

Scientific Meetings

Iroquois Research

The usefulness of the informal research conference for exploring some central theme, for identifying new research problems, and for reporting research accomplished was again achieved 14-16 Oct. 1955 when students of the Iroquois Indians of New York and Ontario met for the ninth time in 10 years at Red House, N. Y., to discuss the theme, "Exploring ways of achieving cooperation in anthropological studies in the Northeast." This theme provided a vehicle for discussing state and local relationships in archeology, professional and amateur responsibilities in archeology and ethnology, the roles of local and regional museums, and relationships between universities as training centers and the opportunities provided by the conference for field work.

The conference was limited to 35 invited participants who had recently contributed to the advancement of Iroquoian research, of whom 28 attended. The Red House conferences are traditionally family affairs; until the rains of this year, the glorious autumn weather has made these week-ends a pleasant outing. For the continued use of the administration building and quarters of the Allegany State Park, the conference is indebted to Charles E. Congdon, chairman of the Allegany State Park Commission, and to M. H. Deardorff of Warren, Pennsylvania, who was host at the "doings" of the Very Little Water Society.

The annual Iroquois Conference owes its inspiration to the late F. G. Speck and has from the beginning been organized and chaired by W. N. Fenton, who this year was assisted in planning by W. A. Ritchie and C. E. Gillette. The conference has no formal organization and no regular members. The attendance comprises mainly anthropologists, many of whom are part-time workers in archeology, ethnology, language, and history—the only prerequisite is an active and contributing interest in some phase of Iroquoian studies.

The agenda included the following discussions: State and Local Relations led by John Witthoft (Pennsylvania Museum Commission); Professional and Amateur

Relations led by William A. Ritchie (New York State Museum and Science Service); Museum and University Relations, Irving Rouse (Yale University); Ethnologist and Indian, Anthony F. C. Wallace (University of Pennsylvania); and the Structure of Support, W. N. Fenton. The discussions lasted throughout Saturday and were actively engaged in by everyone present. Those who did not have a chance to say all that occurred to them in the meeting carried on in small groups far into the night. On Sunday morning, we heard from the "new voices" in Iroquoian research, who were introduced by Wallace. These included Jacob Gruber (Temple University) on a study of artistic styles in Iroquois masks; Cara B. Richards (Cornell University) on a study of women's roles at Onondaga; David Landy (Harvard University) on child-rearing practices of the Tuscarora; and Anne-Marie Shimony (Yale University) on the longhouse communities of Six Nations Reserve, Ontario.

The chairman summarized the high points of the conference as follows:

- 1) The need had been identified for an archeological extension service from the New York State Museum and Science Service to local societies, schools, and collectors of New York antiquities.

- 2) The present type of conference on the theme of improving state and local relationships in antiquities of New York should be repeated at the local level; such additional conferences are contemplated.

- 3) Sentiment favored education and diffusion of professional scientific knowledge to the use of legal sanctions to prevent vandalism of sites; it was held that an antiquities act would be unworkable.

- 4) Universities such as Yale and Toronto should encourage research by state and local museums but must evaluate these programs in the light of national responsibilities. It is recognized that Iroquoian studies in archeology, ethnology, and linguistics have provided part-time research opportunities for the faculties and field training for graduate students.

- 5) It was evident that in arriving at an over-all program for the conference, one must know the number of students available in the universities of the area

and what parts of the program each university would assume. There is a need to identify a few solid projects in language, social relations and political organization, personality studies, archeology, and linguistics to show how the main concept of conservatism can be studied in relation to change, using the Iroquois field as a laboratory.

- 6) From the "new voices" came the suggestion of a clearing house of research in progress and research in the recent past so that young scholars might approach the field in an intelligent manner.

The discussions and recommendations on Saturday and Sunday followed the presentation of a paper appropriate to the theme for the conference that was delivered this year by Thomas Grassmann of the Mohawk-Caughnawaga Museum at Fonda, N.Y., on "The excavation of historic Caughnawaga." Grassmann's talk was illustrated by slides; it highlighted, very appropriately, excellent cooperation between professional and amateur scholars in a local setting.

Of the conference last fall, two things can be said: it identified a new field of research in the area of Indian education that is in the trend of the times, when education and anthropology are finding common research interests. In the selection of the theme and in the candor with which it was discussed, the conference touched one of the significant problem areas in the organization of scholarship—namely, how to foster good communications among national, state, and local levels of the community of science without control flowing from the top, and how provide the amateur, part-time scholar with a sense of full participation.

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Meeting Notes

■ Roger M. Blough, chairman of the board, U.S. Steel Corporation, will be the principal speaker at the opening session of the winter general meeting of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers at the Hotel Statler, New York, 30 Jan.-3 Feb. It is estimated that more than 5000 engineers, scientists, and industrialists will attend the 98 sessions, at which some 500 papers on electrical engineering and the allied arts will be presented.

■ The first International Symposium on Venereal Diseases and the Treponematoses will be held at the Statler Hotel, Washington, D.C., 28 May-1 June. The symposium will be sponsored by the Public Health Service, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and the World Health Organization. Clarence A.



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Smith, chief of the Public Health Service's Venereal Disease Program, is in charge of arrangements for the symposium, which is expected to draw more than 500 specialists in the field of venereal disease and the treponematoses. Invitations are being sent to individuals in many foreign countries with the cooperation of WHO, the International Union Against Venereal Disease, and the Pan American Sanitary Bureau.

The symposium is open to all physicians, scientists, and professional health workers. Anyone interested in submitting a paper should send an abstract *before 1 Feb.* to Dr. C. A. Smith, Venereal Disease Program, Public Health Service, Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, Washington 25, D.C.

The language of the symposium will be French, Spanish, and English. Arrangements are being made for simultaneous interpretation of papers in all three languages during the course of the meeting.

■ The American Astronomical Society will meet at Ohio State University 21–24 Mar. Both the radiotelescope at Ohio State and the 69-inch optical telescope at Perkins Observatory will be available to meeting participants. A panel discussion on "Radiotelescopes, present and future" will be a feature of the program. For information write to the secretary of the society, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, McMillin Observatory, Ohio State University, Columbus 10.

■ The fall meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, which took place at Harvard University, featured addresses on religion from the point of view of a psychiatrist, H. A. Murray; an anthropologist, Clyde Kluckhohn; a sociologist, Talcott Parsons; and a natural scientist, Phillip Frank.

The spring meeting, which is to be held in New York on 21 Apr., will have as its theme "The ministry as a profession." There will be room on the program for a few unsolicited papers preferably, though not necessarily, relating to this topic. Three copies of an abstract of not more than 300 words should be sent *before 15 Mar.* to the chairman of the planning committee, Charles Y. Glock, Bureau of Applied Social Research, Columbia University, New York 27, N.Y.

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Forthcoming Events

February

7–9. Western Joint Computer Conf., annual, San Francisco, Calif. (D. C. Holmes, Shell Development, Emeryville, Calif.)

9–10. Soc. of American Military Engineers, annual, Chicago, Ill. (D. A. Sullivan, 72 W. Adams St., Chicago 90.)

9–11. Inst. of Radio Engineers, 8th annual Southwestern regional conf., Oklahoma City, Okla. (C. O. Hart, Box 764, Oklahoma City.)

13–17. American Soc. of Civil Engineers, Dallas, Tex. (ASCE, 33 W. 39 St., New York 18.)

16–17. National Conf. on Transistor Circuits, 3rd, Philadelphia, Pa. (J. D. Chapline, Remington Rand, Inc., 2360 W. Allegheny Ave., Philadelphia 29.)

19–23. American Inst. of Mining and

Metallurgical Engineers, New York, N.Y. (E. O. Kirkendall, AIME, 29 W. 39 St., New York 18.)

19-23. Soc. of Economic Geologists, New York, N.Y. (O. N. Rove, Union Carbide and Carbon Corp., New York 17.)

20-22. American Educational Research Assoc., annual, Atlantic City, N.J. (F. W. Hubbard, AERA, 1201 16 St., NW, Washington 6.)

23-25. National Soc. of College Teachers of Education, Chicago, Ill. (C. A. Eggertsen, School of Education, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor.)

24-25. American Physical Soc. Houston, Tex. (K. K. Darrow, APS, Columbia Univ., New York 27.)

26-29. American Inst. of Chemical Engineers, Los Angeles, Calif. (F. J. Van Antwerpen, AIChE, 25 W. 45 St., New York 36.)

28-29. Scintillation Counter Symposium, 5th, Washington, D.C. (G. A. Morton, RCA Laboratories, Princeton, N.J.)

March

9-10. Midwest Conf. on Theoretical Physics, Iowa City, Iowa. (J. M. Jauch, Dept. of Physics, State Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City.)

12-16. National Assoc. of Corrosion Engineers, 12th annual, New York, N. Y. (Secretary, NACE, Southern Standard Bldg., Houston 2, Tex.)

14-17. National Science Teachers Assoc., Washington, D.C. (R. H. Carleton,

NSTA, 1201 16 St., NW, Washington 6.)

15-16. Food Physics Symposium, 1st international, San Antonio, Tex. (C. W. Smith, Southwest Research Inst., San Antonio.)

15-17. American Orthopsychiatric Assoc., 33rd annual, New York, N.Y. (M. F. Langer, AOA, 1790 Broadway, New York 19.)

15-17. American Physical Soc., Pittsburgh, Pa. (K. K. Darrow, APS, Columbia Univ., New York 27.)

15-17. Kappa Delta Pi, annual, Stillwater, Okla. (E. I. F. Williams, 238 E. Perry St., Tiffin, Ohio.)

16-18. International Assoc. for Dental Research, St. Louis, Mo. (D. Y. Burrill, 129 E. Broadway, Louisville 2, Ky.)

17-18. National Soc. of Professional Engineers, annual spring, Washington, D.C. (K. E. Trombley, NSPE, 1121 15 St., NW, Washington 5.)

18-24. American Soc. of Photogrammetry, annual, joint meeting with American Cong. on Surveying and Mapping, Washington, D.C. (ACSM-ASP, Box 470, Washington 4.)

19-21. Div. of Fluid Dynamics, American Physical Soc., Pasadena, Calif. (F. N. Frenkiel, Applied Physics Lab., Johns Hopkins Univ., 8621 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, Md.)

19-22. American Acad. of General Practice Scientific Assembly, 8th annual, Washington, D.C. (AAGP, Broadway at 34th, Kansas City 11, Mo.)

19-22. Inst. of Radio Engineers National Convention, New York. (E. K. Gammett, IRE, 1 E. 79 St., New York 21.)

19-23. American Soc. of Tool Engineers, Chicago, Ill. (H. C. Miller, Armour Research Foundation, 35 W. 33 St., Chicago 16.)

21-22. National Health Forum, New York, N.Y. (T. G. Klumpp, National Health Council, 1790 Broadway, New York 19.)

21-23. American Power Conf., 18th annual, Chicago, Ill. (R. A. Budenholzer, Illinois Inst. of Technology, Chicago 16.)

21-24. American Astronomical Soc. Columbus, Ohio. (J. A. Hynek, McMillin Observatory, Ohio State Univ., Columbus.)

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24-31. Perspectives in Marine Biology, La Jolla, Calif. (A. A. Buzzati-Traverso, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla.)

25-28. American Assoc. of Dental Schools, annual, St. Louis, Mo. (M. W. McCrea, 42 S. Greene St., Baltimore 1, Md.)

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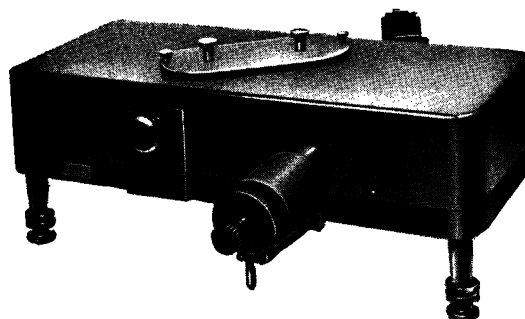
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