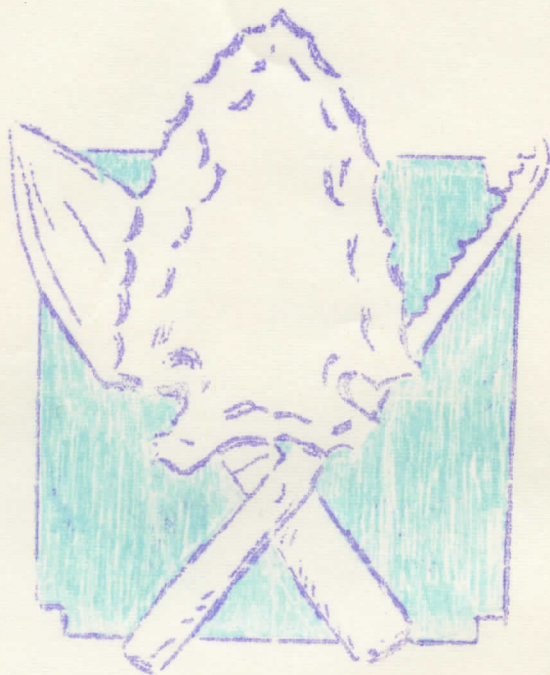


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Please note the new addresses of the Vice-president and the Corresponding Secretary.

Now is a good time to invite those potential members to come out and give us a try. Our activities are still expanding; we're publishing again; and membership is rising. We still have a few recent publications - our own and gift ones - left for the next new members, too.

OAS Publication #7 is enclosed with this issue of Arch Notes. Our thanks are due to Publications Chairman Paul Karrow for the excellent and hard work he did in getting out this this latest publication. We would like to thank the authors, too, who contributed their time in writing the clear reports contained in it.

We still have some copies of "The Portage Site" for sale, at 25¢ each, and have lately received some copies of the most recent "Pages of Prehistory", which will also be sold at this nominal price, since there are not enough for distribution to all members. Those who wish to purchase either booklet should contact the Publications Chairman.

We're pleased to be having some response to our appeal for news about members (archeological or personal); but we'll welcome still more. It's specially hard to hear-by-chance of the doings of those members who are distant from our Toronto headquarters. Please drop us a note about your news. It keeps us a little more in touch, and makes our members something more than names-on-a-list to each other. And while you're at it, you might send us any clippings you notice about Ontario archeology or archeologists: it's news for Arch Notes and material for our library.

OAS Expansion Plans

a report by the Vice-president

The latest product of the efforts of the Publications Committee is Publication #7, containing reports on the Thomas, Boyd, and Bosomworth sites, and a note on several new rock paintings in northern Ontario. Number 7 is the first publication made possible by the grant from the Ontario Department of Travel and Publicity, and we are indeed grateful to the Department for this aid.

In giving us this grant for publication purposes, the Department expressed the wish that we accept any good quality reports on Ontario archaeology. It was also suggested that steps should be taken to enlarge and diversify our membership so that the Society would be a Province-wide organization. This, of course, we are most interested in doing, and already we have provision in our constitution for the establishment of chapters in various centres as the opportunity arises. Perhaps there are already potential centres we are not aware of. We must depend to a large extent on our out-of-town members to stimulate and encourage local interest. Illustrated talks and digs can be arranged with the Society Executive to back up such local efforts. Obviously, archaeologists don't all live in Toronto, nor are all sites near Toronto. Therefore there should be centres of activity among amateur archaeologists other than in the Toronto area.

There are noteworthy studies being made by several of our individual members at widely scattered points in the Province. Let us hear of the results of this work. We are at present operating on three levels of publication. First, there is the quarterly Arch Notes, carrying brief items about our members' activities in an informal vein. Secondly, there are the mimeographed Series A publications which are intended to present preliminary reports, research guides, etc. Third is the Series B publications which are printed and are reserved for our most important papers such as final reports. So please submit your news items and site reports and we will be happy to consider them for publication. Most of the backlog of manuscripts has been disposed of, so we can look forward to little delay in publication. We would like to produce a Series A publication by January next year, and a Series B publication in the spring of 1963.

We are now endeavouring to get our constitution typed for publication in the near future. Bill Donaldson, in Oshawa, tells us there is material from recent digs waiting for someone to study and report on. How about it, members?

News of Members

Ken Dawson and his wife, excavating a village site this summer on Whitefish Lake (45 miles south of the Lakehead) have turned up the most easterly collection of Black Duck pottery yet discovered. This type is found predominantly in Manitoba and Minnesota. Other types of pottery also turned up, along with: bones of moose, deer, bear, fox, and beaver; points made of taconite (a rock type which is found locally); tools and ornaments of flint, slate, taconite, quartz, and copper; and the remains of stone-lined roasting pits.

The site is about 1200 years old, and is situated on a tableland sloping to the lake shore. The village was roughly rectangular, about 300 x 200 feet.

Ken, who is a graduate archeologist, moved to Port Arthur a year ago, to open and manage the local branch of the Industrial Development Bank. He and his wife, who also has years of field work behind her, carry out their excavating in co-operation with the Royal Ontario Museum and the University of Toronto.

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Paul Karrow, our Vice-president and Publications Chairman, was married on 8 Sep to the former Elizabeth McCormick, librarian at the ROM. Beth and Paul, after a month's honeymoon in northern Ontario, have taken up residence at their new home on Charles St, Toronto.

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Morgan Tamplin has flown to Egypt to join the staff of the U of T's Nile Valley expedition, under Dr Phillip Smith. The expedition is taking part in the archeological salvage work in the area to be flooded by the Aswan Dam.

After seven months in Egypt and a summer in Europe, Morgan will proceed to England, to do two years of post graduate studies in archeology, on one of the five scholarships he was awarded on his graduation from U of T this past spring.

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Dr Norman Emerson conducted the U of T Archeological Field School at Cahiague again this summer. Among those who attended the school were Peter Ramsden, Ken Tilley, and Lyn Soucy.

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Helen Devereux, who assisted Dr Emerson at Cahiagué, was also Field Director of an excavation near Blind River: this was the first dig of a Mississauga site.

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Trevor Denton and Morgan Tamplin spent the summer as supervisors in the Fortress of Louisbourg Restoration Programme, Nova Scotia. This project, the first of several planned by the Federal Government to rebuild some of our historical sites, will be continuing for some years.

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Phyllis Bowland, inclining for the moment more toward ethnography than archeology, spent her summer in Japan, with stopovers in Hong Kong and Thailand on her way back. She was much impressed by the beauty of the country and the courtesy of the people.

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Eileen Balsky spent a pleasant if brief holiday in Vancouver and Victoria, and visited the World's Fair in Seattle before returning to Toronto.

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Murray Corbett, who spent summer weekends digging foundations for a cottage at Gravenhurst, Ont, tells us that he

couldn't find any artifacts, in spite of the three or four foot depth required to get down to bedrock. He could not, he complained facetiously, even find a Laurentian point in the vicinity with which to "salt" his prodigious excavation!

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Ruth Marshall gave a lecture on the history of the dig at the Boyd site, as part of the public tour which was held at the Boyd Conservation Area on 4 Sep, under the auspices of the Metropolitan Toronto Region Conservation Authority. This was one of their series of Fireside Nights, designed to inform the public about the Conservation Areas. The program consisted of a tour on foot of parts of the Area, a singsong, lectures on the archeology and geology of the Area, and two National Film Board Films: "The Lo n's Necllace" and "Village in the Dust".

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News comes, too, of two professional former-members:

Dr William Mayer-Oakes, now Professor of Anthropology at the University of Manitoba, has been conducting a salvage dig near Grand Rapids, Man, where a hydro project will soon flood the area. The site, Tailrace Bay, spans a period from 3000 BC into historic times. Assisting Dr Mayer-Oakes was the Manitoba Archeology Society, which he recently helped form.

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Walter Kenyon, of the ROM, excavated near Rice Lake this summer. Discovery of more than 35 cremated burials and a wealth of grave goods (Point Peninsula) caused his dig to be extended well past its original closing date. Artifacts found included many of non-local copper, silver, and salt-water shells, an indication of trade relations with other bands. The site is about 2000 years old.

Coming Events

Wed 10 Oct - General Meeting. Speaker will be Mr Trevor Denton, telling us about the restoration of Fort Louisbourg, begun by the national government this summer. The talk will be illustrated by colour slides.

We will also be planning our fall dig, and (we hope) appointing a delegate to the ESAF conference.

Wed 17 Oct - Bone lab.

Wed 24 Oct - Pottery Lab.

Sat 27 Oct - Joint meeting with the NYAS, in Lockport, N Y. In view of the extent of the arrangements already made by the NYAS, our emergency General Meeting in Sep voted to accept their invitation and postpone our own till spring. Place: Museum of the Niagara County Historical Society, Lockport, N Y. Time: as soon after noon as possible. Program: Tour of the extensive flint quarry sites in the area. ("Participants will be invited to collect samples for their own reference.") Dinner at a local restaurant. Evening lecture on the Quarry Sites, by Mr Richard McCarthy.

If those who plan to attend this joint meeting could inform the executive in advance, we shall be able to give our friends in Lockport an idea of how many to expect; but with or without advance notice, they will be pleased to have as many as can attend.

Weekends of 13, 20, & 27 Oct - The U of T student dig is being held on three successive weekends this year, at Cahiaagué (near Orillia). Anyone interested in participating should contact Dr J N Emerson, at the Dept of Anthropology, U of T.

10-11 Nov - ESAF Annual Meeting will be held at the University of Georgia, in Athens, Ga. We would like to have a delegate at this meeting, but are faced with the difficulty of being unable to finance a trip. If anyone is planning to attend, we would appreciate his volunteering to be our official delegate!

A vague report has come to your editor that the American Anthropological annual conference is to be held in Chicago sometime in Nov, but up to press time she has been unable to get details.

28, 29, 30 Dec - Combined meeting of the Archaeological Institute of America and the American Philological Association, in Baltimore. Those interested should contact our president, Phyllis Bowland, for further information.