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Best wishes to the new executive, elected by acclamation at the Jan business meeting. They are planning an active and enjoyable year for us, and are already working hard. But let's not forget they can't achieve anything alone: they need our support, our participation in all those activities. Executives, speakers, and instructors all give up their time for us - the least we can do is to be there at meetings, labs, digs, etc. There are committees needing a helping hand now and then, too. Again this year we have the use of the beautiful new labs in Sidney Smith Hall. and there's a faithful librarian standing by to send out books and pamphlets on request - and waiting for more contributions of articles, booklets, etc. The facilities are there - let's use them!

Welcome to new members Mrs Mabel Bowland of Toronto, Mr Brian Deller of Mt Brydes, Mr George Griffin of Toronto, Mr J C Hindmarsh of Goderich, Mr Richard Kelley of Baltimore, Md, and Mr Harry Spence of Jackson's Point.

We would like to take this opportunity to say a special word of thanks to Mrs Bowland who, though not a member last year, did an immense amount of work to help the executive and the Publications Committee.

Most of our dues have come in promptly this year; but there are some members who have forgotten. Don't put it off too long - remember, at the end of Mar we review the membership list; in accordance with our constitution, any member whose dues are unpaid after these three months of grace is suspended. Take a look at our planned year, and get those dues in!

## Review of Activities, 1962

Digs - Our spring dig was held on the farm of Mr Ken Reeser, in Markham Township. It was designated the Reeser Two Site. We spent two warm weekends in May on the site, in a field and in a hillside dump. On Sat of the first weekend we were assisted by our guests, the Archeology Club of Hilltop School; unfortunately, the finds were almost nil. The next day we found the dump, which proved rich enough for a second weekend's expedition.

We were unable to hold a fall dig, mostly because we have run our of located nearby sites. Volunteers for survey work are urgently needed!

Labs - Approximately monthly bone and pottery labs were held, under Dr J E Anderson and Dr J N Emerson, respectively. Miss Helen Devereux assisted Dr Emerson. Guest lecturer at one of the bone labs was Dr Ken McCuaig, who told us of a Syracuse historical Onondaga cemetery excavation in which he and Dr Anderson participated last summer. Finds here included the rare anomaly of a skull with no ear holes whatsoever.

Special Events - We tried our hands at making our own pottery in May, spending one weekend shaping up pots and another firing them, with some small success.

Meetings - Speakers and topics for the pre-summer season were

Jan - Phyllis Bowland: President's Report.

Feb - Morgan Tamplin & Don MacLeod: "Frontiers of Canadian archeology." (Devon Island in the Arctic & the Fraser in B C).

Mar - Rufus Churcher: "Fort Albany" & "Hungry Hall" (Rainy River).

Apr - Professor T F McIlwraith: "Wintemberg."

May - slide night.

post-summer season -

At our Oct meeting, Trevor Denton described to us the start which has been made on "The Restoration of Louisbourg". This is an historic fort in Nova Scotia, built by the French in 1740, taken twice by the British (in spite of being one of the most formidable fortresses ever

built in North America), and eventually demolished by the Royal Engineers, in 1758. A joint Dominion-Provincial project is now excavating the ruins. Trevor, who spent the summer working on the site, described progress there, in words and in his excellent colour slides. A lively discussion followed over one of the more puzzling features which had turned up on the dig. Charles Faulkner, who is well-read on French engineering of the period, was able to explain to us the purpose of the construction; and Trevor said he would pass the information on to the director of the dig.

Jim Wright, of the National Museum, outlined at the Nov meeting a tentative sequence of human history in Ontario, from Paleo-Indian to Contact times. His sequence, running from early to late, was

Paleo-Indian (Fluted and Plano Point Traditions)  
Archaic  
Early Woodland  
Middle Woodland (Laurel, Point Peninsula 2, & Saugcen)  
Late Woodland (Ontario Iroquois, Onodaga, Black Duck, Selkirk, & Michigan Complexes)

Jim discussed the artifacts from which these names are taken, and the points of difference between them which indicated different traditions.

Our annual dinner meeting in Dec featured Clyde Kennedy as speaker. His topic was "Copper Craftsmen in the Ottawa Valley 3,000 Years Ago." He discussed a campsite and burial ground of the Old Copper Culture on Morrison's Island, in the Ottawa River, the first sizable Old Copper site to be excavated in Canada. Nineteen burials and over 2,000 artifacts (more than 200 of them made of native copper) were turned up on the site, which is believed to be between 3,000 and 5,000 years old.

Among the copper items found with the burials was a socketed axe similar to one found at the Reigh Site in Wisconsin (dated at 3,800 years ago), eyed needles, bracelets, spearheads, awls, beads, pendants, fishhooks, and gorges. Other items found were small, eyed, bone needles and bone harpoons, stone gouges, flint and slate scrapers, decorated bone objects, and many grinding stones. Clyde's talk was illustrated by colour slides of these items and of the burials.

January's annual business meeting was highlighted

by Phyllis Bowland's President's Report for the year, which she illustrated with colour slides she had taken of our activities.

Reports were made by the Treasurer (balance \$943.36), the Publications Chairman, and the Librarian. Among the motions passed was one to alter the date of payment of dues:

"Annual fees of the Society for the ensuing year shall be set at the regular meeting in October of each year and shall be due and payable not later than December 31st next following the regular meeting at which they were set." This will enable us to have our list of eligible voters finalized before the Jan business meeting each year.

Paul Karrow, taking over the chair, gave a summary of some of the activities being planned for the year. These include completion of the Rouge Valley survey, a spring dig, the possible formation of chapters of the society, and the recurrent problem of a permanent meeting place. Labs will continue; more publications will come out - if you send us the manuscripts! - and we may have another pottery-making session in the spring.

#### News of Members

Ken Dawson, one of our most active members, has two more reports for us. One is of the find of copper artifacts, including a spearpoint, found during street excavation in Port Arthur. The other is of the recording, done under his direction, of a dog effigy site along an old portage between Big & Little Dog Lakes.

The effigy is a 30-foot impression scooped out of the sand. Ken assigns it to the Sioux, who were living in the area prior to the arrival of Europeans. This would make the image about 300-400 years old. An air photograph published in 1924 showed that the outline was still clearly visible. Early reports speak of two of these effigies; so in addition to recording this one, Ken and his assistants are continuing the search for the other.

A fuller report on the Dog Lake Effigy will appear in one of our next Publications.

Dr A D Tushingham, in two lectures under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Institute and the Archeological Institute respectively, presented an interim report on the international excavations in which he is taking part, in Jerusalem. One of the main objects of the excavation is to locate the walls of the successive cities of Jerusalem, and to identify the period of each. Work is hampered by the fact that Jerusalem is a "living" city, in which space is at a premium - there is little room left for archeologists to dig in. In spite of this handicap, several walls have been partly traced and tentatively dated. In addition, two underground canals of barely historic time have been found.

On 24 Jan, Frank Mee spoke to the North York Historical Society, at the North York Library, on the Iroquois who had inhabited the local area.

Phyllis Bowland attended two international meetings of archeological groups lately, and gives us this report:

ESAF - the twenty-ninth meeting of the Eastern States Archeological Federation was held in Athens, Georgia, the weekend of November 10 and 11. The sessions were held in Peabody Hall, University of Georgia; the dinner in the ballroom of the Hotel Georgian. Dr J N Emerson and Miss Phyllis Bowland represented the OAS. No other Canadians were present. The Saturday morning session took the form of a Symposium on Archeological Techniques; at this session Dr Emerson delivered a paper on what can be done with the statistics gleaned from the pottery analysis of one site. At the annual business meeting of the Sunday Phyllis gave her annual OAS President's report to the ESAF.

AIA - Phyllis was our only member at the sessions of the Archeological Institute of America, December 28-30, held in the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland. Reports of archeological expeditions and research in Sicily, Greece, Asia Minor, Israel, and Nubia were presented. One exceptional report was the one given by Dr Walter Graham of the Royal Ontario Museum, who gave a ten-minute illustrated description of the new Athens Gallery, opened in the ROM last November.

Report of the Publications Committee

Committee membership is as follows:

Dr Paul F Karrow, Chairman  
Miss Phyllis Bowland (ex officio)  
Miss Lyn Snacy, editor  
Mrs Mary D. Gie, Librarian  
Dr C H D Clarke  
Mr Frank Rice

The Committee met five times during the year. The long-delinquent publication program was re-activated in several ways.

First of all, quarterly "Arch Notes" were issued three times, carrying lists of members, a list of items in the Society's library, and news items of members' activities.

Publication Number Six was prepared in January, 1962, and contained reports on the Short Site and the Fletcher Site, as well as a summary of work in the Abuge watershed. Three hundred copies were printed.

Our efforts were given a strong boost when the Society was granted \$1,000 for publication expenses by the Ontario Dept of Travel and Publicity. The major result was the printing of Publication Number Seven, containing reports on the Boyd, Thomas, and Bowmanville Sites, and a short note on rock paintings. Of the 700 copies printed, 200 were sold to the Metropolitan Toronto Region Conservation Authority.

At present, we have received one manuscript and are expecting two more. These will likely appear in print this spring.

Our next task, however, is the printing of our Constitution, which will be undertaken in the next few weeks.

Our publications have been selling well and this has strengthened the financial position of the Society considerably.

( P F Karrow )

Our past president, Phyllis Bowland, has been very energetic in selling our publications to members of other societies. A Pennsylvania member was so impressed that he put an ad in their newsletter, plunging our A-5 & B-2. It resulted in four requests - one of them from Scarborough, Ont! It seems that potential members are going begging - let's bring some of them into the Society. Our membership at the end of 1962 was 71; since 10 of these are family memberships, that gave us a total of 81 members. Shall we try for a hundred?

## Coming Events

Speaker for our Feb meeting will be Walter Ranyon of the Royal Ontario Museum, who will tell us about a Point Peninsula Burial. In Mar, Miss Helen Devereux will talk to us about the Mississauga site at Wind River. Meetings will be at 8 pm on the second wed of the month, as usual, in the Archaeology Lab of Sidney Smith Hall, University of Toronto.

There are two changes in bone labs, starting in Feb. First, labs will be held in Dr Anderson's lab in the Anatomy Building (first building south of Canadiana Bldg on Queen's Park - or - first south of the library on the campus. Anatomy is in the Queen's Park side of the building, and Dr Anderson's lab is on the third floor, south end.) Time - still 8 pm, third wed. The other innovation is the division of the lab into junior and senior groups, as recommended by our Research Advisory Committee some time ago. The two groups will meet simultaneously in the lab. The junior group, for beginners, under Miss Lyn Soucy, will deal with the basics of nomenclature, identification, and location; the senior group, under Dr Anderson, will deal with ossification, anomalies, pathology, and comparative and demographic studies. During the second hour the two groups will recombine for further instruction under Dr Anderson.

Pottery labs will continue to be held in the Arch Lab, Sidney Smith Hall, 8 pm, fourth Wed, under Dr Emerson.

4:30 pm, Tue, 19 Feb - at the Archaeological Institute Meeting, in the Museum Theatre: Dr John L Cotter, "Site Watching Can Be Fun".

8:00 pm, Sat, 30 Mar - at Royal Canadian Institute Meeting, in Convocation Hall, U of T: Bill Taylor on the Canadian Eskimo.

29-30 Mar - at Cornell University, Ithica, N Y: 3rd annual Northeastern Anthropological Conference, jointly with American Ethnological Society Meeting.

Anyone wishing to present a paper at this Conference should write to Dr John L Roberts, Conference Chairman, Dept of Anthropology, Cornell University, Ithica, N Y, giving own name, institutional affiliation and address, name or subject of paper, length of presentation time of paper, and whether projection or other facilities are needed.

If attending the Conference - reserve your accommodations in advance. Ithica is not a large city, and last-minute accommodations in the midst of a convention are liable to be difficult to find.



Any member who will be spending a weekend in New York City in the near future should try to visit the lower floor of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the "Junior Museum". There is a display on right now entitled "What is Archaeology?" Many of the questions posed by the site-visitor to the digger are answered by slides, charts and working models as well as actual tools and finds.

#### Errata in Publication B-2

- page 12 - 4th line from bottom of page should read:  
"approach the requirements of Sidney Metcher  
(plate VII, fig d)
- page 26 - line 16 should read:  
"c, d) resemble others from Sidney Metcher and  
Kobuck<sup>3</sup>. Fig f is an.
- page 26 - lines 23 & 24 should read:  
"Three plain, tapered pipe stems were recovered  
(fig h), two others had an expanded tip (fig g)"

#### A Notice of a Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Society Published in Accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution.

ARTICLE 9. MEMBERSHIP. Section (f). Shall be altered to read:- "The Executive Committee shall reserve the right to refuse application for Membership."

ARTICLE 17. QUORUM. Shall be altered to read:- "Shall comprise the total number of members who are in attendance at any meeting, provided that due notice of such a meeting has been sent by mail to every voting member at least ten (10) days in advance of such meeting."

These proposed amendments will be presented at the March Meeting of the Society, or, failing the present statutory quorum in attendance, at the first subsequent meeting at which a statutory quorum is present.

These proposed amendments have both been approved by prior meetings of the Society, but, no record of their approval being present in the approved minutes of the Society, they must be re-presented and approved to become legal.