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Had Fun Digging Indian Relics

By Caroline Ogilvy
(Continued from last week)

Besides artifacts, there are "features," as the archaeologists term unusual signs in the ground. Some of the simplest of these are rings of stones, often cracked by fire, surrounding a burned place in the ground. These were hearths, for cooking and warmth, or perhaps as watch-fires in a burial ceremony. The Burial Ground itself was the biggest, most intriguing feature. The burials looked like those of a highly developed religion — not crude, and not very superstitious. They were cremation burials, showing only a ritualistic handful of bone placed in the grave on top of a thin layer of powdered red ochre. Some times a few "cache blades" appeared with a burial as gifts to the dead, but these Indians did not believe in a use of the body after death, and so included nothing for the use of the dead in an after-life. Still, the Burial Ground was always chosen overlooking running water, so that the spirits might be happy in this beautiful place.

Since this was a camp, there was a lot more than digging, going on. First, there were the tents. Every so often, in a high wind one would fall down. That was uproarious—if you were on the outside. The tents, about 14 of them, were in a semi-circle behind the Pavilion—originally a park refreshment stand, now, our dining-hall, workroom, kitchen and even dormitory. If it rained too hard, and you had a leaky tent.

At the centre of the semi-circle was the fire-pit, where we often sat at night around a campfire and sang to the accompaniment of Dr. Emerson's guitar, and a huge drum belonging to one of the boys. Behind the kitchen was the cantankerous old woodstove on which we cooked. One cold night in a desperate survival effort, we stoked the stove till it glowed red on top. The customary raid of the kitchen had revealed nothing edible, when the pots of water kept on the stove for coffee in the morning, and hot dishwater, gave the young crowd an idea. We rummaged in the ice box for wieners, and boiled up some hot-dogs. The next morning there were four complaints about the coffee. "Wakey, wakey," was at 7.30, when the early rising Dr. Emerson shaking the tents; and the smells of bacon and eggs, perhaps French toast, or even pancakes drew the laziest sleepers out to brave the cold for breakfast.

Work began after breakfast in the "trenches" when one of the Field Directors gave the accustomed order: "Out to the salt mines, you peasants!" We worked in five-foot squares, scraping with "pointing" tools, or, for specially delicate work, grapefruit knives, so as not to break anything we struck. When we touched something, the whole floor of the square had to be levelled to the depth of our find before taking it out. This kept an accurate record of how deep and exactly where each piece was found. But, oh, the patience needed to stem curiosity while levelling twenty square feet of sand to see what "goody" you had found.

In each square, we dug three levels of three-inches each, except in the burials where a minimum of eleven levels was necessary—thirty-three inches. "Goodies," as one of the Field Directors liked to call the artifacts, were placed in paper bags on which was marked the number of your square and the level.

The squares were in double rows of about twenty squares each, and a six-inch wall was left between one square and the next. In the burials, people commonly disappeared. It is not thought that any were lost this way, but many diggers had to be helped out to avoid breaking the dry sand walls.

In the ordinary 9-inch squares people generally grouped by age and many friendships developed while we were hard at work.

If we broke off early enough at noon, we went swimming down at "the Baths". If we did not go swimming we went dirty. "The Baths" were hollows filled with flowing water among the majestic remains of the Long Sault Rapids. The sight, from the bank forty feet above, looked like any river bottom, but when we were down among the giant slabs of limestone that had made the Rapids roar, they were awesome. The whole bottom was like a huge table-top with little grooves here and there in which flowed the green water of the St. Lawrence. Only about four feet deep in the cracks, the water was warm, and lovely for bathing.

If we went down farther to the east, we could swim in deep water, or even dive off one handy rock, but the Baths were the favourite place.

By 5.30, we needed baths again, for the sand was dry and blowing, and throwing it from the square usually spread it all over the neighbouring diggers, even though we occasionally tried to not.

After supper, when it began to get dark, fishing with a hand-line down in the Rapids was a good sport — we never caught anything. At night there was a lovely though odd sight seen on the river. We lived in a self-contained camp, roughing it out-of-doors, for the most part cut off from the civilized ways of living, except for tourists; yet downstream from us, just a scant quarter of a mile, was rising the magnificent man-made structure called Long Sault dam. In the night the brilliant blue mercury lamps and smaller yellow lights, marking off the sections of the dam, and pinpointing gigantic crane booms, were reflected in the water below, and lit the camp more brightly than a full moon could.

Incessant noises of diesel trucks and clanking cranes pouring concrete came to us loudly across the night distances. It is beautiful — the romance of progress, but so hard to reconcile with the romance of ancient mysteries yet to be unravelled by Archaeology.

CEDAR GROVE

(Thursday Sept. 12)

At the end of this month the U.S.A. will receive (warmly, we hope) another Canadian who has chosen to make her home across the border. Leona Brown will take up residence in Florida and we wish her good luck and much happiness. In her new home in a new country. Not so long ago, about seven years, Leona returned from a year in England, so the uprooting process is not new to her, but she may find she sees more of her friends from Cedar Grove in Florida than she saw when she lived in Toronto. On Sunday, Ida Lipscomb entertained a few of Leona's close friends at a tea to bid her Bon Voyage.

Jessie Sutherland is on the move again, too. This time a tour of England's cathedrals is luring her from home. The return trip is to be made through the Bahamas, so it should be a delightful holiday.

Speaking of travellers—Audrey Murison recently returned from a trip abroad. Back to teaching now, it must seem like a wonderful dream.

Our CNE winners in the art of cooking are so reticent to sing their own praises around here that it is very hard to find out who won what. However, Maureen is still the butter tart queen with a first to prove it, and Bea Petrie ranked high in the chocolate cake category with son Bruce holding his own in several categories.

Rev. Pick will be the speaker at the Anniversary services at Zion Church on Sunday, Sept. 22nd. Rally Day is this Sunday and parents are asked to have their children at the church by 9.30. Church and Sunday School will hold combined services at 9.45.

In case it never gets mentioned again, this month's Community Club meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Petrie.

Mrs. Charles Whittaker, President of the WMS, held the September meeting with Mrs. Jo Reesor's group in charge of the

delicious lunch. An invitation to Cherrywood on Sept. 11th and to Centennial on Sept. 12th was announced. Mrs. Fred Bear gave a reading entitled "Christian Citizenship Self Control", and the new study book on Japan was introduced by Mrs. Allan Reesor and Mrs. Bill Butcher. The worship was taken by Mrs. Archie Little, using the theme "The Joy of Christian Friendship", and the Scripture was read by Mrs. Jo Reesor. A hymn and prayer closed the meeting.



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Copies of the Applications, By-laws and Franchise Agreements may be inspected and further particulars obtained at the offices of the Clerks of each municipality, the Applicant, the Solicitors for the Applicant, Messrs. Zimmerman, Haywood & Turville, 111 Richmond Street West, Toronto, Ontario, or this Board.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO DISPENSE WITH VOTE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTORS

TAKE NOTICE that at the above hearing the Board will be asked to issue an Order declaring and directing that the assent of the respective municipal electors to the passing of said By-laws is not necessary.
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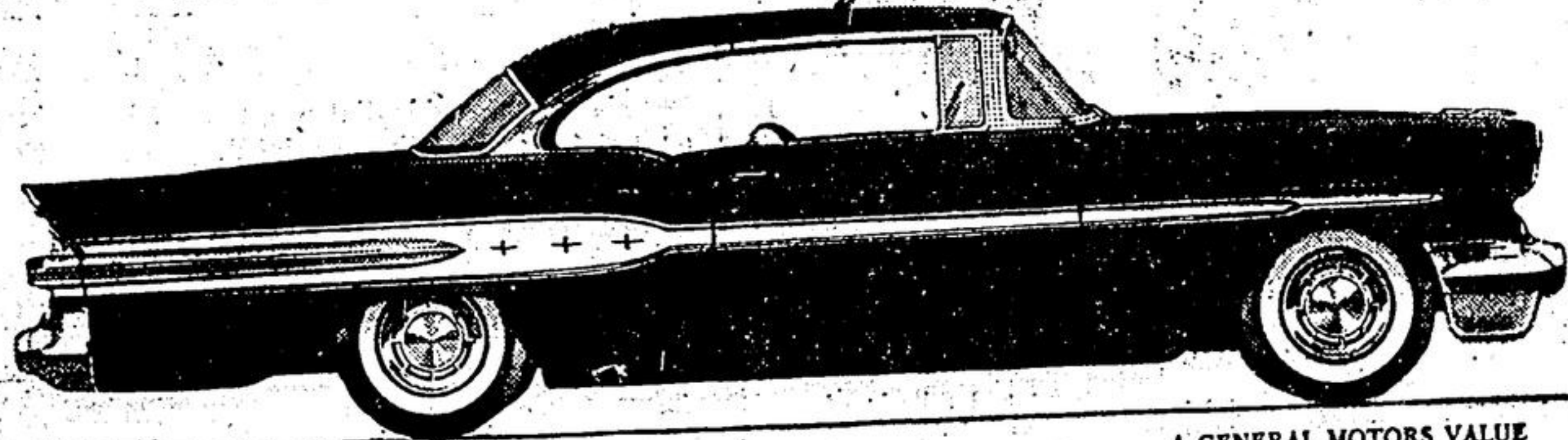
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