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ELECTION ISSUE

This month's meeting

The first general meeting of 1976 will take place at 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 21, in the lecture theatre of the McLaughlin Planetarium, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto.

Dr. William Noble, Chairman, Board of Directors, The Ontario Heritage Foundation, will be speaking on "The Ontario Heritage Foundation and Bill 176: How Does This Affect You".

Mr. Robert Bowes, Director, Historic Planning and Research, Ministry of Culture and Recreation of Ontario, will be speaking on "The New Archaeological Legislation: The First Year".

Election results for the new O.A.S. Executive for 1976 will be announced at the end of the meeting.

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EXECUTIVE ELECTION

The election for President and Treasurer of the O.A.S. will take place at the General Meeting of January 21, 1976. Members have two methods of casting their votes: 1) by mail; 2) in person.

1. BY MAIL: completed ballot slip should be folded, placed inside a plain sealed envelope, then inserted in a regular envelope and mailed at once (to arrive by January 21) to:

The Ontario Archaeological Society,
P.O. Box 241,
Station "P",
TORONTO, Ontario M5S 2S8

Please fold your ballot to conceal your entry and firmly seal the plain envelope to further ensure confidentiality.

2. IN PERSON: bring your completed ballot slip to the Meeting for deposit in the ballot box which will be provided.

All ballots will be collected and counted by an appointed committee and the results announced immediately at the Meeting.

Standing unopposed for re-election are Ms. Cook, Clark and Hick, respectively Vice-President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary.

Our two candidates for President of the O.A.S. for 1976 are well known to most members. Howard Savage has been President for two years (1972 and 1973) and John Reid has been our E.S.A.F. representative for four years and our C.A.A. representative for two years. To give you some idea of their thoughts about the Society for 1976, the Editor asked for their views for publication in Arch Notes.

Dr. Howard Savage

As candidate for President of the Ontario Archaeological Society, I should like to present some views and comments to our members.

An active and very worthwhile year can be foreseen for the O.A.S. during 1976. I believe that our Society can fill an even larger role than heretofore in furtherance of archaeological endeavours in Ontario.

The traditional role of the Ontario Archaeological Society in providing a forum for presentation of current archaeological thought and field work in its general meetings and newsletters during the months of each year, and publication of its scientific journal "Ontario Archaeology", should be maintained. The all-day annual symposia in October 1974 and 1975 have made possible presentation of a greater number of scientific papers to a much wider audience than has been possible at our mid-week monthly meetings. I believe that, with the ease of modern transportation and communication, the subjects presented by speakers at the monthly meetings need not be limited to those of Archaeology in Ontario, as envisaged by our charter members in 1956.

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Another major function for which the O.A.S. is uniquely fitted is the offering to its members of introductory courses in fields useful in archaeological field work. The O.A.S. course in Pottery Processing and Analysis given by Dr. Peter Ramsden in 1973, and the Preliminary Course in Laboratory Analysis by Mima Kapches in 1974, gave to many members an insight into this area of knowledge. Dr. J.A. McAndrews has already offered to give a six session course in Archaeobotany in Ontario. An O.A.S. course in Faunal Analysis, dealing with the identification and interpretation of excavated bones, teeth, etc. in nine sessions, is offered by myself. Such offerings, while preliminary at best, will, I believe, upgrade the field and laboratory work and understanding by O.A.S. members, and provide some criteria of their knowledge in these fields.

Greater participation of O.A.S. members in both general and executive meetings will, I believe, work toward a better expression of opinion of the membership at large on questions to be settled by our Society. A gratifying example of the willingness to participate by our members was evident during the organization of the O.A.S. annual banquet last December, despite the handicap of the postal strike; the large attendance at the banquet was made possible by telephone and personal canvassing by a number of members.

Field work by O.A.S. members under the close supervision of experienced excavators, is, I believe, essential to an understanding of the archaeology of an area. The formal undertaking of excavating a site and its subsequent laboratory analysis by the O.A.S., under license from the Ministry of Culture and Recreation of Ontario, appears feasible only with full time supervisory personnel and adequate supporting funds. If the latter were available, the former would be found. Alternatively, the active assistance by knowledgeable O.A.S. members of field directors who have been granted a license for excavation and who are agreeable to such assistance will provide field experience and a sense of accomplishment to members.

I believe that increased use would be made of the O.A.S. Library if its contents were made known to our members, and its availability increased. A suggested step in the former direction would be a one page summary in Arch Notes each month, showing journals received during the preceding month, and abstracts of at least three noteworthy articles among those received.

The active support of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, and of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation of Ontario, should be sought by the O.A.S. in furthering knowledge of archaeology in Ontario, and the protection and preservation of its archaeological sites. Measures sought in these directions might not only be in field projects, but also in assisting in maintaining office and laboratory space and personnel. The O.A.S., as an active body of public-minded citizens interested in archaeology in Ontario, is able to provide educational, field and laboratory experience to such non-professional citizens.

All in all, a year of increased activity for the O.A.S. is foreseen, if the foregoing possibilities are actively pursued by the O.A.S. with an Executive Committee headed by someone with the requisite contacts and experience.

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Mr. John Reid

As President I would like to see more involvement with the Ministry of Culture and Recreation and to help with public knowledge of Bill 176.

I would also like to set up a committee on the Constitution because I believe that the Constitution should be reorganized, updated and printed so that every member may have a copy.

Furthermore, I believe that an Education Committee is needed to organize labs, to analyze the back-log of material we have excavated over the past 25 years. This committee could also keep track of where members are digging, keep a file on them so that when jobs are available they could be recommended.

I will also encourage more participation of the chapters around the Province, through chapters' reports to the annual meeting etc., so that our out-of-Toronto members would have more of an active part in the Society.

I would like, furthermore, to expand the Symposium to 2 days with the Annual Banquet moved to that Saturday night in October.

The above mentioned ideas can only be a reality with the cooperation of a hard working executive and the maintenance of the high standard of membership we have had in the past.

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The two ladies standing for election as Treasurer have both been members of the O.A.S. for some years and both are seen regularly at most of our meetings. For such a time-consuming, detailed and often seemingly unappreciated position, it is to their credit, and the Society's, that we have two candidates.

Their platform is the desire, the willingness and the capability to do the job. The choice is yours. (If you wish for further information to help you make up your mind and complete the ballot, Margaret Brennan's phone number is (416) 759-5564, and Christine Kirby's (416) 223-7296.

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O.A.S. ELECTION 1976

BALLOT SLIP

for PRESIDENT

REID, John

SAVAGE, Howard

for TREASURER

BRENNAN, Margaret

KIRBY, Christine

Mark X against your choice of candidate.

Mark only one name in each category.

Only votes recorded on this form will be tabulated. Either complete and mail at once or bring to the General Meeting on January 21, 1976 personally.

O.A.S. FAUNAL ANALYSIS COURSE

The Ontario Archaeological Society offers to its members an introductory course in FAUNAL ANALYSIS by Dr. Howard Savage, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto, in nine evening sessions each Thursday from 5th February to 1st April 1976.

The sessions will be held between 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. in the Faunal Osteology Laboratory, University of Toronto, on the 2nd Floor of the South Borden Building, 437 Spadina Crescent, Toronto (Tel. 928-5260). No fee will be charged for this course.

Recognition of excavated bones, teeth and other faunal material to species if possible, from archaeological sites in Ontario, is planned. Interpretation of findings towards an understanding of the foods, customs and resources of the native peoples who lived on the sites will follow.

Members will be encouraged to examine faunal material from excavated sites, and to gain experience in its identification. A final bone quiz and Certificate of Attendance will be given on completion of this course.

Come one, come all, and bring your bones!

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CENTENNIAL COLLEGE COURSE

Centennial College, 651 Warden Woods Campus, Scarborough, offers again this winter a course on Artifact Analysis and Interpretation, covering a wide range of Ontario aboriginal artifacts but with emphasis on Ontario Iroquois ceramic typologies. Students will work with and analyse material from the Plater-Martin B&Hb-1 Site, a historic Petun village and Jesuit Mission site near Collingwood, Ontario, partly excavated in 1975. Subject to adequate enrolment, the course commences Monday January 26th at 7:30 p.m. Prior enrolment is recommended. For further information, contact the College at 694-3345, or Instructor, Chas. Garrad, at 223-2752.

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THE 1976 SAINTE-MARIE PRIZE - continued

15. Submissions for the prize should be sent to:

Mr. Doug Cole
Manager,
Sainte-Marie among the Hurons,
P.O. Box 160,
MIDIAND, Ontario
L4R 4K8

by December 31, 1976.

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ARCHAEOBOTANY OF ONTARIO

An O.A.S. course designed primarily to aid in the collection, identification and interpretation of charred wood and seeds from Ontario archaeological excavations will be held in the Geobotany Laboratory of the Royal Ontario Museum during February and March, 1976. Course instructor will be Dr. J.H. McAndrews. The course will include six lecture and laboratory sessions and one all-day field trip.

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Lecture:</u> | <u>Laboratory</u> | <u>Field</u> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| | <u>7:30 - 8:30 p.m.</u> | <u>8:30 - 9:30 p.m.</u> | <u>9:00 a.m.</u> <u>- 4:00 p.m.</u> |
| Tuesday Feb. 10 | Vegetation Geography | Plant Identification | - |
| Saturday Feb, 14 | - | - | Crawford Lake |
| Tuesday Feb. 17 | Vegetation History | Pollen Analysis Demonstration | - |
| Tuesday Feb. 24 | Field Methods | Flotation Demonstration | - |
| Tuesday March 2 | Wood Charcoal Identification | Charred Wood and Seed Reference Collections | - |
| Tuesday March 9 | Wild Plants (Ethnobotany) | Seed Identification | - |
| Tuesday March 16 | Cultigens (Ethnobotany) | Seed Identification | - |

The course will be limited to 10 O.A.S. members and in the event of oversubscription, selection of students will be left to the discretion of the course instructor.

Deadline for the receipt of applications will be the general meeting of the O.A.S. on January 21st, 1976. Tuition fee of \$20.00 will be collected at the first class. Will those members interested please complete the registration form below and bring it to the January meeting, or mail (to arrive by January 21) to: The Ontario Archaeological Society, Archaeobotany of Ontario Course, P.O. Box 241, Postal Station P, Toronto, Ontario.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone (home): _____ (work): _____

Reasons for wanting to take the course: _____

Relevant Field Experience (archaeological and botanical) _____

E.S.A.F. MEETING 1975 - Report

The Eastern States Archaeological Federation held its 42nd annual meeting in Columbus, Ohio, on the weekend of November 14, 15 and 16, 1975. Total attendance of 231 included 11 members from Ontario.

Most of the sessions were held at the Sheraton Columbus Hotel except for one on Saturday morning, which was held at the Ohio Historical Society, and the field trip on Saturday afternoon which took us to Mound City.

The Friday morning session was a review of State and Province Research. This, I felt, was a good idea as it let us know a little more of what other societies were doing around Eastern North America. On Friday afternoon the session, entitled "The Bicentennial and Archaeology", was mainly Historic and was concerned with the help archaeology was obtaining from Bicentennial funds.

On Friday evening executive and business meetings were held. The 1976 meeting, to be held in Richmond, Virginia, on the weekend of November 20/21, and the raising of Federation dues was discussed. Dues are now as follows: for the first 100 members, an increase from \$10 to \$20; for every other 100 members, from \$7.50 to \$15; and for each chapter, an increase from \$1 to \$2.

Dr. Roger Moeller of the American Indian Archaeological Institute, Connecticut, was asked to produce a bibliography of Eastern U.S. and Canadian Archaeology from 1959 to 1970 for publication by the Federation in "Archaeology of Eastern North America". Roger asked me, as the Ontario representative, to handle the Canadian part of this.

Saturday morning was mostly a Hopewell Session with the Museum open for tour. The displays, with artifacts and made-up excavations, are really good.

The afternoon trip to Mound City was a great break and a chance to see Ohio. Mound City is worth the trip, the entrance building has displays showing the history of investigations and materials found. Walking round the mounded grounds on such a beautiful fall day and climbing the steps to the highest mound and then down to the banks of the Scioto River made one wonder what it would be like to have lived in the area and taken part in the rituals that went on there so many years ago.

The Banquet that evening was a splendid buffet with all one could eat and lots left over. After the head table was introduced, Neal Trubowitz delivered a convocation in memory of the late Dr. Marian White who died recently of cancer.

The dinner speaker, James Griffin, and his topic, "The Contribution of Prehistoric Archaeology to the U.S. National Identity" was really worth the price of admission.

Sunday morning was a general session ranging from Adavasio's progress report on the Meadowcroft Rockshelter through "Radio-Carbon dates in the Allegheny Valley" to "Beaker Makers of Currituck Sound" and "The Icehouse Bottom Site in Eastern Tennessee" where back hoes were used to excavate a depth of 12' - 14' for stratified sites.

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All in all, the program was well received and it was interesting to note that many members requested that Ontario become the host of the 1977 meetings. Personally, I think we have a lot to offer here in the Toronto area or in our Ottawa Chapter area. Please send any questions or suggestions about E.S.A.F. to me, care of the Post Box.

John Reid

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THE 1976 SAINTE-MARIE PRIZE - Summary

The Government of Ontario through Sainte-Marie among the Hurons (1639 - 1649) of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation is offering a cash award and associated publishing program.

1. The Sainte-Marie Prize will be a cash award of \$1,649.00.
2. It will normally be granted on an annual basis for excellence in original research and interpretation.
3. The judges will accept submissions concerned directly with 17th century Canadian history and other national or international circumstances or events directly influencing 17th century Canadian exploration, colonization, politics, economics, individuals, relations between the colonies and other matters. Submissions will be considered on a broad inter-disciplinary basis and the award will be given to the author of the submission making the most significant contribution to knowledge and interpretation of 17th century Canadian developments.
4. Submissions must be typewritten and may be in either French or English.
5. Manuscripts should be 20,000 words or more.
6. Two copies of each manuscript are required; one copy of each submission shall be retained by Sainte-Marie among the Hurons for archive purposes.
7. Submitted manuscripts must not have been previously published or in the process of being published.
8. Each manuscript should include a bibliography and all sources should be footnoted or otherwise identified.
9. The competition is open to persons of any nationality.
10. There are no stated academic qualifications, however submissions should be accompanied by a personal resume.
11. The winning manuscript remains the property of Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and will be included in their publishing programme.
12. Other submissions which in the view of the judges are of high quality may be considered for publication in consultation with the author.
13. In any year, if the jury decides that sufficiently high standards are not met, the Ontario Government reserves the right not to award the prize.
14. Manuscripts that are submitted for one year's Prize, and not selected as the winner, can be re-submitted for consideration by the jury in future years.

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O.A.S. OTTAWA CHAPTER

Next meeting of the Ottawa Chapter will be at 7:00 p.m. January 14, 1976 in the offices of the Archaeological Research Section of the Research Division of the National Historic Parks and Sites Branch of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs at 1600 Liverpool Court, Ottawa.

This is an informal dinner meeting of the Ottawa Chapter and wives, husbands or other guests of members will be most welcome.

Following dinner, Birgitta Wallace, Archaeologist of the National Historic Parks and Sites Branch who is participating in the Anse aux Meadows Project in Newfoundland will speak on "Archaeological Evidence of the Norse in North America".

At their last meeting on December 10, 1975, the Ottawa Chapter participated in an evening of members' reports. The total of seven papers that were given is indicative of the serious interest in archaeology in our capital city today. Titles of the papers, and speakers, were as follows:

"Preliminary Views on the Proto-Historic Huron Benson Site" by J. Pendergast;

"In Search of Rock Paintings: Agawa and Quetico" by Glenna Reid;

"The Hopewell Culture: News of a Study" by Eva O'Doherty and Ruth Kirwan;

"Progress Report on the Meath Site" by Don Robertson and Dave Croft;

"Constance Bay and Rideau Lakes Archaeology: a Progress Report" by Gordon D. Watson;

"The Historic Period at Constance Bay (Ottawa River), Ontario" by Mike J. Shchepanek;

"Highlights of the Faunal Remains from the Potlatch Site of British Columbia" by Francis L. Stewart.

Members wishing for further information may contact the Ottawa Chapter c/o Gordon D. Watson, 2086 Fairbanks Ave., Ottawa K1H 5Z1.

The Ottawa Chapter 1975/76 Executive is as follows:

President - Gordon D. Watson
Vice-President - David L. Keenlyside
Secretary-Treasurer - Iain C. Walker
Past President - Clyde C. Kennedy

Newsletter of the Chapter - Archaic Notes - is edited by Shawn D. Haley.

O.A.S. BANQUET 1975

Held in the Dinosaur Den of the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, on Saturday, December 6, 1975, the occasion attracted an unusually large number of members and their guests.

The lengthy postal strike had convinced the Executive that if the Banquet were to be held, members would have to be invited by telephone. As a consequence, with some helpers, they had phoned as many members as possible and invited them to the Banquet. The results must be indicative of good telephone salesmanship, or of the effectiveness of the "personal touch", because the number that sat down to eat totalled 89 as compared to last year's 49. Obviously, the telephone should be used more often - next year's Executive please note!

The main speaker of the evening was Mr. Selwyn Dewdney, a research associate at the R.O.M., and the title of his illustrated talk was "Stone Witnesses of Forgotten Dreams". He stated that nearly all Canadian petroglyphs are found close to water, and that dating them was the main problem. There were some paintings in the Urals, in Russia, that had been dated to 3,500 BP, and since the conditions there were very similar to conditions in parts of Canada, some Canadian rock paintings could be of similar antiquity.

Bill Rennison and Dr. Norman Emerson then took us back over the Society's 25 years with slides and commentary on past OAS digs.

Other brief appearances at the microphone were made by: Peter Storck, who opened the banquet and invited final nominations for the 1976 Executive (with none being declared, the slate is now closed); Howard Savage introduced Selwyn Dewdney with a plug for Selwyn's recent book "They Shared to Survive"; David Johnson with the sad news of Marian White's passing; and Patsy Cook, who closed the Banquet.

Most diners took the opportunity to inspect the new Ontario Prehistory Gallery, still in the construction stage but looking very interesting. The dioramic treatment with associated excavation details provides a new and fascinating display.

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East African Stone Tool Specialist in the Making?

Mrs. Tanya Ambrose, formerly of Kingston and Huntsville, Ontario, travelled with her daughter Kaia in July last year to join her husband John in Nairobi, Kenya. John Ambrose is associated with the York University Kenya Project.

Tanya has written to say that she has been working the E.S.A. Typologies and has commenced a course on typology of obsidian tools of the Late Stone Age. She is also starting another course on East African Tool Terminology at the Nairobi Museum.

Tanya's excellent work in the O.A.S.' 1974 excavations was front page news in ARCH NOTES 74-5 September 1974.

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O.A.S. SYMPOSIUM 1975

The Society's Symposium on Ontario Pre-Iroquois Prehistory was held on Saturday, October 18, 1975, in the McLaughlin Planetarium of the Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto. Once again, as in 1974, the lecture theatre was filled to capacity throughout the day.

Speakers were lunched at the Hind Quarter by the Executive, and a Speakers' Reception was held at the completion of the Symposium in the Robarts Library.

Following are some brief outlines of the speakers' subjects. Full treatment will be accorded them by "Ontario Archaeology", possibly Volume 28 due to be published late in 1976. (If you were present at the O.A.S. Banquet on December 6, 1975, you will have received Volume 25 of "Ontario Archaeology" which covers the 1974 Symposium. If you were not at the Banquet, you'll probably receive your copy with this edition of Arch Notes.)

In opening the Symposium, Dr. Peter Storck welcomed all those present and gave special thanks to Patsy Cook and Marti Latta for their excellent work in arranging the occasion. He also invited members to consider a subject for the '76 Symposium and forward their suggestions to the Executive.

Dr. Storck then introduced Dr. Howard Savage who gave a brief outline of the history of the O.A.S. and introduced the first speaker.

Brief closing remarks at the conclusion of the Symposium were made by Dr. J.V. Wright.

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Early Man and Glacial Lake Algonquin in Ontario - Dr. Peter Storck

Dr. Storck spoke of his investigations this summer of fossil beaches in south western Ontario, a continuation of his earlier work in this field. These beaches were occupied not only as lakeshore sites during the existence of Lake Algonquin, but also provided desirable habitation sites after the lake had receded. One obvious consideration was good all-round visibility.

Timescales for Lake Algonquin and the settlement of its beaches were sketched in, and emphasis placed on the need for intensive research of fossil beaches and other possible habitation sites both in the Niagara Escarpment and along the northern shore of Lake Ontario. These areas are rapidly being destroyed by development and gravel digging operations.

Environmental Potential - J.H. MacAndrews

The value of pollen analysis to establish knowledge of former vegetation in any given area was discussed. An example was cited of a core taken from the bed of Lake Van Nostrand, the oldest section of which had been C14 dated to 10,700 BP. Changes in pollen content indicate either changes

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in climate or interference by man with the natural vegetation. Analysis of the deposits laid down on the floor of the lake demonstrated how Pass Lake had become severed from its parent glacial lake.

Bronte Provincial Park - Site Survey and Analysis - Steve Thomas

The Park is intended for intensive day use, and any sites are therefore threatened with early destruction. In modern times, the lands have been plowed and artifacts scattered.

Steve Thomas and his team walked the ground looking for artifact clusters, which were then recorded, analysed and plotted. 72 sites have been located since 1971, the majority being Laurentian Archaic, and many others Early Woodland. The soil was too heavy for early agriculturalists, and it was suggested that this was a hunting ground.

The artifact clusters were not well defined, but a field technique was developed which usually resolved surface distribution into discrete clusters. The method of recording material ensures that the sites can be returned to when the need arises.

Experiments in the Production of Polished Stone Tools and Their Functional Capabilities - Dave Roberts

For four or five years Dave Roberts has been making polished stone implements in order to test both a method of manufacture and their usefulness. The method of manufacture was described in detail, and an example was available to demonstrate the lashing of the blade to the haft. 32 - 44 hours was the time normally taken to make an axe.

The efficiency of the tool was proved by personal use in tree felling, and deduced from the number of trees required to build longhouses and palisades for the villages.

The Hind Site (AdHk-1): A Progress Summary - William Donaldson

The site consists of a large, well preserved group of Late Archaic burials on a sandy knoll, containing both burned and unburned bone. Details of the burials excavated were given, and it was stated that this site had contained the first birdstone located in situ in Ontario, as well as the first Archaic grey fox mandibles. There appeared to be no discrimination between burials by either age or sex, and there were indications of wide spread trade. Much information has yet to be evaluated for this site.

Preservation of Human and Plant Tissue by Copper Contact in a Late Archaic Site in Southern Ontario - Dr. Howard Savage

Dr. Savage commented on the excellent state of preservation of the material from the Hind Site, and suggested that this might be due to in part to the presence of copper salts. There were many copper objects in the graves, and the salts would help preserve organic material. Other

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factors contributing to the excellent preservation could be the dry sandy soil of the site, and the meticulous care taken during and after excavation.

Prehistoric Occupations in the Upper Ottawa Valley -
Clyde Kennedy

It was stated that, of the 700 miles of the Ottawa River, only 100 or so are unaltered by dams, and this was the area investigated.

Lake Champlain may have extended as far north as Petawawa, and was 555 feet above sea level.

Initial Woodland and Archaic sites found during surveys in the Ottawa River Drainage Basin were outlined. Pottery and lithics from the former were described and three radio-carbon dates were reported. Artifacts from Archaic sites were described and the location of the sites at higher elevations than Initial Woodland sites was noted. A brief outline of searches along abandoned river terraces and former Champlain Sea shorelines was presented.

Middle Woodland Manifestations in Southwestern Ontario -
David M. Stothers

Recent site survey, archaeological testing, and review of private and institutional artifact collections revealed the existence of at least three regionally distinct Middle Woodland ceramic complexes in southwestern Ontario. One of these foci is located in the lower Grand River Valley and contiguous areas of the Niagara Peninsula and north shore of Lake Erie, while the second is located along the eastern shore of Lake Huron and the southern shore of Georgian Bay. The third manifestation is located in the region of Point Pelee. All three of these manifestations are riverine-lacustrine oriented as indicated by their geographic distribution.

Discussant - Richard B. Johnston

Mr. Johnston commented on the vast increase of knowledge about Ontario Prehistory, as evidenced by the speakers, and noted their diversity and erudition. He suggested that research into the preceramic period would fill in some important gaps in knowledge.

He mentioned the work that he has been doing on an Archaic site at Rice Lake. The excavation of fire pits, and intensive examination of the recovered soil may provide the most extensive collection of seeds from any Archaic site in the northeastern part of the continent.

I N M E M O R I A M

MARIAN E. WHITE

Anthropology was Marian White's vocation. More than that, it was her life. More than that, even, anthropology was her religion.

This religion, like all others, is larger than any of its communicants. It existed before Marian White. She chanced to come into its presence. She was entranced by its special origin myth: about the genus Homo, most improbable of animals, insinuating itself two or three million years ago into the struggle among life forms, emerging finally as Homo Sapiens, and assuming thereafter a thousand cultural forms in a thousand times and places. She was above all captured by the moral vision of this religion: that all this variety of biology and culture and circumstance was not a thousand things, was instead but one single thing: humankind, the astonishing and sometimes frightening human career. Marian White became a communicant. Her religion made her what she was.

Marian White in turn enriched, in modest human degree, her religion. Across this nation and beyond are a few hundred colleagues who are directly affected: she has given them information which but for her would be unknown. Across the nation are many men and women, formerly graduate students, now practicing professionals; all are what they are, in some salient part, because of Marian White. Others, future professionals, are on their way. On the Ridge Lea campus there today exist many hundreds of dusty boxes and trays, all meticulously registered and labelled, containing the broken debris of remote and recent times, all wrenched from the earth by her sweat and that of her fellow workers, and most taken at that last moment before the onrush of highway construction and other technological advance would destroy those remnant remains forever. Locked within all this gathered debris, awaiting release by future workers, is precious information - information about that small and most significant part of humankind most near her heart, the Iroquois peoples.

In these and other ways Marian White enriched her religion, and now she is gone. The religion will go on. She is not replaceable. But she will be replaced, by many persons in many, many different ways. Religions are like that.

Here, today, we do not mourn her death: we celebrate, rather, her good and beautiful life and its truthful purposes.

Frederick Gearing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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CAA Annual Meeting

The 1976 annual meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association will be held in the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg, Manitoba, April 29th to May 2nd, 1976.

Suggestions for Symposia and volunteered papers should be sent to:

1976 Conference
Canadian Archaeological Association
Box 193
Winnipeg 1, Manitoba

The Fort Garry Hotel is at 222 Broadway, Winnipeg; room rates are \$28.00 single and \$34.00 double. Details regarding possible group rates and alternative hotels will be announced in future Arch Notes.

CAA representative

John Reid

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1976 O.A.S. membership fees

1976 membership fees become due on January 1st. A membership renewal form will be mailed to you shortly.

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O.A.S. Constitution

A copy of the revised Constitution of the Ontario Archaeological Society (with amendments to May 1971) is available to interested members. Please write for your copy.

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Northeastern Anthropology

A leaflet enclosed with this issue of Arch Notes advertises "Archaeology of the Oneida Iroquois, Vol. 1". Thanks to our postal strike the regular pre-publication rate will still apply to members of the O.A.S. - the deadline mentioned does not apply.

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