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MONTHLY MEETING:

The November meeting of the Ontario Archeological Society will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1969, at 8:00 p.m. As per usual, this will be at the Sidney Smith building, of the University of Toronto, 100 St. George Street, about 2 blocks north of College St. If you find the building, please come to the archeology lab in Room 561, because that's where the meeting will be. If you have never been to one of our meetings, you just can't imagine what you are missing.

Speaker: Mr. Dean Knight

Topic : his Montreal River site near Cobalt...

...that's what his friends tell us, anyhow--we never did manage to get in touch with him.

Dean Knight is a graduate student of the University of Toronto and a PhD candidate in anthropology and archeology. He was the field director of the U. of T. excavation near Cobalt this past summer.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

Our speaker for the evening, in October, was Mr. Harry V. Summerton.

Mr. Summerton presented us with a very knowledgeable account of the archeological story of Britain up to the arrival of the Anglo-Saxons in the early sixth century A.D. He was eager to point out that this was a survey lecture only. It is possible to talk to such great lengths on any tiny segment of British Archeology or prehistory that Mr. Summerton was able to touch only lightly upon each era. This is a general problem to archeologists in Britain. The island is rich in archeological remains of all periods and excavation of any site, or research of any particular period, inevitably involves the investigator with associated periods and problems.

Mr. Summerton started his lecture by discussing the Mesolithic period (1200 - 3000 B.C.). Around 5000 B.C. the people who were living on the peninsula of Britain found themselves isolated when the channel separated them from the continent. We were then shown slides to illustrate people of succeeding Cultures. The Neolithic peoples (3000 - 1800) who built the first stage of Stonehenge. The Bronze Age people from approximately 1850 to 400 B.C. overlaps the Iron Age invasions. These latter people arrived in three waves at approximately 550, 300, and 150 B.C. They were established when the Romans invaded in 43 A.D. and were well cultivated people who domesticated cattle, sheep, and pigs. Archeological evidence of their culture and art is found in their grave goods of chariot and horse trappings, elaborately decorated and jeweled shields, wheeled pottery, and coins.

The Romans arrived to find a rather wealthy island growing a surplus of wheat and trading many other commodities, including slaves, hunting dogs, cattle, gold, and silver. Mr. Summerton's fine slides then depicted the Roman invasion and consolidation. Included were shots of the excavation of luxury villas with plastered and painted walls of elaborate design and magnificent floor mosaics; also, selections of glass and Roman pottery; the coastal defence with established forts and signal stations to fend off hostile invaders; Roman road systems linking the great number of Roman villas; settlements and military posts in the south-east; tombstones and army helmets of the occupation period.

By 410 A.D., the Roman legions had withdrawn. The Anglo Saxons arrived approximately a century later and established themselves in the lowland zones. This period of British prehistory is generally referred to as the "dark ages" but evidence of the way of life is gradually being provided by the work of archeologists in Britain.

Mr. Summerton also had set up a fine display of representative pottery fragments for examination after his lecture.

We would also like to pass along some further information regarding Mr. Summerton and his British material. The lecture that he gave to the O.A.S. is available to any group or society that requests it. Also, if any member requires further information or reference material, or a list of sites, with information, in the event of a visit to the United Kingdom, he need only contact Mr. Summerton. His Toronto phone number is 429-3019.

EXECUTIVE NEWS:

Our December banquet is coming up soon. Please use the tear-off slip below to inform Jim Gauci that you plan to attend. More info. on next page.

Mr. Jim Gauci
159 Perry Cresc. December, 1969.
Islington 677
Ontario. (Phone 239-2676, in Toronto Area)

My dear fellow: this is to let you know that I plan to attend the really terrific O.A.S. Banquet on Dec. 12th. Please reserve _____ places for me. Thanx ever so.
Yours truly, _____

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
Phone Number: _____
NUMBER IN PARTY: _____

Now for the exciting details. This year we have changed our location and date of our annual banquet. We are holding our December monthly meeting in the form of a banquet, on the evening of Friday, December 12, 1969. In past years we have held it on our regular third Wednesday of the month but it has finally been decided that this is too close upon the Christmas rush. Therefore we have stepped the date up a little.

The location, this year, will be the Swiss Chalet, 234 Bloor St. West in Toronto.

The bar will open at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m.

The cost will be \$4.50 (approximately) per person. We will collect the money at the Swiss Chalet. That gets you half a chicken. yum.

If you plan to attend, please use the tear-off slip at the bottom of the previous page. Just mail it to Jim Gauci, so that we can give the Swiss Chalet people an accurate count of eat, drink, and be merryers. The O.A.S. must pay for 40 places at least, used or not, so we would love to get a large number of members and guests. As usual, guests are naturally welcome.

If you have any questions or problems, please call Jim Gauci at 239-2676, or Dean Axelson at 223-5685, or Ross Strain at 264-4829. We don't want to rush you or anything, but please hurry, so we'll know whether we're coming or going.

More news will be given in the December Arch-Notes regarding the speaker for the evening.

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Don't forget Dean Axelson's lecture, "The Indian Occupation of Ont.", on Wed., Nov. 26, 1969, at the Woodside Library, 1274 Rebecca St., Oakville, Ont. It starts at 8:00 p.m. Admission is free. To lure a huge turnout, Dean had prepared a terrific program and has seen to it that free refreshments will be served.

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WE had our Fall dig at Beeton a couple of weeks ago. Seventy people showed up on the Saturday and 25 on the Sunday. But most of them were students, not O.A.S. members, so we'll probably get hell again from the pres. Ever notice how easy it is to get into trouble? "Fie on 't! 'tis an unweeded garden!"

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Speaking of unweeded gardens--Conrad Heidenreich, editor of Ontario Archaeology, has a terrible case of poison ivy from a recent excavation. Get well, soon, Conrad.

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LAB NOTICE--There will be a lab at Dean Axelson's house on Friday evening, November 15th, 1969. I hope you received your Arch-Notes on time. Come to Dean's anytime after 7:00 p.m. His phone number is 223-5685. This will be to work on the Beeton material. His Address is on the front page of this issue (of all issues in fact, in case you've never noticed.).

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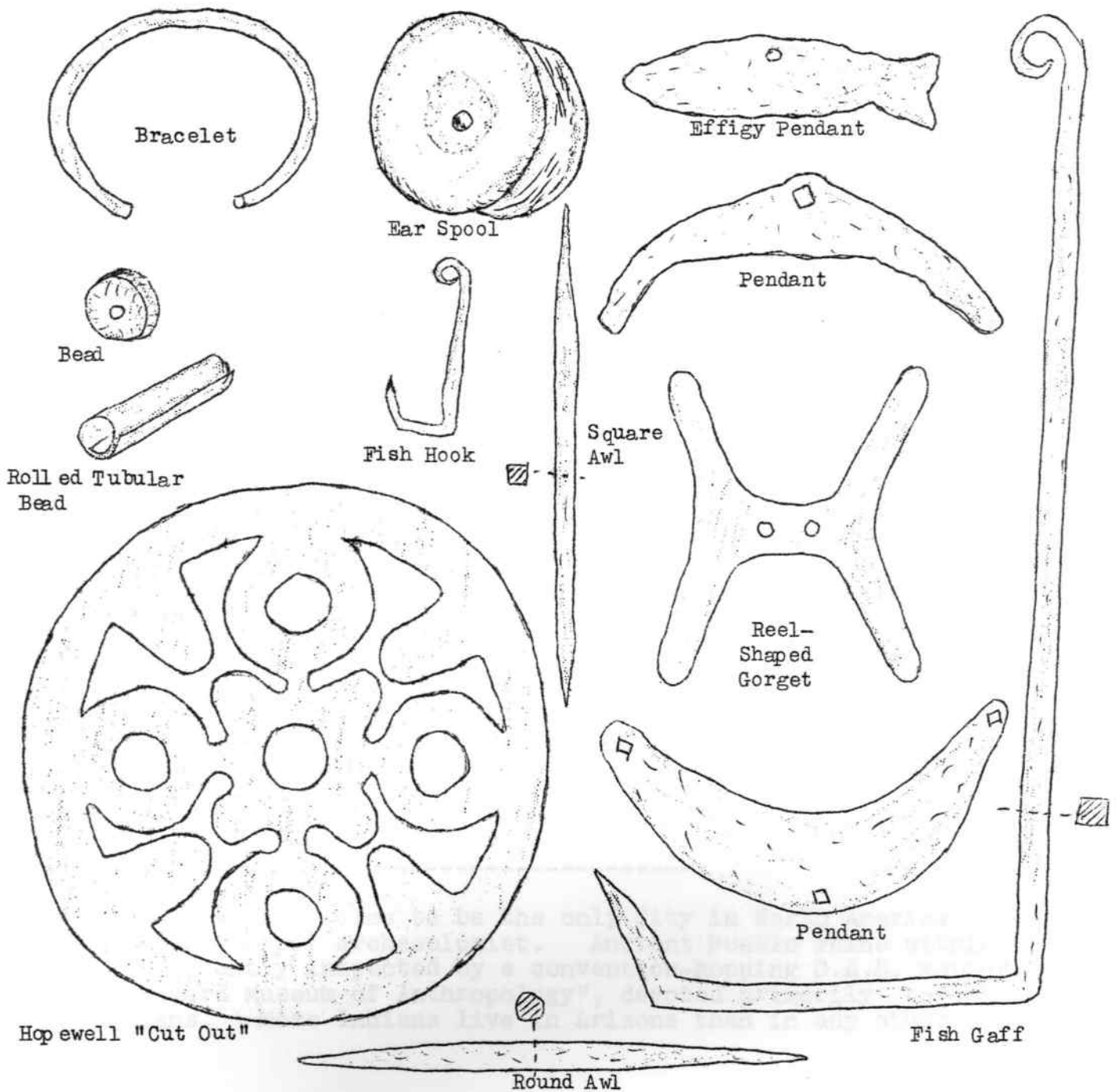
Not too long from now, in January, the O.A.S. chooses its executive for 1970. If any of the newer members feel that they would like to help the cause for a period, we would love to have you. Please think about it.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF NATIVE COPPER

The last topic in the series on Native Copper Artifacts is entitled miscellaneous items as noted above. This involves all the other artifacts that were manufactured by the Indians using native copper such as fish hooks, fish gaff hooks, awls, beads, pendants, gorgets, ear spools, bracelets, copper "cut outs", breast plates, etc. The latter five types of artifacts were produced mainly by the Hopewell people and perhaps to a very small extent by the Adena. The other types were used a lot by the Old Copper Culture and some of the other Archaic people and even much later. Rolled tubular copper beads and other copper items have been found on Late Prehistoric sites.

You can see from this series of articles that native copper was a very versatile medium from which to fashion artifacts.



- ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY "Stones and Bones Newsletter" October 1969
(How's this for an apt quote - "the pot of ... archaeology needs an occasional stirring" - Dr. Robert E. Ackerman)
- ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY "Stones and Bones Newsletter" November 1969
(Refers paleo fans to a forthcoming PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGIST account of a New York caribou bone found in context with fluted point, dated 12,580 +/- 380 years, and mentions a mastodon dated at 10,000 rescued recently).
- AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY "Natural History" October 1969
- ANTHROPOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION OF CANADA "Anthropological Journal of Canada" vol 7 no 4 1969, containing: "French Canadian Transplants: The Habitants of Quebec" by Lynn Kauffman (French Canadian Habitant values adapting to urban society), "Studies in Point Evolution: Part 1" by George E. Russell (evolution within types), "Sea Routes in Diffusion" by Malcolm F. Farmer, (points to similarities between Middle East and Gulf of Mexico development) "The Railroad Ballast Site" by Richard A. Humbard (finds possible artifacts in chert ballast), "INDEX" for issues Vols 5, 6 & 7.
- CARNEGIE MUSEUM (Pittsburgh) "Archaeological Newsletter" nos 42-43 January-May 1969 (announces new Anthropological Centre).
- MANITOBA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY "Manitoba Archaeological Newsletter" vol VI, nos. 1-2, Spring-Summer 1969, containing "Churchill River Diversion Project" and "A Scottsbluff Projectile Point from Arden, Manitoba" both by Walter M. Hlady, "Some Observations on the Use of Willow Bark by the Cree" by Douglas Evans, "INDEX" Vols 1-V.
- ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM "Archaeological Newsletter" no. 53, October 1969, containing "Lake Melville (Labrador) Archaeological Project, 1969 (II)" by Wm. W. Fitzhugh, continued from no. 52. (Disposing of Lake Melville in two paragraphs, the report actually concerns interesting coastal Eskimo and Indian sites, raising questions of sequence and development).
- SASKATCHEWAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY "Saskatchewan Archaeology Newsletter" no 26 September 1969, containing "The Old Indian's Medicine" by Alex Johnston (an exhaustive and masterful study of Blackfoot vegetable foods and medicines, dyes and tool sources, with extensive references. Fascinating reading and worthy of national distribution surely); "Besant Projectile Point" by Terry Foster (summary of data).
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The Museum of Anthropology, Colorado State College, Greeley, Colorado 80631 has announced a new series of OCCASIONAL PUBLICATIONS IN ANTHROPOLOGY, in two series, Ethnology and Archaeology, plus a Miscellaneous series. Some 49 titles are already available. Naturally, these are heavily oriented to Colorado, California and Mexico.

Phoenix, Arizona, claims to be the only City in North America to employ a professional municipal archaeologist. Ancient Pueblo ruins within the city limits were recently inspected by a convention-hopping O.A.S. member, also Phoenix's "Heard Museum of Anthropology", devoted primarily to the Hopi and Navajo Indians. More Indians live in Arizona than in any other U.S. State.

LOCAL ARCHEOLOGICAL NEWS:

Everybody say "Hello" to these new members so that they won't be shy and so that they'll all come to our monthly meetings.

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--R.R. # 1, Unionville, Ontl

--297-1103

Miss Mary Fitz-Gibbon

--16 Pine Cliff Dr., Site 11,

Box 19, Streetsville, Ont. --826-3218

Mrs. Frances Hall

--1 Dale Ave., Toronto 5, Ont.

--923-3123

It just occurred to me that Lorna signed up about ten new members at least, at last month's meeting and I forgot to get that list from her. I wonder if I should phone her right now and get it. Oh, I guess I'd better not--it's the middle of the night. She's probably in bed or something. You people who signed up at the meeting will be printed in the December issue of Arch-Notes. Is that all right?

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The Arch-Notes staff is allshook up because Mark Siegel's October Arch-Notes was returned in the mail. If anybody knows his new address please tell us because we haven't slept a wink for days over it.

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Many thank to those members who have sent us items of general arch- eological interest for printing in our newsletter. Unfortunately, we have neither the money for the extra postage, nor the time to go over the six-page limit of an ordinary issue of Arch-Notes. Exceeding the six-page limit means that we exceed one ounce in the mails and we must pay for it. Also, it means an incredible amount of extra work to collate anything over six pages when we are printing this monstrosity. Therefore, we are forced to save these extra items for the issues which circumstances allow to be larger than usual--in September, January, and June when the editorial staff has no essays or exams to worry about.

This situation is on the point of changing however. As soon as our 1970 membership fees start rolling in, one of our first expenditures will be the purchase, or at least the leasing, of an automatic collater. Either that or Arch-Notes reverts back to a one page announcement of the monthly meeting. Our membership has passed the 300 mark, now, and is snowballing faster and faster.

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...and that's that for November.

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