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BOOK REVIEW

Wright, James V., ONTARIO PREHISTORY: AN ELEVEN THOUSAND YEAR
ARCHAEOLOGICAL OUTLINE
National Museums of Canada, Ottawa, \$4.75.

Reviewed by Fritz Knechtel.

This is an excellent outline, comprehensive and non-technical; easy and interesting reading; covering 11 thousand years of our Indian occupation here in Ontario.

It is an authoritative coverage of our Indian Prehistory, following a broad outline and avoiding by-ways of contention and question. It is written for the General Public rather than the Professional. It is invaluable as an introduction to the Prehistory of Ontario; a sound educational text book at all levels.

It is most fascinating reading; excellently illustrated with both colour and black & white plates. A beautiful book and an excellent presentation of the subject.

This Ontario Prehistory should be in every Library, Educational facility, Historical society archives, etc., in Ontario.

It is the first endeavour, I believe, to give our Indian History suitable and readable general coverage; a field up to now rather neglected in text book and general reading. Its value to our educational facilities and interested individuals is immense.

The text is well organized and the presentation in all ways excellent. Dr. Wright is certainly to be congratulated on this valuable addition to our historical past.

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PENDING MEETINGS of INTEREST

Eastern States Archaeological Federation - Annual Meeting to be held November 10th to 13th in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The O.A.S. will be represented, and your editor will probably have a report for December's ARCH NOTES.

International Conference of the Prehistory and Paleoecology of the Western Arctic & Sub-Arctic - Meeting to be held November 23rd to 26th at the University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta. Three members of the O.A.S. are giving papers at the Conference; and perhaps we can coerce a brief report from them on the proceedings.

American Anthropological Association - Annual Meeting to be held November 29th to December 3rd at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto. Mrs. Gloria Schimmel will be in charge of setting up a display booth on behalf of the O.A.S.

1973 Algonquian Conference - Meeting to be held April 6th and 7th at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. Deadline for symposia plans is December 15; paper titles/abstracts February 15. For further information you should write to R. Kilmek, Anthropology Option, College of Community Sciences, University of Wisconsin - Green Bay, Green Bay, Wisconsin, 54302, U. S. A.

Re:- ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGY

As the new editor of ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGY I wish to apologize for the delay in putting out the next numbers in our series. There was a time delay between my appointment and submission of manuscripts to the press and this factor has now been greatly reduced. Number 17 is due back from the printers before the end of November and it will be in your hands shortly thereafter. It will contain articles by Jim Wright, Jim Pendergast and Marion White. Number 18 is at the press now and as soon as we approve the cost it will begin its process towards publication. Number 18 will contain articles by G. D. Watson, Howard Savage and Peter Storck. Number 19 is also ready to be sent over to the press for estimates. The articles slated for publication are by Wm. Noble and I. T. Kenyon, H. S. Helmuth and a new section dealing with book reviews. We hope to have all three of these numbers out before the beginning of next summer and ask you to bear with us a bit longer.

Dr. W. M. Hurley.

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SCOTT HORVATH, August 9, 1946 - October 24, 1972

Scott was born in Regina, Saskatchewan and moved to Toronto at an early age. He attended the C.N.I.B. school until the age of 12 when a change of rules, and his desire to get out, moved him to Michael Power - a normal school, where he graduated Grade 13 with an 81% average in 1964. He was admitted to Math, Physics and Chemistry and switched to straight Math to graduate in 1967. In 1967-68 he started a year of Astrology which is shown as "Not Complete" as he found it was not his thing. Scott spent two years at Confederation Life as a Computer Programmer and according to his colleagues there was a top man in the field and would have gone far had he stayed with the company. Scott was also a genius at bridge and cribbage. In 1970 Scott enrolled in Anthropology as a special student and completed a 2-year make up with one "B" and the rest straight "A"'s. His field experience was gathered at McLeod and DeWaele and on a number of surveys and salvage projects. This past summer Scott worked on the O.A.S. Salvage Project until his doctor suggested he retire. This fall he was accepted into the Anthropology M.A. program. His ambition was to bridge the gap of understanding between the Archaeologist and the specialized personnel who help in the analysis of his material. With his vast knowledge and ability to pull things together he would have done the job. He was well liked by and very helpful to his fellow students; and praised by his professors because of his manner and desire to overcome two very big handicaps - weak eyesight and poor health. He will be missed.

Members of the O.A.S., students and professors have been generous in their donations to a collection taken for a contribution to the Heart Fund. Scott's family had requested that his friends mark their respect in this manner. The total collected amounted to \$126.28.

TEST DIG AT THE CHERRY HILL SITE

Cherry Hill House, on the Dundas Highway at Cawthra Rd. in Mississauga, was built in the early 1800's by Joseph and Jane Silverthorne, on the first crown grant of land made in the neighbourhood in 1807. Its surroundings have changed from heavily timbered land on which friendly bands of Mississaugas encamped at that time, through cleared and highly productive farm land during the late 1800's and most of the 1900's, to their present densely built up state, with high-rise apartment towers overshadowing the House.

The anticipated moving of the House and its preservation by the present owners, S. B. McLaughlin Associates Ltd., and alteration of the surrounding land by highway construction, made desirable an exploratory excavation by the Ontario Archaeological Society, with the authorization of the Council of Peel County. Evidence of Mississauga encampments in the vicinity of the House, and information concerning pioneer life were needed.

Preliminary surveying and staking done on October 20/72 enabled some 20 O. A. S. members from Hamilton, Burlington, Oakville, Mississauga, Beeton, Toronto, Scarborough and Pickering, to proceed on the following two days with the test excavation. Fifteen five-foot squares across the level land at the rear of the house and down a steep slope to its base, as well as along the top of the slope, were dug to sterile sub soil. A steady drizzle during most of the two days dampened clothing, but not the spirits of the excavators. Very relevant information was supplied at the site by Mr. William Pinkney, a great-great-grandson of Joseph Silverthorne. Maximum security was provided by the security guards, maintained by McLaughlin Associates. Newspaper coverage of the dig was interested and appreciative.

The material excavated included a considerable quantity of earthenware, porcelain, and glass sherds, some of which were capable of assemblage into nearly complete and dateable vessels. Metal findings, which had had many uses, showed nails with square shanks and hammered or moulded heads, as the most common items. Two kaolin pipe portions were found. The numerous bone elements included those from domestic cows, pigs, sheep, chickens and turkeys, as well as two native species, the White-tailed Deer and the Snow Goose. Butchering techniques, shown by the beef bones, are at variance with present day beef cutting.

Examination and tabulation of the now washed and dried findings have been scheduled for Saturday, November 11 and 18 in the Archaeology Lab, Sidney Smith Hall, U. of T.. The expert knowledge of specialists in historic ceramics and glassware, metal findings, and faunal bones has been made available to the O. A. S. in evaluating this material. Members having an interest in historic archaeology are invited to help in labeling and identifying these findings on Nov. 11 and 18, from 10:00 am onwards.

The absence of recognizable Mississauga artifacts in the sample to date is probably due to the proximity of the excavated squares to Cherry Hill House. Exploration of the land at a greater distance from the house, and closer to the adjacent built up area, may be productive in this regard.

Howard Savage,
President,
Ontario Archaeological Society.

MONTHLY MEETING

This month's General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15th in the Archaeology Laboratory (Room 561A), Sidney Smith Hall, 100 St. George St., University of Toronto, Toronto 181, at 8:00 pm.

Our speaker for the evening will be Mr. C. S. "Paddy" Reid, O. A. S. Member and a graduate student at McMaster University in Hamilton. His topic will be "The Milton Ossuary". This should be of particular interest to those members who participated in the Lab Sessions with Paddy, since it was material from the Milton Ossuary that was under observation.

LAST MONTH'S MEETING

At the meeting in October our speakers were Mrs. Marti Latta and Mr. Victor Konrad. They spoke about the O. A. S. Summer Salvage Project. In view of the fact that this talk was in essence a resume of much that has appeared in ARCH NOTES over the past few months, we do not feel it necessary to present an abstract.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING

The December meeting will take the form of our annual banquet.

DATE: Sunday, December 10, 1972

PLACE: The Anndore Hotel, 15 Charles St. E.

TIME:- Cocktails, 6:00 pm (Beer 50¢, Drinks \$1.00)

:- Dinner, 7:00 pm (\$6.00 per person, incl. Tax & Tips)

MENU:- Prime Rib Roast Beef - Smorgasbord

Speaker:- Dr. A. D. Tushingham

Topic:- Thoughts of an Archaeological Administrator

(The Anndore Hotel is located just east of Yonge St. two blocks south of Bloor St. There is lots of free parking if you're driving, or the T.T.C. will bring you right to the Bloor-Yonge Subway station.)

R.S.V.P. To:- Mrs. Marti Latta BEFORE December 1, 1972. -----

To:- Mrs. M. Latta,
100 Northwood Dr.,
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I will be attending the O. A. S. Banquet.

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