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The next meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be held at 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 15, at the Commercial Travellers' Association Salesman's Club, 17 Dundonald Street, Toronto. This change in location should be more convenient to most of our members as it is just a few yards east of Yonge Street, one block north of Wellesley, and has a large parking lot adjacent to the building.

Our speaker for the evening will be Dr. J. Norman Emerson, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto. His topic, Cahliague (Illustrated), deals with the University of Toronto's excavation of what is now believed to be the large Huron village of 200 longhouses visited by Champlain in 1615.

THE JANUARY MEETING

Last month, under the capable direction of Father William A. Russell (S.J.), we enjoyed a vicarious tour of Neolithic, Iron Age, and Roman sites in England, Scotland and Wales. Well-selected colour slides gave us the feeling of being there in person, and close-up shots of recovered artifacts, now on display in various British museums, provided a wealth of detailed information on these sites.

During the business portion of this meeting, the 1967 Executive Committee, as listed in our mast-head above, were elected to office.

Dr, C.S. Churcher, Chairman of the Publications Committee, reported that eight reports have now been submitted for Publication #10, and that this publication should be available to the membership by early spring. He also reported that the Ontario Government has approved an additional \$1000 grant to the Society for the publication of Arch-



aeological literature.

Our Treasurer, Miss. Lorna Procter, reported that the O.A.S. entered the new year with a bank balance of \$1207.15. This balance included \$577.85 of an Ontario Government grant for the publication of archaeological literature, as well as our regular "Operating Fund."

The following is an abbreviated financial statement for the year 1966:

Operating Fund balance, Dec. 31, 1965.....		\$620.46
1966 receipts, including bank interest...	\$428.36	
1966 disbursements.....	\$419.52	
Balance in year's operation.....	\$ 8.84	
Operating Fund balance, Dec. 31, 1966.....		\$629.30

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

Mr. Charles Garrad has taken over the post of Librarian. Members wishing to borrow from our Reference Library should now address all requests to Mr. Garrad at 30 Upper Canada Drive, Apt. 411, Willowdale, Ontario (Tel. 223-2752).

The O.A.S. Archaeological exhibit, prepared by the Promotion and Publicity Committee, may still be seen at the Downsview Branch of the North York Public Library, 2793 Keele Street, Toronto.

The Program and Social Committee is now carrying out arrangements for our March meeting. The Archaeological Society of Western Ontario has accepted our invitation for a full-day joint meeting on Saturday, March 18th, and a reply from the Morgan Chapter of the N.Y.S.A.A. is expected in the near future.

Present plans call for the presentation of archaeological papers in the morning and afternoon sessions, with a display area set aside for archaeological exhibits prepared by the participating societies and their individual members. Lunch and dinner will be served at 12 a.m. and 6 p.m. respectively in the club dining room. The meeting will adjourn at 9 p.m.

To assist the Program and Social Committee in their arrangements, members are requested to fill out and return the form provided on the last page of this newsletter.

On the Channel 9 television show, "Bright and Early", sometime between 7.30 and 8.30 a.m., Friday, February 10th, President Axelson will represent the Society in a planned ten minute interview.

#### NEWS OF MEMBERS

Last month a reporter and photographer from The Mirror - a Toronto area weekly newspaper - visited Dr. Dean Axelson's home to discuss his recent archaeological activities, both as an individual and on behalf of the O.A.S. The results of this interview appeared in a full-page illustrated article on page 10 of their January 25th issue.



On February 5th, Miss. Phyllis Bowland visited the Don Heights Unitarian Sunday School, Agincourt, to introduce the children to the subject of archaeology in general, and the aims and activities of the O.A.S. in particular.

Mr. Ken. Dawson, Director of Northern Area Studies at Lakehead University, has sent us a resume of the work he and his associates have undertaken since last spring.

Last June they carried out a month-long excavation of an extensive Laurel habitation site on an island in Whitefish Lake, some 40 miles west of the Lakehead. This work, which was funded by the National Museum of Canada, revealed a thin occupation strata extending some 700 feet along the northern shore of the island, with a small cumulative mound containing secondary burials located at its western edge. Skulls and long bones only were recovered from this mound, and these appeared to have been placed in a circular formation, without grave goods, inside heavy wooden crib-work which was covered with large boulders.

In the habitation area, several hearths were uncovered in the thin humus build-up along the shore. Some of these were exposed on the surface as semi-circular stone formations.

The bulk of the more than eleven hundred specimens recovered consisted of pottery sherds, all having Laurel affinities. Scrapers and chopper-like tools predominated in the lithic series. Very few projectile points were recovered.

Also located and test-pitted was a Blackduck habitation area on the southwest point of the island.

The balance of the summer was spent examining historical sites. The first road across the shield, built a hundred years ago and used by Col. Wolseley's expedition to the Red River Rebellion, was traversed from Prince Arthur's Landing to French Lake. Detailed sketches of camps, buildings, bridges, and portages were made for the Department of Tourism and Information.

An early fur trade post was explored at Maynard Falls on the English River, and a trench was excavated in a Selkirk site at Ball Lake. Support was extended to the Minnesota Historical Society underwater exploration at Boundary Falls, where one of Alexander Henry the Younger's canoes was upset.

In the fall of the year, the God's and Hayes Rivers were examined by canoe from the south shore of God's Lake to Hudson Bay. This survey turned up little evidence of prehistoric habitation, as is the case with the major rivers draining the Hudson and James Bay lowland.

We would like to welcome the following members who joined the Society since the last issue of Arch-Notes:

Mr. Neil Dougherty, Beachbury, Ontario.  
Library Periodical Service of Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.  
Mr. and Mrs. Rollo M. McDonald, Erindale, Ontario.  
Mr. Anthony Salvatore Gullo, Toronto, Ontario.  
Mr. Joseph E. Granger, Jr., Buffalo, New York.



VIEWS AND COMMENTS

We have been informed by Mr. Jerome Cybulski that on the evening of March 7, at Kleinhan's Music Hall, Buffalo, New York, Dr. Louis S. B. Leakey, world-famous anthropologist, will present to the public an illustrated talk on his early man investigations in Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania.

If you are able to attend, we recommend you take advantage of this rare opportunity to hear one of the foremost anthropologists of our day.

Also worthy of note is the current display of early Voyageur trade goods and weapons in the main rotunda of the Royal Ontario Museum. These artifacts were recovered last fall from the waters of the French River by Mr. Walter Kenyon's scuba-equipped crew.

You might be pleased to know that O.A.S. Publication #4, #7, #8, and #9 are still available at 50¢ per copy. Also on hand are a few reprints of the 1958 and 1959 issues of New Pages of Prehistory, at 25¢ per copy. These may be ordered from the Librarian, with cheques or money orders made payable to The Ontario Archaeological Society.

Another publication of interest to our members, particularly students of southwestern Ontario archaeology, has been made available by the photo-offset method. This is a reprint of the original 1943 publication, "Fort Ancient Aspect: Its Cultural and Chronological Position in Mississippi Valley Archaeology.", by James B. Griffin. This can be obtained by writing to the Museum of Anthropology, University Museum Building, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104, U.S.A.

We understand that this publication (Anthropological Paper #28) is available at \$6.00 per copy.

While on the subject of money, we would like to remind you that the 1967 membership fees are now payable.

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