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The next meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be held at 8 p.m., Wednesday, October 18th, at the Commercial Travellers' Association Salesman's Club, 17 Dundonald Street, Toronto (just east of Yonge Street, one block north of Wellesley).

Our speaker for the evening will be Rev. William A Russell (S.J.). His topic, "The Fournier Excavation: A Multi-Component Iroquoian Site" (Illustrated), deals with Father Russell's recent work on a site in the heart of old Huronia.

THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Filling a gap created when planned arrangements for a guest speaker at last month's meeting fell through, several of the members in attendance told of their archaeological activities during the summer months. The members then examined a number of catalogued Beeton site artifacts from the O.A.S. collection and spent the balance of the evening coding and cataloguing additional specimens from this site.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

President Axelson reports that Mr. Rollo McDonald has agreed to serve on Mrs. Reichert's Program and Social Committee, bringing the Committee up to full strength again.

Though some 18 members participated in the three-day Beeton site excavation over the holiday weekend, there were seldom more than eight members on the site at any given time. Even allowing for the threatening weather over most of the central Ontario area (it remained dry at the Beeton site), this was a poor turnout for the Society - and means we

will have to return in the spring to complete the job.

Despite the poor turn-out of members, we did manage to open up five 5-foot squares in a large midden west of the 1966 excavation area. Artifacts in abundance were recovered from these units, which ranged in depth from 8 to 34 inches to sterile subsoil. Included in the artifact inventory were bone awls, beads and projectile points, flint scrapers and a small, side-notched triangular projectile point, clay pipes of the Elongated Ring, Plain Trumpet, Plain Tubular and Coronet (one specimen only) type, numerous potsherds from such diagnostic vessels as Black Necked, Lalonde High Collared, Lawson and Huron Incised, and - to the disconcertment of the excavators - two tubular beads of European sheet copper. These beads, like the one recovered last year in Midden "A", were both from the disturbed plough zone, and present a problem yet to be solved.

Contrary to expectations, O.A.S. Publication No. 10 is still in the hands of the printer. Galley proof corrections are now under way, however, and Dr. C.S. Churcher, chairman of the Publications Committee, expects delivery to the Society sometime in December.

Mr. Frank Mee, chairman of the Rules and Ethics Committee, reports that his committee expects soon to submit their recommendations on the Huronia Archaeological and Historical Society's application for Chapter status in the Society.

Mr. Rollo McDonald, chairman of the Promotion and Publicity Committee, intends to continue the winter program of public displays and talks which met with such success last winter under Mrs. Davie's leadership. Members knowing of a school, library or social group in their area that might be interested in this project are asked to call Mr. McDonald at 279-1803, or write to 2547 Jarvis Street, Erindale, Ont.

As a member Society of the Eastern States Archeological Federation, The Ontario Archaeological Society is entitled to send voting delegates to the Annual Meeting, being held this year in Washington, D.C., on November 4 and 5, with the Archaeological Society of Maryland as host. An announcement to this effect with further details will be given at this month's meeting.

Bulletin No. 26 of the Eastern States Archeological Federation is now in the hands of its member Societies and ready for distribution. The O.A.S., with an assessed membership of 112 at last year's Annual Meeting, received 124 copies of this publication. Obviously, with a current membership (including this month's 6 new members) of 182 there are not enough Bulletins for everyone. They are therfor being sent out to all members now in good standing who were on the membership list at the time of our E.S.A.F. assessment. The extra copies will be sent to our newer members on a first enrolment basis as long as they last, with one copy being retained in the O.A.S. Reference Library.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

In late July Walter Kenyon returned to the Winnipeg River to head a Royal Ontario Museum crew which included Clause Breede as technician and chief diver. This party carried out an underwater exploration of

the Winnepeg River between Kenora and Boundary Falls. At Boundary Falls they were joined by members of the Minnesota Archaeological Society and completed the underwater project begun there in 1966. This work was captured on 16 MM colour film by television station KSTP of St. Paul, Minnesota, as a documentary on the Boundary Falls project.

Ross Channen, Director of the Simcoe County Museum, is repeating his highly successful series of night classes on archaeological field techniques, to be held in Barrie, Ontario, this winter. Attesting to the popularity of this course is the fact that last winter Mr. Channen's class increased in size as the series progressed.

We are pleased to welcome six new members into the Society this month: -

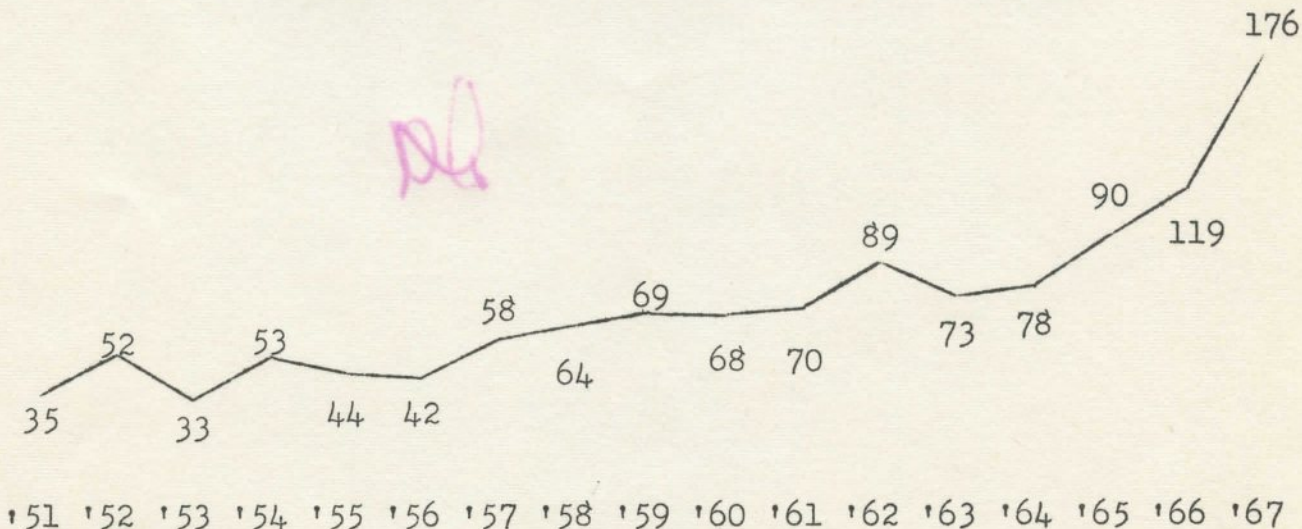
- Mr. Willem Loos, Toronto, Ontario;
- Mrs. E. Smith, Wardsville, Ontario;
- Mrs. A. Maak, Clarkson, Ontario;
- Mrs. Ilse Kraemer, Clarkson, Ontario;
- Mr. and Mrs. L.H. Wylie, Ottawa, Ontario.

VIEWS AND COMMENTS

An item in the September issue of Science Journal would seem to indicate that Canada is not the only country revising its accepted dates for primary occupation by man. This report states that radiocarbon samples from the Keiler site, located on the outskirts of Melbourne, Australia, have pushed back the accepted introduction of man into that continent some 6,000 years - to at least 29,000 B.C.

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As a society devoted to knowledge of the past, we thought our members might like to review our growth rate during our 17 year life. As you can see from the graph below, our membership has nearly doubled in the last two years, bringing us at last to within striking distance of the 200 membership mark - a figure we could reach before the end of the year with a little extra effort on your part.



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