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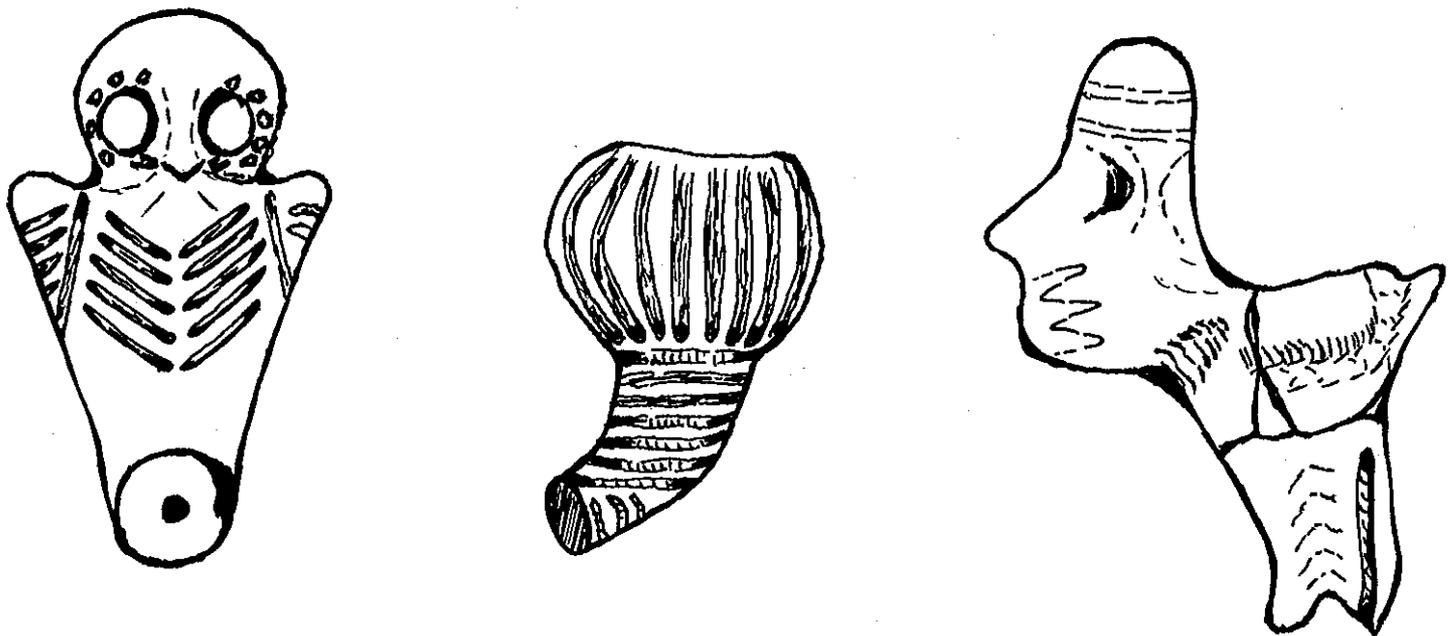
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Three pipes recovered from the Kelly-Campbell BcHb site midden:

The Owl effigy pipe was recovered by Tanya Ambrose from square 40s65e level 10" - 12".

The Human Pinch-Face effigy pipe was recovered by Helen Hargrave in fragments from square 40s50e level 2" - 4". A fifth fragment was in the 4" - 6" level.

The bulbous pipe in the centre was recovered by Howard Savage from square 30s30e level 2" - 4". (hm!)

The sketches are the work of Len Ugarenko.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The O.A.S. reconvenes its Winter lecture season on Wednesday, September 18, 1974. Speaker for the evening will be Dr. N. Wagner of Wilfred Laurier University who will talk about the Moyer Village site. The meeting will begin at 8.00 p.m. in room 561A of Sidney Smith Hall (St. George Street) of the University of Toronto.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ontario Iroquois Prehistory

Plans are well under way for the O.A.S. Symposium on Ontario Iroquois Prehistory. It will be one day in duration and will be held on Saturday, October 19, 1974. The location of the symposium will be the lecture theatre of the McLaughlin Planetarium of the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto.

The list of speakers is impressive and the programme promises to be very informative. The symposium looks like an event that should not be missed.

A notice concerning pre-registration has already been circulated but for those of you who may have missed this the information is as follows: Pre-registration will be \$3.00 per person, registration at the door will be \$3.50. The doors of the planetarium will open at 8.15 a.m. for registration and the papers will begin at 9.00 a.m. The fee for the symposium also allows entry into the Royal Ontario Museum (this is your chance to see the Chinese Exhibition). To pre-register please send your name, address and cheque (made payable to the Ontario Archaeological Society) to "Symposium Pre-Registration", Box 241, Station "P", Toronto, Ontario. Please do this as soon as possible as the number of seats available are limited.

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Please note that due to the O.A.S. Symposium being held there will be no general meeting in October. Information about the November meeting will appear in the next issue of Arch Notes.

Mima Kapches.

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O.A.S. Fall Dig -- Weekend of September 24/25th.

Following the Summer dig there remains exciting work to be done at the Kelly-Campbell site. Ideally we should trace some more of the palisade, complete a trench down the slope from the beginning to the end of the deposit to view the stratigraphy, and finish a few incompleated squares sieving the backdirt as we backfill. A variety of experience is offered.

This time we must bring all our own equipment as, although the campsite is available, we will not have the toilet or marquee. Access to the site will be under the same conditions as before, i.e. close all gates you find closed, remember you are responsible for the behaviour of any non-member guests you may bring, follow the Field Director's instructions, etc. The O.A.S. sign will again be on the up at the roadside. For the location of the site, if you do not have this information, telephone 223-2752 in Toronto.

C.G.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE by Chas. Garrad

CHAY !

Welcome everyone from your various summer activities. Fall is here but in compensation we have many interesting activities planned for the remainder of the year.

Firstly, it is a pleasure to announce the appointment of Michael W. Kirby as Editor of Archnotes and Chairman of the Archnotes Committee. Mike has expressed the hope that he will receive your support, and items for Archnotes may be sent to him c/o the Society's postal box, or directly at 2 Minorca Place, Don Mills, Ont. M3A 2Z6. We rather expect that Christine Kirby will be involved too, and we wish the Kirby team a rewarding and happy experience.

ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGY 22 was received from the printers and sent out to members within a week, something of a record, we feel. Our congratulations to the several contributors for their work.

The Society's "dig" in August, reported at length elsewhere, was a success and our thanks go to all concerned with its organisation, especially Eileen Balsky, Norma Knowlton, Patsy Cook, Marti Latta and Jim Shropshire. A Fall "dig" is planned as a continuation and wrap-up.

Our next major event will be our Symposium on Ontario Iroquois Prehistory on October 19th 1974, which will feature such speakers as Drs. J.V.Wright, W.N.Noble, W.A.Kenyon, C.E.Heidenreich, J.N.Emerson, Prof. Bill Finlayson, Dave Stothers, Thor Conway and others whose names are well known. However, space is short and preregistration is a must. We have to thank the new Greek government for letting us have Mima back to organise this event.

Our first-Saturday-each-month sessions at Scarborough College were supported by a numerically small but consistently enthusiastic group. The series, which ended this month, was devoted to the Beeton Site material excavated by the Society some years ago. If you are interested in a new series to process the Kelly-Campbell material, will you please make your interest known.

We note a number of new members during the summer and we welcome you all. By joining the Society late in the year you are spared the former practice, now suspended, of ending these President's Pages and each Society meeting with a Groaner. We acknowledge the supremacy achieved by Jim Burns when he terminated his Archnotes editorship (Archnotes 74-4:3) by throwing in the trowel.

ONNEN SAGUE !

Ouracha.

REPORT - O.A.S. 1974 Summer Dig

Nearly 200 bags containing artifacts now await processing following the Society's ten day "dig" in August. The work undertaken was the partial examination of the principal midden at the Kelly-Campbell BcHb-10 site in Nottawasaga township, near Duntroon, Simcoe County, Ontario, the presumed site of Etharita, principal town of the Tobacco Nation/Tionnontate/Petun people, until its destruction in December 1649.

Although a grid of 56 5-ft squares was laid out over the apparent midden, it was soon found that cultural deposition was mainly concentrated at one end, reaching a depth of 30". The lowest 2" or so was devoid of artifacts, appearing to be hard-packed ash. Artifacts were mostly concentrated in the middle levels. European trade goods seem evenly distributed throughout the levels and include iron knife blades, copper sheet fragments and discs, glass beads and a metal awl. One iron knife blade is of the "rat-tail" type, hitherto absent from the area (see ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGY 13, June 1969, pp.3-15). The native items usual to the historic period were present, but not plentiful. All appear quite consistent with the assumed dating of the site. The quality of the pottery ranged from good to very poor, and conservation of some of the recovered sherds is a problem.

Traces of a possible palisade were found on the higher part of the slope in three squares. To find more we shall have to move all the backdirt carefully piled up from the upper squares to be out of the way! However, this will be worth while.

The devotion, skill and competence within our membership was most impressive. Everyone that took part deserves a mention, too many names to list here, but we must acknowledge sterling contributions by Norma Knowlton, first to arrive and aid the set-up crew in getting the whole thing going; Peter McBeth for staying the longest (the full ten days); Sylvia Cows, Mickey Coles and Tanya Ambrose for THE most level levels, with an extra accolade to Tanya for the neatest field notes; Shawn Haley from Ottawa who surprised us all by walking seven miles to the site from the nearest bus stop, being part-time cow-boy (cattle control officer?) and surveyor's assistant (Roberta O'Brien was the surveyor). Did you get back to Ottawa, Shawn? Philip Cooke from Wasaga Beach stayed nine days and assisted greatly.

The agreement negotiated with Mr. Kelly, the site owner, allows the Society further camping and excavation privileges at the site, and the weekend of September 24th and 25th has been selected for a Fall "dig".

It may be supposed that the Tobacco Nation had some special smoking pipes, but only three were found substantially entire. These are illustrated on the front page by Len Ugarenko.

BOOK REVIEW

by Helen Hargrave

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A review of Huronian: A History and Geography of the Huron Indians 1600 - 1650 by Conrad Heidenreich, member of O.A.S. and former editor of Ontario Archaeology, seems long overdue. Dr. Heidenreich has produced a fine piece of scholarship and congratulations are due both for the publication of the book and the fact that with it he won the Sainte-Marie Prize in History in 1971.

Dr. Heidenreich writes from the point of view of a geographer and the book is basically organized under these six themes: The delimitation of the settled area; the physical characteristics of the settled area in as much as they relate to the Huron occupancy; population estimates for the period; settlement patterns; the subsistence economy; and the interrelated phenomena of politics and trade. This approach to the study of the Huron, who are usually seen through the eyes of the archaeologist, indicates that an interdisciplinary study brings a more thorough interpretation of the material available.

A survey of the book quickly indicates to the reader that the author has done a thorough job. In addition to the excellent text the book is carefully organized and contains many useful charts and maps.

This book is a valuable contribution to the history of Ontario and deserves a place in personal as well as public libraries.

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Heidenreich, Conrad. "Huronian: A History and Geography of the Huron Indians 1600 - 1650". Toronto: McClelland and Stewart, 1971. \$14.95.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Hi! I must apologise to my prolific predecessors, and our readers, for the small size, though not the content, of this edition of Arch Notes. I plead 'holidays', 'moving house' and 'being a new boy' as excuses. The next edition, with your contributions, please, should be much larger.

Mike Kirby.