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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

The May meeting of the O.A.S. will take place on Wednesday, May 15th at 8:00 pm. in the Archaeology Lab, Room 561A, Sidney Smith Hall, 100 St. George St., Toronto. It will feature Mr. Bill Ross, a geography student at York University, who will speak about the archaeological survey he undertook in the Pickering area last summer. Many may recognize Bill for his prowess on the "pipes". Let's have a large turnout for the last meeting of the Spring session !

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PRESIDENT'S PAGE - Chas. Garrad

CHAY !

Yes, "Chay" is Huron/Wyandotte for "hello".

We are surprised to find the year passing so quickly that the summer recess is already here. Not until next September will there be another President's page. We wish all members a successful summer and ask you to note the next two monthly meetings are May 15th and then September 18th.

The news that Jim Burns is leaving us for greener pastures and has consequently resigned his Arch Notes editorship with this issue is a matter of regret. Jim has done a fine job and maintained a consistently high standard. We will miss you, Jim, but wish you every success with your future career!

Consequently, we have an opening for Arch Notes Editor and Chairman of the Arch Notes Committee.

In our last President's page we asked your views on appropriate recognition of our 25th anniversary next year. We are kicking off the process early with the Symposium on Ontario Iroquois Prehistory announced in this issue for October 19th, 1974. It is intended that a number of high quality papers presented at the Symposium will appear in print the following year as a special commemorative publication.

At the time of writing, it is hoped that this issue will contain our audited 1973 Statement and a list of 1974 members. We must thank Mr. Murray Corbett for the auditing and commend Betsy Gummow for the great amount of work which she puts into keeping the books (both financial and library!) and all the typing the list has involved.

The Lab Analysis sessions have shown that there is a need for such work and instruction. You are invited to attend them if you can find some time. Our thanks go to the volunteer instructors, Mima, Marti, and Patsy, who will be giving their time to help you.

Our Ottawa Chapter's vigour and organization continue to set an impressive example. We wish Gord Watson and all the Ottawa members a successful job on the Constance Bay #1 in June.

Our own excavation plans have yet to be made final and further announcements by mail might be made during the summer recess. Meanwhile, watch out for the poison ivy, possibly the real reason why Huronia was abandoned !

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HOW ! Which is as much as to say "Hi".

Snivelling aside, this is my last issue of Arch Notes. With its little problems comes a great deal of satisfaction at having produced a newsletter which serves adequately as a communication between the Society Executive and the members at large. As far as possible, we try to give readers a reasonable idea of what transpires at the meetings, and sometimes what does not. One thing which I hope has been well received is the review of previous meeting talks. While I have written several myself, it is by no means a one-man show to produce these issues. Indeed, there is a need for coöperation of a number of people in order to put out Arch Notes on time. We need label typists, copy typists, and a raft of other persons to collate, staple, stuff, seal and stamp. With a circulation of over 400, it means a few evenings' work but it can go quickly with coöperation.

Frankly, I am entering a request for a new Editor of Arch Notes. There is ample precedent for innovation as required; my predecessor and I have tried to expand the scope to include short book reviews and research articles and feel we have been to some extent successful. There is always an advertisement for a new book or conference which shows how much the interest in archaeology is growing; there is never a lack of things to do. We own a Rex Rotary Duplicator and can rattle off Arch Notes quickly and efficiently. If you have a flair for writing, editing, and publishing a "monthly" newsletter and, ideally, own a typewriter, we would appreciate a note from you - to Charles Garrad - at our post box.

This being my last issue is coincident with its being the last issue till September. Please note that we do not meet in June; hence, this is a combined May-June issue. The next meeting after May 15th is September 18th. Mark it down!

May I take this opportunity to thank those who have helped to produce and deliver Arch Notes, least of all the Posties. Seriousness aside, this goes to the contributors and to my faithful workers, notably Dave Spittal, Peter Hämäläinen, Marion Press, John Reid and a cast of thousands of faceless names(?). It has been fun, but we need a conscientious Editor to head the Committee and produce the newsletter. Please consider the role as Editor of this fine publication.

"I think I'll go out to Alberta, weather's good there in the fall. I've got some friends that I can go to workin' for....."

No doubt you heard about the archaeologist who couldn't hack it any longer; so he threw in the trowel.

THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (INC.)
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements
January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973.

RECEIPTS

Membership fees	\$ 1682.80
Sale of A. A. S. Publications	675.78
Grant from Canada Council	1900.00
Grant from the Province of Ontario	1000.00
Grant from the Royal Ontario Museum (for Cherry Hill)	500.00
Grant from Peel County (for Cherry Hill)	3000.00
Sale of E. S. A. F. Publications	106.00
Sale of Banquet Tickets	198.00
Donation from H. G. Savage (for Cherry Hill)	2750.00
Interest	89.25
Sundry receipts	<u>117.12</u>

Total receipts \$12018.95

Balance forward from December 31, 1972 4792.40
\$16811.35

DISBURSEMENTS

ARCH NOTES - Printing and Postage	\$ 827.35
ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGY - Printing and Postage	3711.56
Cherry Hill Salaries	3273.98
Cherry Hill Expenses	768.34
Cherry Hill Payments to Receiver General	758.80
Cherry Hill Balance transferred to separate account	1448.88
President's Expenses	64.16
Librarian/Treasurer Expenses	160.70
Banquet Expenses - 1972	283.10
Banquet Expenses - 1973	242.61
E. S. A. F. Annual Dues	32.50
E. S. A. F. Publications	112.00
Salvage Project - 1972	200.72
Salvage Project - 1973	363.36
Bank Charges	31.60
U. S. Exchange	2.11
Sundry Expenses	<u>105.43</u>

Total disbursements \$12387.20

Balance on hand 4424.15
\$16811.35

March 23, 1974

J. R. M. Corbett, Auditor

E. A. Gummow, Treasurer

REVIEW OF APRIL'S MEETING

Last month, members who attended the meeting were treated to a most entertaining and captivating slide-assisted essay on the Petun Indians, erstwhile inhabitants of the Collingwood area of central Ontario. Charles Garrad has had an interest in preserving and conserving the archaeological remains of this hitherto little known people for about 15 years. Aided by local people, most notably Jay Blair of Stayner, Charles has been able to identify several villages mentioned in the Jesuit Relations. Amongst other things, he has traced pottery trends through his area which mirror the movement of peoples. By 1651 we know that they had fled northwest in the wake of attack by the Seneca from northern New York.

Charles' unceasing effort to pin down what we do know has been tremendous. But we were exposed to more than a treatise on the Petun of Grey and Simcoe counties. He went on to discuss a book by Peter D. Clarke called "The Origin and Traditional History of the Wyandotts...", published in 1870. Clarke himself was a Wyandott, more precisely a Petun. As a starting point, Clarke accepted Jacques Cartier's statement that he saw these people near Hochelaga (Montreal) in 1530. From there, he traced the movement of the group as they fled (apparently) in fear of the powerful Seneca. To the southwest the route passes below Lake Ontario, up into the country adjoining Huronia on the west, from there to Michilimackinac, to Detroit, Windsor, Upper Sandusky in Ohio, to Missouri, Kansas, and finally Oklahoma. Mr. Garrad pointed out that Clarke neglected to relate the further sojourn at St Esprit in the southwestern part of Lake Superior.

Using this framework, Charles mentioned personal researches at many places along the route, noting historical plaques - many authentic, others emphatically not - and visits to several excavations including one at Rock Island, Wisconsin - an enterprise which revealed traces of possible Petun pottery dated at some time between 1652 and 1658. As well, about a dozen bear jaw artifacts showed continuity of space through comparison with other examples of this rare type at Michilimackinac and in Ontario's Petun country. The paucity of sites containing these tools and the documented relationship between Ottawa and Petun peoples suggests that the tools are of Ottawa manufacture.

The exposition (call it a thesis) traced Petun to the present day. While Clarke called the people Wyandotts, they were Petuns according to Charles. In more recent times, the Petun were relegated to the Anderton Reserve near Windsor, Ontario. Under increasing pressure (and reduction in Reserve lands) they fled to a reservation in Ohio at Upper Sandusky. Again, pressure was exerted and, promising to leave the Indians in peace forever, the U.S. government moved the refugees to Kansas where, from their own pockets, they had to buy their plots of land. Another move was inevitable. A small parcel of land on an Oklahoma reservation became their place of abode and is today their home. On a wry note, Charles pointed out that through all their troubles the Petun had been hounded by the Seneca; in Oklahoma they had to buy their land from

APRIL'S MEETING - continued

Senecas and, as a last ignominy, Petun surnames are to be found in the Seneca graveyard, indicating intermarriage with their age-old enemies.

Historically, many Petun personalities have left their marks. Several people remained at Anderton (Clarke still retained land titles) when the rest moved to Upper Sandusky. Some personal empires were built on the remaining holdings, including a gravel quarry, which operates today. They have been commemorated in various ways, particularly in the City of Windsor, recalling the greatness of the Petun (Wyandott).

The fascinating talk was illustrated by almost 250 slides which beautifully captured the excitement of the research. To Charles must surely go congratulations for his fine work and we must thank him for sharing his experiences with us. Perhaps he can be encouraged to write a more thorough history of the Petun when he completes his studies. Thank you, Charles and may your future success be great.

OTTAWA CHAPTER NEWS - extracted from Archaic Notes, edited by Gordon Watson

The Chapter has continued to provide high-calibre programmes for its members. For the April meeting a talk and demonstration were given by Rob Bonnichsen on the topic of stone age technologies; Rob has been studying the subject of stone knapping and bone cracking for about ten years. He recently submitted his Ph.D. thesis on these and other matters to the University of Alberta.

The meeting for May 8th features the Society's President, Charles Garrad who will launch a repeat performance of his splendid discourse on the Petun Indians. At the same meeting, the Chapter will hold its Election of Officers for the next year. They feel that a change of Executive at this time will ensure a smooth programme for the following year which, in effect, begins in September.

Further, they propose a spring dig for Chapter members at the Constance Bay No. 1 site on the cottage property of President Gordon Watson. The May issue of Archaic Notes includes additional pages as a preamble to excavation and as a review of work done to date on the site. (See Ontario Archaeology, No.18, 1972.)

MEMBERSHIP LIST ARRIVES AT LAST

At long last, we have come up with a membership list. It had to wait a while for the list to stabilize, but here it is, enclosed, due entirely to the good graces of Betsy Gummow.

NOTICE CONCERNING THE PRELIMINARY LAB ANALYSIS COURSE

The first meeting of this course was moderately successful. Those who attended did a great deal of work and I would like to thank them for coming. By the time this reaches the press, the second session will have been held. I would like to extend an invitation to those who have not attended either of the sessions to please turn out next June 1st, 1974.

The details for the course were presented in the April issue of Arch Notes but pertinent points are repeated below in case you have misplaced that issue.

LOCATION: Scarborough College, University of Toronto, Room R-2509. This room is in the Athletic Wing of the building. On Saturday mornings, the Athletic doors are the only ones open; all the others are locked.

HOW TO GET THERE: The T.T.C. bus from York Mills subway station is fast (York Mills east to Scarborough College; a transfer is required to board the bus). It is a long ride, and if you can't bring a book, bring a friend. The bus stops at the Athletic Wing of the College; the doors to get into the building are straight ahead.

LUNCH: Bring a lunch because the cafeterias are not open.

TIME: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

DATES: June 1, July 6, August 10, September 7.

The sessions are being expanded to include discussions about various classes of artifacts. For those unacquainted with the total range of Iroquoian material, these informal discussions should prove very interesting.

If you have any questions concerning the course, contact me at 466-6527.

The July 6th session will be directed by Patsy Cook, who can be reached in the summer at 284-3153. Marti Latta will be in charge of the other sessions and you may call her at 222-4346 if you have any questions, queries, or quibbles.

Have a good summer. See you at the next session.

Mima Kapches,
Social and Programme Convenor.

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GROANER - delayed from January, compliments of C.G.

Did you hear about the student that thought he would try archaeology but quit before he'd hardly scratched the surface?

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UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

1974 CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT

For the past 6 years, the University of Calgary Archaeological Association has been hosting annual conferences on selected themes dealing both with North America and abroad. This year's 7th Annual Conference, scheduled for Nov. 15-17, will have as its theme: A SYMPOSIUM ON PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY AND ART.

Tentative sessions and workshops are to include: lithics, ceramics, metallurgy, textiles and basketry, and other aspects of prehistoric technology and art which are pertinent to archaeology. Students of art, history, classics, anthropology and archaeology are invited to participate; a multi-disciplinary approach will contribute significantly to our appreciation and understanding of the cultures under study.

We would like to hear from individuals interested in conducting a workshop, chairing a symposium, or presenting a paper. Formal calls will be issued in the near future. Let us have your suggestions as soon as possible. Address them to:

C. Arnold,
G. Reardon,
Programme Committee,
Dept. of Archaeology,
University of Calgary,
CALGARY, Alberta.

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IROQUOIS PREHISTORY SYMPOSIUM

As you will notice as you read further in this issue of Arch Notes, the O.A.S. is planning something a little different for next fall. It will be a single-day symposium on the prehistory of the Iroquois. It is hoped that we will be able to present the latest information on the status of these peoples in Ontario. It should prove to be a very exciting experience. You will be informed of more details in the September issue of Arch Notes. If you have questions, contact the Programme Co-ordinator, Mima Kapches, through the O.A.S. post-box.

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O.A.S. SPRING DIG CANCELLED

For those of you who have realized that we have not had a spring dig, it is intended that the Preliminary Laboratory Analysis Course take its place. It is time that the backlog of O.A.S. excavated material was dealt with before embarking on new projects. So, come to the sessions over the summer and help to straighten up the Lab. Details of the course are given elsewhere in this issue.

EASTERN STATES ARCHAEOLOGICAL FEDERATION

Volume II, No. I of Archaeology of Eastern North America is available to E.S.A.F. affiliate members. It contains articles on Radiocarbon Dates, Archaeology of the Greater Boston Area, and Early Archaic Peoples in Eastern North America. Individuals must order separately at \$4.00 per copy (\$3.00 if ordered before July 1st). Canadian orders are required to add 50¢ to ensure receiving the book at foreign rates.*

Indicate on your order that you are a member of the Ontario Archaeological Society, and send your U.S. money order to:
Eastern States Archaeological Federation,
Bronson Museum,
8 North Main St.,
Attleboro, Mass. 02703
U.S.A.

* The O.A.S. Executive has expressed its discontent at the surcharge but was unsuccessful in lifting it.

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COUNCIL FOR NORTHEAST HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY

The Council's semi-annual journal is published in April and November. It contains articles of interest to archaeologists and historians throughout the region, and in other parts of North America. The Council has no membership dues, and no requirements for participation in its semi-annual symposia.

Mail your 1974 subscription request to:

Gilbert Hagerty,
12 Coolidge Avenue,
Glen Falls, New York 12801
U.S.A.

The cost is \$5.00 (US) per year. Back issues (Vol. 1, No.2 and Vol. 2, No. 1) may be had for \$3.00 (US) each. Indicate if you wish to be placed on the mailing list for meeting notices.

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ROCHESTER MUSEUM AND SCIENCE CENTER

The Rochester Museum is featuring an Exhibition of pottery manufactured in the Rochester and Genesee Valley Region c.1793-1900, entitled "Clay in the Hands of the Potter". It will run until the 19th of August, 1974 at the Museum, 657 East Avenue, Rochester, N.Y. They have very kindly donated a copy of their beautifully illustrated 56-page Catalogue to the O.A.S. Library and for this we thank them.



The Ontario Archaeological Society (Inc.)

The Ontario Archaeological Society will hold a Symposium on Ontario Iroquois Prehistory on October 19, 1974. The meeting will be one day in duration and will be held in the lecture theatre of the MacLaughlin Planetarium, Toronto.

Papers of about twenty minutes in length are invited for presentation at this meeting. A title, brief abstract, and tentative notice of audio-visual requirements should be sent to:

Programme Convenor, Symposium,
Ontario Archaeological Society,
P.O. Box 241,
Postal Station "P",
Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2S8.

Unless a request is made for a particular session papers will be fitted into the programme according to topic. We would appreciate receiving titles before July 15, 1974. A formal announcement of the programme will be distributed in early September.

This marks the 24th Anniversary of the OAS and commemorates its continuing interest in the Iroquoian peoples and their prehistory.

All interested persons are cordially invited.

M.Latta

Programme Convenor,
Symposium on Ontario Iroquois Prehistory.