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This Month's Meeting

The regular monthly meetings of the Society will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of each month, commencing at 8.00pm. Beginning this month -- Wednesday, February 19 -- the meetings will be held in the lecture theatre of the McLaughlin Planetarium, Royal Ontario Museum. This, you may recall, was the location of the O.A.S.'s recent symposium on Ontario Iroquois Prehistory.

Although there is no public parking at the R.O.M., a public lot is available near the corner of Bloor St. and Avenue Rd. There is also a subway stop outside the Museum for those who wish to travel by public transportation. (Please note that trains on the University line do not operate after 9.45pm., but the subway at Yonge St. is just a short walk away.)

For those who might wish to visit the Museum before the meetings the building is open until 9.0pm. on Wednesdays. No entrance fee is charged after 5.0pm.

Speaker at the meeting on February 19 will be Dr. Peter Storck, President of the Ontario Archaeological Society. His subject will be "Early Man in Ontario".

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IN MEMORIAM

Fritz Knechtel is dead; kinsmen and friends must bear the loss. An important segment of the prehistory of Ontario, however, will stand as a lasting memorial to the foresight and perseverance of this truly exceptional man. Through cooperation with professional archaeologists, students, and non-professionals, by the all-encompassing political use of his tireless typewriter, and by a rare honest charm he was the catalyst that resulted in the prehistory of Bruce County being the best understood in the province. His dogged prodding of indifference and bureaucracy in the name of preservation and enlightenment stands as a model for us. There is no question in my mind that if each county and district of this province had possessed their Fritz Knechtel we would be far in advance of our present level of knowledge and, in addition, a number of vehicles for the preservation and development of the ever dwindling prehistoric resource would be developed. Fritz Knechtel made things happen and as a result his spirit continues to be viable.

James V. Wright

General Meeting - January 15, 1975

This, the first meeting of our 25th anniversary year, was also the 200th general meeting of the Society.

Mr. Charles Garrad officially introduced the new O.A.S. President - Dr. Peter Storck - and retired (with relief, perhaps?) from his own strenuous and successful presidential year. There is no doubt that in the new position of 'Past President' his services will still be much sought after by the Society.

In his opening address, Dr. Storck emphasized that he would do all in his power to forward the aims of the Society and to increase the productive relationship between the amateur and the professional archaeologist.

Speaker for the evening, Dr. J.N. Emerson, gave an interesting talk on the history of the first 24 years of the Society. Complete with facts and figures - lists of charter members, presidents, membership figures since 1951, an analysis of the Society's publications - he agreed that much of the original dream had been achieved, but that a lot still remains to be done.

One of his final points was on the necessity for the Society to have a "place of its own" but how that was to be managed, he did not know.

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Memo from the Membership Committee

Re: 1975 Dues

Membership fees for 1975 are now overdue, and for those of you who have not renewed, this will be your last issue of ARCH NOTES.

Membership fees for the year are as follows: Active - \$6.00, Family - \$8.00, Institutional - \$10.00, and Life - \$100.00. If you have forgotten to send these in, your prompt remittance now will ensure continuity of your membership.

If you're still waiting for your receipt and membership card, rest assured that these will be in the mail as soon as possible (hopefully before our Treasurer is admitted to the Maternity ward of Toronto General Hospital).

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"The citizen and amateur archaeologist then is not only a worker whose aim is to excavate so that he recovers artifacts within their association, but a member of a scientific community committed to standards of ethics and performance."

from p. 17 "Beginner's Guide to Archaeology" by Louis A. Brennan, 1973.

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M C M A S T E R U N I V E R S I T Y

The McMaster University Anthropology Society is holding an Archaeological Symposium/Workshop at McMaster University (Arts III, B122) on Saturday, February 15. Admission is free to members of the Ontario Archaeological Society.

The tentative program is outlined as follows:

- 9:15 a.m. Dr. W.C. Noble, Department of Anthropology,
McMaster University: call to order and opening
remarks.
- 9:30 Mr. V.A. Konrad, Department of Geography,
McMaster University: Pedology and Iroquois
Settlement Archaeology.
- 10:00 Dr. P.L. Storck, Office of the Chief Archaeologist,
Royal Ontario Museum: Early Man in Ontario:
Retrospect and Prospect.
- 10.30 Coffee break
- 10.45 Dr. W.B. Roosa, Department of Anthropology,
University of Waterloo: Paleo-Indian in South-
western Ontario.
- 11.45 Mr. C. Garrad: Understanding the Petun in 1975.
- 12.00 Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Dr. J.N. Emerson, Department of Anthropology,
University of Toronto: Intuitive Archaeology:
Pragmatic Applications.
- 1:30 Film on Intuitive Archaeology.
- 2:30 Dr. W. Hurley, Department of Anthropology,
University of Toronto: Use and abuse of computer
assisted research.
- 3:00 Mr. I Kenyon, Department of Anthropology,
McMaster University: Social Life of Flint Chips.
- 3:30 Dr. J.V. Wright, Head, Scientific Section, National
Museums of Canada: Prehistory of the Shield.

If driving from Toronto take the QEW to Hwy. 403; then take the Main St. West exit, turn left at Main St., turn right at Newton or Dromore and follow to Sterling. Follow Sterling into McMaster where signs will be posted for parking and directions to Arts III, B122.

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THE SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY

A 'Call for Papers' is being made by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology for its 46th annual meeting. The meeting is being held at East Stroudsburg State College, East Stroudsburg, Pa. on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 25, 26 and 27, 1975. Presentations will be limited to 25 minutes. Anyone wishing to present a paper should send a 25 - 50 word abstract to Mrs. Ellnor Fehr, 323 Broadway, Bangor, Pa. 18042, together with a black and white photograph for publication and details of any presentation needs. All slides will be screened on a Kodak Carousel projector. Exhibit space is available if needed.

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