

Indian artifacts from Halton Hills pride of Limehouse's John Michie

by Denis Gibbons
The next time you're walking down Guelph Street in Georgetown, imagine yourself between rows of longhouses with campfires burning outside them.

They were there one time, part of an Indian campground, says Indian artifact collector John Michie of Limehouse, who has discovered 19 campsites in the Acton-Georgetown-Milton triangle of Esqueping township.

"There were also campsites where the towns of Acton and Milton are now," adds Michie, who has had enough experience searching Indian campsites that he can now sit down and visualize almost exactly where the 65 foot longhouses were situated and burial grounds exist.

He has drawn sketches of some campsites which he claims were almost always located close to a source of water for obvious reasons or

on a hill as protection against enemy ambush.

"My uncle showed me an arrowhead once. He told me where he thought I would be able to find one like it. He was right and I was hooked," says John about his interesting hobby.

Fills five cases
That was 11 years ago and today artifacts he has discovered in the 19 campsites fill five display cases and several more drawers in the recreation room of the Michie home.

One case contains only sample pieces of pottery, another metal tools and instruments used by the Indians, another finely like beads, pipes and wampum yet another arrowheads, war-points and axeheads.

Most of the material belonged to the Attarandawaks (Neutrals) who inhabited this area well before the arrival of the white man in 1600. It is between 600

and 1200 years old. Iroquois and Huron pieces of pottery, distinguished from that of the Attarandawaks by their cord design and cornices respectively, are also part of the Michie collection. Indian fingerprints can be seen on some of them.

In addition to wampum made out of shells, which were likely gained in trade with tribes living near the ocean, John owns items that tell something about what life was like in those days in what is now Esqueping township. He has a sizeable collection of bears' teeth, and a moose antler, which indicates moose dwelled here then.

Other artifacts like pieces of dutch pottery and a catmillite stone, which John discovered in the area tell a story of how local tribes traded with settlers in what is now the U.S.A. The Dutch settled in New York state and one of few catmillite stone deposits is located in

Pipestone, Ohio.

Trading with collectors like himself has brought John a piece of quartz-like material from Manitoulin Island which has been authenticated by experts as being 10,000 years old and an Indian war-point from Saskatchewan which is between eight and 10 thousand years old.

One of Michie's most interesting discoveries took five years to complete.

"I found a pipe bowl in a campsite one day and five years later I discovered the stem that matched it perfectly in a pile of refuse only a few feet away," John explains.

Largest 25 acres
Of the 19 campsites John has discovered, the largest covers 25 acres and probably had a population of 200 people. Understandably John is reluctant to reveal the exact location of any. Many are on private property and although he is now a well-known collector, permission

to search some lands was not easily obtained at first.

Recently, Sheridan College has taken an interest in the area. John has also had representatives of museums, prominent collectors and professors from Ohio University out to see his collection.

What would he like to see become of the collection? Not have it carted off to some national museum in Ottawa, that's for sure. He has been asked to join archeological societies, but so far has avoided that.

"You can buy this stuff anywhere in the U.S.," John concedes. "But when you see the campsite that it came from and you know how much of the total remains there, there's not enough for people to be peddling it around from the area it belongs in."

He says he would turn it over only to a museum in this area.

"It's the people right in this area that should get the

benefit out of it, unless out of a wealth of material some pieces could be taken elsewhere," he maintains.

John prizes the endeavor that has gone into each and every piece he has collected.

"Each one was made by a human being using the simplest of tools and strictly apart from the white man," he explains. "You look at these things sometimes and wonder how stupid can we be?"

Still searching the surfaces of some campsites, John is now looking for traces of migratory tribes who started out in Siberia, travelled down the Pacific coast to Mexico and back up some 2000 years ago.

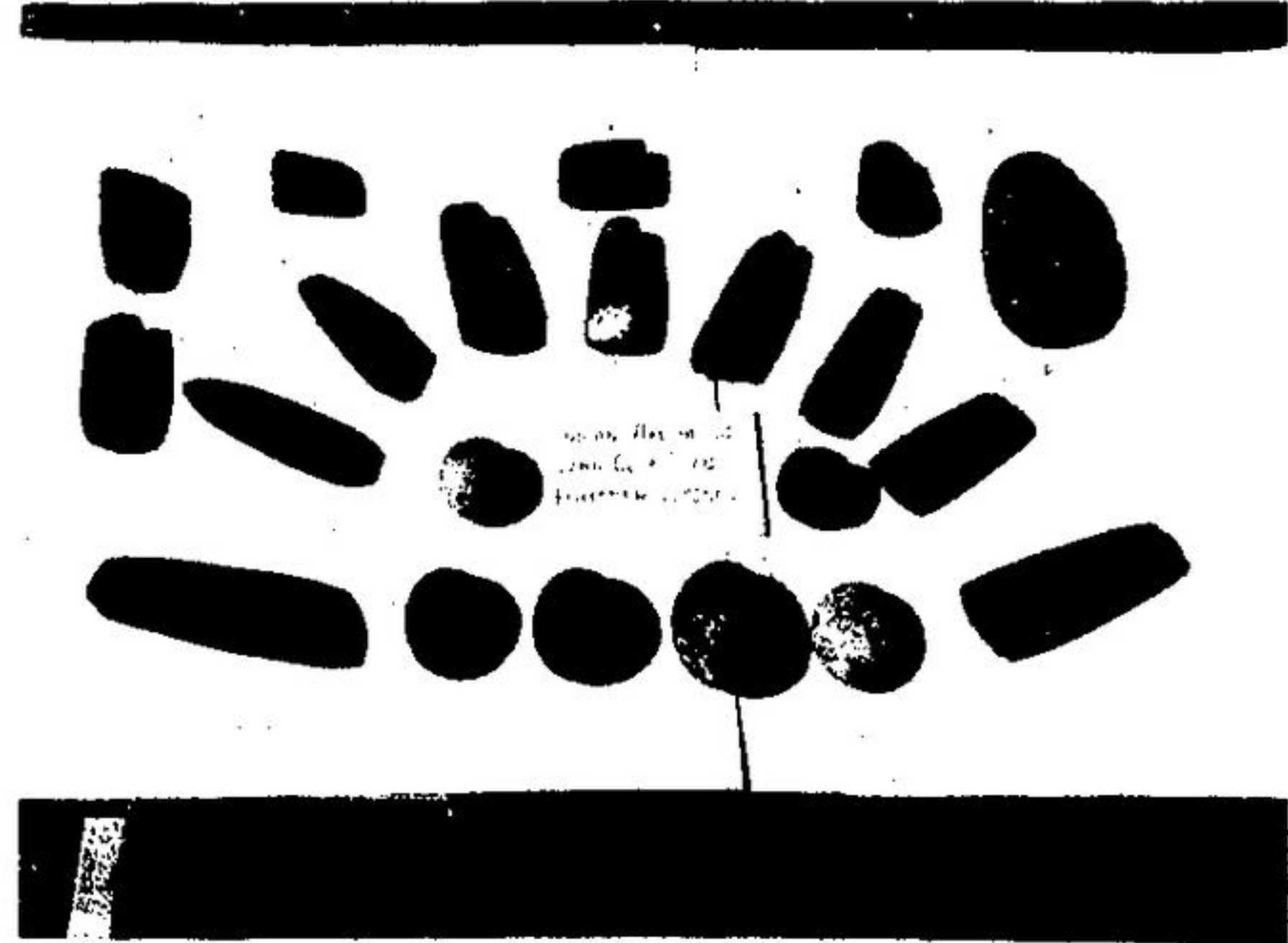
He uses the book "Indians of Canada" by Diamond Jenness for historical reference. Some of his discoveries have been made on the surface of the land or in plowed fields. For other finds he has had to dig down three or four feet.



INDIAN ARTIFACT collector John Michie points out the general area of Halton Hills Indian campsites to interested listeners at the recent Halton Antique Arms' Collectors' Show in Acton.



PIPE bowls and faces carved out of stone are in the Michie collection.



AXE and hammer heads of every description were used by the Indians.

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Raiders lose to Oakville

Oakville Adanacs whipped Georgetown Raiders for the fourth time in six games this season 8-3 in Oakville Sunday night. Raiders have lost all four games they've played at the Oakville arena.

Georgetown Raiders have used a total of 27 players so far this year in an effort to advance in the O.H.A. Intermediate "A" standings.

Wearing Raider red and white at various times this year have been goalies Bruce Jackson, Rick Jones and Ron Boomer, defencemen Bill Currie, Dave McMenemy, John Boyce, Neil Cotton, Jim Blair, Bill Johnson, Rick McClocklin, Art Webster and Wayne Davidson and forwards Junior Tibbetts, Tom Gilbert, Doug Tate, Jim Prosser, Ray Evans, Don Norton, John Moro, Ray Tonelli, Al Sitt, Duane Rutley, Doug Selby, Jeff Nicholson, John Falcon, Don Holledge and Paul Robinson.

"NOTE CHANGE OF MEETING PLACE"

THE ANNUAL MEETING

of the
Acton Agricultural Society

will be held on
Monday Evening, January 21st, 1974

at 7.30 p.m.

at the Acton Arena

Anyone interested is invited to attend.

THE SECRETARY

Raiders top Dunnville

Georgetown Raiders fired 61 shots at Dunnville goalie Tom Bowker here Friday on their way to an 8-5 triumph over the Mudecats in O.H.A. Intermediate "A" action. Raiders have now won all

three games they've played against Dunnville.

After a 2-2 first period stalemate, Raiders outscored the visitors 4-2 in the second frame to take a 6-4 lead.

Doug Selby was named first

star of the game by the Raider Hooster Club for his two goal effort. Jim Prosser, Tom Gilbert, Doug Tate, Ray Tonelli, Ray Evans and Junior Tibbetts tallied the other Georgetown goals.

Lake Simcoe tops for ice fishermen

Tibbetts, Neil Cotton and Bill Currie earned a pair of assists each.

Bill Adlam scored twice for Dunnville. Pete Ververgaert, brother of Dennis of the Vancouver Canucks had a goal and three assists and George Farnham and Ken Austin a goal apiece.

Raiders served 10 of the game's 19 penalties.

One of the best spots for winter ice-fishing is Lake Simcoe where each year more than 4,000 fish huts dot the frozen lake.

A variety of sport fish is available, including lake trout, whitefish, herring and perch.

Bait and tackle can be purchased at stores in the fish-hut colony. Tie-ups and rods

can be rented.

Rented huts, located in a choice area and moved from time to time as the fish move, are equipped with bunks and lanterns for round-the-clock fishing.

Other Ontario lakes popular with winter fishermen are Lake Couchiching and Lake Nipissing.

Tri-county all-stars blanked in games

York-Simcoe Minor Hockey League all-star teams swept both ends of the annual "dream game" doubleheader against the best of the Tri-county Minor Hockey League Sunday.

The juvenile all-stars from York-Simcoe grabbed a 5-2 first period lead and coasted to a 9-5 win over the Tri-county team in front of 200 fans at Georgetown Memorial Arena Sunday afternoon.

Kirby of Georgetown picked up one assist.

Referee Bruce Lewis and Fred Yates handed out 10 minor penalties to Tri-county and six to York-Simcoe. George Cousens of Georgetown also received a misconduct.

The Tri-county lineup included five players from the Georgetown Rotary team, Brian Laird, Larry Peterson, Bill Kirby, George Cousens and Paul Thompson as well as coach Paul Robinson and manager Gary Teeter.

Goal scorers Gary Evans and Rich Crawford were the only Tri-county scorers in the midgame

the first period. Georgetown's Brian Laird took over and allowed only four goals the rest of the way.

Dave Murley and Bob Hepburn paced the York-Simcoe attack with two goals apiece. Rick Opaski, Rick Gilbert, Gord Stevenson, Dan Sommers and Hugh Matheson tallied single goals.

Hattrick
Centre Craig Hicks of Burlington bagged a hat trick for Tri-county. Claude Landry of Chinguacousy and Keith Adams of Brampton were the other T-C marksmen. Georgetown defenceman Larry Peterson assisted on two of the goals, as did Dan Nichol of Chinguacousy. Bill

York-Simcoe sharpshooters beat Tri-county starting goalie Bob Clark of Guelph five times, before Clark lifted himself at the 18:56 mark of

New advisory council on Wellington sports

Wellington residents interested in amateur sports or recreational programs will soon become familiar with the name Wellington County Sports Advisory Council according to a recent news release.

The council is an organization whose objective is to promote a broad amateur sports program within Wellington County for all its citizens and lists several ways it will carry out its objective.

municipalities were distributed and members requested to complete the survey as soon as possible.

Area grants
Bill Mitchell, executive director, gave a talk on his recent visit to Sports Ontario, an organization designed to organize, promote, encourage and maintain development excellence and participation in sports in the province. He reported satisfaction over his visit and said he had made several contacts which would be useful in the future.

Organizing and promoting clinics for players, coaches and officials; acting as a liaison between sports governing bodies and the region providing a sports directory and library services; making sporting aids available; advertising sources and resources; providing communications through newsletters, and supplying secretarial and mailing services to members; were measures listed as some of the helpful services.

Business included matters of advertising and communication with district recreation groups, and how best to employ the abilities of individuals to assist in athletic programs.

Survey forms to assess the needs of the local

He spoke briefly on a Local Initiatives Program grant he had requested regarding an area apprenticeship program he is attempting to initiate.

The committee intends to investigate grants for areas without arenas and, with the proposed program young men will hopefully take advantage of the program.

Coffee and donuts were served and thanks extended to the Elora Legion for lending its facilities.

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Following Christ's commandment to "go into all the



world and preach the Gospel" - Bob Coates has launched a television ministry. - In Music It will carry the story of Jesus' great love for men, women and children of all races and nationalities.

The Show will be called COUNTRY-GOSPEL

When interviewed Mr. Coates' comments were

Believing in one's own heart that Christ is Lord . . . that God raised Him from the dead . . . bridges the gap, and brings one back into right relationship with God. Telling others of one's faith confirms his salvation. And, it is in sharing this faith that it grows and becomes more vital, both to the believer and to the listener.

It can be seen on Cable TV in

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Guelph Kitchener Georgetown