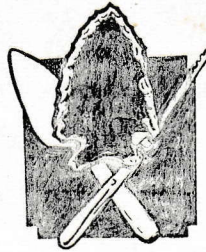


The Ontario Archaeological Society



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May 1957 bring to all of you the best of what you wish!

On Thursday, February 14th, 1957, the monthly meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be held in St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor St. E., Toronto, at 8 P.M.

This will be "Members' Night", with contributions by:

- Dr. C.H.D. Clarke - "Of Bones and Things"
W.S. Russell, S.J. - "Abstract on Early History of the Rouge"
W.E. Renison - "Slide Coverage of the Fairty Ossuary"
(In colour)

For our "bone conscious" members, in particular, this meeting should prove to be of interest, so we shall look forward to a good attendance!

The 1957 Executive Committee is as follows:

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Fees for the current year are now past due. It takes but a few minutes (and \$3.00) to renew your membership --- and our Treasurer is willing to co-operate on the receiving line!

Pleased we are indeed to report that The Ontario Archaeological Society is now incorporated, under the laws of the Province of Ontario, with letters patent under date of December 21st, 1956. Incorporation is a fact!

Bare bones bear fascinating facets!

The O.A.S. fall "dig" at the Fairty ossuary produced many hundreds of human bones, which in turn are giving us a wonderful chance to study anatomy, pathology, and dental problems. Not only have Professor Emerson and Dr. Anderson provided excellent facilities for our work in this connection, but they also are present at our weekly "lab" sessions, leading the discussions and sharing their extensive knowledge with us.

Thursday evenings are reserved for the washing and preliminary analysing of the specimens. These "labs" are held at 7.30, in the basement of the building immediately south of the Museum, in Professor Emerson's bailiwick.

On Monday nights we meet at 8 o'clock, for cataloguing, and more intensive analysis. Where? Oh yes - in Dr. Anderson's lab in the southeast portion, main floor, of the Medical Building, just south of the University Library.

It is hoped that more of our members will take advantage of this opportunity of finding out if the hip bone really is connected to the thigh bone --- To date, we have observed excellent examples of the affects of T.B., arthritis, rheumatism, broken bones that did not heal properly, etc., as well as evidences of dental caries, pyhorroea, abscesses, and so forth.

Publications available:

- "Understanding Iroquois Pottery in Ontario" (O.A.S. publication) @ \$2.00
- "Castellation Development among the Iroquois" " " @ .35¢
- "Archaeological Researches in Ontario" @ .25¢
(Reprint from "Ontario History")

Suggested reference: "Graphic Aids to Osteology" @ \$1.50
(Bone identification simplified, by means of excellent diagrams)

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San Diego 4, California.

At our Annual Meeting on January 10th, 1957, last year's president, Miss L. shall, reported:

1956 did not bring any noted increase in the Membership, which remains around the 75 mark. One Institutional Membership was acquired, that of the McLaughlin Public Library in Oshawa.

In 1956 the O.A.S. broadened its archaeological horizons by virtue of the fact that a number of the members worked on sites in various sections of the Province: from Sarnia and the Bruce Peninsula in the westerly area, to Cornwall and Peterborough in the east; from Michipicoten and Algonquin Park in the more northerly territory, to New York State to the south. The central region produced the Society's spring "dig" at the Robb site; the fall "dig" of an ossuary in the same region, and activity at the U. of T. fall "dig" in the Scarboro area. Official representation at the Eastern States Archeological Federation annual meeting in Trenton, N.J., in October, further consolidated O.A.S. contacts with the archaeological groups in the Eastern Seaboard States, and served to facilitate future exchange of pertinent information between these States and Ontario. A résumé of archaeological activity in Ontario during 1956 is included in the Fall issue of "Ontario History", which is the publication of the Ontario Historical Society. It is interesting to note that members of The Ontario Archaeological Society are included in almost all the work discussed therein.

Four major projects were undertaken last year: a survey of sites in the Rouge Valley watershed was commenced, partially financed by the R.D.H.P. Conservation Authority; the excavation of the Fairty ossuary near the Robb site; the incorporation of the O.A.S. under Provincial laws; and the publication of two texts on the analysis of Iroquois pottery in Ontario.

Donations amounted to \$265.00: \$200.00 from an elderly gentleman who learned about the Society through its survey in the Rouge; \$50.00 from The Bank of Nova Scotia; the remainder from some of the O.A.S. members.

In November the Society placed a small display of artifacts in the McLaughlin Public Library, in Oshawa, in conjunction with that Library's current feature of archaeological books. We understand that the public showed definite interest in the display, and it brings to mind the fact that more effort could be exerted along this line.

Of recent weeks we have been indeed fortunate to have access to a lab for our bone washing sessions, thanks to Professor Emerson's assistance. These meetings are held weekly, if possible, and the Professor, Walter Kenyon, Jim Wright, and Bob Dailey are on hand to discuss and discourse. For cataloguing and analysis purposes, Dr. James E. Anderson of the Department of Anatomy has very kindly permitted us to use his lab in the Medical Building - and has also placed himself at our service. Now, if we could only find equally adequate facilities for "lab" work on other types of artifacts ---

Our colour photographic record (movie, and 35 mm. slides) is continuing to expand. Bill Renison is doing an excellent job in this respect.

At our monthly meetings this past year we visited a variety of types of sites, via our guest speakers - Dr. Alfred K. Guthe, of Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences; Dr. George Lechler, of Wayne University in Detroit; C.A. Weslager, President of the Eastern States Archeological Federation, and member of the Archaeological Society of Delaware; as well as our own members Dr. J.

Norman Emerson, and Robert L. Dailey, both of the University of Toronto. At our successful Banquet in December, at Lichee Gardens, we introduced Dr. William J. Mayer-Cakes, new member of faculty of the Department of Anthropology, U. of T., and one of our new members.

I would like to thank, at this time, the members of the Executive, Professor Emerson, and other members of the organization for their assistance during the past year. Also I wish to express my appreciation to Dr. C.H.D. Clarke and the other O.A.S. members who helped in numerous ways at the Fairty site, for instance in transporting and storing boxes of bone, and in the loaning of equipment.

OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Dear Members of the O.A.S.:

My election to the presidency of The Ontario Archaeological Society is an honour I accept with gratitude and humility. It would, however, be absurd to issue a MANIFESTO concerning the future of our organization because we are all well aware of its aims, which are twofold: (1) archaeological field work in Ontario, and (2) the Publication of site reports on the work we have done to date - which, incidentally, is considerable! Both these items need funds in excess of those which can be raised by regular fees. With the enthusiasm our members have always exhibited, and the possibility of Federal or Provincial grants, we may yet achieve success in both these fields.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking Miss Marshall for the constructive advice she has given me concerning many of the past functionings of the O.A.S. of which I was ignorant.

Don't forget our next meeting, "Members' Night", which promises to be of significant interest.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Sweetman.

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Members' friends welcome.

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G. Ruth Marshall,

Corresponding Secretary.