

The Ontario Archaeological Society (Inc.)



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ARCH-NOTES

On Thursday, May 9th, 1957, the next monthly meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be held in the auditorium of St. Paul's Anglican Church, 227 Bloor St. E., Toronto, at 8 P.M. sharp.

SPEAKER: DR. A. DOUGLAS TUSHINGHAM
(Director of Archaeology, Royal Ontario Museum)

SUBJECT: "STONE AGE JERICHO"
(Illustrated)

There is no necessity to "introduce" our speaker at this juncture, since our members are well aware of Dr. Tushingham's participation in the excavations at the ancient city of Jericho. Suffice it to say that this forthcoming talk will hold much of interest for the members of the O.A.S., as well as their friends ---- Sooo - we are looking for a large attendance at our May meeting!

POTTERY PATTERN SESSION - on Tuesday, May 14th. at 8 P.M., at the home of William Donaldson, 18 Silverbirch Ave. (OX.4-0219). This informal discussion group, headed by Mr. Frank Ridley, will be keyed to meet the pottery analysing needs of our members. Since by sight, by feel, and by sound do we learn, we will have on hand sherds of the various cultural types, as well as a few complete pots. With "digs" in the offing, this "P.P.S." will serve as a refresher course for those of us who are interested in pottery recognition. All members are invited, only PLEASE notify a member of the Executive if you plan to attend, so we can arrange transportation for everyone.

It is almost time to sharpen up the trowels, "borrow" the kitchen grapefruit knife, nip down to the cellar for a nice, clean paint brush, and get out the haversack from the back of the closet! Our first "dig" of the season will most likely be on the long weekend of May 18th, 19th, and 20th. Details later.

Have you paid your dues ---- do you want to dig???

To MR. THOMAS E. LEE
(National Museum
of Canada, Ottawa)



we extend our appreciation and thanks for his most interesting, well-documented, and excellently illustrated lecture in April, on "Early Man in Canada". This is a somewhat nebulous subject, since there is so little written about it, and so much yet to be learned. With his slides and his words our speaker drew aside this lack-of-knowledge cloud and outlined the existence of man in Canada from a possible 30,000 years or so, as evidenced by the "Sheguindah Site" on Manitoulin Island, down to the period of the 1600's, which saw the beginning of White occupation. Canada cannot display surface spectacles such as the pyramids of Egypt or the aged walls of Jericho, but recent archaeological work indicates that the antiquity of this country's human inhabitants is greater than that of the structures just mentioned. During the course of his remarks, Mr. Lee brought out the fact that there is a great deal of research yet to be done before a complete story of early man in Canada can in any way be constructed.



DR. J. NORMAN EMERSON
(Associate Professor,
Department of Anthropology,
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will again be in charge of the jointly sponsored University of Toronto/National Museum of Canada "dig" at the "Ault Park" site on Sheek Island, in the St. Lawrence River, near Cornwall, this summer. During July and August members of the O.A.S. will be welcome as participants - even if only for a weekend. As accommodation will be provided, it is important that Dr. Emerson be notified of any impending arrivals, and of the duration of their stay. This can be done either by contacting the Chief directly, or by negotiating through a member of the O.A.S. executive.

Introducing:

"ARCHY", the arch-type archaeologist,
Whose stance in work oft has a list,
Who trowels the soil with a fluid wrist
And bends in toil with many a twist;
Who carries on in heat or sleet,
In north winds cold, or in wet, clammy feet -
The seasonal storm it daunts him not
For through many a wind and rain he has fought;
His clothes are distinctive
His actions instinctive,
His thoughts retroactive
To false notions once active;
His grapefruit knife and whisk he'll wield
In squares laid out in a farmer's field,
Aha! he wonders what each site will yield
After topsoil, roots and stones he has peeled;
With camera and graph, and clip board notation
His records he makes in studied rotation,
Of fragments of bone, of stone, and of clay,
Of post moulds and features that have much to say;
He'll tell you the age of skeletons bare -
But disturb them 'ere he does you'd better not dare!
He'll tell you whose, and when, -mayhap even why
Are the bones here buried which you sometimes spy;
This character "Archy" of whom I now write
You'll meet again on many a site:-
In fact he's not even always a "he" -
There is such a thing as an arch-type "she"!



"Archy", who is a helpful soul, presents the first part of a "Diggers' Dictionary" which, he hopes, will answer some of the questions asked by our members re terms used frequently during the course of archaeological work. Since we are so much involved these days with the analysis of skeletal material, Archy decided to start with definitions of osteological terms:

acromion - tip of shoulder
astragalus - ankle bone
calcaneus - heel bone
capitate - head
carpus - wrist
cervical - neck
clavicle - collar bone
coccyx - tail bone
concha - shell
coracoid - like a crow's beak
corpus - body
costa - rib, side
coxa - hip
cuboid - cube-like
cuneiform - wedge shaped
digit - finger or thumb
ethmoid - sieve-like
femur - thigh bone
fibula - brace bone
hamate - hooked
humerus - arm bone
hyoid - U shaped bone
ilium - hip, haunch
incus - anvil
innominate - unnamed
ischium - hipbone
lacrimal - tear
lumbar - loin
lunar - moon-shaped

To be continued in the next edition of "Arch-Notes".

A sincere word of thanks is due Lloyd Scott for the three "characters" portrayed herein.

Members' friends welcome.

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