The Ontario Archaeological Society (Inc.)



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The regular meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be held on Thursday, May 14th, 1959, in St. Paul's Parish Hall, 227 Bloor St. E., Toronto, at 8 P.M.

This will be an instructional type of meeting, keyed towards field activities and their by-products.

In this connection, Paul Sweetman will discuss the "how", the "why", and the "wherefore" of excavation, assisted by William Renison with slides to illustrate the various aspects of the subject matter. Since the identification of mammal bones is so much a part of the analysis of site material, Rufus Churcher will give us a brief discourse on that subject, aided by the skeleton of one of the species of mammals found in the middens of an Indian site.

Plans for our spring field work will be announced at our forth-coming meeting.

Members' friends welcome.

Comments from our President, William Donaldson:

Acting on a motion passed last spring, the Executive Committee has extended an invitation to the Morgan Chapter of the New York State Archaeological Association to hold a joint meeting with the O.A.S. on Saturday, May 30th. We are pleased to note that the reply was in the affirmative. Programme arrangements are being carried out by the Promotion and Publicity Committee, and details will be advised in due course. This is one meeting you will not want to miss, so be sure to mark this date on your calendar! Those of our members who attended the joint meeting of these two organizations last year in Lockport, N.Y. will remember how worth-while and enjoyable the sessions were.

Miss Marshall, Chairman of the Promotion and Publicity Committee, reports very favourable reception of our display in the McLaughlin

Public Library, Oshawa. Displays are planned in other areas as a means of acquainting the public with the work of the O.A.S.

Dr. William Mayer-Cakes' Research Advisory Committee has been busy formulating a Research Programme for our Society. This programme was submitted and endorsed at our April Executive meeting. Briefly, it recommends elimination of our backlog of unreported sites, and future concentration on our Rouge reconnaissance until it is completed. The framework has been set up for a training "dig" in archaeological techniques, under the direction of John Lunn. This will cover the whole range of archaeological techniques from field surveying to excavation and its many facets, and from that to publication. Members who are interested in volunteering to undertake responsibility in any of the undernoted aspects of this important project are asked to contact your Executive.

Required is: one volunteer per topic, to take complete charge of and be responsible for: pottery

bones

squares (includes graphs, etc.)

surveying equipment

publication and financing of report

3 volunteers for site supervisors photography (supervised by William Renison)

More details of this plan will be presented on May 14th.

We welcome to The Ontario Archaeological Society these new members:

Miss Elizabeth Mackay Toronto
Miss Patricia Hanna "
Mrs. Barbara Elliott "
Dr. Paul Karrow "
Dr. A.D. Tushingham "

Numerous and favourable are the comments we have received regarding Dr. Tushingham's talk on "The Dead Sea Scrolls" at our April meeting. We hope it will be our pleasure to have Dr. Tushingham as one of our guest speakers next season also.

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