

BY THE WAY OF INTRODUCTION

A slight reorganization of the Federation took place at the last annual meeting. One of the results of this was the institution of an Editorial Committee which was given rather broad powers but little in the way of suggestion of how to proceed. The existence of a Committee implies that there will be something to edit, hence this Bulletin. The editor believes that a brief outline of the accomplishments of the members of the Federation will serve several purposes. One of the most important of these is the institution of a source from which people can obtain archeological and other data which can be used for comparative purposes. Further this Bulletin can be used to record the progress of the Federation, thus acting as a mouthpiece for the combined voices of the member societies. The present venture is an experiment, it cannot continue without the support, financial and otherwise, of the societies themselves and of all the individual members. The editor submits this first publication for your appraisal, he will welcome any and all comments, good and bad.

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THE ANNUAL MEETING, PHILADELPHIA, NOV. 7th and 8th, 1941

The editor cannot refrain from taking up a little valuable space with a second notice of the meetings. Have you ever been to one of these meetings? Have you taken the opportunity of enjoying and profiting by the interesting papers and discussions on Eastern Archeology? Has it occurred to you that, almost without question, some things will be said that will make your own collection and your own work more valuable and interesting? Just last year there was a splendid meeting which covered a great deal of archeological ground and at which people from various sections of the Atlantic Seaboard met to enjoy each other's company and to profit from each other's ideas. It is true that every single member of every Society should make an effort to be there.

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THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MEMBER SOCIETIES SINCE NOV. 9, 1940

Connecticut

The members of the Society have been busy with excavations and the study of collections. Seven or more sites in Connecticut have been excavated and the reports on several of these are promised for publication. Other excavations were made in Cape Cod and in Arizona. Work on the collections is proceeding apace what with articles published during the past year and with more to come. Titles include: The Analysis of historical records, Further Bibliographical Research, and Work on Copper Artifacts, Pottery and Other Types of Remains.

Two local chapters have been formed, one in New Haven and one in Hartford. Two Bulletins and eight News Letters have been issued. Dr. Irving Rouse, Peabody Museum, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.

Delaware

Excavations on one site have been completed and an archeological reconnaissance of the Eastern Shore of the Delmarva Peninsula has also been finished. The latter is in anticipation of future excavations.

An archeological museum has been founded at the University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware. The Society's collection of about twenty-five thousand artifacts is now being installed there.

One Bulletin and a Monograph have been added to the publications of the Society. C. A. Weslager, 23 Champlain Ave., Wilmington, Delaware.

Georgia

No report. Mr. Richard W. Smith, 425 State Capitol, Atlanta, Georgia.

Maine

The activities of the Robert Abbe Museum have been confined to the study of the bone artifacts which have been excavated during the past few years. A comprehensive report on these will be published in the spring of 1942. Several reconnaissance trips in the interior of the State were made and two Red Paint graves were excavated in Brewer. The Museum sponsored twenty-four meetings in various parts of the State. Mr. Wendell S. Hadlock, Robert Abbe Museum, Bar Harbor, Maine.

Maryland

No report. Dr. Sebastian Karrer, Mary Academy of Science, Baltimore, Maryland.

Massachusetts

Excavations by various members and also by Chapters of the Society are proceeding in Nantucket, Norton, Sudbury, Holyoke and at other locations. It is expected that accounts of these excavations will be published.

The Society has issued four numbers of its Bulletin and two News Letters. Also one monograph in a new series called the Contributions has been published.

The activities of the Society are particularly comprehensive. The work is done by numerous committees. Progress has been reported by all of these groups of workers. The Site Survey continues to record new sites, the Artifact Classification Committee has produced a tentative outline. Work is being done on: distribution of materials, field methods, chronology, tribal distribution, physical environment, ethnology, and colonial history under the leadership of as many chairmen. A Research Committee was organized for the purpose of discussing, informally, the progress of the various archeological and historical endeavors. Mr. Edward Brooks, 32 Allerton Street, Brookline, Mass.

New Jersey

Members of the Society report considerable activity which has resulted in the enlarging of the local collections. Some members have also worked in New Mexico, Utah, Georgia and Montana during the past summer.

The Society continued to act in an advisory capacity for the Indian Site Survey, a WPA project sponsored by the State Museum. During the year, the survey conducted twenty excavations in seven counties. In addition, 120 Indian sites were surveyed and entered on the master map of Indian sites. Twenty private collections were inventoried.

Office and laboratory work was concentrated on the preparation of the first volume of "The Archeology of New Jersey" which was published in October. This volume was jointly published by the Society and the State Museum. All field work has now been stopped and the personnel has been reduced to a skeleton office force which is working on the second volume of "The Archeology of New Jersey." This volume, dealing with the excavations at the Abbott Farm Site, should be ready for publication during the coming year.

The Society has continued to publish its Leaflets and News Letters. Dr. Albert O. Hayes, Dept. of Geology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J.

New York

Long Island Chapter. Members of this Chapter of the New York Archeological Association have been busy excavating various sites. A fourth site belonging to the Orient Focus has produced some important Culture Site. The members have also been busy restoring and studying the collections which they have already amassed. Charles F. Goddard, Mattituck, Long Island, N. Y.

Lewis H. Morgan Chapter. This chapter has sponsored no publications this year. William Ritchie, Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences, Rochester, N. Y.

Van Epps-Hartley Chapter. The editor wishes to apologize to the members of this Chapter for omitting to send a request for information. I am sure that the excavations are being continued and I have no doubt but what the Bulletin has been issued. Those interested will, I know, receive a wealth of information about New York State and this very active group if they will write Mr. P. Schuyler Miller, 302 South Ten Broeck St., Scotia, N. Y.

North Carolina

No report. Mr. Harry T. Davis, Director, State Museum, Raleigh, N. C.

Pennsylvania

No report. Mr. Frederick A. Godcharles, Milton, Pa.

Rhode Island

The Society reports that several meetings have been held and that interest in archeology seems to be growing, though slowly. An excavation is contemplated by this group. An exhibition of the Society's work was installed in the Roger Williams Park Museum. Mr. David Straight, Harwood Road, East Greenwich, R. I.

Vermont

No report. Mr. Mile S. King, Fort Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Virginia

This Society, the youngest member of the Federation, has gathered together frequently to listen to discussions about numerous subjects. Various members of the Society are working on several problems and it is hoped that money for research and publication will eventually be forthcoming. Mr. E. B. Sacrey, 1322 Avondale Ave., Richmond, Virginia.
