The next monthly meeting of the Ontario Archaeological Society will be held on FRIDAY, March 23 at 8 p.m. It will be at Falconer Hall, 84 Queen's Park Cres., Toronto.

We are endeavouring to make the meetings as interesting as possible by inviting guest speakers to address the members. Business meetings can be dull but they are a necessary evil and since this is a Democracy, the Executive can do nothing without your approval and so -- we have business meetings.

However, in order to stimulate interest in these meetings, prominent men in the field of anthropology, archaeology and related sciences have been contacted by the O.A.S. and they have very graciously agreed to give of their most valuable time and knowledge.

Now, it is only 'fitten' that we inconvenience ourselves, by deviating from the second Tuesday of the month in order to accommodate these unselfish men. They are extremely interested in the work which the O.A.S. is doing in Ontario, so let us demonstrate our appreciation to these guest speakers by turning out en masse. Bring along your friends, your cousins and your uncles and your aunts.

Our guest speaker of the month will be Dr. George Lechler of Wayne University. His topic will be 'Life in a Hunting Camp 110,000 B.C.' as compared with Life Magazine's series 'Epic of Man' Part III in the Feb. 27th. issue. This site was discovered in what is now Salzgitter, Germany.

Dr. Lechler is connected chiefly with the History Department of Wayne University but also teaches Fine Arts and Educational Psychology. Apart from all this, he has television programs - one on Saturday afternoon from Detroit. As busy as Dr. Lechler is, he is making this trip especially for us, the members of the O.A.S. The greatest tribute to a good cook is a loud 'burp' (in Turkey, that is) and it follows that a large audience is the greatest tribute to a speaker. See you at the meeting.

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GREAT NEWS  Dr. Emerson's book "A Guide to the Ceramic Analysis of Iroquois Pottery" will be in the hands of the printers by the time this bulletin reaches you. It has been a long hard struggle but thanks to your donations, (along with outside monetary aid) and the pre-sale, it is almost a reality.

Members who have purchased same by pre-sale will receive their copy as soon as our publication committee releases them.
MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW OWING - $3.00 for active members, $2.00 associate membership, $5.00 for family membership (husband and wife) and $3.00 institutional membership. Our fiscal year is from January 1st. to December 31st. and according to the constitution, fees 'shall be payable not later than February of every year'.

Please remember your dues on March 23 or mail same to the Corresponding Secretary.

The February meeting was quite a success and our thanks to Mr. Robert Dailey for his most delightful talk on Archaeology in Quetico Park.

Thought you might be interested in knowing that one of the guests at the meeting made a donation to the O.A.S. as his 'thank-you' for an enjoyable evening and several others enquired if there was a silver collection.

Therefore, if outsiders appreciate our meetings to the extent of wishing to pay for the privilege of attending, you, the members, should turn out in great hordes, for free.

LITERATURE Available to the members at the next meeting will be - Krieger Report 'A Woodland Site near Chatham' by Kenneth E. Kidd .35¢ ea. Lawson Prehistoric Village Site by Wintemberg .25¢ ea.

NEW MEMBERS We are very happy to welcome 2 active members and an institution into our fold, namely -

Miss Mary Gemmill, Mr. Rufus Churcher and The Bruce County Historical Museum. Right at the moment I don't remember if Rev. W.A. Russell and Mr. William S. Donaldson were welcomed - if not welcome?

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Our membership is growing but we would like many more - have you any friends who are interested in archaeology. Why not tell them about the O.A.S. - better still, bring them along to the next meeting and let them decide for themselves.

ODDS AND ENDS DEPARTMENT - sorry to be a little tardy with these tidbits but here are some of the articles which we encountered in the newspapers, on the air etc. - - -
2) In January there were articles concerning the Sea Scrolls which were found in the ruins of Qumran near the Dead Sea. The Viking Press has published an account of this archaeological find under the title "The Dead Sea Scrolls" by Millar Burrows.

3) Then we ran across "Ancient Oven Containing Baked Tablets" (again in the Star Weekly - date forgotten) concerning a collection of clay tablets found in ancient ovens, similar in design to the bread ovens in use by village Arabs today. These tablets may hold the secret of the last days of the Kingdom of Ugarit more than 3,200 years. French archaeologists are working this site at Ras Shamra, Syria.

4) The Edmonton Journal published on Dec. 9 - another interesting article "Stone 'Documents' Revealed". This tells of one of the most original libraries in the world containing documents written 2,500 years ago, which has been opened in Athens. It is a "Library of Stone" exhibiting some 6,700 ancient marble inscriptions unearthed in the past 31 years by American Archaeologists.

The "Documents" were found in the Agora, the ancient market place of classical Athens, under the shadow of the Acropolis, the centre of Athenian life at the time of the great ancient philosophers.

The library of stone has been housed in an original building; it is the basement of a 2,114 year old structure, the Stoa of Attalos, now being rebuilt to its ancient design and with the same materials used over 21 centuries ago.

5) We heard over the C.B.C. on Feb. 18th. a talk by Mr. Miller Stewart (Millar Stuart??) on the subject "The Islands I Know" in which he referred to the archaeological excavation at Shegundiah on Manitoulin Island. Many members of the C.A.S. have a soft spot in their hearts for Sheg. - a lot of work but what a beautiful island.

For reference reading may we suggest "Indians of Canada" - 3rd. edition by Diamond Jenness.

1) Under the by-line "These Eskimos were Giants" in the Star Weekly of Dec. 31 was a write-up of the expedition to the Canadian north which included our Prof. Emerson and James Wright.

The April meeting will be on the 10th. the second Tuesday.

May I publicly thank Miss Ruth Marshall for pinch-hitting for me last month. Many thanks.

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