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## O.A.S. FALL DIG

DATE: Thanksgiving weekend, October 12, 13 & 14

PLACE: Cleary Farm, near Barrie, Ontario

HOW TO GET THERE: The farm is located on the north east corner of the intersection of Highway 400 and the 10th concession road. As there is no turnoff from the 400 at this point it is necessary to turn on to the 10th concession from either Highway 11 to the east or Highway 27 to the west. If arriving by No.11 turn west along the 10th concession at Stroud. The farm will be just east of the 400 underpass on the north side of the road. If arriving by No.27 turn east on the 10th concession which is about 2 miles north of Thornton and drive to the first farm east of the underpass on the north side of the road. Drive past the farmhouse and parking space is available to the left of the barn.

WHAT TO BRING: We will be starting about 9:30 each morning. Your most important piece of equipment is a good 5" pointing trowel. If possible also bring a curved grapefruit knife, a 1-2" paint brush, 6" ruler, pencil, notebook, whisk, dust pan and pocket knife. We will also need a few shovels or sodcutters.

N.B.: Don't forget to pack a lunch as there are no nearby eating places.

TRANSPORTATION: Contact any member of the executive if you can offer a lift to anyone or if you need a lift yourself. Dr. Churcher at WA.5-1842; Mrs. Finnigan at WA.4-9925; Miss Powell at HU.1-9585; Miss Proctor at WA.4-3206; Mrs. Davie at AT.2-4304 and Miss Bowland at OX.9-5413.



We hope to have a full turnout of members at our fall dig this year. The site which was brought to our attention by Mr. Bill Renison, one of our members, looks most promising!

NEWS FROM MEMBERS: MISS LYN SOUCY will be leaving us for a year to take up a post as site assistant at Fort Louisbourg, Nova Scotia. This should prove to be a most interesting experience and we will look forward to hearing from her of the progress that is being made on the reconstruction of this historical fort. Lyn would also appreciate hearing from any of us. You can write to her c/o Louisbourg Restoration Programme, Box 160, Louisbourg, N.S.

DR. PAUL KARROW and his wife Beth are settling down in Waterloo where Paul has begun teaching at the University of Waterloo. We were pleased to note a recent publication of his entitled "Pleistocene geology of the Hamilton-Galt area." It is Geological Report No.16 of the Ontario Department of Mines.

Another recent publication of interest to members is JIM WRIGHT's report on the National Museum site near Port Arthur, Ont., which we mentioned in the September Arch Notes. His publication is entitled "An archaeological survey along the north shore of Lake Superior" and appeared as No. 3 of the National Museum of Canada's series called "Anthropology Papers". A copy is available in our Library.

NEW MEMBERS: We have four new members to add to your membership list.

LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND ART MUSEUM  
305 Queen's Ave., London, Ont.

BIRD, Mrs. June, 28 Brownlow Ave., Toronto, Ont. - HU.1-9932

SPIVACK, Miss Carol, Apt.401, 85 Lowther, Toronto, Ont.- 925-8638

MILLER, Mr. P.Schuyler, 4805 Centre Avenue.

We will tell you more about our interesting new members in next month's ARCH NOTES.

There are a few corrections to be made on our list. Add Avondale Ave. South to Dr. Karrow's address. Change Bill Renison's phone number to 421-8131. Mr. W.C. Noble's phone number is PL.5-1249. If any other changes should be made please let me know.

ACTIVITIES: Our pottery making session at BILL DONALDSON's home in Oshawa on September 29th was an illuminating experience. The eight members present learned to appreciate (some of them for the second time) the innate skill of the Indian in making a pot that looks like a pot without benefit of potter's wheel! However, we all managed to concoct something and the results



will be fired in a couple of weeks. Of special interest was Miss Soucy's creation of a "mermaid" pipe.

As we promised in the September issue of Arch Notes we would like to present a report by Mr. Alan J. Deacon on the University of Toronto Field Training School at Cahigué. Mr. Deacon was a student at the school this summer and his report was written "with the kind consent and assistance" of Dr. Emerson.

"CAHIAGUÉ - 1963 - by Alan J. Deacon

The University of Toronto Field Training School was held for the third consecutive year at Cahigué (also known as the Warminster site), under the direction of Dr. J. Norman Emerson, Supervisor of Archaeological Studies at the University of Toronto. The object of the school is to teach the practical aspects of field archaeology. The students learn about digging techniques, camp cooking, camping in general and other necessary field lore.

"Cahigué was chosen again because of its historical and archaeological importance. Covering 25 acres it is the largest Huron village discovered in Ontario. It was here that Champlain wintered with the Hurons and the historic decisions made by Champlain and the Huron chief that were to bring about the annihilation of the Hurons as a nation.

"The excavations this year were the most successful to date in terms of archaeological achievement. Three longhouses were cleared and staked and the stakes were painted to represent the different parts of the longhouse. The colour scheme used was as follows:

White stake with blue top	-	Outside walls
White stake	-	Interior partitions
Black stake	-	Interior support post
Grey stake	-	Ash pit
Brown stake	-	Storage pit
Small red stake	-	Fire hearths

"Until now Huron/Iroquois longhouses have generally appeared to be about 30 feet wide and multiples of 30 feet in length (i.e. 30 feet, 60 feet or 90 feet). The longhouse discovered at Woodbridge is the longest recorded to date, measuring about 180 feet in length. Two of the longhouses discovered this year pose a diagnostic problem. Lying end to end with a narrow gap between they are each about 23 feet wide and 40 feet long. A large number of pits were found in one. Both were lacking in Hearths. A third complete longhouse and parts of two more were also cleared and staked. The palisade was traced along the north and western edges of the site for another 600 feet with test trenches.

"Work was continued on one midden and a second midden was opened. A wealth of material was recovered. Along with the expected Huron pots some



Roebuck and Sidey notched rim sherds appeared. Only three pipes were found this year, Cornet, Mortice and apple bowl types respectively. There was a lot of animal bone including bear, deer, beaver, dog, fish, turtle and smaller mammals. Deer bone was the most abundant. Vegetable remains were plentiful and covered quite a range. Large quantities of charred corn and beans were found as well as squash and hickory nuts.

"Stone artifacts included three complete points. Two brown flints were discovered in a longhouse. One blue flint found between the outer palisade walls is said to be a perfect example of a Seneca point. Several copper points were turned up, one in a longhouse and others in the midden. Hunks of French copper kettles appeared in the longhouse areas. Iron was represented by two iron points, a French trade axe, three iron knives, one complete, a harpoon point, an English trade axe and several pieces that have defied identification.

"The most important find this year was the discovery in one of the middens of a pair of French boot heels and the copper eyelets belonging to one. As no Indian wore or carried boots the presence of a French party in the village cannot now be doubted. It is known that the Indians of this village moved about five years after Champlain's visit and that no European preceded Champlain to this area. Therefore it is quite conceivable that these boots may have belonged to someone in his party.

"All in all this year's school was very successful, perhaps the most successful to date in terms of achievement in archaeology and student training. Most of the students went on to work under Miss Helen Devereux, director of the field studies party at St. Joseph, a white historic site near Sault Ste. Marie. It is safe to say that Dr. Emerson is very pleased with the results of this summer at Cahiagué."

TEST PITTING AT TERRA COTTA: A small group led by Dr. PAUL KARROW investigated a site near Terra Cotta on the weekend of September 21st. EILEEN BALSKEY, PHYLLIS BOWLAND, MARY DAVIE, BILL RENISON, BILL DONALDSON and Dr. BOB DALY accompanied Dr. KARROW on his survey. Four squares were dug and about two wash basins full of material were collected. A report will be presented as soon as an analysis of the material can be made.

FUTURE EVENTS: OCTOBER 16 - Date of our first fall meeting. Since we had difficulty in securing a room this year our first meeting will be held on the third Wednesday of October. However, future meetings will be held on the second Wednesday of the month as usual. We will be holding our meetings in the Sidney Smith Building of the University of Toronto once again but not in the anthropology lab as before. Instead we will meet in Room 1074 on the first floor at our same time of 8:00 p.m.

OCTOBER 18, 19 & 20 - Dates for the annual conference of the Museum Section Workshop of the Ontario Historical Society. It is being held in Windsor this year. For further details contact the Corresponding Secretary.

NOVEMBER 8, 9 & 10 - Reminder to attend E.S.A.F. CONFERENCE in Philadelphia.