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## MONTHLY MEETING:

The January meeting of the Ontario Archaeological Society will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 1970, at 8:00 p.m. This will be in the archeological lab, room 561, in the Sidney Smith building of the University of Toronto, 100 St. George Street, about 2 blocks north of College St.

Speaker: Mr. Claus Breede

Topic: UNDER THE WINNIPEG RIVER AND OTHER PLACES

This program will be illustrated. Mr. Breede is with the Royal Ontario Museum. He will speak on his underwater archeological work in British Honduras, Newfoundland, and Ontario.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Here we go again. Please use the order form on the bottom of this page to send in your 1970 O.A.S. membership fees. Cheques and money orders should be made payable to the ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY, and mailed to Miss Lorna Procter. Those members who joined us in October, November, or December are already covered for 1970. Fees may also be paid at the January meeting. Only paid-up members may vote for the 1970

## O.A.S. Executive.

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#### LAST MONTH'S MEETING:

In keeping with our ancient tradition, the December meeting was replaced by our annual banquet. This time it was held at the Swiss Chalet, where we ate, drank, and carried on until Dr. Norman Emerson introduced our guest speaker, Father William Russell.

Father Russell's talk was entitled Archeology--The Image. He described the typical image of the archeologist for us; showed how this image came to be accepted; and suggested that it should be changed.

Father Russell showed us a small collection of advertisements for such products as cigarettes, beer, automobiles and even government ads to attract tourists to our north. All of these ads used archeologists to demonstrate the product. They all displayed the typical archeologist--often hairy-chested, or absent-minded, always bearded, pith helmeted, digging in a sand pit, with pyramids in the background. Archeology, then, is one of the segments of our culture with which advertising has associated certain products. The image of the typical archeologist that advertising has encouraged has also been carried on through the press and other media.

This image was born in the romantic age, in the early nineteenth century when established ideas were under attack, and geology and archeology were becoming more popular and acceptable. The glamorous view of archeology resulted from such discoveries over the years as King Tut's tomb, and Machu Pichu. Hollywood stepped in with such motion pictures as "The Mummy's Tomb", in 1936.

Now, the archeologists suffer somewhat from these prejudices. Any archeological group such as a university department, museum staff, or non-professional society now finds itself in a certain working climate with salvage-digging, teaching, training and pothunting to contend with. Father Russell pointed out that these prejudices regarding the glamour and romance of archeology should be replaced by a sound awareness of the scholarly and intellectual side of the study of man's past. He suggested that we of the O.A.S., as well as other archeologists, are not communicating to the public well enough.

Dr. Emerson said that this was the most significant speech at an O.A.S. banquet in the last twenty years. He said it was excelled only by the introduction of the speaker.

Dr. Axelson thanked Father Russell and presented him with a piece of Eskimo carving as a gift from the O. A. S.

#### EXECUTIVE NEWS:

The O.A.S. now owns an automatic collater. That means that people helping to put ARCH-NOTES together won't have to run around the damn ping-pong table any more.

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It is election time again. At the January meeting we must officially establish our 1970 officers. If there is no other contention for the offices of President, Rec.-Sec., Treasurer, or Corr.-Sec., the present ones will serve for another year. At the present time only the office of Vice-

President has two contenders: the present V.P., Mr. James Gauci, and Mr. Peter Ramsden of the University of Toronto. Of course, nominations for any office will be accepted at the January meeting.

Please remember that only members in good standing for 1970 may vote. Members may pay their renewal fees at the meeting, however.

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The O. A. S. presented a program through the Oakville Library facilities, in November. Dean Axelson gave a lecture entitled "The Indian Occupation of Ontario" at the Woodside Library. Rollo McDonald of the Program and Publicity Committee had a main display set up at the Oakville central library for a couple of months. The display for Dean's program consisted of his own material, O. A. S. material, and some from Mr. George Gee. Mrs. Astrid Maak initiated the whole program.

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The Peel County Board of Education has purchased land for a field-study centre in Esquesing township. They allowed an archeological survey of their land to be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Rollo McDonald and Mr. Don Forrester. Unfortunately, however, the survey was unproductive and no further test pitting will be carried out.

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Our friend from York University, Mr. Conrad Heidenreich wishes to draw our attention to the following:

#### Book Notes

Dr. J. E. Fitting has assembled a selection of interesting articles from the first ten volumes of the Michigan Archaeologist into a single volume entitled Selections From the Michigan Archaeologist. Included are 28 papers published between 1957 and 1964. The volume is 285 pages long and includes all the original maps, drawings and photographs. None of the papers deal specifically with Ontario but all should be of interest to anyone concerned with the archaeology of the Great Lakes Area. Copies of the book may be obtained for \$4.75 from: Harold Thompson, 2415 Hartsuff Street, Saginaw, Michigan 48601., U.S.A.

Another item that has come into our hands is a book on early Canadian slip-decorated earthenware. The book is intended for collectors to help them sort out types, origins, and periods of those slipwares commonly found in Canada. Some of these slipwares are associated with trading posts or early settlers' farms. The book is beautifully illustrated, with a comprehensive descriptive text. It can be obtained directly from the publisher or any major book store for \$4.95. The full title is: Early Slip-Decorated Pottery in Canada, by D. B. Webster. Publisher--C, J. Musson Limited, Toronto, 1969. 69 pages.

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#### LOCAL ARCHEOLOGICAL NEWS: (this is our stop-the-press section)

At our last work session, we were very thankful for the help from Father L. Burns and three young friends, Joe Mathews, Mario and Peter Kozelj.

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Timmins has lost its one and only O.A.S. member. Mr. Don Forrester now lives in Toronto. He has helped us several times in work sessions putting ARCH-NOTES together and mailing publications.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR !

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY "Natural History" December 1969

(An item by Grace Goodell "The Cloth of the Quechuas" concerns weaving by the Andean Indians, and serves to demonstrate the shortcomings of archaeology when necessarily concerned with the study of non-perishable materials of stone, clay etc. Four different types of looms are illustrated, the smallest being merely looped around the big toe ! While the weaver's art in basic aboriginal form may still be found in remoter valleys, it is inevitably marked for extinction.)

MANITOBA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY "Newsletter" Autumn 1969. This issue is devoted to a major paper by Leo Pettipas "Early Man in the Swan River Valley, Manitoba", based on the writer's earlier M.A. thesis and later work. The most interesting aspect of Mr. Pettipas' work is his correlation of point types with geomorphological features indicative of ice and post-glacial lake movements. There are no fluted points, but many of lanceolate form and the early stemmed types. Like Ontario, no concrete evidence of association between man and mastodon has been found in Manitoba, no palaeo site has been found, none of the ancient points have been found in situ by an authority able to reconstruct the events that left it there, and even the sequences established by the geological approach are tentative as the precise ages of various beach levels etc. are not absolutely known. Unlike Ontario, however, Manitoba seems to be working hard to clarify the picture there, and this paper indicates how far ahead they are.

MICHIGAN ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY 1969 "Selections from The Michigan Archaeologist Volumes 1-10". Ann Arbor, Mich. 285p. \$4.75US.

Twenty-eight papers of particular merit are reprinted in this one volume, donated to the O.A.S. by Dr. James E. Fitting (through Conrad Heidenreich). Dr. Fitting was the "assembler" of the work. Some of the papers are fascinating in the extreme, and have well stood the test of time. In 1957 for example it was suggested that the mysterious "garden beds" known in parts of Michigan were actually buffalo traps, for Michigan had prairie country with buffalo well into historic times. An ossuary opened in 1962 contained two modified bear jaws, not similar to those recently illustrated in Ontario Archaeology, but certainly unique examples.

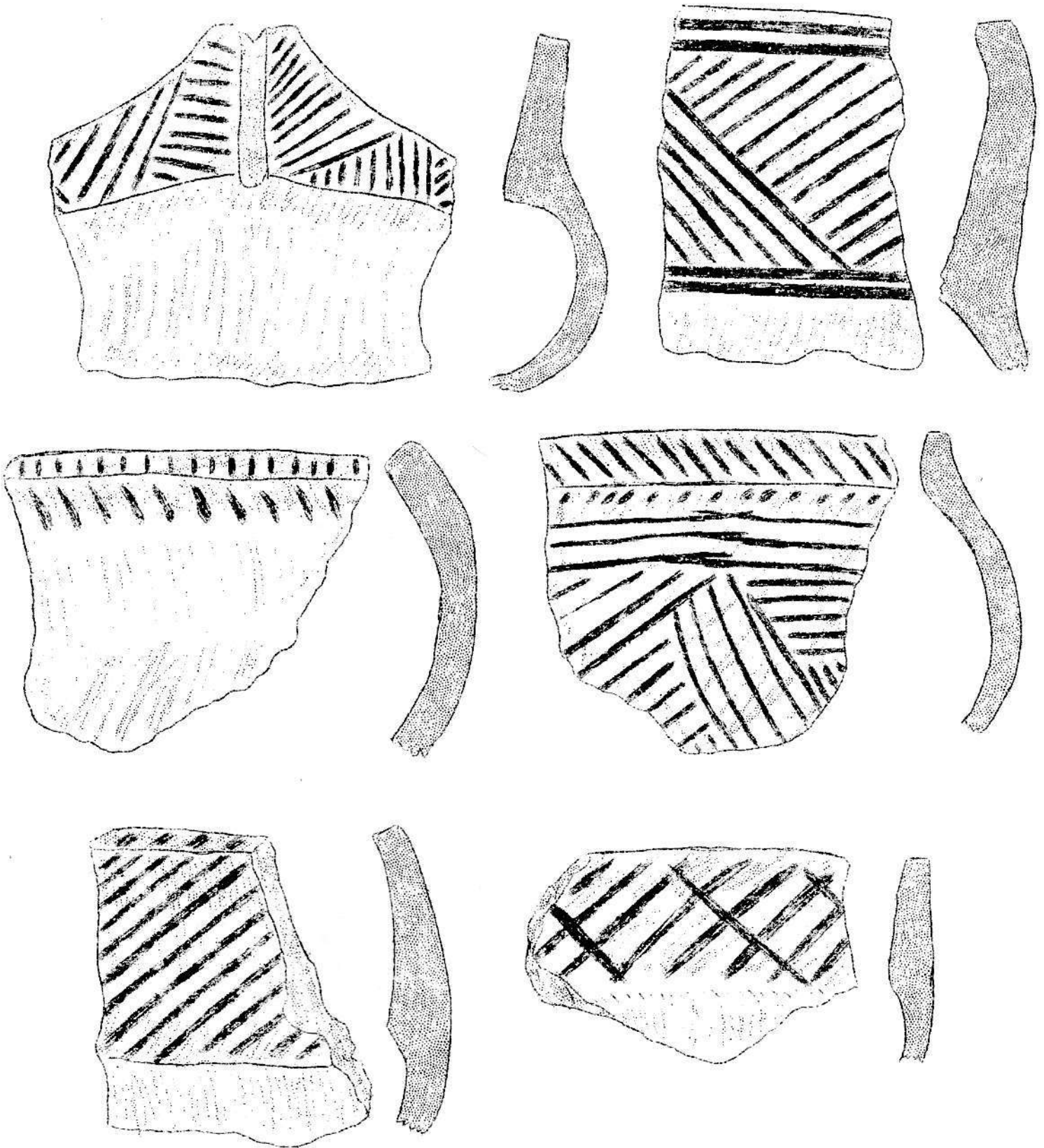
TRIGGER B.G. 1968 "The French Presence in Huronia: The Structure of Franco-Huron Relations in the First Half of the Seventeenth Century".

A major paper by Dr. Trigger, by whom it was donated to the O.A.S. library. Dr. Trigger presents many new points-of-view and interpretations for the reader's consideration and most convincingly so. For example, not until the missionaries became firmly established as part of the trade system was any headway made. The increasing number of "conversions" coincided with the Hurons' growing dependence on French goods.

TRIGGER B.G. 1968 "Archaeological and Other Evidence: A Fresh Look at the "Laurentian Iroquois"". Reprinted from AMERICAN ANTIQUITY October 1968, vol 33 no 4 pp.429-440. Donated by Dr. Trigger, who in this paper points out that there is a conflict in evidence in the more current theories concerning the identity of the Indians met by Cartier, and that the question remains unresolved.

THE BEETON SITE

Further examples of Beeton Site pottery rims:



At the banquet, we heard a few more excuses for not attending our monthly meetings. Mr. and Mrs. George Reichert can't come because they are taking a gourmet cooking course on Wednesday nights. And Mary Gauci (who is already a gourmet cook) has art classes to attend. My--what cultured company we archeologists keep!

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Arch-Notes is deeply chagrined at having overlooked these members who joined the ranks in October:

Mr. Lloyd W. Miller	-- Weston
Mr. Douglas Miller	-- Weston
Heather Moore	-- Toronto
Kai-Liis Valtman	-- Toronto
Audrey Long	-- Toronto
q Scott McCracken	-- Cooksville

Now, here is a million new members we would like to welcome:

Martha Warnes	-- Toronto
Jerry Kukan	-- Toronto
Ingeborg Carter & Family	-- Toronto
Evelyn Welch	-- Don Mills
Jean Rowe	-- Toronto
W. A. Fox	-- Toronto
q Helen Elliot	-- Willowdale
Danise Kendall	-- Willowdale
Marcia Gardiner	-- Toronto
Jeff Levitt	-- Toronto
Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Murray	-- Willowdale
Peter L. Storck	-- Toronto ( R. O. M.)
Donna Rutledge	-- Scarborough
George Conroy	-- St. Thomas
Bruce G. Trigger	-- Montreal (McGill Univ.)
Nancy Durham	-- Oakville
Keith Wagar	-- Pickering
Donald H. McKay	-- Collingwood

Meanwhile, we have lost a sizeable group again:

Mark Siegel  
Kathy Jacobs  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Savage  
Lorna Foreman

If you people are alive and well, please tell us where you are living.

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The third annual meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association will be held on the weekend of March 13, 14, and 15, 1970, in Ottawa. The host will be the Archaeology Division of the National Museum of Man.

Local arrangements chairman is Robert J. McGhee.

Programme chairman is David Sanger

The programme chairman is soliciting thematic seminar topics and titles of papers. Send suggestions and titles to Archaeology Division, National Museum of Man, Ottawa.

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I have just found a bunch of new members in my glove compartment.  
A huge welcome to these people:

Mr. Dean H. Knight	-- Don Mills
mr. & Mrs. Bruse Langley	-- Chatham
Mr. & Mrs. Cornel Sandor	-- Wallaceburg
Mr. & Mrs. Robt. Sterling	-- Wallaceburg
Mr. & Mrs. D. Crundwell	-- Wallaceburg
Mr. Lee Thornton	-- Wallaceburg
Joyce Stover	-- Sombra
Ruth Crothers	-- Wallaceburg
Marilyn Stevens	-- Wallaceburg
Allan Mann	-- Wallaceburg
Marvin F. Cooper	-- Chatham
Jane Mahoney	-- Wallaceburg
Linda Stewart	-- Port Lambton
Jesse Kilbride	-- Wallaceburg
Robt. G. Paxton	-- Wallaceburg

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#### WORLD ARCHEOLOGICAL NEWS:

The Annual Meeting of The Society for Pennsylvania Archeology will be held on April 24 and 25, 1970 at Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. The headquarters motel is the Travel Lodge, 2101 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17603. Room rates: 1 bed - 1 pers. \$12.50 to \$13.50; 2 beds - 2 persons \$15.00 to \$16.00. ARCH-NOTES wants to know what about one bed and two people? The guest speaker will be James E. Fitting. He will speak on "Environment and Archeology".

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FROM an article by Gordon Gaskill entitled Lerici, the Etruscan-Hunter, in the January, 1970 issue of Readers' Digest:

An Italian, Carlo Lerici started investigating buried Etruscan Tombs in 1956. He and his men had been using new methods and new tools. To find the tombs, first of all, they often use aerial photography. Since the tombs are usually less than ten feet under the surface, the vegetation on the surface directly above them is thinner and lighter in colour. In summer, this growth yellows early, and after a rain, the soil dries faster. These distinguishing marks are visible in aerial photos taken at just the right time.

To pinpoint the tombs exactly, Lerici experiments with new instruments, working on a simple principle. Human activity of 2500 years ago changed the electrical conductivity and magnetic properties of the immediate soil. With ultrasensitive equipment, these subtle changes can be detected.

Once they find the tomb, Lerici's team drill a hole through the roof and lower a periscope with a spotlight. Then an observer can thoroughly examine a tomb, and photograph it. Archeologists are then able to decide whether the tomb is worth excavating.

By mid-1969, 8000 Etruscan tombs had been located with over 30,000 major artifacts such as vases, pottery, and bronze statuettes. Among Lerici's greatest finds have been the painted tombs whose walls are covered with detailed scenes from Etruscan life -- banqueting, dancing, chariot racing, hunting, riding, -- of more than 2500 years ago.

The archeological remains in Italy are under a great many threats of destruction. It has not been unknown for the Lerici teams to return to their sites with state archeologists and find the tomb already dug by pot hunters who wish to cash in on a booming black market in Etruscan wares. Also, agricultural exploitation of the land is leading to increased deep plowing and new chemical fertilizers which seep into the tomb and are an extreme threat to precious murals. This is another example of the importance of salvage archeology all over the world.

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AND FINALLY, to all you archeologists--

Smooth roads and green lights to you,  
Clear days and sweet nights to you,  
Sharp trowels and good sites to you,  
Intellectual delights to you,  
And Peace to you-

In the 1970's...

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