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The next meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be held at 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 15, in Room 251, Board of Education Centre, 155 College Street, Toronto.

At this meeting we will hear of the field activities of three of our own members. Mr. Jack Dear will give us a progress report on his excavation of the multi-component Walsweer site near Pefferlaw, Ontario; Mr. George Gee will describe his work on several prehistoric and post-contact sites in the Dundas area, and Dr. Dean Axelson will bring us up to date on his excavation of an early Iroquoian site near Aylmer, Ontario.

Following the presentations of our speakers, which will include displays of recovered artifacts, an informal discussion period is planned.

THE MAY MEETING

Among the items of business at last month's meeting were the adoption of the recommendations submitted by the Research Advisory Committee; the deferment of a decision on a new O.A.S. crest design, coupled with the approval of a motion to replace our present crest with the design eventually selected(see below); a report from the Research Co-ordination Committee on the arrangements for our spring "dig", and the filing of a notice of motion by the Rules and Ethics Committee proposing several changes to be made to the Constitution (see below).



RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE NOTICE OF MOTION

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Rules and Ethics Committee intends to propose a motion at the next regular meeting of the Society, to be held on June 15th, 1966, that the following changes be made to the Constitution:

1. THAT paragraph 5 of Article II be deleted.
2. That paragraph 6 of Article III be amended to read as follows:  
"A Corporate Membership shall be provided to allow industrial, commercial and similar organizations to acquire membership in The Ontario Archaeological Society. Corporate members shall be entitled to one vote each in The Ontario Archaeological Society matters."
3. THAT Article IV be amended to read as follows:  
"The amount of fees shall be determined at the regular November meeting each year and shall be payable not later than December 31st. of every year."
4. THAT Article V be amended to read as follows:  
"Management of the affairs of the Society shall, except as hereinafter provided, be vested in the Executive Committee which shall be composed of the following members:  
President  
Vice-President  
Secretaries--  
Corresponding and Recording  
Treasurer  
Past President."
5. THAT Article VI be amended to read as follows:  
(1) "Election of Executive Officers shall take place annually at the Regular January meeting of the Society and shall be by show of hands, or if requested by any member by unsigned ballot. Only paid-up members of the Society may vote."
6. THAT Article IX paragraph 6 be amended to read as follows:  
"Executive Committee shall be responsible for the renewal of membership applications; shall be responsible for any other matters which may from time to time be referred to the Executive Committee at a regular meeting."
7. THAT Article XI be amended by deleting the second complete paragraph thereof.
8. THAT Article XII be amended entirely to read as follows:  
"CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND PASSING OF BY-LAWS  
Changes in the Constitution may be made and By-laws to regulate the affairs of the Society may be passed, by a majority vote of the members present at any meeting, provided that all members must be given written notice of the intention to change the Constitution or pass a By-law at least one month prior to the said meeting."
9. THAT Article XVIII be amended addition of the following paragraph



"For the purposes of this section an elected officer shall be guilty of 'Gross neglect' if he or she is absent without a valid excuse from three consecutive general meetings of the Society."

RULES AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

Miss. Phyllis Bowland  
Mr. Frank Mee  
Mr. Hartley Nathan

May 18, 1966.

NOTE: If you do not have a copy of the Constitution, please contact Mr. Frank Mee, Chairman of the Rules and Ethics Committee (101 Chine Drive, Scarboro, Ontario. Tel. AM1-4389), and he will see that you get one.

THE NEW O.A.S. CREST

At the May meeting it was decided to postpone a decision on a new O.A.S. crest until the entries could be judged complete with the Society's name in place. These and any new proposals received in time were to be reproduced in this issue of Arch-Notes for the consideration of the membership.

Unfortunately, the party that prepares the electronic stencils for Arch-Notes is on vacation just now and we do not feel we can properly reproduce some of the submitted designs by means of the stencil cutting tools at our disposal. We have decided therefor not to reproduce any of the designs now on hand for it might affect your decision. All submissions will be available at the June meeting however, and you may judge them then without prejudice.

Our apologies to all concerned for this lapse in service.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Mr. Ross Channen, Director of the Simcoe County Museum reports that the museum's new Archaeological and Ethnological wing is now open to the public.

The Archaeological section of this wing should be of particular interest to our members. The displays are arranged by site in chronological order from the earliest occupation right up to the War of 1812.

This museum, located on Highway #26, just south of Minesing, is open from 9 to 5 daily, Monday through Saturday, during June, and from 9 to 9 in July and August. It is open from 1 to 9 p.m. every Sunday throughout this period.

Mr. Forrest Dilling and your editor have been checking out a number of sites reported from the Bowmanville - Newcastle area. One of these, the Clarke site in Newcastle, has produced chipped flint and ground slate points typical of the Laurentian Archaic tradition.

Mr Dilling informs us that the Bowmanville Museum is also now open to the public. A feature of this museum is an archaeological



display prepared by the O.A.S. from material recovered in the Bowmanville - Newcastle area, principally from the O.A.S. excavated Short site.

It was learned at the May meeting that Mr. Frank Fog is now in the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Toronto, recovering from the effects of a stroke.

We hope that Frank's recovery will be both speedy and complete.

Dr. A.D. Tushingham, Chief Archaeologist of the Royal Ontario Museum, is at present seeking to trace the development of Iranian arts and crafts through the study of the Iranian Crown Jewels. This is a long and somewhat trying task, for the Crown Jewels are at all times under tight security regulations

This summer, under the sponsorship of the National Museum of Canada, Mr. Ken Dawson will be excavating a Middle Woodland Laurel site at Whitefish Lake, west of the Lakehead.

Mr. Dawson has carried out extensive field work in northwestern Ontario over the last two years and a summary of this work is now available from the O.A.S. Reference Library. One outcome of this work has been the establishment at Lakehead University of a small Archaeological laboratory to process the material recovered. At present they are cleaning and recording the specimens recovered during Ken's exploratory excavation of the early fur trade post at Longlac in 1964.

Mr. Iain and Mrs. Sou Walker attended the Smithsonian Conference on the Role of Historic Archaeology, held in Washington, D.C., last April 18-20. They report that it was a very successful affair. One of the highlights for the Walkers was a visit to the Smithsonian Museum, where they were escorted "backstage" for a tour of the museum's archaeological workshops.

This summer Iain will be excavating three historic sites in southern Ontario for the Historic Sites Division of the Department of Northern Affairs and Natural Resources. One of these is a small fort, one an alleged missionary wintering place, and one an early glassworks. We hope to have a further report on this work in the next issue of Arch-Notes.

We welcome three new members into the Society this month. These are:

Mr. Paul Reynolds, 10 Ray Street South, Hamilton, Ontario;  
Mr. Deane Studholme, 266 Scarboro Crescent, Scarborough, Ontario.  
Mr. Robert Wilson, 47 Valentine Drive, Don Mills, Ontario.

Mr. Ronald A. White's enrolment last month was too late for inclusion in our published membership list. His address is 182 Sydenham Street, Aylmer, Ontario.

#### VIEWS AND COMMENTS

If you like your archaeological literature to be entertaining as well as informative, we think you will enjoy reading "Dragon Bones and the Yellow Earth", by James and Irving Crump. Written by and for ama-



teur archaeologists, it is as much an adventure story as it is a chronicle of Chinese Archaeology since the turn of the century.

The chapter on the discovery and eventual disappearance of Peking man and his artifacts should be of particular interest to the members of our society, for Canada's own Dr. Davidson Black played an important role in this affair.

This book, by the way, is the latest addition to the O.A.S. Reference Library, and is now available for borrowing.

This month's issue of Scientific American carries another article of interest to North American archaeologists. Written by C. Vance Hayner, Jr., and entitled "Elephant-hunting in North America", it presents the latest information and theories on the appearance of Paleo-man and the extinction of elephants in North America.

This newsletter is the final issue of the 1966 winter - spring series. As usual, the O.A.S. takes a two month summer break, when many of its members are out in the field, literally digging up some of the stories you will be hearing about when we resume our fall - winter series in September.

With at least five of our members on the trail, one of these stories might even be the discovery of the first fluted point found in direct association with mastodon remains in Ontario.

Or even more startling - the news that your editor has finally found the time to catch up on his Arch-Note correspondence!

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