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From left to right: Duane Anderson, Bill Green, Dick and Marge Slattery enjoy a moment of fond memories. Photo by David Gradwohl.

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

by Dick Slattery

On behalf of the Iowa Archaeological Society I wish to thank those who planned and participated in the 41st annual meeting March 23, 1991, at the Iowa State University Memorial Union. We are indebted to Bill Green, State Archaeologist, and to Mike Warren, Dept. of Anthropology, ISU, and to the speakers for giving us an interesting program.

The Society was privileged to host Duane Anderson, Director of the Dayton Museum of Natural History, Ohio, as banquet speaker. Another highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Keyes-Orr Award to Arlo Johnson for outstanding service towards the advancement of Iowa archaeology. It was long overdue!

We appreciate Chris Bunce and Christy Rickers, ISU students, who volunteered at the IAS registration and book sales desks.

Also, we thank Terry Walker for his many years service on the IAS board of directors. And we welcome Dale Gifford, a long time IAS member and our new representative from the northwest.

NEW MEMBERS: 1990-1991

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FROM THE EDITOR

by Sheila Hainlin

With this issue the Newsletter has been expanded by two pages. This issue includes descriptions of the annual meeting, reports of the February board of directors meeting and the annual business meeting. Also, after a lengthy hiatus Duane Anderson has renewed the Newsletter's supply of his entertaining cartoons entitled "Incites." These delightful episodes are enthusiastically welcomed back.

With the new longer length it is hoped that more members will be inspired to share their finds with the readers. To begin with, it is particularly hoped that Harold E. Carr will submit his account of a rare discovery of 44 large lanceolate points found in Page County, IA. Not all IAS members were fortunate enough to hear his description at the annual meeting.

These reports certainly do not need to be long. And if anyone wants assistance with writing, it is very much available. Any news about members and their archaeological activities has a place in the *Newsletter*.

News from the Chapters is also very welcome. Schedules of both past and future meetings are noteworthy. We need to know what others are doing. And since the membership is scattered over the state the *Newsletter* is one important line of communication for us.

Photographs and other artwork are welcome. These should be in widths equivalent to one, two or three *Newsletter* columns wide. Otherwise, there is too much wasted white space.

Elsewhere in this issue note a suggestion for the formation of a chapter in the Ames-Des Moines area.

BOOK NEWS:

MC KUSICK UPDATES BOOK ON DAVENPORT CONSPIRACY

The Davenport Conspiracy Revisited is an archaeological mystery story - but fact rather than fiction - set in the 1880s. Burial mounds in the Quad Cities area of Iowa and Illinois excavated by amateur archacologists had yielded unexpected treasures. Engraved stone tablets with drawings, alphabets, and a European Zodiac were attributed to a lost civilization of Mound Builders of European or Near Eastern origin believed to have once flourished in the eastern and central forests of North America - a popular theory of the day. Effigy pipes carved to resemble extinct mammoth heightened the mystery. But when the relics were denounced as frauds by the staff of the newly formed Smithsonian Institution and U. S. Bureau of Ethnology, a major controversy arose about the nature of American prehistory. Who inhabited ancient America? The ancestors of American Indians or European or Middle Eastern peoples who had come to North America?

The "Davenport Conspiracy" was a notorious case of archaeological fraud that grew into a national scandal. It focused worldwide attention on Davenport, Iowa, and the small society of amateur archaeologists - the Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences - that perpetrated the hoax. In The Davenport Conspiracy Revisited, Marshall McKusick traces the circumstances surrounding the discovery of the "ancient" artifacts, the spread of their fame throughout the world of archaeology, and the scandal that threatened to erupt when questions were eventually raised about their authenticity. He documents the unfolding drama of the frauds, debates, and plots to conceal the truth the seamy side of amateur investigations gone awry during the transition from amateur to professional status of archaeology in North America. The foreword, by Stephen Williams, Peabody Professor of American Archaeology at Harvard University, describes and discusses the importance of this period of archaeological history.

The Davenport Conspiracy Revisited, updated from the original publication in 1970, does not merely set the the record straight on a single case of archaeological fraud, however. It offers insight into the highly competitive world of 19th century

archaeology, which was riddled with scandals such as the Davenport hoax. In addition, McKusick argues that the past two decades have witnessed a resurgence of interest in theories of migrations of ancient peoples from Europe or the Middle East to North America, theories founded on "evidence" that is speculative and often demonstrably false. He convincingly refutes a number of recent books that uncritically cite the Davenport slate shingle as proof of ancient voyages by Egyptians and Phoenicians to the Quad Cities area. Such ideas find currency in a culture increasingly fascinated with science fiction and fantasy, but McKusick warns readers they do not represent the science of archaeology.

Marshall McKusick's new book is available for \$22.95 (plus \$2.00 postage) from Iowa State University Press, 2121 S. State, Ames, IA 50010.

MEMBERS ASSEMBLE FOR ANNUAL MEETING

Iowa Archeological Society president Dick Slattery on March 23, 1991, welcomed more than 50 people to the society's annual meeting. The meeting was held in Ames in association with the Central States Anthropological Society at Iowa State University. A full round of papers were given in morning and afternoon sessions. A business meeting followed.

In the evening, after the banquet, the Keys-Orr award was presented to Arlo Johnson of Forest City. Following this presentation, former Iowa State Archaeologist, Duane Anderson, presented the banquet address on the Sunwatch Fort Ancient Indian Village in Dayton, Ohio. Duane is currently director of the Dayton Museum of Natural History.

Speakers included James Collins, of the OSA, who discussed continuing work on the Woodland period in northeast Iowa. IAS member Dale Gifford reported on assorted field activities of the Northwest chapter and several speakers including Steve Lensink, Dave Carlson and John Bower. Stephen Lensink, of the OSA, has been reviewing the interpretations of Mill Creek culture subsistence.

Society member Harold E. Carr described his Page County cache find of 44 large points in lanceolate form.

Larry Bradley, of the University of South Dakota, described searching for ice harbor sites and locating one at Sioux City. These were special constructions in the 19th century which allowed taking river boats out of the water sideways. Cherie Haury, of the OSA, spoke of the excellent record-keeping, mapping and collecting by the late Paul Rowe. Rowe's collected materials are now part of the Keyes collection at the University of Iowa and are being curated by the OSA. Some of these materials were collected from sites that have since been destroyed.

Michael Perry, OSA, recounted efforts to follow Ellison Orr's searches in the Lower Pony Creek valley in the Loess Hills. And Shirley Schermer, OSA, described implementing Iowa's burial protection law.

Larry Zimmerman, of the University of South Dakota, briefly reported on meetings of the World Archaeological Congress (WAC). At the 1989 meeting at the University of South Dakota the WAC focussed on archaeological ethics and the treatment of the dead. At the 1990 meeting in Venezuela representatives from the "third world" expressed concerns over sacred sites around the world. The WAC will be meeting at Iowa City in September. A public program is scheduled for September 16 and 17, 1991.

ANCIENT OHIO INDIAN VILLAGE RESTORED

Banquet speaker Duane Anderson, Executive Director of the Dayton Museum of Natural History, described the history of a late 12th century circular village in Dayton, Ohio. The site has had National Landmark status and is on the National Register. Known long before it was first excavated in 1971, the well-preserved site contained cache pits, house and stockade posts. Bone, shell and turkey egg shell were found. Also found were cordage, tools, fishhooks, and bone ornaments whose decorations indicated a connection with Cahokia. Several village buildings were reconstructed and a yearround interpretive center offers a full round of activities for visitors.

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

President Dick Slattery called the annual business meeting to order at 4:00 pm March 23, 1991. The minutes of the

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February 9, 1991, board meeting were presented.

The following items of business were discussed at the board meeting in February:

Treasurer's Report, Deb Baker Methods to increase membership, gencral

Motion to contribute \$100 to the Paul Rowe Chapter for future programs, Roger Natte

Report on the status of the 1990 *Journal*, Steve Lensink

Discussion of, and motion to expand the IAS *Newsletter* to eight pages, Sheila Hainlin, David Swinehart

Annual Meeting plans, including IAS obligation to pay \$250 to Mike Warren of the Central States Anthropological Society for hosting the meeting, and authorizing President Slattery to plan the banquet at a cost of \$9 per person

Nominations to the board, including a suggestion by Baker to increase the board membership by three to include teachers and county naturalists, replacing Terry Walker, who is not seeking re-election, and electing a secretary to replace Kay Simpson, who has moved to North Carolina

Discussion of field schools in which IAS members will be able to participate, including one at the Gast Farm site, sponsored by The University of Iowa/OSA, and one at the Buchanan site, sponsored by Iowa State University

Discussion of plans for Iowa Archaeology Days proposed by Bill Green for September; Dale Henning, Jerry Phillips, President Slattery, and Deb Baker will serve on the planning committee

Discussion of IAS representation at the meetings of the Society of American Archaeology's Council of Affiliated Archaeological Societies in April by Green, and the Congress of Historical Organizations in June by Lensink

President Slattery, at the March business meeting, presented an updated financial status and membership report prepared by Treasurer Deb Baker since the February board meeting:

Expenses

\$100.00 lowa Wesleyan College, "lowa: Eye to I" history program

8.53 Engraving, Keyes-Orr Award 25.00 Society of American Archaeology \$133.53 Total Assets \$2,501.08 Checking 4,924.00 Savings 60.00 Gene Crawford Bequest \$7.485.08 Total

1991 Membership

Institution	5
Active	80
Family	8
Sustaining	9
Student	_2
Total	104

The Treasurer's report stated that the total of paid-up members is up 30 from one month ago to 104 members. This includes seven new members.

President Slattery reported that the 1990 Journal will go to press in June and would be distributed to the membership shortly thereafter. He also expressed the need for more articles for publication in the Newsletter, due to the board's approval to increase the Newsletter to eight pages.

In a brief State of the Society message, President Slattery expressed appreciation for the support of the Office of the State Archaeologist in organizing the program for the annual meeting. President Slattery said that the membership dues increase to \$15 for active members was unfortunately necessary to keep pace with rising expenses, but was still a reasonable amount compared to other organizations. The opportunities for membership participation in this summer's field schools are excellent.

Lensink reported the board's nominations for IAS board and office positions:

President: Dick Slattery, incumbent
Vice President: David Carlson, incumbent
Secretary: Kathy Gourley, replacing
Kay Simpson
Directors: Dale Gifford, replacing
Terry Walker
Yvonne Chadek, incumbent
Dennis Miller, incumbent

Dale Gifford moved that the membership accept the nominations as presented, seconded by John Bower; the motion passed by voice vote with none opposed.

In other business, President Slattery expressed the Society's gratitude for the bequest of Gene Crawford, and its sympathy to his family on his recent passing.

John Bower suggested that the society express its gratitude to student volunteers Chris Bunce and Christy Rickers for their

help in manning the registration desk for the annual meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted Michael J. Perry, acting secretary

ARLO JOHNSON WINS 1991 AWARD

by Steve Lensink

Arlo Johnson of Forest City received this year's Keyes-Orr Award at the 41st annual meeting of the Iowa Archaeological Society in Ames, IA.

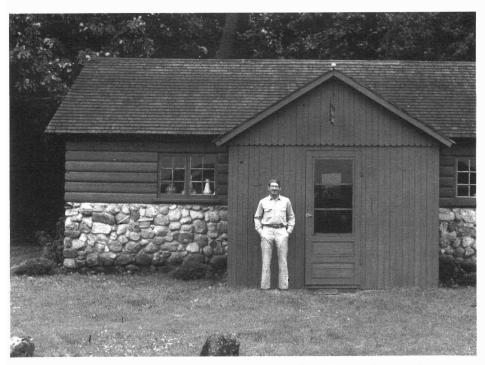


Steve Lensink presents Keyes-Orr award to Arlo Johnson. Photo by David Gradwohl.

Arlo has been active in Iowa archaeology for over 40 years. As a young man he built the Timberland Museum in rural Forest City to house his archaeological collection. The museum was completed in 1940 and has been open to the public every summer since then from June to October.

Arlo has promoted the goals of the society and contributed to Iowa archaeology in numerous ways. For many years he has offered a program for elementary school children through the Forest City Community School system. Hundreds of grade school students have benefited from Arlo's enthusiastic presentations on Iowa prehistory and the state's early Indians.

Arlo and his wife, Eleanor, have also made their home a haven for numerous Iowa archaeologists working in north central Iowa, in-cluding Reynold Ruppé, Duane Anderson, David Cook, Dave Benn, and myself. After a visit by Ruppé



Arlo Johnson in front of his Timberland Museum, summer 1980. Photo by Steve Lensink.

Arlo followed his advice and began recording his archaeological sites and cataloging his extensive collection of prehistoric artifacts using the Smithsonian trinomial system. He also encouraged his son and son-in-law to do the same with their collections. Today Arlo's collection represents one of the best documented collections of prehistorical material from the Des Moines Lobe. He has actively encouraged professional archaeologists from around the state to utilize his collection.

While working on my own dissertation on Prairie Lake archaeology, Arlo spent hundreds of hours in the evenings and over weekends running down the location of sites in the Forest City area. Over 200 archaeological sites were accurately mapped and documented as a result of his efforts. It is with many artifacts, and catching quick cups of Norwegian ""gas" and strawberry pie in Lake Mills, that I look back on the summer of 1980 spent doing archaeology with Arlo. This year's Keyes-Orr Award goes to a dedicated amateur archaeologist and an extraordinary man.

MELICK VILLAGE SITE: Keyes Collection

by Michael J. Perry Office of the State Archaeologist

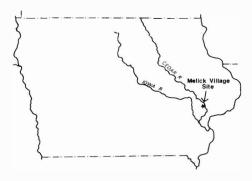


Figure 1. Location of 13CD29

Efforts to record and field check sites visited by Charles R. Keyes have increased over the last few years. Operating at a time when the kinds of detailed maps used by modern archaeologists were not available, Keyes wrote descriptions of sites he visited and listed artifacts known to have been collected at particular sites. Most of Keyes' field visits were made in the company of local landowners and collectors. Often his descriptions were rather general in nature, but they usually con-

tained enough detail with respect to sections, townships, roads, towns, and physiography that actual site locations can be estimated on modern topographic maps.

The Melick Village Site, 13CD29, is a good example of the sites visited and described by Keyes (Figure 1). My attention to this site stemmed from a request by the Cedar County Engineer's Office for an archaeological survey of new right-of-way needed for proposed improvements to a road through the site area. Although the proposed road work has now been indefinitely postponed, preparation for the field survey prompted me to examine Keyes' notes and the artifacts from this site that are part of the Keyes Collection at the State Historical Society of Iowa in Iowa City. My interest was especially spurred by the fact that one of the specimens from the site, a copper celt, was on display at Iowa Hall, which suggested to me that the site may represent a Middle Woodland occupation.

Keyes, September 3, 1929, contacted Justus A. Melick of Atalissa, a retired farmer and former owner of the land containing the village site. Keyes examined Melick's relics, which included drills, scrapers, some 150 points, point fragments, various tools, and the copper celt (Figures 2, 3, 4).

Table 1. Charles R. Keyes Archaeological Collection Melick Donation Summary

Drills and drill fragments	8
Projectile points and fragments	15
Scrapers and scraper fragments	9
Bifaces and biface fragments	16
3/4 Grooved axe	1
Groundstone celt	1
Copper celt	1
Modified flake	1
Pendant	1
Gorgets and gorget fragments	4
Waste flake	1
Pebble	1
Total	200

Table 2. Charles R. Keves Collection 13CD29 Melick Donation Projectile Points by Type Untyped Distal Fragments Paleoindian Period Agate Basin Plainview Archaic Period Untyped side-notched 3 Untyped corner-notched Untyped expanding stemmed Table Rock Matanzas 8 Godar Raddatz St. Charles 3 Durst 5 Early Woodland Period Untyped side-notched 1 Untyped straight stemmed Middle Woodland Period Untyped corner-notched Marshall/Gibson Norton/Manker Dickson/Burkett Snyders Norton Marshall Manker Monona Waubesa Late Middle Woodland Period Besant Steuben Late Woodland. Late Prehistoric Period Arrow Points Untyped corner-notched Untyped unnotched triangular Untyped side-notched triangular Untyped concave base Untyped small stemmed

Apparently most of the artifacts were collected by Melick's son Orville during the 12 years they owned the farm. Keyes went with Justus Melick to the village site, located in the Cedar River valley about four miles north of Atalissa. Keyes described the site area as a high sandy river terrace about 1/4 mile west of the river. The next day, Justus Melick presented most of the specimens in his collection to Keyes as a gift to the State Historical Society.

The catalog of the Keyes Collection specimens donated by Melick listed the artifacts by catalog number (CE-37 - CE-43) and type, with complete projectile points described as notched, stemmed, or lanceolate. I took a copy of the catalog to the State Historical Society and prepared my own inventory of artifact types (Table 1). Including the copper celt in the Iowa Hall exhibit, there was a total of 200 specimens. The projectile points in the collection totaled 156, and a variety of types that spanned nearly the entire prehistoric period in Iowa was recognized.

Table 2 lists the projectile points by prehistoric period and type. Figure 4 presents a sample of some of the readily recognizable types.

The variety of projectile points and other tool types in the Melick Donation suggests that the site covers a sizeable area repeatedly occupied by Native American populations. The Middle Woodland occupation may have been the most extensive, which is represented by the highest number of projectile points and may well be represented by most of the

scrapers, the copper celt, and the drills and

gorgets. The lack of pottery in the collection is problematic, and may reflect a collecting bias on the part of the Melicks, or simply a failure to recognize this material during collecting episodes. Although only an approximate location for the site is known, the site may be considered important as one of the few in Iowa that has yielded a copper celt, as well as yielding a diversity of artifact types an apparently resulting from a long period of use.

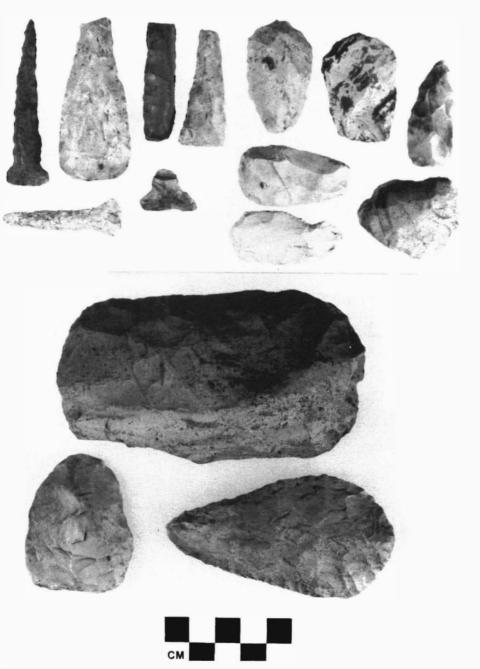


Figure 2. Drills, scrapers, and bifaces from 13CD29.

NEW CHAPTER PROPOSED

by Sheila Hainlin

With so many members living in the Ames-Des Moines it is surprising that an IAS chapter has not been organized. Perhaps it should be. Chapter meetings would provide opportunities to exercise our interest in archaeology through. Apart from these benefits the population concentrated in this region provides a potential for new members.

A late summer potluck picnic at one of the Saylorville Dam picnic shelters would be an opportunity to establish such a group.

The most recent members may not be listed and the addresses may not be current in the following list. However, it is printed here to give an idea of the number of members in this central region.

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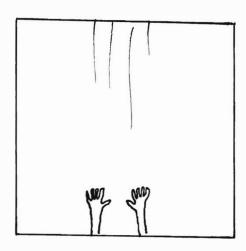
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Figure 3. Groundstone artifacts from 13CD29.

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An early attempt at repelling during the pre-rope period

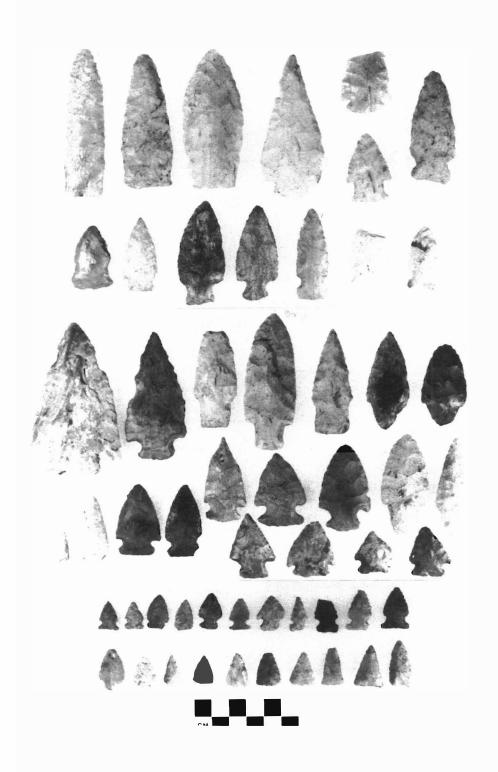


Figure 4. Selected projectile points from 13CD29.



OSA NEWS

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NEW EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

The Office of the State Archaeologist is pleased to welcome Mary Hansman as our new Editorial Assistant.

Mary arrives with a Bachelor's degree from the University of Iowa in Mass Communications and Journalism and with several years of experience as a typesetter, printing production manager, and freelance technical and scientific editor.

Mary comes from a family with archaeological interests; her brother is an archaeologist in Missouri and her father, Rex Hansman, was a long-time member of the Iowa Archeological Society and an active amateur archaeologist in the Fort Dodge area.

Mary's main duties include helping to edit and produce the *Journal of the Iowa Archeological Society* and the OSA's *Reports* and *Research Papers* series.

STAFF NOTES

Volunteers and interns at the OSA this spring include Grinnell College senior Becky Wallace, UI student Lia Plakans, and IAS members Ann Carney and Dr. Edward Perkins. Becky is studying pottery from last year's Louisa County IAS field school, Lia is designing an exhibit of Decatur County artifacts, and Ann and Edward are conducting various lab projects for certification as Lab Technicians. We appreciate their help!

Shirley Schemer was appointed by the Governor to the State Advisory Board for Preserves. The Preserves Board sets policies and provides guidance for the management of the State Preserves system by the Department of Natural Resources.

PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

The Plains Anthropologist has published an article by Bill Green on the curation of the Paul Rowe collection from Mills County reprints are available

from Bill at the OSA.

Former OSA Associate Director Joe Tiffany has a chapter in the new book, Cahokia and the Hinterlands, published by the University of Illinois Press. Joe's chapter is entitled "Models of Mississippian Culture History in the Western Prairie Peninsula: A Perspective from Iowa."

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