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EDITORIAL NOTES

With the approach of a late summer, we have notification of archaeological activity from two South Island groups. The Otago Anthropological Society will be carrying out further and final salvage excavations at Tiwai Point which will soon be the site of an aluminium smelter and all that that entails. The excavations will continue until December 20th: details from the Otago Museum. The Canterbury Museum Group will be active in various areas in North Canterbury in December and at Lake Pukaki in January: details from Michael M. Trotter, Canterbury Museum. It is also known that the Auckland Society plan the excavation of a ring-ditch pa at Kaipara, north of Auckland.

Dr C. F. W. Higham, Professor of Anthropology, Otago University, writes: "Members of the N.Z. Archaeological Association will wish to congratulate Peter Gathercole on his appointment to a lectureship in ethnology at Oxford University. On his arrival in New Zealand ten years ago, Peter Gathercole combined his duties as ethnologist in the Otago Museum with the teaching of introductory courses in Anthropology at Otago University. Through personal drive and determination, he succeeded in building up a large and vigorous Anthropology department with a staff of six, and student enrolment exceeding 250. At the same time, he conducted excavations in Otago and Pitcairn, was a key figure in the Otago Anthropological Society, and, through his own enthusiasm, inspired many to take up anthropology as a career. It is welcome news that Peter will continue to introduce students to the fascinations of Oceanian Prehistory when at Oxford."

Ken Gorbey, Auckland University, has been conducting a field survey along the route of the Kapuni Gas Pipeline under the auspices of the N.Z. Historic Places Trust with a grant from the Ministry of Works. He has concluded the survey with a small excavation on Pukearuhe Pa, north Taranaki, along the line of the pipe which will cross the pa. Whilst the record of his survey is lodged with the Trust, we hope to publish a summary of his findings in a later issue of the Newsletter.

Wilfred Shawcross has been on sabbatical leave in the Old World sampling Grecian and English provincial archaeology. He is already nostalgic and will return in February with some relief. John Terrell, Harvard University, is shortly to undertake an archaeological survey of Bourganville in the Solomon Islands.
