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HIGHLIGHTS:

- * Preliminary reports on several summer digs
- * Details of a tour to Italy and Greece
- * Outline of forthcoming lectures
- * Notes on current archaeology books

N. Russell,
Editor

S.F.U. ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH - SUMMER, 1968

Simon Fraser University undertook Archaeological projects in the following three localities in British Columbia during the summer of 1968: Mayne Island, Dean Channel, and Lillooet.

The important site at Helen Point on Mayne Island was investigated by the Archaeological Field School under the direction of Dr. Roy L. Carlson. Thirteen students participated in this combined teaching and research project.

The final classification of the material found must await detailed laboratory study, but at present at least three phases of prehistoric Indian culture at the site can be delimited. The earliest phase (which is so far unnamed) is estimated to have begun about 3000 B.C. It is characterized by abundant flaked stone points and scrapers, pebble choppers, chipped slate artifacts, bilaterally barbed antler harpoons, antler wedges and extended burials. Once the artifacts have been studied it may be possible to subdivide this phase.

The next main phase present is the Marpole phase estimated at about 300 B.C. to 300 A.D. in time. Abundant flaked stone tools, ground slate points, adze blades, wedges, labrets, unilaterally barbed harpoons, zoomorphic art and other artifacts are present. Following the Marpole phase, the portion of the site we excavated had been abandoned and only later reoccupied.

The final phase present at the site in prehistoric times is the San Juan phase which is identifiable with the protohistoric culture of the Straits Salish Indians who are known to have occupied parts of the Gulf Islands in historic times. This phase is characterized by absence of flaked stone points and by presence of numerous bone barbs for composite fish hooks.

S.F.U. also conducted an archaeological survey from Ocean Falls to Bella Coola under the direction of Professor Philip Hobler. Thirty-five sites were discovered including an underwater midden in which normally perishable materials including a basketry hat had been preserved. Plans are underway for excavations in this locality next summer.

The third S.F.U. project was the salvaging of an early historic Indian burial site near Lillooet reported to the university after amateurs had dug into it. The human bones scattered over the surface were collected and three undisturbed burials and a number of artifacts were recovered. James Baker and Arnoud Stryd who undertook this work are presently preparing a report on it.

(Roy L. Carlson)

MARMES MAN RESCUE DIG

Still got a week of vacation time left? Visitors are welcome at a rescue dig being conducted in Palouse Falls State Park, if you feel like the 500-mile drive. Washington State University archaeologists have been working since April, when traces of Marmes man were found in Palouse Canyon, due to be flooded for a dam project by the end of this year. (There is a chance a coffer dam will be built to protect the site.)

Work centers on a 12,000-year-old midden in a rock shelter.

The route: Head for the park, near Washtucna, Washington, and continue past the Falls turnoff almost down to river level. Under a railroad trestle, then take the second dirt road to the left.

TOUR OF ITALY AND GREECE

Tentative plans for a 20-day visit to archaeological sites in Italy and Greece are being made, dependent upon the amount of interest shown. The trip is estimated to cost about \$872 including travel, hotels and tours, which is considerably less than a similar trip taken independently. It would include: Vatican Museum, tour of Rome, an Etruscan Tour, Pompeii, Capri, Naples, Florence, Siena, tour of Athens, Cape Sounion, Corinth, Mycenae, Sparta, Olympia, Delphi, a cruise to Aegina and Hydra, and much else.

Interested? Contact Miss Gladys Groves, 681-1456. As this is not a charter flight, membership in the Society is not necessary to participate.

PROTECTION OF SITES AND ARTIFACTS

The Society has formed a committee, headed by Bill Lane, to study the implementation of existing laws for protection of B.C. archaeological sites, to consider methods of preventing the export of artifacts, and to investigate possible new legislation at provincial or federal levels.

Suggestions welcome. The committee would also like to hear of relevant cases, past, present or future.

A new society, with aims apparently similar to the committee's, has just been formed in Victoria. Called the Archaeological Society of Vancouver Island and led by Evert van Adrichem of Brentwood, it held its first meeting November 13.

1968/69 LECTURES

- Dec. 11 Dr. Malcolm McGregor, Head of Classics Department,
U.B.C.
Subject: Greece, Ancient and Modern
- Jan. 8 Dr. Hanna E. Kassis, Department of Religious
Studies, U.B.C.
Subject: The Phoenicians in the West
- Feb. 12 Mr. Wilson Duff, Associate Professor of
Anthropology, U.B.C.
Subject: To be announced
- Mar. 12 Dr. Carl E. Borden, Department of Anthropology
and Sociology, U.B.C.
Subject: New Evidence of Prehistoric Cultural Relations
between Eurasia and Western North America
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AIA TALK ON HOPEWELLIAN CULTURE

Dr. Roy Carlson of S.F.U. has extended an invitation on behalf of the Archaeological Institute of America to all members of our Society to attend a talk by Professor J. B. Griffin of the University of Michigan. Time and Place: 8:30 p.m. on Monday, November 18 at Simon Fraser University, Room 3003.

The subject of the talk being given by this noted authority will be the Hopewellian Culture, which should be of particular interest to all members in view of the similarity in time with some of our B.C. prehistory.

It is suggested that the student parking lot at the east end of the campus be used, as this affords easy access to the 3rd floor of the University where the lecture will be held.

SUGGESTED REFERENCES

All the publications listed here may be ordered directly from the publisher. Prices are included where available.

CULTURES OF THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST by Philip Drucker. 1965. Science Research Associates, Inc., 44 Prince Andrew Pl., Don Mills, Ont. Paper \$3.50 Cloth \$6.00 243 pp.

A general text-book on the Indian cultures from Alaska to Oregon. The first five chapters give a comprehensive overview of North Pacific Coast cultures--habitat, economy, technology, social and political organization, religion and ritual, and population and culture subdivisions. In the other chapters the full range and diversity of Indian culture are sampled, from the whale hunts of the Nootka to the feuds, wars and legal institutions of the Yurok. The final chapter discusses acculturation among the peoples of the area.

INDIANS OF THE NORTH PACIFIC COAST by Tom McFeat. 1966. McClelland & Stewart, Toronto. Paper \$2.65 Cloth \$5.95 286 pp.

This collection of essays offers a many-faceted view of the cultures of the Tlingit, the Haida, the Tsimshian, the Bella Coola, the Kwakiutl, the Nootka, and the Salish--Indian tribes from the Canadian border area of Juan de Fuca Strait to Yakutat Bay in southeastern Alaska. McFeat has assembled major writings from this field of study by some 17 noted authorities. The selections are as engaging as they are informative. Many of the essays have been rescued from out-of-print volumes and hard-to-find journals.

INDIAN PRIMITIVE by Ralph W. Andrews. 1960. Superior Publishing Co., Seattle, Wash. Paper

A remarkable photographic portrayal, with informative text, of the Northwest Coast Indians. Drawn from photos taken mainly by Curtis at the end of the 19th century, it shows the early coastal Indians as they lived at the time the White man found them.

PICTOGRAPHS (INDIAN ROCK PAINTINGS) IN THE INTERIOR OF B.C. VERNON J. Corner, Court House, Vernon, B.C. 1968. Paper \$4.00 131 pp.

MAN THE TOOL MAKER by Kenneth Oakley. 1959. Museum of the American Indian, New York, N.Y. Paper \$1.95 159 pp.

A richly illustrated basic introduction into the prehistory and recent development of implement making.

NEW PERSPECTIVES IN ARCHAEOLOGY by Lewis and Sally Binford. 1968. Aldine Publishing Co., Chicago, Illinois. Cloth \$9.75 416 pp.

A collection of original papers emphasizing and demonstrating how archaeological theory can be used to ask new questions of data and how new methods of analysis can yield testable results, providing important and sometimes controversial insight into the current debate about what archaeology is and does.

(Art Davies)

MUSEUMS ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP

All members of the Archaeological Society are also members of the Vancouver Museums Association and can visit the new Museum or the Maritime Museum free at any time. Why not take advantage of this privilege and spend an afternoon or evening viewing the splendid exhibits in our beautiful new Museum. There is, of course, one section devoted exclusively to the archaeological prehistory of British Columbia. The Museum is open from noon to 10 p.m. Monday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

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NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members who have joined since September 1st:

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