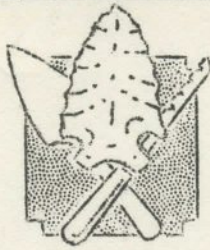


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The Ontario Archaeological Society will hold the first meeting of its fall - winter series at 8.00 p.m., Wednesday, September 18th, in Room 561, Sidney Smith Hall, University of Toronto (Room 561 is the Archaeology lab. on the lower level of Sidney Smith Hall, 100 St. George Street, Toronto - two blocks north of College Street).

In response to a number of requests, two archaeological films will be shown at this time: -

FIVE FOOT SQUARE - The recently completed and highly successful first film production by Trent University under the direction of Professor R. Vastokas.

VILLAGE IN THE DUST - A pictorial essay, narrated by Dr. Walter Kenyon, on the excavation and analysis of a 12th Century Indian village (the Miller site) at Pickering, Ontario.

THE JUNE MEETING

At the last meeting of our spring series, William Hurley, Assistant Professor of Anthropology, University of Toronto, described his work on two prehistoric Effigy Mound sites in central Wisconsin in the summer of 1966.

This work was carried out in order to gain more knowledge of the developments in that area during the relatively unknown period between 300 and 1600 A.D. It encompassed the excavation of 33 bear, bird and cone-shaped mounds, many of which had been buried by wind-blown sand.

Departing from the usual "arbitrary level" method, Mr. Hurley's crew dug these mounds in soil levels, to coincide with the stratification

of each of the mounds. The excavated soil was screened and "washed" to obtain every speck of archaeological evidence, from pottery chips to pollen and seed remains. In addition, several six-inch square sections of soil were cut out from the top to the bottom of the mounds, preserving intact the soil stratification and contained artifacts. These were shipped to soil analysts for study.

Mr. Hurley spoke on the problem of determining the length of time required to form a soil horizon in these mounds, and the time required for natural factors, such as wind and water, to alter it. Solving such problems required more co-operation and communication with allied fields of study, he stated, as well as within the field of archaeology itself, where experts have not always been eager to analyse the cultural material recovered.

The archaeological evidence revealed that these mounds were built between 600 A.D. and 1300 A.D., and that there were a number of historic intrusions, including a burial containing European trade goods.

Though many fine samples of recovered artifacts were shown, including the cord-impressed ceramics which were the specialty of the Effigy Mound culture, Mr. Hurley's main aim was to describe the methods used rather than the artifacts recovered. This was achieved very nicely with the aid of some excellent colour slides.

Following his talk on the Effigy Mound sites, Mr. Hurley discussed briefly his current work on the Thunder Bay ossuary, near Penetang, Ontario.

During the business portion of this meeting, president Axelson announced the resignation of our vice-president, Miss Rosalind Murray. This resignation was tendered because of Miss Murray's impending marriage and move to Ottawa.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

President Axelson has accepted with regret Bill Donaldson's resignation as editor of Arch-Notes.

Bill, who took over the editorial duties of this newsletter on a "temporary" basis in December, 1965, explained that outside commitments had mounted to the point where he could no longer carry out his editorial duties with the dispatch required. He has agreed to continue in his post until the end of the year, to allow the Executive time to appoint a successor, and to continue writing the monthly feature "Views and Comments" for an indefinite period thereafter.

The latest edition of Ontario Archaeology (O.A.S. Publication No. 11) is now in press and should be in the hands of the members before the end of September.

Dr. J. Norman Emerson's monograph "Understanding Iroquois Pottery In Ontario : A Rethinking" is still available to our members at \$2.00 per copy until September 30th, after which the regular price of \$3.00 per copy will be charged. Orders should be made to our corresponding secretary, Mrs. Barbara McDonald, 2547 Jarvis Street, Mississauga, Ont.

By now all members should have a copy of the O.A.S. membership list, as revised July 1st, 1968. They are asked to make the following corrections to that list: -

- page 1, line 42 - Binscarth (not Bincarth);
- page 3, line 20 - Group (not Goup);
- page 3, line 35 - KENYON (not KEYNON);
- page 4, line 37 - telephone number is 576-4226;
- page 5, line 10 - NIEDERMEIER (not NIEDERMEIR);
- page 6, line 1 - SADEK (not SADAK);
- page 7 - add to list: WRAY, Mr. Charles F., West Rush, N.Y. 14587.

The Society's fall "dig" will be held on the weekend of September 21 - 22 at the Beeton site (see sketch below for location).

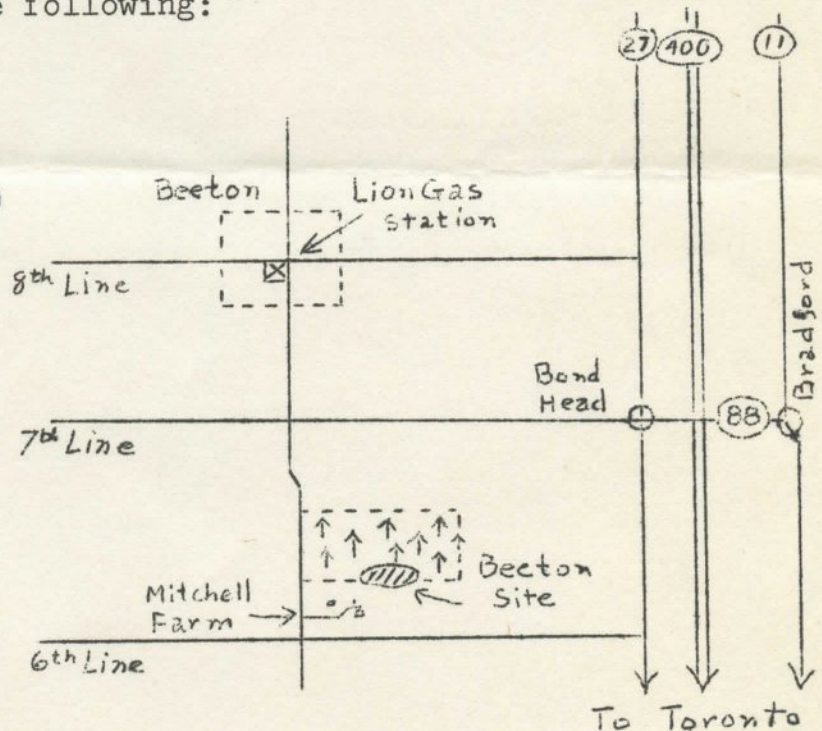
Members are asked to meet at this site at 9.30 a.m. on Saturday, September 21st, and to come equipped with a lunch, good 5-inch mason's pointing trowel, small paint brush, grapefruit knife, whisk broom, dust pan, pencil, note book and paper bags (sizes #5 and #10 preferable).

If you require further information, or lack transportation to the site, please call one of the following:

Dr. R. Dean Axelson  
(Tel. 223-5685, Toronto)

Miss Joyce Holloway  
(Tel. 623-2482, Bowmanville)

Mr. Ross Strain  
(Tel. 757-5394, Toronto)



#### LIBRARY NEWS AND NOTES

by Charles Garrad

The American Museum of Natural History in New York have asked that the O.A.S. provide our publications for their Library. In return they will send us their publication NATURAL HISTORY, retroactive to January, 1968. This magazine contains papers of interest to Ethnologists and Anthropologists as well as Natural Historians. However, these are usually of a general nature. Papers of special Ontario interest will be singled out for comment and indexing, otherwise receipt of a new issue will be noted in the monthly "New Titles" without comment.

O.A.S. LIBRARY - NEW TITLES - SUMMER 1968

- ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY "Stones and Bones Newsletter" for July, August and September 1968 (July issue has interesting news on fluted points)
- AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY "Natural History" January 1968 vol lxxvii no 1.
- ANDERSON J.E. 1967 "The Human Skeletons", excerpted from "The Prehistory of the Tehuaccan Valley" University of Texas, 1967
- ANDERSON J.E. 1968 "The Serpent Mounds Site Physical Anthropology" Royal Ontario Museum Art & Archaeology Div. Occ. Paper no 11 Toronto 1968.
- ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA "Anthropological Journal of Canada" vol 6 no 3 1968. Contains "Caste and Muslim Peasantries of India and Pakistan" by Ziller R. Khan, "The Environmental Variations of the Yuman Culture Area of Southern California" by J.R.Moriarty, "Awka Bronze Bells" by M.D.W. Jeffrys, "A Probable Huron Site in the Quebec City Area" by Thos. Lee (indexed), "Progress in Archaeological Dating" by D.W. Josselyn.
- ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA "Newsletter" #24, July 1968, membership list
- ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA "Quarterly Bulletin" vol 22 no 4 June 1968
- EMERSON J. Norman 1968 "Understanding Iroquois Pottery in Ontario - a Rethinking". Special Publication of the ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY March 1968.
- KENYON W.A. 1968 "The Miller Site" Royal Ontario Museum, Art & Arch. Div. Occasional Paper no 14
- NEW YORK STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION "The Bulletin" no 42 March 1968. (50th Annual Meeting Edition)
- ROOSA Wm B. 1963 "Some Michigan Fluted Point Sites and Types" excerpted from MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGIST vol 9 #3 October 1963 (pp 44-48)
- ROOSA Wm B. 1965 "Some Great Lakes Fluted Point Types" excerpted from MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGIST vol 11 nos 3-4 Sept-Dec 1965 (pp 89-102)
- ROOSA Wm B. 1967 "Review of - "The Paleo-Indian Occupation of the Holcombe Beach" by James E. Fitting, Jerry DeVisscher and Edward J. Wahla" excerpt from MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGIST vol 13 no 1 1967 (pp 28-31).
- ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM "Archaeological Newsletter" No 37 June 1968 ("Excavating the Museum Basement" by Mrs Cecilia Finnigan, R.O.M. Research Associate and O.A.S. Member. Story of reorganising the R.O.M. collection), no 38 July 1968 ("Industrial Archaeology" by Helen Sutermeister, R.O.M. Dept. of Canadiana. Early Ontario Potteries and an iron foundry). no 39 August 1968 ("Excavations at Buto in Lower Egypt" by D.B. Redford, Univ. of Toronto (#37 & #38 indexed)
- SASKATCHEWAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY "Newsletter" no 21 June 1968
- WALKER Iain C. 1967 "Statistical Methods for Dating Clay Pipe Fragments" reprint pp 90-101 POST-MEDIEVAL ARCHAEOLOGY vol 1, 1967. (Dating of English made clay pipes possible between 1620-1800 by bore size)
- WEDEL W.R., HUSTED W.M. & MOSS J.H. 1968 "Mummy Cave: Prehistoric Record from Rocky Mountains of Wyoming" excerpt from SCIENCE vol 160 Apl 12th 1968.
- WEST VIRGINIA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY "The West Virginia Archaeologist" no 19 Fall 1966 (published 1968). (The incredible St. Albans Site, now dug to 18 ft - 41 zones C14 dated to 8,000 yrs b.p. but known from core samples to be over 36 ft deep.)
- WEST VIRGINIA GEOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC SURVEY "Introduction to West Virginia Archaeology" (2nd edn). Splendid well illustrated summary of the known range of human occupation in W. Va. Ontario please copy.
- WRIGHT H.T. & ROOSA Wm.B. 1966 "The Barnes Site: A Fluted Point Assemblage from the Great Lakes Region" reprint from AMERICAN ANTIQUITY vol 31 no 6 October 1966.

O.A.S. members Drs Anderson, Kenyon and Roosa, Prof. Shutt and Iain Walker receive grateful thanks for their donations, and set a fine example for our other members to follow.

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NEWS OF MEMBERS

Mr. and Mrs. Iain Walker, now into their second year of research into the Bristol clay pipe industries and export trade to the New World, managed to visit a number of archaeological sites in the Orkneys this summer.

Mr. Charles F. Wray, who has contributed much to our understanding of the prehistoric and early historic Seneca, is currently excavating the Cameron site, a 1590 - 1610 period Seneca site at Lima, New York. To date, some 60 burials have been uncovered at this site.

Miss Phyllis Bowland furthered her knowledge of Columbian prehistory this summer by visiting a number of museums and sites in that country.

Mr. Stanley Vanderlaan and Mr. and Mrs. William Forney journeyed to Ontario this summer for a tour of archaeological sites and museums in old Huronia. Two of the sites visited were Cahiaque, where Mr. Allen Tyyska was field director this year, and the Fournier site, near Midland, where Father Russell was again in charge of the excavation.

Mr. and Mrs. Rollo McDonald revisited the Fretz site, near Timmins, and old Fort La Cloche, south of Massey, this summer. At Fort La Cloche they just missed meeting Dr. Walter Kenyon, who was working there and also along the Wanipitai River at the time.

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

Dr. William B. Roosa, Waterloo, Ontario;  
 Mrs. Donna Hubel, Willowdale, Ontario;  
 Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Newark, Port Credit, Ontario;  
 Public Archives Library, Ottawa, Ontario;  
 Mr. and Mrs. William E. Forney, Churchville, New York;  
 Mr. and Mrs. A.J. Wesolowski, Cooksville, Ontario;  
 Mr. William D. Finlayson, Toronto, Ontario;  
 Mr. Murray D. Tuck, Grande Pointe, Ontario.

NECROLOGY

It is with considerable regret that we have to announce that Lloyd Scott, a long-standing member of the Society, and well-known illustrator of archaeological and historical publications, died suddenly in Barrie Hospital on August 30th.

VIEWS AND COMMENTS

As you can see by our revised membership list and this issue of Arch-Notes, the Society is growing apace. Seldom now can a member identify everyone at a meeting, or be certain that the person they sit next to at a meeting will have an interest in the same aspect of archaeology. As the membership increases, this spectrum of interest will broaden as well, and it becomes a real challenge to the Executive and the publication committee to satisfy these varied interests without talking down to the

tyro, boring the specialist, or insulting the intelligence of the expert. The membership at large can ease this task by constructive criticism and a more active participation in the various projects undertaken. If this is not done, our present success might prove to be our downfall through fragmentation.

Your editor apologizes for late release of this edition and the omission of two of the regular features. We hope to maintain our usual standard for the remaining three months we will be responsible for this newsletter.

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