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MONTHLY MEETING

This month's General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 1971 at 8:00 pm. in the Archaeology Laboratory, Room 561, Sidney Smith Hall, 100 St. George St., Toronto.

The speaker for this meeting will be our Past President, Dr. J. Norman Emerson of the Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto.

Dr. Emerson's topic for the evening will be "Present and Future Problems facing Ontario Archaeology, and the Role of the Ontario Archaeological Society".

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The following pages are devoted to details of the MAMMOTH FALL DIG. Please return the questionnaire on Page 4 as soon as possible.

ANNUAL O.A.S. FALL DIG - September 25-26th

The annual fall dig is planned for the weekend of September 25th and 26th, 1971, and this could be one of the best we have ever held. We have a wonderful and productive site and have wonderful eating, sleeping, meeting, and sanitary facilities available.

The site we will be digging on is the DeWaele site near Norwich, Ontario, which the University of Toronto has investigated during the 1968 and 1971 seasons. There are deep middens that need to be dug, some four to five feet deep; there is clear evidence that the site is surrounded by a triple-walled palisade, which we hope to completely trace; and there are houses waiting to be revealed with abundant hearths and pit structures calling for detailed investigation. The pits are often rich and instructive. The sod is not too tough and the subsoil is sandy and the kind you like to dig. So, in other words, we hope you will join us in digging this Ontario archaeological Paradise. Professor Emerson, who is working the site is anxious to see as much accomplished as possible.

The dig facilities are located within a few minutes driving distance at "Innisfree Farm" on the Otterville Road. This is the ancestral home of the famous Canadian, and internationally known scholar Harold Innis whose work led all the way from his studies of the fur trade in Canada to communication studies, inspiring men like Marshall McLuhan. A conference, meeting and study centre is being developed alongside the homestead by the Harold Innis Foundation and is closely connected with Innis College of the University of Toronto. The centre has sleeping accomodation for 23, large and spacious kitchen facilities with hand-through serving facilities to the dining area. The meeting room with a large log-burning fire place has space for nearly a hundred. There are shower and toilet facilities on two floors. There are both refrigerators and a large freezer for food storage. So, these are the ingredients for good digging and a good weekend.

We are hoping that as many as can come, will arrive Friday night and get in a full day's digging Saturday and Sunday. However, sleeping accomodation is limited and will be issued on a first come first served basis. There is ample space too, for camper trailers and tents, where you could have access to the centr's facilities.

We could add that the site is within quite easy commuting distance for our members in the London-Brantford-Hamilton-Ayr-Simcoe areas, so we look forward to seeing many seldom seen faces at digs like Beeton and McLeod.

The breakdown of sleeping facilities are as follows:

4 bedrooms with 3 single beds  
5 " with 2 in bunk beds.  
1 single

There are obvious problems, but we will try to allocate these spaces as reasonably as possible. The save cost and complication we would ask you to bring your own bedroll to use on the beds. Also bring litter bags so that site is left in good, clean conditions.

Costs per person:

Bed and centre facilities	\$2.50 per day
Tent or camper space & centre facilities	1.00 " "
Centre facilities only	.50 " "

In order to plan, your executive needs information, so would you please fill in the enclosed questionnaire and send it in just as soon as you can. If the demand exceeds the supply, we may be able to make local arrangements for you in the town of Norwich where there are many friendly and interested people.

Also a final warning, we cannot arrange your transportation to and from the site, nor from the site to the Innisfree Farm. This you must do, so start checking and if you do receive a ride insist upon sharing the gasoline costs. If you have space for a member, please let us know as soon as possible. If you need a ride, let us know and we will try to help. But we can promise nothing and it is really upon to you to arrange transportation. Highway 401 is the main east-west route to the site.

Your planning committee has had to lay out good money for this event, we hope to retrieve it by making full use of the facilities, that means good attendance and good participation by as many as possible. We hope it will be the best ever, so let all make an all out effort.

Correspondence and questionnaires should be addressed to Mr. John Reid, home address 66 Roe Avenue, Toronto 320, as soon as possible. Looking forward to seeing you rain or shine.

QUESTIONNAIRE

- |  | <u>Check one only</u> |    |
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| 1. I would like a bedroom and use of the centre facilities for <u>two Friday nite and Saturday nite</u> cost \$10.00   | yes                   | no |
| 2. Only Friday nite, cost \$5.00 for <u>two</u>  | yes                   | no |
| 3. Only Saturday nite, cost \$5.00 for <u>two</u>  | yes                   | no |
| 4. I will share a bedroom with one or two others. <u>Friday and Saturday nites</u> , cost \$5.00   | yes                   | no |
| 5. I will share a bedroom with one or two others <u>Friday nite only</u> , cost \$2.50   | yes                   | no |
| 6. I will share a bedroom with one or two others <u>Saturday nite only</u> , cost \$2.50   | yes                   | no |
| 7. I will have my own tent or trailer-camper facilities and will use the centre:<br>Friday nite, cost \$ .50<br>Saturday, all day 1.00<br>Sunday, all day 1.00 | yes                   | no |
| 8. I will make use of the centre facilities only<br>Friday nite .50<br>Saturday all day 1.00<br>Sunday all day 1.00  | yes                   | no |
| 9. If you can make arrangements in Norwich for sleeping accomodation and breakfast, I would pay up to \$5.00 per person:<br>Friday nite<br>Saturday nite       | yes                   | no |
| 10. I will attend the dig but will come and go on my own<br>Saturday<br>Sunday   | yes                   | no |

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

Directions on how to reach the DeWaele Site can be found in the June issue of ARCH NOTES. From Highway 401 at Woodstock, drive south on Highway 59 through the town of Norwich till you reach the airfield. Turn left and proceed about two miles east to the Odier Side Road. The DeWaele Farm is the first farm on the left.

The Innisfree Farm can be reached by driving south on Highway 59 past the airfield to Otterville Road, turn left and proceed east. Drive until you see a sign on the right announcing "Innisfree Farm".

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We gather, from all reports of those who were there, that the MAMMOTH SPRING DIG at the McLeod Site was a fantastic success, and our programme convener hopes to have a report on the activities of the more than 50 members at the dig for the October issue of ARCH NOTES.

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If any other members have reports on their summer activities that they would like to share with the rest of us, please drop a line to the Editor.

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Until further notice, please keep sending all Library information and material to the ARCH NOTES Editor - Mr. J. Reid, 66 Roe Ave., Toronto 320, Ontario. Hopefully, by the time the October issue of ARCH NOTES goes to press, the O.A.S. will have a new librarian - and a list of all recent acquisitions to the Library will be printed.

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There are still some back issues of ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGY available. The prices - members \$2.00 ea; non-members \$3.00 ea; plus a 35¢ handling charge.

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You may have noticed the name change for the Recording Secretary. We would like to extend congratulations and sincere good wishes to Mima on the occasion of her marriage, and also to extend a warm welcome to her husband Chris as a new member of the O.A.S.

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And speaking of new members, may we welcome the following newcomers:-

Mrs. Jetta McClure, 4 Kirkdale Cr., Don Mills, Ont.

Dr. Peter Sheldrick, Apt. 210D, Foothills Hospital South Tower,  
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