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THE NOVEMBER MEETING

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1964

WHERE: Archaeology Laboratory
Sidney Smith Basement
St. George Street
(West side, just south of Harbord)

WHAT TIME: 8:00 p.m.

WHO'S SPEAKING: DR. TOM F. S. McFEAT

WHAT ABOUT: Ancient settlement patterns and current
values: a Pueblo case study

The speaker at our November meeting is the new chairman of the U. of T. Department of Anthropology, succeeding the late Professor McIlwraith. Formerly Dr. McFeat was associate professor of anthropology at Carleton University. He was also chief ethnologist at the National Museum of Canada from 1959 to 1963. Educated at McGill and Harvard, he has also taught at the University of New Brunswick and Harvard. His publications include several studies of the Indian Zuni culture in the S.W. American states and an extremely interesting study of the problems and challenges of the

present day ethnologist entitled "Museum ethnology and the Algonkian project". The latter publication appeared as the second number of the National Museum series called "Anthropology Papers".

A GOOD TURNOUT AT OUR LAST MEETING...

About thirty people attended our October meeting to the delight of a somewhat less harassed editor. As Mr. Bill Donaldson pointed out, this is a very good percentage of those members who are able to come. He reminded us that our 70-odd membership is composed of many out-of-town members, as well as some institutional and professional memberships. There are in fact only about 40 of us who live within a reasonable distance of Toronto.

However, even some of these very out-of-town members turned up at this meeting. We were very pleased to welcome members from London, Sutton, Bowmanville, and even from as far away as Deep River! Mr. B. M. Mitchell, one of our new members did not make the trip all the way from Deep River just for our meeting of course, but he did make arrangements for his visit to include this and we were very glad to welcome him. It was also a pleasure to meet Dr. Dean Axelson, president of the Archaeological Society of Western Ontario and hear about some of the activities of our sister group.

The one rather important person who could not make it to our meeting was our speaker! Poor Walter Kenyon was ill with a bad case of tonsillitis and delivering a talk was the last thing he could have done. However, we hope that we will have an opportunity to hear him again later in the year.

THE DIG AT CAHIAGUE...

Since there was no time to arrange for an alternative speaker for our meeting, we were fortunate in having Mr. Bernie Von Graeve, a fourth year anthropology student and leader at the university dig at Cahiague, drop in to tell us about the work being done there this past summer and fall. Mr. Bill Renison also had some slides of the site on hand illustrating some of the important finds and showing how the layout of the Huron village is being marked out.

The Society was invited by Dr. Emerson, director of the project at Cahiague, to participate in the dig during the two October weekends that the university was excavating there. A few of us were able to make arrangements to go up one Sunday and while the more experienced ones helped in supervisory work, others like myself, spent a happy and busy day working in a five foot square.

For those of you who are interested in visiting this fascinating Huron site, Cahiague is situated 10 miles northwest of Orillia off Highway 12, just past the small town of Warminster. Cahiague was said to be the principal village of the Hurons. Champlain spent the winter of 1650 there and reported that there were 200 longhouses. Eleven 120 by 30 foot longhouses were staked out by students this summer. It is also interesting to note the Alkonquian longhouses were more irregularly proportioned than the Huron. The Alkonquians used to camp with the Hurons for greater protection and they would work for the Hurons in exchange for this. It is certainly to be hoped that Dr. Emerson can manage to secure the necessary funds in order to carry out his plans to investigate and restore this important site.

Plans to hold our own fall dig failed to materialize as the proposed site proved to be not suitable for a dig. Dr. Clarke and Mr. Renison visited the areas but the material was located in a ploughed section of the field and there was no trace of any in the uncultivated area near the creek where we had permission to dig if we wished.

A POTTERY LAB AT BILL DONALDSON'S...

So now that winter is icumen in and our digging days are over until the spring, we hope to have some pottery sessions. Bill Donaldson has once again kindly invited us to his home for such a session on Saturday, January the Ninth. This is giving you plenty of warning so do keep this date in mind. Bill is unable to arrange for an earlier date as he is busy among other things with putting the finishing touches on a manuscript for Publication No. 8. There is also a new arrival at the Donaldson home - William Stephen by name. Congratulations to and best wishes to Bill and Helen!

THE ESAF ANNUAL MEETING...

The annual meeting of the Eastern States Archaeological Federation takes place on November 7th and 8th in South Attleboro, Massachusetts. Your president, Miss Phyllis Bowland, is attending the conference, as well as Miss Lyn Soucy and myself. The programme looks extremely interesting and varied and it includes papers by Mr. Don W. Dragoo speaking on an Paleo-Indian site in Stewart County, Tennessee, and one by Mr. Robert E. Ashley on photography in archaeology. Our banquet speaker is Mr. Junius Bird of the American Museum of Natural History who will give us a talk on the Vikings.

DR. WILLIAM MAYER OAKES...

Dr. Mayer Oakes will be giving a lecture entitled "Archaeology in Central Canada" on November 28 as part of the series sponsored by the Royal Canadian Institute. It will take place in Convocation Hall on the Front Campus of the University and the doors will be open at 7:30 p.m.

TUTANKHAMUN TREASURES...

From November the 6th through until December the 6th, a selection of small but rich objects from the tomb of King Tutankhamun will be displayed in the Exhibition Hall of the Royal Ontario Museum. The current North American tour is the first time any of the objects have been allowed to leave Egypt since their discovery in the Valley of the Kings 42 years ago.

For this exhibition which has been planned in order to gather funds for the project of preserving the temple at Nubia, there will be a special admission charge of 25 cents. Three free public lectures on the exhibit will be given on the Thursday evenings of November 12th, 19th and 26th in the Museum Theatre at 8:30 p.m.

DECEMBER BANQUET...

It's not too soon to remind you of our annual dinner meeting in December. This event has been a long-standing tradition in the Society and we usually dine in one of

Toronto's more exotic eating places and listen to a talk which is often unusually interesting. I think we will have a very good speaker for you this year. So please keep in mind the probable date of this event - December 12th - a Saturday night so that all you out-of-towners can make it.

NEW MEMBERS AND OLD...

Members are reminded to notify me of changes of address. Here are a few changes for you to make on your membership list:

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And some new members:

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AND A FINAL IMPORTANT REMINDER...

Soon we will be looking around for candidates for next year's Executive. As I have said before, I think that this Society must make the best use of a strong and active Executive if it is to survive in a worthwhile form. The Society has great possibilities, an enthusiastic membership and sufficient numbers of potentially good leaders if we can persuade them to come forward and help us.

The Editor
(somewhat more hopeful)