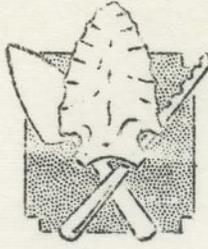


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The next meeting of the Ontario Archaeological Society will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday, September 20th. at the Commercial Travellers' Association Salesman's Club, 17 Dundonald Street, Toronto (just east of Yonge Street, one block north of Wellesley).

As we go to press arrangements for a speaker are not yet confirmed, but we can assure you that the Executive plan an interesting and informative program for our first meeting of the fall - winter series.

THE JUNE MEETING

At this meeting, your Arch-Notes editor explained how such diversified fields of study as History, Geology, Dendrochronology, Paleo-Botony and Physics can provide the Archaeologist with a framework of absolute and relative dates within which he can work out surprisingly accurate chronological sequences from serriation studies of such diagnostic items as projectile points, bone tools and pottery. He then summarized our present knowledge of Ontario's prehistory, and followed this with a number of colour slides to illustrate the various stages of Iroquoian development in our province and to emphasize the diagnostic value of certain items.

Also dealt with were such factors affecting serriation studies as disturbed occupational strata, prolonged seasonal occupations, and multi-component sites. Using the current excavation of the disturbed, multi-component Short site, Bowmanville as an example, your editor emphasized the need for careful excavation and accurate field notes in resolving the many problems encountered. He noted that one problem yet to be overcome is the accurate dating of the Middle Woodland occupation of this site, made all the more difficult by the paucity of published site reports. He pointed out that there were less than a dozen now available for this 1500 year period, and most of these dealt with multi-component or disturbed occupations. A colour slide comparison of the Middle Woodland material from the Short site with that from four of these sites emphasized this point.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEWS

Ontario Archaeology (O.A.S. Publication No. 10) has been in the hands of the printers since July and is expected to be ready for distribution to the membership by the end of this month.

We are pleased to report that 13 members responded to a plea for assistance in the salvage excavation of the multi-component Short site in Bowmanville, Ont., last June. They completed the main excavation and allowed the local crew to direct their efforts towards the western edge of the site where an undisturbed Middle Woodland concentration was discovered by Mr. Wayne Purdy.

The material recovered from this excavation has now been cleaned and treated. Cataloguing and analysis is scheduled for this month, and a site report is expected to be ready for publication early next year.

Arrangements are now underway to hold our fall "dig" at the Beeton site. Present plans call for the excavation of a large midden west of our current excavation area, and the removal of the remaining unit walls in midden "A". Further details will be announced by President Axelson at the September meeting, and members will be notified by phone and mail of the final arrangements.

Treasurer Procter reports that at the end of June our Publication Fund balance was \$1577.85, and our General Fund balance stood at \$337.97.

NEWS OF MEMBERS:-

Mr. Pat Hartney reports that the Carton ossuary bone preparation is now well advanced with nearly a third of the recovered material washed. Dr. Axelson reports that about another week's work should complete the ossuary excavation, at which time he will direct his attention to the associated habitation area.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Park are returning to Ontario after a year's stay in London, England. While overseas, Mr. Park investigated several early Roman sites in Great Britain.

During the summer months, three of our more active members moved from the Toronto area, and their absence on future "digs" will be keenly felt. Dr. Bob Dailey has taken a position on the staff of the Florida State University, and Gerry and Eileen Goltz have moved to Espnola, where Gerry has taken a teaching position in one of the local public schools.

NEW MEMBERS:- We are pleased to welcome the following new members into the Society;

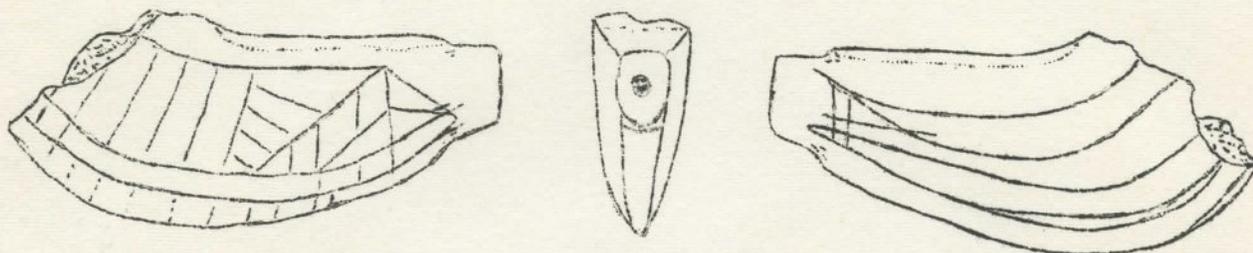
- Mr. Peter Smith, Weston, Ont.
- Mr. Harry Bosveld, Windor, Ont.
- Mr. Ronald A. Pickering, Scarborough, Ont.
- Mr. Peter Envers, Toronto, Ont.
- Dr. D. S. Robertson, Deep River, Ont.

VIEWS AND COMMENTS:-

Faintly reminiscent of the Beeton site problematical illustrated in the 66-8 (Oct. 1966), issue of Arch-Notes is the stem portion of an unusual ceramic pipe recovered by Mr. Ted Austin from a Lalome stage (late Prehistoric), Iroquoian site in Hope Township, Durham County, (Fig. A.).

Mr. Austin would be pleased to hear from any of our readers able to supply further information on this pipe style. His address is 236 Cavan St., Port Hope, Ont.

FIGURE "A"



We have heard it said that history is that which is written down - and to judge from the number of published archaeological reports dealing with Ontario west of London, this area must have been a prehistoric wilderness.

It is a false impression, however, as anyone who has spent a few hours in the county museums or talking to the local collectors can attest. This area has produced most of the fluted points and mastodon bones found in our province, its Archaic and Woodland occupations are numerous and produce much material exotic to that of the Toronto area, and the Iroquoian sites found here exhibit a degree of foreign influence we think unmatched elsewhere in Ontario. In short, it is an area that deserves more than passing mention in the 13 years which have passed since Kidd and Lee published those intriguing reports on their findings.

Perhaps some of our readers might like to rectify the situation.

The following pages were prepared by Mr. Charles Garrad, Librarian.

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NEW O.A.S. LIBRARY ARRIVALS

- ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA June 1967 Quarterly Bulletin
ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF VIRGINIA July 1967 Newsletter #20
(with a membership list of 18 pages !)
- ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY July 1967 "Stones and Bones Newsletter"
(with an account of an unusual archaeological restoration project -
a MOUND complete with temple and life-size human figures inside)
- ALABAMA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY August 1967 "Stones and Bones News-
letter". (Wonderful miscellanea of news EG collector finds 150
fluted pieces in less than an acre, and 2,875 paleo artifacts
from another single site in Alabama)
- CARNEGIE MUSEUM May 1967 "Archaeological Newsletter #37".
- FITTING, DEVISSCHER & WAHLA 1966 "The Paleo-Indian Occupation of the
Holcombe Beach" by James E. Fitting, Jerry DeVisscher and Edward
J. Wahla. University of Michigan Anthropological Paper 27.
(See comment on this publication in "Ontario Fluted Point Survey
Report")
- HILLERMAN Tony June 1967 "A Long Search for the First American"
excerpted from an issue of "TRUE The Man's Magazine" (probably
not acceptable as archaeological literature, but an account of
the excavation of a Paleo site in New Mexico plus a few quite
unrelated cartoons).
- MANITOBA ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER Spring 1967. (Contains two papers:
"The Avery Site: A Preliminary Statement" by Dennis C. Joyes
(Under excavation for years, now thought to have a thousand years
multiple occupancy); "The Historic Sites and Objects Act" (of
Manitoba. Similar to the Ontario Act but provides funds for purchase
or expropriation of designated sites)
- NEW YORK STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION March 1967 Bulletin #39
(Contains two papers - one uses projectile point comparisons to
define pre-pottery contemporary cultures, the other examines a
canal dug in 1765).
- QADRI & MCALLISTER 1967 "Fish Remains from a 700-year-old Southern
Ontario Archaeological Site" Natural History Paper #34, January
1967, National Museum, Ottawa. (11 fish species identified on site
AiGx-1, Halton County)
- ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER Issues 1-10 inclusive.
Office of the Chief Archaeologist has kindly provided these back
issues to complete our holdings. Of special Ontario interest are
reports on an early glassworks near Burlington Ontario by Gerald
Stevens (#2), underwater shipwreck ("Ida Walker") archaeology by
Walter Kenyon, mysterious stone "thunderbird nests" of unknown
origin in Northern Ontario by Walter Kenyon (#3), Pictograph
hunting by Selwyn Dewdney (#7), Champlain's Fishweir by Walter
Kenyon (#8).
- ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER June 1967 #25
By our own "Rufus" Churcher, an account of the circumstances of
his finding his pre-Glacial Man site in Alberta.
- ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER July 1967 #26
"The Fort Albany Bird Bones" by Donald H. Baldwin. (A study of
some 5 bushels of bird bones, conclusions as to methods of hunting,
preparation, cooking etc)
- ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM ARCHAEOLOGICAL NEWSLETTER August 1967 #27
"The R.O.M. Iran Expedition" by T. Cuyler Young, jnr.

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NEW O.A.S. LIBRARY ARRIVALS (continued)

- SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY "Pennsylvania Archaeologist" Issue 3-4 December 1965 (printed June 1967). Contains:-
"Gromiller Cave" by E.J. Stackhouse, "The Tocks Island Reservoir Survey in Pennsylvania: A Preliminary Statement" by Fred Kinsey and Barry Kent, "The 'Small Stemmed Point' in New England" by W.A. Ritchie, "The Archaic of the Hudson Valley - New Evidence and New Interpretations" by Robert E. Funk.
- TENNESSEE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY "Tennessee Archaeologist" vol xxiii no 1 Spring 1967. Contains :- "More on America's 'Crude Tools'" by Dan Josselyn, "Tennessee Radiocarbon Dates" by Chas Faulkner, "Photography of Flaked Artifacts" by E.L. Griggs, jr.
- WEST VIRGINIA ARCHAEOLOGIST no 18 July 1965. (Contains site reports, news and reviews. A Petroglyph site, mounds and the fantastic St Albans site are reported)
- WEST VIRGINIA GEOLOGICAL SURVEY NEWSLETTER May 1967, 10th issue. (Supervises the Geological Survey Museum of Archaeology and the West Virginia Antiquities Commission).
- WISCONSIN INDIANS RESEARCH INSTITUTE - NEWSLETTER Vol 1, Issues #1 (Sept 1965), #2 (October 1965), #3 (November 1965), #4 (December 1965). Comprehensive record of legislation, news items, etc pertaining to Indians in general and Wisconsin in particular.
- WISCONSIN INDIANS RESEARCH INSTITUTE - JOURNAL Vol 1 #1 (March 1965), #2 (October 1965) Vol 2 #1 (June 1966). Contains research papers relative to Wisconsin Indians, with an extensive Bibliography.
- WRIGHT J.V. 1967 "The Laurel Tradition and the Middle Woodland Period", Bulletin 217, National Museum of Canada. Donated by the author, Dr Wright. The Laurel Tradition is of a ceramic using mound building people spread through Ontario (mainly North), Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Minnesota.

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Special Manuscript Donation

- DEAR & WILSON "The Walsweer Site, Pefferlaw, Ontario 1963-1964" by Jack Dear and Walter Wilson.
Mr Dear addressed the Society on this site in June 1966. His fieldnotes have been placed in the O.A.S. library files.

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Donors Dr Dean AXELSON, Mr Jack DEAR, Mr James SHROPSHIRE, and Dr James V. WRIGHT receive special thanks.

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DONATION WANTED

Anyone having a spare copy of NEW PAGES IN HISTORY 1956 will earn many thanks by donating same to the O.A.S. library. This excellent but short-lived annual summary of Ontario archaeological work was issued in the years 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959 and 1961 only.

The O.A.S. library has a full set except for the missing 1956 issue.

A complete Index to each article published in this series will be part of the general library index now being compiled.

ONTARIO FLUTED POINT SURVEY REPORT

A circular has been drawn up for mailing to all museums in the Province describing FLUTED POINTS and asking that their collections be examined. As many Museums as possible have been visited during the summer recess.

Dr J.V. Wright of the National Museum of Canada has given his blessing to the Survey and promised access to the Museum when we require (Don't lose anything during the forthcoming move to new premises !).

News from Michigan may be most helpful in our Survey. A whole series of Paleo sites has been examined on the Michigan side of Lake St Clair. On the corresponding old beaches at the same contour level on the Ontario side there may be similar sites. For this reason the O.A.S. library purchased the publication FITTING, DEVISSCHER, WAHLA 1966 "The Paleo-Indian Occupation of the Holcombe Beach". Professor Arnold Pilling of Wayne State University, where some of the Holcombe Beach specimens are kept, writes to say "These are of major significance to the Ontario side of that small lake". Mr Wahla, one of the co-authors, also has written to report a fluted point from Wentworth County, Ontario, as being of the Holcombe type style but different chert. This could mean that Holcombe sites exist in Ontario, or merely that people from the Michigan side briefly visited Ontario.

In any event, since no Paleo sites have yet been recognised (they must exist) in Ontario, it would seem a good place to start searching would be on the 585-605ft contour beaches along Lake St Clair, particularly under the conditions described in the above publication.

Our congratulations to Michigan on this detailed analysis of paleo life as seen from its remains.

The paper explosion makes it ever harder to keep abreast of the news. A case in point is Mr Louis Brennen's paper "Paleo & Archaic, a Realignment", demonstrating that the "paleo" and "archaic" periods - so called - were not successive, but were contemporary. This was first announced at the E.S.A.F. meeting of 1961, and can be obtained from the Archaeological Society of Maryland as Miscellaneous Papers #5, February 1963.

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