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MONTHLY MEETING:

The October meeting of the Ontario Archaeological Society will be held on Wednesday, October 15, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. This will be at the Sidney Smith Building, of the University of Toronto, in room 561 (the Archaeology lab). The address of Sid Smith is 100 St. George St., about 2 blocks north of College St.

Speaker: Mr. H. V. Summerton

Topic: Vacation in Roman Britain

Mr. H. V. Summerton embarked on an archaeological career throughout Britain and the Middle East as the result of an accidental discovery, in 1945, of a tenth century Scottish burial.

This lecture, which is illustrated, does not focus on one particular excavation but represents the archaeological story of what happened from pre-Roman Britain with its "blue painted warriors" to Saxon shore forts.

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As we stated above, the O. A. S. is meeting in the Sidney Smith building once again. On behalf of the O. A. S., Arch-Notes would like to thank the University of Toronto and the Anthropology Department in particular, for the continued use of these facilities for our monthly meetings.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

In September, our program for the evening consisted mainly of a film entitled Dead Birds. The subject of this movie was the Dani Tribe in the Grand Valley of Baleim in Western New Guinea. This was an anthropological case study of a people who are warfaring agriculturalists, of a classic neolithic culture, practicing animal domestication and using polished stone tools.

We said all that last month. But we were not able to attend the meeting so that's the best you get as a report. Sorry.

EXECUTIVE NEWS:

It is time for our fall dig. This will be at our Beeton site, on the weekend of October 18 and 19. Please conserve your energy until then. Bring a lunch and your own trowel. The weather will be fine. If it isn't come anyway. By now, everyone must know where our Beeton site is, so we are not going to draw another map. If you forget, or if you are a new member, please don't hesitate to call Dean Axelson or Arch-Notes.

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Our O. A. S. president, Dean Axelson, is presenting an illustrated lecture, entitled "The Indian Occupation of Ontario", on Wednesday, November 26, 1969, at the Woodside Library, 1274 Rebecca St., Oakville, Ontario. This begins at 8:00 p.m. on that date. The admission is free and so are the refreshments. Meanwhile, there should also be an O. A. S. display in this Library and in the main Oakville Library.

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Start thinking about the December banquet.

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The general editor of our O. A. S. publication, Ontario Archaeology, Mr. Conrad Heidenreich, would like our members to take note of the following:

ERRATA IN ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGY No. 12, 1969

Professor K. C. A. Dawson begs to point out that he inadvertently reversed the compass directions for location of the N. W. Co. post in three passages of his manuscript:

Page 10 - line 7 --in the bank at a point 660 feet north and 250 feet east----

- line 8 --one furlong north of the Hudson's Bay Company Post----

Page 20 - line 11--and a building one furlong north which may have been---

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LOCAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWS:

We have a few more members to welcome, this month--

Mr. J. Douglas Hamilton -- 19 Codrington St., Barrie, Ont.--726-1290

Mr. Raymond V. Putt -- 23 Seneca Ave., Algonquin Island,
Toronto 128, Ont --368-8987

Mr. and Mrs. David R. Francis--7 Oakburn Cres. Apt. 4,
Willowdale 441, Ont. --226-1598

Edward and Angeline Ryan -- 90 Chapple Hill Rd., London, Ont.-471-4450

Mrs. Patricia A. Statton -- R. R. # 2, Gormley, Ontario --884-7890
Lockview Park Secondary School--History Dep't., Port Colburn, Ont.
--835-1186.

Port Colburn High School, History Dep't., Elgin St., Port Colburn,
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We now have 290 O. A. S. members, we think.

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Anybody heard any good archeology jokes, lately?

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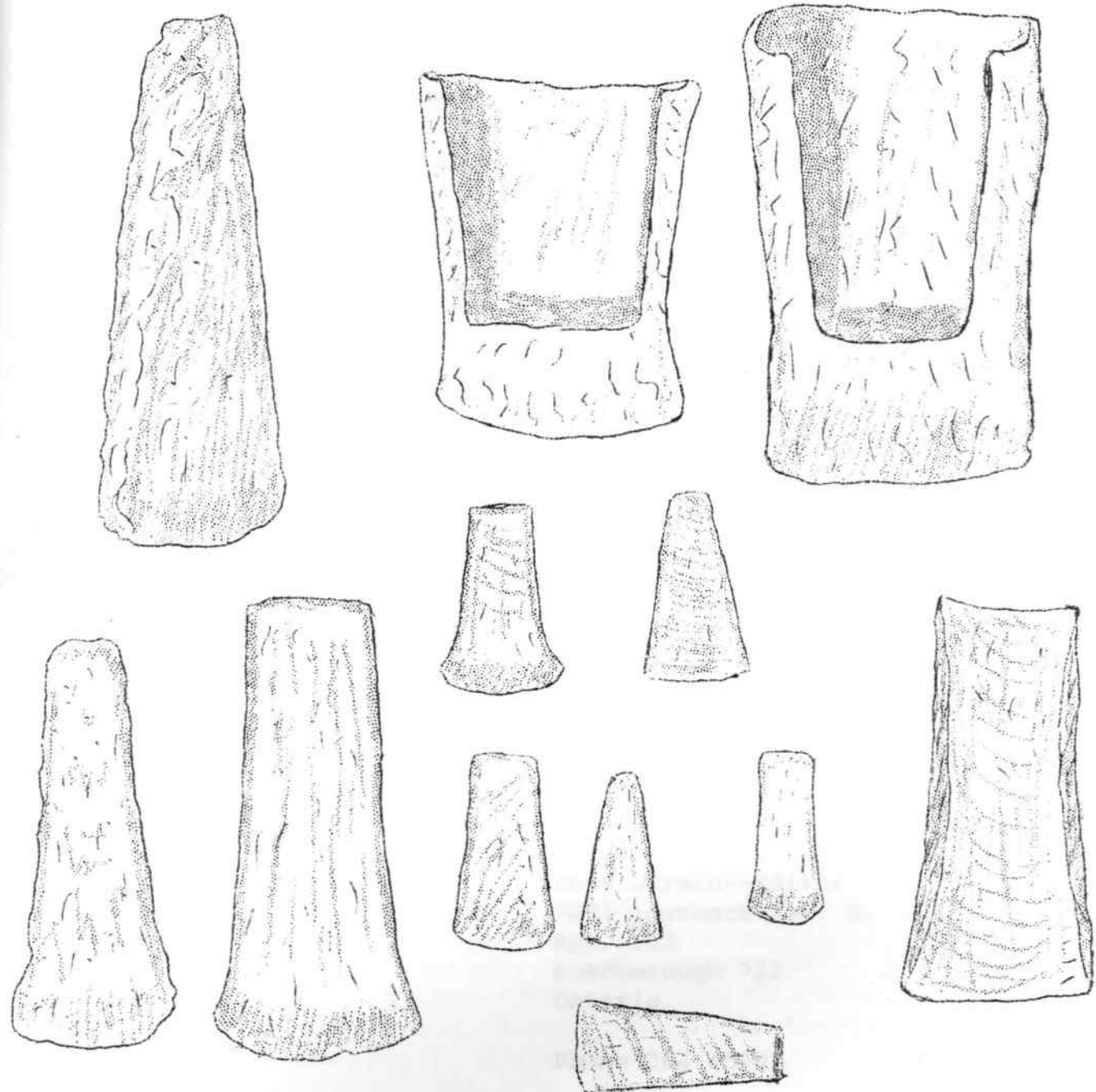
- ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY "Stones and Bones Newsletter" August 1969
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(we watch with interest the development of the Alabama's Society's plan to bring from France's University of Bordeaux Prof. Francois Bordes, foremost lithic technologist, to examine the pebble tools and other tools)
- CANADIAN GEOGRAPHICAL JOURNAL August 1962, containing "Diving into the Past" by Robert C. Wheeler, on the recovery of fur trade items from rivers.
- FRERE Sheppard 1955 "Roman Canterbury", an account of excavations of pre-Roman, Roman and post-Roman strata exposed by German bombing. Donated by Dr. D.B. Shutt.
- NEW YORK STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION "The Bulletin" no. 45 March 1969, Two papers of interest to paleo specialists, including a campsite yielding fluted points, offering more clues to those seeking a similar site in Ontario.
- HEIZER Robert F. & NAPTON Lewis K. 1969 "Biological and Cultural Evidence from Prehistoric Coprolites", photocopy of pp 563-568 SCIENCE vol 165, August 8th 1969. Donated by our good friend Dr. D.B. Shutt of Guelph, (founder member of O.A.S. and now 76 years young), who in an explanatory covering letter said that many years ago he accidentally trowelled through many feet of this material). New techniques of analysis promise to provide extensive data on dietary and food-preparation practices previously unavailable, and which can be dated by C-14. What is a coprolite? Look it up in the dictionary.
- ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM "Archaeological Newsletter" a large number of back-issues have been kindly donated by Miss Phyllis M. Bowland to provide duplicates in our collection.
- ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM "Archaeological Newsletter" no. 51, August 1969, containing "Godin 1969 - newsletter no. 1". For our Iranian members.
- ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM "Archaeological Newsletter" no. 52, September 1969, containing "Lake Melville (Labrador) Archaeological Project 1969" by Wm. W. Fitzhugh.
- SCIENCE - publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Three issues have been donated - September 9th 1960, September 8th 1961 and April 19th 1963. No papers pertaining to our field, but some interesting comment on the then-new decision to put a man on the moon.
- TAYLOR Wm. E. jnr. 1968 "The Arnepik and Tyara Sites". AMERICAN ANTIQUITY vol 33 no. 4, pt 2, 1968. Reprint donated by author. This is an archaeological study of Dorset Culture origins.
- VIRGINIA, Archaeological Society of. "Quarterly Bulletin" vol 23 no 4 June 1969. Two papers pertaining to Virginia archaeology. With sympathy for our own Editor, Conrad Heidenreich, we read the wry comment of this publication's editor .." The editor has in hand for publication ... several long articles ... lack of publication money probably will delay these articles for some time..." But hold on: ..."This issue was typed entirely by the editor, who must take responsibility for the delay". Well Conrad, practice your typing !
- VIRGINIA, Archaeological Society of. "Newsletter" no 28, July 1969. Reminds us that the E.S.A.F. meeting will be November 7th-9th.
- VIRGINIA, Archaeological Society of. Membership List July 1969. (21 chapters and 1,035 members !).

THE CLUES CLOSET

by R. Dean Axelson, D. V. M.

NATIVE COPPER AXES AND CELTS

Axes and celts are the third item of discussion in the series on Native Copper Artifacts. There are two basic forms that these tools were shaped into. One is the socketed form and the other is the celt - like form which is not socketed. These tools probably had several functions from chopping and cutting to the scraping of hides. The socketed form must have taken great skill to be able to forge it into this shape using only stone age tools. Even with modern tools it would be a difficult job. The celt form would have been much easier to make. The Hopewellian people used a lot of fancy shaped celt - form types but the Old Copper Culture people used a lot of the socketed forms. Gouges of copper were manufactured as well but are not too commonly found.



Here are the results of the 1969 Election of Executive for the Canadian Archaeological Association:

President -- George MacDonald
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National Museum of Man
Ottawa, Ontario.

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University of Manitoba
Wignipeg, Man.

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World Archaeological News:

After scanning the globe, all we could come up with was the E.S.A.F. Annual Meeting for 1969. Please read the last page of this issue.

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Hello everyone. If anybody is bored, please remember that we would love to have some help putting Arch-Notes together at Dean's house. JUst phone Arch-Notes if you want to help, and we will tell you where and when, etc.

We also need somebody to look after the plastic name badges at our meetings. And when you arrive at our monthly meefing please grab a name badge as you come into the room. They will be right there in front of you somewhere. Then, when you leave, please toss the badge back on to the table, so the O. A. S. won't go broke.

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