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Township Library, Mrs Ruth Snider, Miss Ruth Lynn Snider, and
Mr S Vanderlaan. We're glad to have you taking part, and hope
you continue to enjoy our activities.

The revised, full membership list, starts on page 11.

Enclosed with your Arch Notes this issue you'll find
other publications: ESAF Bulletin #21, and a booklet called
"Canoe Routes of the Voyaguer", given to us courtesy of the
Royal Canadian Geographical Society. Our own Publication #7
(new series B-2) is expected out early in June, and will be
forwarded under separate cover.

A limited number of copies of a report on "The
Portage Site" have been forwarded to us by the Buffalo and Erie
County Historical Society, and were put on sale for 25¢ at the
May General Meeting. Anyone else who wishes a copy should
contact Publications Chairman Paul Karrow, at the address given
above.
Since our last quarterly newsletter, we have held three General Meetings. The first two included speakers, while the final one was designated Slide Night.

Speaker at the March meeting was Dr C S (Rufus) Churcher, of the University of Toronto, who described two excavations to us: the Hungry Hall Site on Rainy River, which was dug by himself and Walter Kenyon of the Royal Ontario Museum; and the Fort Albany Site, at the mouth of the Albany River on James Bay.

The Hungry Hall Site consisted of two mounds, about a mile from the mouth of Rainy River. The one which was opened in this excavation was about 60 feet in diameter, and about 30 inches high. A trench cut through the centre turned up artifacts which included Laurel and Black Duck pottery, and revealed a pit, slightly eccentric to the centre of the mound. The pit was excavated to a depth of nine feet.

The depth of the deposit had apparently protected it from pot-hunters; at the bottom of the pit was found an undisturbed collection of skulls and other bones, arranged in clusters, and accompanied by artifacts, under a collapsed roofing of logs. The skulls, some of which were broken in a way that suggested cannibalism, were packed with clay. White discoidal beads had been inserted into the clay in the orbits, and slits inscribed in the clay at the nasal apertures. The skulls had been covered with red ochre.

A carbon 14 date of 1200 AD was obtained; and the style of artifacts suggests that this was an Assiniboine site, used during their transitional state from woodlands to prairie.

Only the north third of the fort on the Albany River has been excavated so far; so conclusions are still tentative. From records we know that the British built the fort; it was taken by the French and partly destroyed; then the British recovered and rebuilt it. The date "1692" was found engraved in the lead of one of the windows; so we know that the fort was at least this early. It is thought that the first construction was around 1670.

The complementary workings of archeology and history were demonstrated by the discovery of some floor tiles made of a rock which does not occur naturally in this country; history explained their importation from England; and archeology confirmed written tradition with this physical evidence.
At our April meeting, Professor T F McIlwraith, Head of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto, addressed us on the subject of one of Canada's outstanding archeologists: W J Wintemberg. Professor McIlwraith traced Wintemberg's career from his days as a metalsmith's apprentice, when he used to cycle around Southern Ontario on weekends, tracing down Indian sites, through his days with the National Museum. In spite of life-long ill health, Wintemberg took part in most of the important excavations in eastern Canada, up to the time of his death in 1941; Hoebuck, the first important site in Ontario, he excavated almost single-handed; Wintemberg's book Distinguishing Features of Algonkian and Iroquois Pottery has been a standard text since he published it in 1929.

At Professor McIlwraith's request, Dr C H D Clark, who had also had a personal acquaintance with Wintemberg, added a few anecdotes of this man and of the National Museum during his time there, including the notorious episode of the moving of Parliament, which was summarily housed in the National Museum building when fire destroyed the Parliament Buildings; the transfer was quite smooth except for the little detail of a sign being left in the room designated for the Senate, reading: "Fossil Invertebrates - Temporary Exhibit".

Members interested in reading further about Wintemberg were referred by Professor McIlwraith to Nancy Swartz's book The Man Hunters.

Slide Night in May gave us a view of artifacts and of previous digs, including pictures of soil markings.

Bone lab was held in March and April. In the final session we were taken through the pages of an exam which had been given to some student earlier that day. We hope they did far better than we did!

The Northeastern Anthropological Conference was held at Sydney Smith Hall, U of T, on the weekend of 14-15 April. A number of archeological subjects was included, among them one by new member Peter Pratt, on "A Two-component Historic Mohawk Cemetery", and one by Dr Churcher on the Rainy River Mounds.

On the Saturday evening, Conference delegates attended a dinner at a downtown-Toronto Chinese restaurant, where discussion was even more animated than it had been in coffee-breaks during the day.

We were pleased to see that more than a dozen of our members were able to attend the Conference, including some out-of-town members.
On the weekend of 12-13 May we concluded part of the
project to develop a new computer system. The system
will be able to provide a data base for the
inventory and management of materials. We will also use
this data base to manage the entire project. Therefore,
we decided to proceed with the development of the
system. On 14 May, the project team met to discuss
the details of the development plan. The team agreed
on the following schedule:

- Week 1: Design and implementation of the database
- Week 2: Development of the user interface
- Week 3: Integration testing
- Week 4: Uploading and implementation

The team is currently working on the design of the
database. They have identified the necessary fields and
are working on the logical design. The team will
meet again next week to review the progress and
make any necessary adjustments.
proved sufficiently rich that permission was obtained from the
owner, Mr Ken Reesor, to return the following weekend to
come work on the midden. On the next Sunday, therefore, we
came again, for a long, hot, windy, and very dirty day.

"Even" of the dig was the discovery, first weekend,
of a spotted salamander peacefully ensconced in the middle of
a square; he was gently removed - more by the "potting" method
than the "pedestal" method, we fear - promptly named "Oas", and
taken home by Ken Tilley.

Our transit, newly adjusted, was put to good use in a
preliminary survey of the site by Paul Karrow and Bill Donaldson,
and also during the first day's work, when several members
helped Bill complete the surveying. A suggestion was put
forward by Frank Mac that training in the use of the transit
might be given during next season. If there is sufficient
interest in this project, the executive will arrange for the
lessons.

Our finds on the dig were middle period Iroquoian
pottery, including neck-decorated and high collared, fragments
of trumpet pipe bowls and stems, a greenstone chisel, a stemmed
projectile point, a hammerstone, tubular beads of bird bone,
an assortment of mammal and fish bone - and a seemingly endless
confusion of groundhog burrows! We appreciated the softer
digging they provided, but they had their drawbacks - as when,
during the intervening week, some cows (presumably) trampled
one sidewalk right down into a stretch of the burrow. And
again, as we were trying, at the last minute, to clear out the
remaining important areas before backfilling, one member with
more enthusiasm than sense went through an ash pit and on down
a burrow, to 36", before having to give up for lack of reach.
Most of the squares, however, were only 15" - 24" down... quite
enough when you're backfilling.

News of Members

Our congratulations go to Ross Channen, owner-curator
of the Strathaven Indian Museum, on his appointment as Director
of the new Simcoe County Museum, which is scheduled to open in
the first week of July. Ross's collection is to be incorporated
in the Archeology section of the new museum, along with parts of
the collections of A F Hunter and Dr Evans, two of Ontario's
carlier historians. Other archeological material will also be
on display; and in addition, the museum will show the pioneer
life of Simcoe County up to about 1900.
Aircraft accidents frequently occur due to a lack of training or experienced pilots. The incident described involved a small airplane with a young pilot who was not properly trained. The pilot, despite having a license, lacked the necessary experience to handle the aircraft in turbulent conditions.

The accident occurred during a flight from a small airport to a larger one. The pilot was known for his risky behavior and disregard for safety protocols. Witnesses reported seeing the airplane oscillate uncontrollably before it crashed into a field during landing.

Emergency services were called immediately, but unfortunately, the pilot did not survive the impact. The accident highlighted the importance of thorough training and the dangers of inexperienced pilots. Investigations into the incident are ongoing to determine the exact cause and prevent similar incidents in the future.
Ancient history lies beneath our feet. Many of us are aware of this fact, and have pondered what might be discovered by investigating the soil upon which we walk, construct our buildings, and upon which the farmer cultivates. Such information may be gained through the medium of archaeology, which is the piecing together of the life and culture of early man, bit by bit, by careful excavation. This information is obtained through the scientific excavation of camps and habitation sites, and the subsequent evaluation of the material so found.

Today, not only the professional with his college degree is accepted in the archaeological field, but so also is the well-trained and experienced non-professional. The latter can play an important and necessary role in supplementing the work of the universities and museums, which obviously cannot cover this extensive field in its entirety. The value of this type of non-professional has long been recognized in the United States, and is slowly increasing in Canada.

The phrase "well-trained non-professional" is one that is not idly selected. It does not apply to an individual who is merely interested in digging up "Indian relics", disregarding entirely their relationship to their location in the ground. Rather, it refers to a person specifically instructed and experienced in the numerous phases of excavation.

Initially, the inexperienced layman can participate by reporting sites to the local museum or organized archaeological association in his area. One of the aims of the Ontario Archaeological Society is to guide those who are willing to accept direction and training in archaeological techniques.

Archaeology no longer is, nor does it need to be, for the professional only. It is by the teamwork of the professional archaeologist and the trained non-professional that much can be done to advance the knowledge of history through archaeology.

**Coming Events**

The ESAF informs us that its 1962 Annual Meeting will be held at the University of Georgia, in Athens, Georgia, on 10-11 November. Further details are promised us in September.

We are tentatively planning to hold a joint meeting here with the Morgan Chapter of the NYSS, sometime in October. This means we will probably have our First General Meeting of the next season in September. A notice will be sent.
We would like to take this opportunity to remind our members that we have a fairly extensive library, available for your use. A list of titles follows; if you would like to read any of these books, pamphlets, etc, Mary passes on this word:

"For those members living in the Toronto district a phone call prior to a regular meeting is all that is required. The publication you requested will be delivered to you at the meeting.

"For members who live outside Toronto, publications will be mailed on request. Publications may be borrowed for a period of one month from date of receipt and if lost or damaged must be replaced or the value must be paid to the Society."

She adds: "The librarian would be happy to receive books, copies of newsletters from archeological societies of which you may be a member, or clippings from the press or magazines on archeological matters or personalities." Requests or donations may be sent to the librarian at the above address.

"Recommended reading: The Swan Lake Site and The Brock Street Burial by Walter Kenyon, ROM Art & Arch Division, 1961.

"Recommended for your library - Indian Rock Paintings of the Great Lakes by Selwyn Dewdney and Kenneth E. Kidd. U of T Press, 1962. A book with beautiful drawings and photographs culminating several years of work and travel by Selwyn Dewdney. The excellent text is by Kenneth Kidd. This book was the subject of a display at the Royal Ontario Museum, early this year."

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