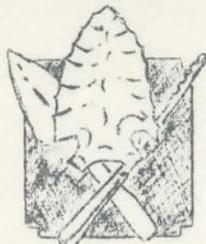


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The next meeting of The Ontario Archaeological Society will be held at 8 p.m., Wednesday, February 16, in Room 251, Board of Education Centre, 155 College Street, Toronto. An archaeological film program is planned for this meeting - one that shouldn't be missed.

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1966 EXECUTIVE

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When informed at the January meeting that our Past President would be out of the country quite a bit in the next few months, the Membership unanimously approved the appointment of Miss. Phyllis Bowland, his predecessor, to act in this capacity during his absence and thus maintain the full Executive Committee strength.

Appointments to the various Standing Committees will be announced at the February meeting and duly reported in the next issue of "Arch-Notes". Vacancies still exist at press time and Dr. Axelson reports he

would be happy to hear from volunteers for any of the following Committees: Rules and Ethics, Research Advisory, Promotion and Publicity, Publications, Program and Social, and Lab. Analysis.

There will be no changes in the service posts. Joseph De Ryck will remain Librarian, and both Dr. C.S. Churcher and Bill Donaldson will continue as the editors of "Ontario Archaeology" and "Arch-Notes", respectively.

Membership fees will also remain unchanged, despite rising operating costs. Donations are always welcome, however. These are exempt from Income Tax and are acknowledged by an official receipt for that purpose.

Our Treasurer reports that the O.A.S. entered the new year with a bank balance of \$1375.72. \$753.79 of this is the balance of an Ontario Government grant for the publication of archaeological literature and the remainder is the balance in our Operating Fund.

The following abbreviated financial statement shows how we fared in our 1965 operations:

Operating Fund balance, Dec. 31, 1964.....	\$608.33	
1965 receipts, including bank interest..	\$298.70	
1965 disbursements.....	\$285.10	
Balance in year's operation.....	\$13.60	\$13.60
Operating Fund balance, Dec. 31, 1965.....		\$621.93

WORKSHOP SESSIONS

The first Pottery Lab. session this year will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, February 12, at 111 Riverside Drive North, in Oshawa. The agenda includes sorting and restoration of the pottery recovered during the Reesor II excavation, washing the Parson site material, and instruction in pottery analysis. Those planning to attend the full session period are advised to bring a lunch. Tea, coffee and cocoa will be supplied. If transportation is required or if you plan to attend and can supply transportation for others, please contact one of the Executive Committee as soon as possible.

Experience is an asset, but certainly not a requirement at these sessions. Five minutes of instruction and an hour or so of close supervision will have most novices functioning in a creditable manner, so don't let inexperience hold you back. After all, what better place will you find to acquaint yourself with the various artifacts you will be uncovering during the Society's spring "dig" this year?

Speaking of "digs", it is not too early for our newer members to begin acquiring the tools they will need for our spring excavation. Most of the basic equipment can usually be found in your own kitchen or workshop, but we recommend prior approval from your spouse before staking your claim. The following list covers the minimum requirements:

- 5 inch mason's pointing trowel (we recommend a good quality trowel - the riveted-blade types just do not hold up)
- grapefruit knife
- small paint brush (1 inch size preferred)

- whisk broom
- dust pan (the stronger, the better)
- six inch pocket ruler
- pencil (2H preferred)
- sports bag or haversack (to hold your equipment)

The Society arranges for most other equipment required, but an extra shovel, sod cutter, six foot steel measuring tape, or plastic washbasin is always welcome.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Dr. D.B. Shutt writes that though family illness and travel abroad has severely restricted his archaeological activities during the past five years, he has never lost interest in the subject. He hopes now to participate more in Society activities and devote some time to writing up the results of his many years of archaeological research in Wellington County and vicinity.

The latest news from the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Kingston, is that Bill Renison has much improved since our last report and is now using a good part of his enforced leisure between operations to catch up on his backlog of archaeological literature.

Iain and Sou Walker are returning to Ottawa this month after many exciting months on the Louisbourg excavation in Nova Scotia.

Iain and Sou both presented well-received papers on their Louisbourg work at the 1965 Eastern States Archeological Federation meeting, held in Trenton, New Jersey, in November. Abstracts of these papers may be read in the forthcoming E.S.A.F. Bulletin, which will be distributed to our members when available.

Iain's archaeological activities have received recognition elsewhere as well. We hear that he has received the coveted Chalmers-Jervise Prize, awarded by the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, for his article on Scottish prehistory.

Just published in "Contributions to Anthropology, 1963 - 64, Part II", Bulletin No. 206 of the National Museum of Canada, is James F. Pendergast's latest report, "The Berry Site". This well illustrated report on a prehistoric Iroquoian (or Iroquoian influenced) site in southern Quebec would be a useful addition to your collection of archaeological literature, especially if you are interested in eastern Ontario developments.

Walter Kenyon has also been busy with the pen. An illustrated article of his, entitled, "The 'Old House' at Albany", can be found on page 48 of the Autumn, 1965, issue of "The Beaver, Magazine of the North", a publication of the Hudson's Bay Company, Winnipeg.

While on the subject of publications, we might mention here that Ross Channen's report, "The Copeland Site: A Precontact Site in Simcoe County", co-authored by N.D. Clarke, is still available without charge from the National Museum of Canada. Simply ask for this title, published in March, 1965, as No. 8 in their Anthropology Papers series.

VIEWS AND COMMENTS

We have always felt that the Thames River area, south of London, has never received the attention it deserved elsewhere in the Province, and are pleased to report that competent local amateurs are planning reports on some of the Archaic, Glacial Kame, Hopewellian, Owascoid, and early Iroquoian sites that have been discovered there in the last year or so.

Your editor had the pleasure of viewing some very early Archaic artifacts recovered from one of these sites, and can report that some of it is quite exotic to the central Ontario area, both in material and manufacturing methods.

Harry Bosveld has done an excellent job of setting up the archaeological displays in the Chatham-Kent Museum. These displays are most informative and well worth viewing if you are in the Chatham area.

Kent County has an archaeological mystery as well - the Julien Mound artifacts - but mystery lovers and mystery solvers will have to await next month's edition of "Arch-Notes" for this story.

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It should be obvious by now that our editorial policy is based on Article II, Sections 1,2, and 4 of The Society's Constitution.

This means that we intend to inform the membership not only of the formal activities of the Society, but of the archaeological interests, activities, and problems of its individual members as well.

If You are engaged in an archaeological project, are up against a problem in identification or procedure, require help on a project, or have visited points of archaeological interest, please write us a descriptive letter and we will arrange for its inclusion in "Arch-Notes".

Line drawings and illustrations, suitable for reproduction by electronic stencil, may be included for clarification. These will be returned, if so requested.

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