

ARCHEOLOGY

Chairman: PAUL WEER, Indiana Historical Society

The program of the section on archeology and the attendance at the meeting indicated a sustained interest in this field.

A significant part of the program was centered around the progress which is being made in the excavation of the Angel Mounds east of Evansville, under the direction of Glenn A. Black. This great mound group and habitation site, probably the most imposing of all prehistoric remains in Indiana, was recently purchased by the Indiana Historical Society in order that a scientific study of it could be made and its relationships to other great remains in the eastern part of the United States be determined.

The program also presented some aspects of the study now being made of the "Walam Olum," a famous Indian document believed to have been procured from the Delaware Indians living along White River, in Indiana, in 1820, and, passing from a "Dr. Ward, late of Indiana," to have fallen into the hands of Constantine Samuel Rafinesque, then a professor at Transylvania College, Lexington, Kentucky. Accounts of the "Walam Olum" were published by Rafinesque in 1836, by E. G. Squier in 1848, and by Daniel Brinton in 1885.

A paper by Dr. Thomas B. Noble, Jr., on Art and Archeology, in which he discussed some phases of his latest trip to the prehistoric Southwest, was presented with colored slides.

Paul Weer, Indiana Historical Society, was re-elected chairman of the section for 1940.