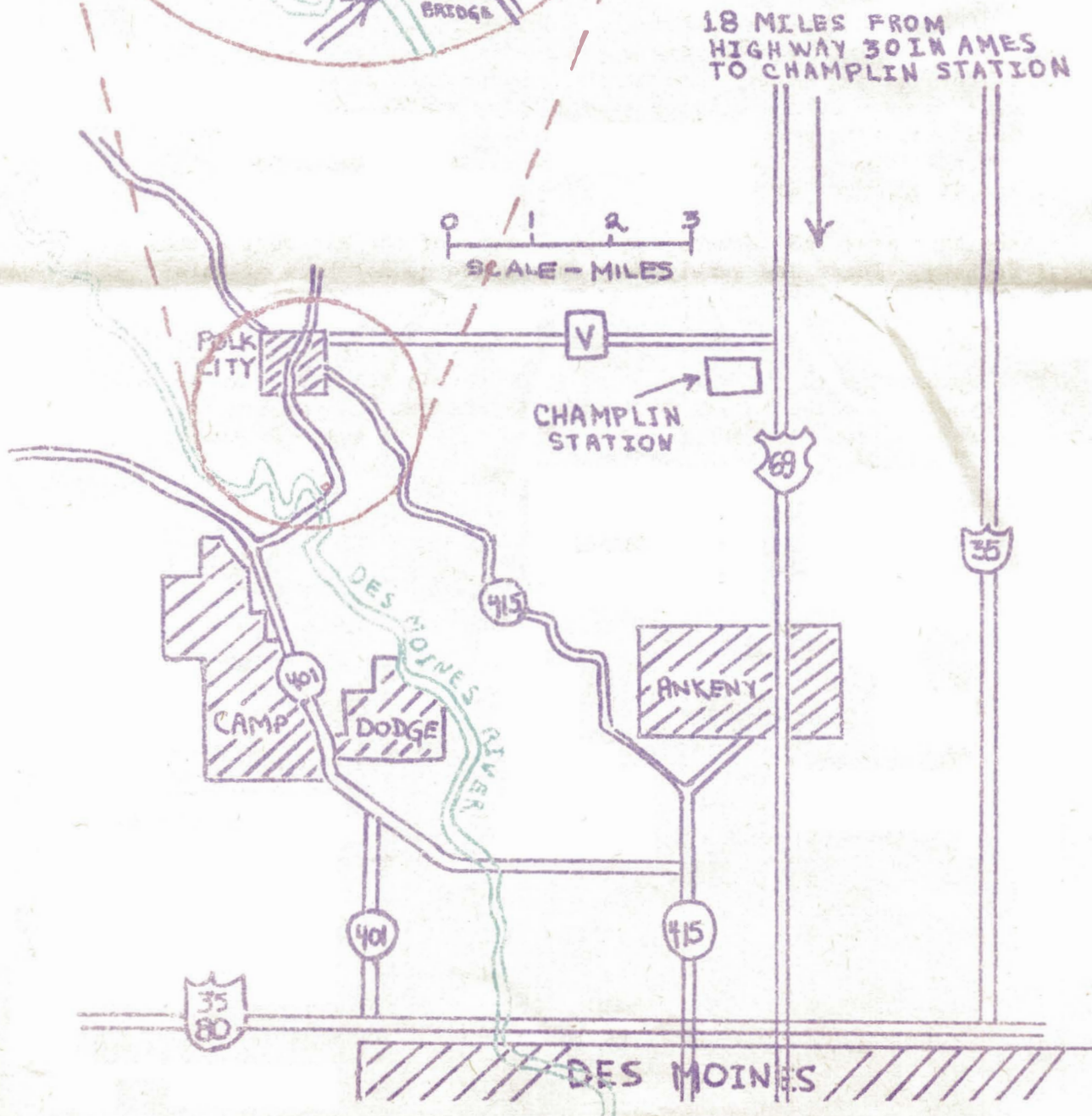
We know that many IAS members are now members of the Missouri Archaeological Society. There are surely many others who do not know of this excellent and energetic organization and its programs, particularly in publications.

Active membership in the MAS is only \$3.00 per year and you can be sure of getting full value in the form of publications. If you are interested in more information write to: (to join just enclose your check).

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MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

The poor status of IAS membership should be of serious concern to every member. We should first be sure our own dues are paid up to date. If not why don't you use one of the blanks below right now. The other blank could be given to a friend who you know has an interest in Iowa Archeology or your local library. Show them a copy of the NEWSLETTER. If you have more than one friend Mrs. Thornton has a large supply of applications for the asking.

----- APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Enclosed is my membership fee for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 19__.

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