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THE ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

Well, December is here again and it's time for our annual dinner meeting. Usually we have met at one or other of the many Chinese restaurants in Toronto. This time we decided on a change - although we have still retained the flavour of the Far East. This year we are eating Japanese style.

The venue will be the Nikko Gardens, the date December 6 and the time is 8 p.m. For those who don't know this restaurant it is at 460 Dundas Street and can be reached by the Harbord Street car which virtually passes the door. To be more precise, you get off at Spadina. If you come by car, there is ample parking on the street.

Our speaker for the meeting will be Dr. Bruce Druitt who is on the staff of the University of Toronto in the Department of Anthropology. His talk will be about expeditions he has taken part in in Mexico and will be amply illustrated by slides.

Normally in this December Bulletin we try to list the members who will be standing for executive office in the coming year. This year I am unable to follow this pattern. The nominating committee had not completed its list at going to press time. However, what we have usually done is to offer a list of names for you to consider before the January meeting.

We're hoping to offer you a list of potential officers at the dinner meeting, but this does not prevent you putting forward your selections for positions such as president and vice-president.

OUR LAST MEETING . . .

was at the Sidney Smith building, but caused some bewilderment by switching rooms. Anyway, for the first few months of 1964 we'll be meeting in the familiar anthropological laboratory we used last year. Well, as I was saying, our speaker was U of T student Bill Noble who dealt extensively and in a most interesting manner with a dig in which he had taken part at Rocky Mountain House in Alberta, on the North Saskatchewan River. The site was originally a fur trading post and later was extended into a fort-type settlement. Mr. Noble was in charge of the dig and with a crew of five completed a full excavation. He also worked on the Brockett site in Southern Alberta and he gave us information about this as well, illustrating points from both sites with slides.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING . . .

will be January 8th. The January meeting is our annual get together when we elect our officers for the year. As I have explained elsewhere, I am not offering a slate of officers with this bulletin. At the dinner we'll try to produce that slate for you. The biggest problem appears to be finding our new president and vice-president. As you know we ran into problems when Dr. Karrow had to leave us at mid-year and Rufus Churcher took over the role, although he had stipulated at the start of the year it would be most difficult to handle that post. Well, neither Dr. Karrow nor Dr. Churcher will be available as officers this year and it's going to be hard to replace them. However, the feeling has been growing at recent meetings that there is a lot of interesting new blood in our association from which we should be able to get two good officers and leaders.

REPORT ON ESAF CONFERENCE . . .

was given by Miss Phyllis Bowland. The ESAF, for your information, is the Eastern States Archaeological Federation. Phyllis attended the conference with Bill Renison. Emphasis at the conference was on historical archaeology and mechanized methods of excavation. Among the modern techniques also touched on was the use of skin diving such as is used in Italy in the search for Etruscan antiquities.

A JOINT DIG . . .

was suggested by Dr. Emerson at our last meeting. His theme was to maintain closer touch with our Quebec colleagues. He believed a joint dig by the two organizations on the border between the two provinces would be a good idea. It was immediately greeted with enthusiasm by our members and contact is being made with the idea of considering a dig with them next summer.

NEWS FROM MEMBERS . . .

that should interest includes a letter from Miss Lyn Soucy who is now working at Louisburg, Nova Scotia. She reports that she is enjoying the work and sends her best wishes to her many friends. By the way, she included her fees for the next year, our first member to do so. Let's hope we can follow her example. Another letter was received from Dr. Karrow who is at the University of Waterloo. He reports the discovery of an Indian burial group by boy scouts near Sarnia and that it is being investigated by Dr. Wilfred Jury, curator of the Museum of Indian Archaeology in London. He also sends his best wishes to his many old friends.

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST . . .

* include a new quarterly journal issued by one of our members - Mr. Thomas E. Lee. The publication is called "The Anthropological Journal of Canada" and costs \$3.00 a year. Subjects that will be covered include history, archaeology, geology, geography - illustrations and readable for those interested in anthropology. It has already been received favourably by those who should know. It is obtainable from Mr. Lee, 1575 Farlan Drive, Ottawa 5, Ont.

Another former member, Dr. William J. Mayer-Oakes has been causing interest through an article of his which appeared last May in the Scientific America and also a lecture a week ago at the Museum. Subject was Early Man in South America. It deals with the discovery of obsidian tools in Equador and may provide a long sought link between the prehistoric men of the U.S. and those of South America.

Dr. A.D. Tushingam of the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto has produced a much admired piece of guidance aimed especially at those who might be thinking of turning to archaeology when they go to university. It is a most interesting and compact bulletin and can be obtained for a mere 13 cents from the Guidance Centre, Ontario College of Education, U of T, 371 Bloor Street West, Toronto, Ont.

N.B. One of our members, Professor D.B. Shutt, has 20 years of American Antiquity to sell at the current list price of \$8.00 per volume. Anyone interested can contact Professor Shutt at 198 King Street, Guelph, Ont.



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