

The Ontario Archaeological Society (Inc.)



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The annual Banquet of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be held on Thursday, December 10th, 1959, at 6.30 P.M., at Old Angelo's, 45 Elm Street, Toronto (south side of Elm, just east of Bay Street).

SPECIAL SPEAKER: MR. PAUL W. SWEETMAN

SUBJECT: "A VISIT TO THE PEOPLES' REPUBLIC OF CHINA"
(illustrated)

Mr. Sweetman and Mr. Frank Ridley (both O.A.S. members), along with three other Canadians, were invited by the Chinese Government to visit China last summer. Not only did they experience much of interest in that country in archaeological and other fields, but their itinerary also included a brief visit to Russia.

We are pleased indeed to have Mr. Sweetman and Mr. Ridley as guests at this our 1959 Banquet, and are anticipating with pleasure hearing of some of the numerous incidents relating to their recent journey to far-away places. For instance, Mr. Sweetman held in his hands the bones of *Sinanthropus pekingensis*! While Mr. Sweetman will present the principal address, he and Mr. Ridley will join forces at its conclusion to answer questions and discuss features of particular interest to their listeners.

MEMBERS: PLEASE advise your Executive in advance if you plan to attend the Banquet, and if you intend to bring a guest! This information is necessary in order that plans may be finalized with the staff at Angelo's.

Price: \$2.50 per person (gratuity included).

While we miss our Vice-President, Dr. William J. Mayer-Oakes, from O.A.S. activities and from the Toronto scene, we wish him every success in his new appointment at Stovall Museum, University of Oklahoma.

"Lab" and "workshop" activities are now under way, with more intensive sessions planned for the post-Christmas period.

1. A new type of "bone lab" has been established for the 1959-1960 season. It takes the form of a cohesive and consecutive series of lectures on the varied aspects of bone identification and analysis, with the lectures being divided into the undernoted categories:

- (a) Normal
- (b) Juvenile - India, Faherty.
- (c) Indian Sites - Faherty, Bosomworth, Essex County, Milne, Woodbridge.
(general and various)
- (d) Racial skulls - African, Eskimo, Negro, North American Indian.
- (e) Fossil (man) casts.
- (f) Paleopathology.
- (g) Comparative Collection - primates - zoology.

Arrangements have been concluded with Dr. James Anderson (an O.A.S. member) whereby interested Society members meet at 8.15 P.M. every second Tuesday in his "lab" on the 3rd. floor, Anatomy Building, University of Toronto (just south of the Canadiana Building, on University Avenue). These lectures are practical and, in a sense, of a do-it-yourself nature, since bone specimens are handled, and books referred to; discussions are held; questions are posed - and answered. There is indeed scope here for research into various and perhaps hitherto hidden facets of analysis of prehistoric bones, since in Dr. Anderson's "lab" is located a sizeable collection of pre-White skeletal material.

The next "lab" is scheduled for December 8th, while the one near Christmas has been cancelled for obvious reasons.

2. "Pottery Workshops" commenced on November 21st, and notification of additional sessions will be given to our members early in January. To wash, to catalogue, to study "first hand" the pottery sherds which are so meaningful in any analysis of Indian sites --- these are integral parts of the painstaking research required in the preparation of scientific reports on excavations, and these are the things we do in our "workshops".

It is not only the experienced members from whom we want and need assistance ^{at our} various sessions, but also the newcomers who are eager to learn. How can one learn without making a beginning? We are offering that commencement point, and are providing the facilities --- It is up to you interested members to meet us part way!

Since a number of our own members, as well as U. of T. students, were participating periodically in the Royal Ontario Museum's excavation of the "Miller" site near Pickering, we feel it is pertinent to note here that there are still some copies available of The Ontario Archaeological Society's Publication No. 4, which contains descriptions and plates of typical Glen Meyer pottery.

It is now an established fact that the 1960 Annual Meeting of the Eastern States Archeological Federation will be held in Toronto, with The Ontario Archaeological Society in the role of host. This will be an important occasion for two reasons, since (a) it will coincide with the 10th. Anniversary of the O.A.S., and (b) it will be the first time in the 27 year-old history of the E.S.A.F. that an annual meeting will be held outside the United States.

Needless to say, there is a considerable amount of work for us to do if we are to make this meeting a successful one. It can be accomplished --- by the coordination of the efforts of us all, whether committee members or not!

Dates and data will be published in subsequent issues of "Arch-Notes"

A reminder: donations to The Ontario Archaeological Society are exempt from Income Tax.

The enclosed annual Bulletin of the E.S.A.F. for 1958 would appear to be "somewhat overdue", but complications arose re the printing of them and the forwarding of them to the member Societies.

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