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The Annual Dinner. A mild, drizzly evening brought out a crowd of 130 to Elmwood, Thursday, October 25 at the Community Centre. The members of the executive were led in by Piper Bill McLeod, leader of Bruce County Pipe Band. The President Edna Avery introduced the guest speaker, Rev. D. Stewart who spoke on the origin and history of the Cross of St. Andrew, from the death of the saint on the X-shaped cross, and its influence on the Church in many lands, until it reached Scotland, later to be incorporated into the British flag.

Greetings were brought from Owen Sound Society by its President Verne Clarke, and from Lake Historical Society of St. Catharines by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Powell.

William Collins displayed a plaque to be presented to Hilda Downey at Kincardine Hospital, honouring her by naming her Honorary President of Bruce County Historical Society, for her many years of devoted service. He also gave the report of the nominating committee. The only change in the slate of officers was made necessary by the resignation of Mrs. Downey from the office of membership secretary.

The membership fees are now due as of Jan. 1 for 1985. To avoid confusion, a post box, central to the area has been purchased at Port Elgin P.O. All mail should now be addressed to

The Bruce County Historical Society
P.O. Box 1900
Port Elgin, Ont. NOH 2C0

Sealed With a Kiss. By coincidence, the following article was spotted by Mrs. Downey in the "Forum" of the Clan Fraser. It had been reprinted from "Foresight" the large print magazine of the John Milton Society for the Blind in Canada, which in turn credited the item to the "Anglican Digest" - from the "Catalyst" of St. Andrews Church:-

Did you ever wonder why we use Xs at the end of a letter to symbolize kisses? It began with the custom of using St. Andrew's Cross as a pledge of good faith when signing legal documents. The emblem was named for the saint who died on an X-shaped cross, and a document was not considered valid unless the signer affixed the mark of St. Andrew and kissed it as a guarantee of authenticity. In time, the original meaning of the ceremony was forgotten and the X associated only with a kiss.

A Museum Meeting. The executive members varied their routine Nov. 13 by holding their monthly meeting in the afternoon, with the New Horizons Group, in the staff room of the county museum. A report by Gwen Harrison follows, showing progress of the archives. After a dinner at the Walker House, Southampton, the President, Edna Avery, took charge of business of the executive. John Reynolds reported

a suitable storage room had been found for our publications in the Maple Square building, a shopping mall, established in 1975, using the former high school. The main floor was converted into shops, the second floor to town business offices, the third to apartments. We have two rooms on the second floor, one of which will be used for meetings. Books have been moved from the old Kincardine Post Office. Anyone who has surplus books, please notify John.

Archives Report. The sixth meeting of the New Horizons Group was held at the County Museum with Claus Breede in attendance. We had received a grant of \$9400 to be used to add research aids to the reading room. It was used to purchase a large hand made cabinet for books, map cabinet for the stacks' room, finding aids for the photograph collection, approx. 50 books including Filby's shiplists, microfilming of Bruce C. F.W.1.O., Tweedsmuir Books, microfilming of the Tara Leader, Wiarton Canadian Echo, and of the 1951,61,71,81 census of Bruce Huron Wellington counties.

There is still \$2000 left for microfilms of Bruce County newspapers. Goderich, Lucknow, Kincardine and Ripley papers were suggested.

Mr. Breede offered the use of the Bruce County Museum Apple Computer. The B.C.H.S. gratefully accepted and hopes in turn to add computer software for it.

The reading room is open during regular hours. If you wish to use the microfilm or microfiche readers, it would be wise to phone to reserve them.

The Township Histories

Bruce Township - The debut of the book "Tales and Trails of Bruce Township" was greeted by a large crowd in the Community Centre at Underwood. The members of the committee, assembled in the council room, were led in by Piper Bruce MacLean to the stage where Bruce McGillivray, King of the Bicennial, in his royal regalia, took charge.

The First-Copy, carried in by two members of St. Jacobs Printery, was also escorted by the piper. After passing through the hands of each committee member, it was dedicated by Rev. R. Hollingsworth and presented by Eva McTeer to the Township of Bruce. Copies were also given to the Warden, Morris Donnelly for the County and to Claus Breede for the Museum.

Greetings were brought from MLA, Murray Elston and the chairman read greetings from Gary Gurbin, M.P. who was unable to attend because of the opening of Parliament, and from Lord Elgin of Scotland. A social period followed during which lunch was served by the ladies of the Underwood and Bruce Dale Women's Institutes, while Donelda McGillivray and her helpers delivered books of the presales and many more. Those who wished had the privilege of having them autographed by the editors.

Lord Elgin's Reply - Eva McTeer had sent a courtesy invitation to the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, Broomhall, Dunfermline, Fife. His reply came by Air Mail:

Dear Mrs. McTeer:

The development of what, at the time, was called Western Canada coincided

with my great-grandfather's Tour of Office as Governor-General. He took a great interest in the growth of new communities and, in September 1849, a few months after the birth of his eldest son (Lord Bruce), he paid an extensive visit through Upper Canada, as far as Goderich on the shores of Lake Huron.

The welcome he received was big and warm. I have, beside me now, many scrolls of welcoming addresses, signed by hundreds of the inhabitants of the various townships which he visited.

It is all the more pleasing to realise after this Tour, Bruce County was inaugurated and named in honour of his little son, later my grandfather, and that it was families like these that signed the scrolls of welcome who subsequently moved into, and settled, your Township. The intervening 130 years have in no way diminished the pride which my family still feels for the use of our name to identify your township.

(and in his own handwriting he adds):-

"Needless to say Mr. Bill Campbell keeps me regularly informed of much that happens with you in my absence!

Yours sincerely
Elgin.

Kincardine 1848-1984 was publicly presented Dec. 11 at 8 pm at the town hall. The 600 books already ordered were picked up and more sold at \$20 each. If the 4000 books are sold the town will make a profit on their outlay of \$42,000 to 75000. They also received a \$13000 New Horizons grant. A distinctive feature of the book is its pictures, especially those of the harbour.

Anabel history, entitled "Green Meadows and Golden Sands" was released on Saturday Nov. 24, 1984 in Hepworth. It can be purchased at the Anabel Township office for \$20.

Huron. "Families and Farms of Huron Township with its hub, Ripley" is soon to be published in preparation for the Huron Ripley Reunion of '85. Stan Brown Printers of Owen Sound are the publishers; Gloria Messenger, Lucknow, the cover artist and the local councils, Senior Citizen's club and New Horizons Group, the financial backers.

There are approximately 566 lots in the township. Each one has been researched from the Crown Patents of June 30, 1984. Information has been given by family members or gathered from Gladys Arnold's extensive collection of geneological materials. We hope that this 400 page volume with 900 + photos will be as attractive and interesting as the many other township histories.

Something Seasonal. January has long been the traditional month for the making of marmalade, chiefly because the best citrus fruits are available at that season, especially the Seville oranges from Spain with their distinctive flavour. Another reason may be that it provides an interesting occupation to fill a dull period in domestic life, the lull after the festive season.

Who discovered this delectable confection, and how did it get its

unusual name? Here is something to think about while you are laboriously cutting up the fruit into paper-thin slices;-

It is said that a cargo of oranges from a Spanish ship, wrecked off the coast of Dundee, Scotland, was washed ashore in large quantities. The thrifty Scots, fearing that much of the fruit would be wasted, tried various ways of preserving it and hit upon a jam, which they found so delicious that Dundee became a world market for the product, as it is today.

When Mary Queen of Scots returned to Scotland in 1561, after the death of her husband, Francis II, she was very unhappy. She had lived since childhood at the lively French court and found Scotland dour and dull. She had one solace in the loyal attendance of her French maids, who pampered her whims. Often, she confined herself to her quarters, with real or feigned illness.

She became very fond of the orange jam, which the maids tried to wheedle from the frugal Scottish cooks. To gain their sympathy, they would say, "Ma'am est malade." (Madame is ill). The Scots would mimic them impishly "Marm malade" and mockingly gave the name to the jam.

So we are told in a book entitled "Mary Queen of Scots."

"All Things Become New"

The Bruce Municipal Telephone System made the final changeover from party line to private system Thurs. Nov. 22, 1984, at Merle Eidt's cottage, Port Elgin. The project cost the BMTS \$4.5 million. Chairman Alex Thornburn had the honour of making the final call on the old party line.

Tearing up the tracks. The Knappett's Landscaping Firm of Richmond Hill purchased the rails and ties between Port Elgin and Southampton. Harold Matlocks, foreman for James Forsythe of Fergus began taking out the rails Nov. 26, expecting to take about a month depending on weather conditions. This 5 mile section of track went in approx. 100 years ago. The rails will be reused after being melted at Sudbury; the ties sold to landscapers.



General Meetings

May: - The Spring meeting will be held in Walkerton Thursday, May 23, in the Johnston Room of the Town Hall. The program will be prepared by the Executive. There is no admission charge. A light buffet lunch will be served.

July: -The annual bus trip is scheduled for Thursday, July 11. A visit to Kitchener will include a tour of the Market, Doone Pioneer Village, the Snider House and the Mackenzie King House. The usual box lunch at noon in pleasant surroundings, and dinner at the Stone Crock, in Elmira.

October: - The annual dinner will be held at Underwood in the Community Centre, served by the ladies of the Underwood United Church at \$7.00 a plate. Further details will be supplied in the July issue.

Those members who attended the dinner at Elmwood must realize that it is imperative that we know beforehand how many plates to serve. A much larger crowd arrived than had signified their intention of coming. Although the caterers handled it with competence and grace it was embarrassing to them and to the committee. We must sell advance tickets. It has been found in past experience that the membership is too widely scattered for individual canvassing. Each member must secure a ticket by contacting a member of the executive, or by writing to the central address, Box 1900, Port Elgin, Ontario.

Membership Fees for Annual and Corporate members is \$8 per year and Life Memberships \$40. The Constitution reads:-

"Members failing to pay their dues shall be dropped from the membership list one month after notice has been mailed to them."

Addresses are now printed by computer for mailing the publications. When you receive this issue you will see a number in the upper right corner of the address. If it is 85, your due is paid, if it is 84 unpaid. The Yearbook has become too costly to be sent unpaid. The Newsletter will follow for one issue to include your notice.

Members deceased in 1985.

Chester Teeple, a farmer of Greenock Tp. retired to Paisley. He joined our society in 1977. He died at age 85 on Feb. 3. His wife who had become a member in 1972 died March 21. Mrs. Roy Teeple of Port Elgin passed away on March 31.

Members deceased in 1985 - continued

Alice Cooley of Tiverton 88, a member since 1963 was a retired nurse who had worked in New York. She was a knowledgeable botanist and gardener, and the daughter of John Haug, master stone mason of the area.

Anne Kastner, our Wiarton representative for several years, joined in 1962.

Mrs. Arthur Smeltzer of Huron Tp. became a member in 1982.

Mrs. Lloyd Gledhill died at age 92 at the home of her daughter in Barrie. She was a resident of Kincardine and a member since 1963.

Harold McKay of Tonawanda, N.Y. died in fall of '84. He attended the Inverhuron School and was an enthusiastic visitor at the dedication of the cairn commemorating that school last August.

Heritage Day - A Salute to Southampton

On Feb. 15, 1968 we witnessed a stirring ceremony at Ottawa, the initial unfurling of the new Canadian Flag. It has been suggested that the event should be commemorated by a national holiday on that day. Pierre Berton, who retired last September after serving ten years on the board of the Heritage Foundation, has urged that it be called Heritage Day, a day to celebrate not only our nationhood, but our ancestral and architectural past.

Ten years ago Southampton took up the challenge by holding a Heritage Weekend in the middle of that shortest month that seems the longest without a break. Each succeeding year they have experimented with forms of entertainment and participation to suit the season and to pay tribute to those hardy pioneers who made new homes in this area, often referred to as "the snow belt in the lee of Lake Huron."

In the words of an Owen Sound reporter, "Ancestors who settled along the Lake Huron shoreline here, may have braved fierce winter weather, but participants in the Southampton Heritage festivities Sunday could likely match the endurance of their forefathers. About 25 entrants in the bathing suit races were warmly applauded for their stamina as bitter cold winds blew off the lake, through the town's business section, where outdoor events were held."

Sometimes it is necessary to organize games that do not depend on snow, such as a municipal egg and spoon relay race, a kangaroo court and family skating party and broom ball game.

The climax this year was a very popular country style supper that required two settings, at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

In the magazine Canadian Heritage, there is an attractive advertisement "Heritage Day. The Third Monday in February."

We are encouraged to "Join millions of Canadians as we celebrate our architectural heritage. To help commemorate this special day we are offering our members a Heritage Day poster free of charge."

Heritage Day - continued.

The address is Heritage Canada Foundation,
P.O. Box 1358, Section B,
Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5R4

Elliot Park Ceremony, Chesley

(Intended for the January issue)

At the observance of the Province's Bicentennial, the town of Chesley dedicated a municipal park to one of the original families of the community, Elliot Park.

Greetings and opening remarks were given by Mayor Lynden Hastings. Rev. W.A. King of St. John's United Church gave an opening prayer for the ceremony. Mr. Clarence Lange, President of the Chesley Horticultural Society, and Ivan Buoy, chairman of the Parks Committee, jointly raised the Canadian and Province of Ontario Bicentennial Flag.

Mr. Howard Krug, an Ontario Bicentennial Medal Recipient, and Reeve Durk Botma planted a white pine in the park.

Greetings were brought by Eddie Sargent and Bruce County Warden, Morris Donnelly.

A reception at the town Municipal Office followed the ceremony.

Our Members Write

Mrs. Coyne, our secretary, has listed some comments that came along with membership renewals.

Mrs. Dorothy H. Farquhason, Waterdown ... "You folks ought to get a medal for the amount of publishing you have accomplished. Future generations will surely thank you I wonder if it would be possible to have information about the meetings of the Society. We are now retired and could attend some of them as we spend considerable time at Bruce Beach. My husband's family have been coming there since 1922 I noticed as I reread the Newsletter that the meetings were announced to July 12th. The bus trip had not been completely planned and would be announced later. No info did I find. Then I missed a dinner in October! No further announcements of meetings. Could this be the reason that District meetings are poorly attended? I hope I speak for other out-of towners on your membership list." (The Executive very much appreciates Mrs. Farquhason's letter and will now work to better our lines of communication. If any such constructive criticism, we would certainly appreciate a word).

Mrs. Betty Fedoruk, Richmond, B.C. "I enjoy receiving the Newsletters and all the goings on of the Historical Society."

Mrs. Eva L. Campbell, Kincardine. "Hope 1985 will be a successful year for the Society."

Mrs. Harvey Houston, Lucknow. "Enjoy the Newsletters and the Year Book. I am Curator for the Kairns Women's Institute (Tweedsmuir History) situated between Lucknow and Holyrood W.I. branches."

Our Members Write - continued

Gail Kapiczowski, Calgary, Alta "I do appreciate your sending me your historical notes which I read with interest. I especially enjoy your Yearbook" I sure like to see the publication of all the Township Histories."

Mrs. Elizabeth Morton. "I understand from the Newsletter that Mrs. Downey has been in Hospital and has been presented with a plaque honouring her by naming her Honorary President of the Society. She has been a faithful member for many years and rightfully deserves the honor."

Mrs. Edith Emiry. "It is once again time to send in my membership for another year and also to express my appreciation of the Newsletters, and the Year Book - all of which I enjoy. They bring back memories of my school days, first in S.S. No. 7 and 8 Elderslie and Saugeen and then Paisley Continuation, and the many friends I made in those two "seats" of education. The old farm in Elderslie was a good place to grow up, and Paisley a wonderful place to return for a visit. I was sorry to read Mrs. Downey's retirement as membership secretary Through the little notes exchanged she has come to seem as a very good friend - one whom I would like to meet."

Mrs. Isabel Stanley, Ripley, also enjoys reading the Newsletters and the Year Book, We thank our many readers

..... We thank our many readers for their comments and also for the many enquiries for Mrs. Downey - these are being passed on to her.

And a challenge:

Mrs. McConkey of Port Elgin looked in on our executive meeting to have some fun with us. Armed with an article she had clipped from The Toronto Star, June 1975, she had proof that the National Geographic had stated that the world's best sunsets were at Port Elgin, not Goderich. (I'll bet on Inverhuron Bay!) Ed.

March Music

The air is shrewd; there is a hint of snow.

Down the long flaw

I hear the iterant calling of the crow.

"Caw, caw!," He cries, and then again, caw, caw!"

I say to him, "O pshaw,

Bird of the dusky wing and sable throat,

Why must you croak?

Cheer up and sing, old thing."

But no, he will not, maybe cannot, so

I think it must be sad to be a crow.

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The bus trip is scheduled for Thursday July 11. The cost per person is \$17.00 which includes transportation by motorcoach - a tour of Seagram Museum - a visit to Woodside National Historical Park - visit to Joseph Schnider House - admission to Doon Pioneer Village - services of a tour guide. It does not include picnic lunch at the park, dinner at St. Jacobs. See local newspapers for time and places at which the coaches pick up passengers.

The Annual Dinner date is Thursday October 17 in Underwood Community Centre served by the ladies of the Underwood United Church at \$7.00 a plate.

The 1985 Yearbook is being mailed herewith to all paid-up members. It may be purchased from members of the executive or at the usual outlets.

At the Ripley Reunion August 1 to August 5 they will introduce their new History of Ripley-Huron.

Spring Meeting - Reported by Marion McGillivray

The spring meeting was held in the Johnston Room of the town hall, Walkerton, on Thursday evening, May 23. Although the attendance was smaller than had been anticipated, the members and visitors present enjoyed the fellowship and informality of the program.

The revised constitution of the society was discussed, advantages and disadvantages pointed out, and those who opposed the changes were urged to send their written objections to the executive immediately so that a time can be arranged to discuss them fully before the annual meeting.

Mr. John Reynolds, editor of the Kincardine history, 1984, described the steps in preparing and publishing a book of local history, giving a great deal of credit to the many volunteers who helped.

Mr. Mac Campbell reminisced about some of his early life in Waterloo County and a letter from Miss Margaret MacKenzie was read which outlined interesting reflections on preparing the newsletter which are mailed to members four times a year.

Mrs. Marion McGillivray told about the volunteer work being done in the Archives of the museum. This winter's project has been recording Bruce County pioneer families with the computer.

Mr. Jim Coyne talked about the computer and how it could be used to facilitate the keeping of society records.

Following the meeting, guests enjoyed a cup of coffee and a social half-hour.

The Executive held their June meeting at Inverhuron on Tuesday June 11 with fourteen members present. Claus Breede came to acquaint us with a very exciting project that he has undertaken in co-operation with the Krug Brothers

of Chesley, and to enlist our approval and moral support.

The Museum has already received a grant to assist in developing a major travelling exhibition which is to focus on the furniture industry in this county. During the past decade there has been a decline in this industry. Several factories have closed. By saving one of the more outstanding industries, they hope to create a focus for the tourist industry here, and preserve a portion of the heritage of south western Ontario.

Other business included plans for the July trip. Incidentally, Nature treated us to a display of one of her best sunsets.

The Newsletter

Those who receive the "Bruce County Historical Notes" might be interested to know the procedure by which this newsletter reaches you quarterly.

The Executive, which meets each month, makes plans for coming events and other objectives and helps the publication editors to gather news items. Some of our members also have sent us interesting articles about their area. We try to recognize the efforts of Bruce communities to keep up interest in our historical past. We continually ask the assistance of all members to contribute.

The editor takes the finished script to the Kincardine High School, after first picking up the necessary paper of 2000 sheets from Kincardine Printers. There, a copy is typed by Vera Portice, a very obliging secretary. To have it proof-read, she sends it out to Inverhuron by an equally obliging young man, Steve Doran, who lives in Tiverton and does night work at the High School. On his way home at 2 a.m. he makes the extra trip to Inverhuron to leave the printed copy where it is found in the morning behind a screen door. Next day he picks it up again, arriving on his motorcycle.

When Vera finishes the printing, the editor takes home the sheets and separates them into mailing units in readiness for the group of ladies who meet to fold and put on the addresses prepared by Mr. Coyne.

About 35 copies are mailed to the United States which of course require extra postage. We also mail copies to 12 Women's Institutes, the Public Archives of Ontario, the Public Archives of Canada, the National Library of Canada and 13 University Libraries.

Vera sends 36 copies from her office by courier to the schools in the county. This service was arranged by John Reynolds who feels that the historical message should reach the young people who must take our place in future. For this reason we try to include items that might appeal to the student.

A few newsletters seem to go astray in the mail. We frequently hear, from libraries especially, that a certain number has not been received. Last month, for example, a Hamilton Library, after receiving the April issue, noted the absence of the January number. We keep extra copies for such cases.

We thank you for your encouragement and support. Please continue to send us your ideas.

A Salute to Manitoulin

A news report was heard on CBC radio that the young people of Manitoulin Island are on the move. They have organized a society they call "Young People in Action". It is divided into bands in different localities and thus unites

the whole island. they have taken positive action to counter the depressed state of the land by promoting tourism and industry. They clean up the beaches, help the merchants by selling crafts in the stores. They try to improve the outlook of the young by holding meetings, to teach games and to provide drop-in centres for entertainment to distract them from mischief due to frustration.

They know they have a beautiful island and they plan to keep it that way. Bravo, Manitoulin!

A Braw Brucite

We received a letter from Burton Keyes of Los Angeles California, announcing plans to celebrate the 100th birthday on July 1, of Naomi (Saunders) Maxwell of Paradise California. Her parents were Samuel Saunders and the former Elizabeth Bradley. She grew up in Bruce County and has lived in California for 77 years. She married Levi H. Maxwell of West Virginia. She attended Greenock S.S. No. 7.

Our society sent our best wishes.

What Time Is It?

It has been said that time is our most precious possession; the use we make of it determines what we make of ourselves. Scientists and philosophers have been at a loss to find a definition for it. Augustine said "I know, what time it is but if someone asks me I cannot tell him." A modern theory suggests that time is a collection of small particles like light rays, that fly by in an ever-rolling stream.

David Landes, an economy historian at Harvard, and author of a book, "Revolutions in Time", traces the history of the attempts to measure time. For many ages people were intrigued by the shadow of the sundial and the movements of the heavenly bodies. But it was not until the eleventh century that an accurate measure was used, when the Chinese invented the water clock.

Small buckets were fastened around a large mill wheel; as the wheel revolved they tipped out a measured amount of water at a fixed rate, and the hours passed. It also traced the moving stars and sounded gongs to signal night watches. But it would work only where water did not freeze. It was suppressed in 1094 by the authorities who declared that there was no need for it; the emperor's time was his own and he was never late.

The western side, of the medieval world was equally authoritarian. Monastic rules for working, eating, and sleeping imposed a rhythm on life outside as well as in the monastery. Periods of the day were measured by hour-glass timers. Bells rang to end each period. The song "Frère Jacques Dormez-vous? Sonnez les matines" suggests that Brother James overslept and missed the bell sound.

The water clock was improved by using metal weights to replace the water and was used in cathedral and town square clocks. Spring clocks evolved in the 15th century, small enough for indoor use. The cry of the night-watchman was no longer heard.

Landes points out that the general use of clocks liberated worker from master, setting apart his time for his own.

Sailors had more reliable ways of measuring their courses. Merchants were reaching out measuring the world. Time was money.

The 18th century brought jewelled movements for greater precision and

for ornamental clocks and watches.

London was the centre of the industry. In mid-Victorian times the Swiss captured the lead with their skill and accuracy.

We are now in the quartz age. Hong Kong turns out watches in mass assembly-line quantities, putting identical inside works under different faces. No one needs to be without, and indeed finds it imperative to have, his measure of time.

Alexander Pope wrote

" 'Tis with our judgements as our watches, none
Go just alike, yet each believes his own."

Time weighed heavily on the mind of Robert Burns when he addressed the little mouse:-

"Still thou art blest compar'd wi me!
The present only toucheth thee;
But ah! I backward cast my e'e
On prospects drear!
An' forward tho' I canna see,
I guess an' fear!"

We will let the philosopher Zen have the last word,-

"There is no such thing as time. It is always NOW."

The following poem was read over the CBC radio program, Fresh Air, by the host Bill McNeil, on Sunday morning March 31 and credited to Myrtle Upshall of Port Elgin.

(We like to publish literary works of the people of our county, and this poem certainly has a point!)

MEMORY DEFLECTIONS

It seems to me I've reached the stage
When Memory lets me down
Something to do about my age
That mars my self-renown!
I put away receipt or note
Right where with ease to find,
And think the spot be sure to quote
But soon it's slipped my mind!

A misplaced cheque becomes a quiz,
A question does arise,
I have no clue to where it is:
Brain seems to fossilize!
The same thing with the names I know
And should remember yet,
They slip away, not stick like glue,
Why so much now forget?

But I can tell of bygone acts,
Relate events of yore;
It's when I'm asked for present facts
My unresponse deplore!
If memory aids could now be bought
We'd ask Doc to prescribe
Something that he could well allot,
By mouth or brain imbibe!

Myrtle Upshall
Port Elgin.

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The Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday October 17 at 6:30 PM at the Underwood Community Centre, served by the ladies of the Underwood United Church. Dianne Henkenhaf and Blanche McCulloch will provide musical entertainment and Lindsay Thornburn will give an illustrated talk, showing slides of his trip to Israel and Egypt.

Tickets at \$7.00 each may be obtained from members of the executive or by writing to Box 1900 Port Elgin.

The bus tour, planned for July 11, had to be cancelled. Too few passengers applied to make the trip possible. We regret that a number of people were disappointed.

The Publications Committee met on the afternoon of July 20 at the home of Hilda Downey, to discuss further publications. It was decided that there was no immediate need to reprint the Robertson History as there are still 96 copies on hand. It was arranged to begin proceedings for the publication of two paperback books, reprints of Backwoods Preacher, by Rev. Hiltz, an itinerant preacher, and a Pictorial History of Walkerton by H. Wesley, editor of Walkerton Herald Times. These suggestions were discussed and approved at the Aug. 13 meeting of the Executive at the home of John and Karen Reynolds of Port Elgin.

The meeting on Sept. 10 was held at the summer home of Past President Mac Campbell at Sauble Beach.

In reply to many friends who have enquired about the health of Hilda Downey, we are pleased to report that she is gaining strength by the use of her walker and is now able to manage on her own with the help of her son, and no longer needs her home helper.

Dunblane's 126th Anniversary

On Sunday, August 4 at 2:30 pm the Dunblane Presbyterian Church congregation celebrated their 126th anniversary. The church is located on the banks of the Saugeen River just a few miles east of Port Elgin. The original log church was built in 1859 by the people of the neighbourhood. The log structure remains, but has been covered with board and batten and painted white.

On this occasion the service was conducted by Dr. H. Douglas Stewart who spends the summer at Inverhuron.

Looking Backward - A Modern Preoccupation

A sermon preached by the Reverend H. Douglas Stewart B.A., B.D., D.D. Emeritus Minister, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Toronto, on the occasion of the 16th Anniversary of the historic Dunblane Presbyterian Church.

You who are familiar with Norman Robertson's History of Bruce County or, with Dr. W. M. Brown's Tale of the Early Days of Bruce County or, with some of the fascinating publications of the Bruce County Historical Society or, with nothing other than the very brief thumb-nail sketch of the history of the "Cedar Hill-Dunblane Congregation," must surely sense as we gather in this heritage church today, a profound sense of spiritual continuity and communion with the long departed founders of this congregation referred to in your brochure as THE GOD-FEARING STALWART PIONEERS WHO BUILD SO WELL IN THIS COMMUNITY.

Even a Non-Brucite like myself, born in distant Huron County, senses inevitably the feeling that the very walls of this old church plastered over the original 1859 logs are impregnated with the mystery of the spiritual presence of those who bore such names as : Kennedy, Laurence, Ball, Gowenlock, Wallace, McKechnie, Christie, Scott and others.

In the annals of the astonishing men and women who pioneered the forest-clad hills and valleys of Upper Canada, there is no record to eclipse that of the early settlers of the Saugeen Valley which Dr. Brown dubbed - "The Queen's Bush".

We do well in these times of comparative affluence and ease to remember, as Moses long ago enjoined the children of Israel in the 8th chapter of Deuteronomy - "ALL THE WAY THAT THE LORD THY GOD HATH LED THEE".

As a matter of fact there is infinitely more thought for our past on the part of this seemingly careless age of ours than one might readily surmise. Witness, for example, the increasing publication and demand for centennial and sesquicentennial histories of our counties, our communities and our heritage farms and businesses. The women's Institutes and the county Historical Societies of this province have gathered and preserved an amazing wealth of literature relating to bygone days in our respective areas and there is an increasing demand for this rich reference. Furthermore, not only here in this lovely Blue Water Tourist Area, but even in the heart of the great cities of our province where the business of the nation is transacted there is an astonishing expansion of the Canadiana and the antique industry. To be sure, the profit motive plays a very significant role in this growing trade, but for all that, the growth of consumer interest reflects a widespread desire amongst the people of our present times to procure and cherish tangible things from our past that will in their homes, keep them mindful of their heritage and origins. The fact is that on a grand scale today, Canadians are becoming increasingly preoccupied with their past.

If we seek explanations for this preoccupation with the past I suspect that our current anxiety about the world future plays a major role in it all. Multitudes are wondering today if, as one man put it, our future is a thing of the past. Not long since, Tom Harper, religion editor of the Toronto Star published the text of his interview with Billy Graham. Amongst many things they discussed Graham's reading patterns. Harper mentioned three great American National Weekly Newspapers and Graham noted that he read them all. A typographical error however, reported that Graham replied, "I dread them all". In the light of the terrifying news that seems to be the obsession of the media, the word dread does not seem to be out of place at all.

Now it is not only the layman who is anxious about the future but the so-called expert seems to be frightened too. Science writer Ralph Lapp says, "Not even the most brilliant scientist alive in the world today really knows where science is leading us. We are all aboard a train which is gathering speed as it races down a track that has no known destination. No single scientist is in the engine cab and there seems to be demons at the switches. Most of our society is in the caboose looking backwards". It does appear that anxiety about the future is contributing to our new preoccupation with the past.

The increasing rapidity in the rate of change is playing a very real part in the rising mood of anxiety in our time. Already, society is suffering from what Alfred Toffler a few years ago predicted as 'future shock'. He saw it coming in the year 2000. We are 15 years ahead of schedule in this psychological vertigo. Recently someone said, we are now being shifted into the 21st century. Is this not why so many people are crying, "stop the world, I want to get off". Is this part of the explanation for the phenomenon of the rising suicide rate. We want to get back to a simpler less turbulent past but we can't get off the train! Perhaps then if we surround ourselves with enough antiques and artifacts and open the Dunblane Church once a year, the ugly present will go away.

The Christian community must resolutely withstand the current abdication of the present and the future in favour of the past. If the truth were known, not many of us would really want to return to the life-style and the methodology of the 18th and 19th century. Here in this early 19th Century log church, let us remember that the Christian Community is a society of people who, though they regularly remember all the way that the Lord God has led them through the years, they reaffirm regularly too that the God who has been their help in ages past is still their hope for years to come.

God is God of the future as surely as He is God of the past. The popular idiom that urges us to get "Back to the gospel" or "back to God" is a misstatement of the facts. The gospel is ahead of us out there waiting to be given a chance and God is waiting for mankind to catch up with Him.

We are encouraged here in this little kirk today to spiritually rise above our fears for today and tomorrow in the light of the assurances of Jesus Christ who declared, "I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW". Our faith holds that the God who spoke to our fathers in the forest along the meandering Saugeen has more to say to us still in this scientific age. And, if we listen, this present will one day become the past that will merit the honour and respect of future generations.

History of the Museum,

Claus Breede, retiring curator of the museum, has submitted an article in which he traces the growth and development of that institution from the day in 1952 when a delegation of ladies from the Women's Institute approached the County Council with a petition that a museum be established in Bruce.

January 1955 saw the fruition of their effort. The Council passed a by-law which officially established the museum. A special museum committee was formed January 1953 and the Institutes promised a grant of \$1,500. An old school in Walkerton was chosen as the site, but found unfit. On January 1954 a school at Southampton would soon be available. It was approved by the Committee and Dr. Morton made his appeal to the council. Cost estimates were made and consultations with museums in Huron and Wellington and R.O.M. Toronto. In January 1955 a by-law officially established the museum and an annual grant of \$600. was promised, matched by Ontario grant, and a \$4,000 grant for renovations. That year saw 9000 visitors and collection of 5000 objects. A series of additions followed, the High School, the Amabel Schoolhouse and a new gallery to house farm machinery and vehicles. In 1970 W. Krug left a bequest which made possible the new museum

In 1978 the Historical Society helped with the establishment of the County Archives.

There is much much more to this story and it deserves a permanent place in the Yearbook, next issue.

We thank Mr. Breede for his help and wish him well in his new appointment.

Heritage Day in Kincardine, August 25, took the form of a heritage walk sponsored by L.A.C.A.C. A group of over 200, led by tour guides viewed the examples of fine old architecture of which the town is justly proud.

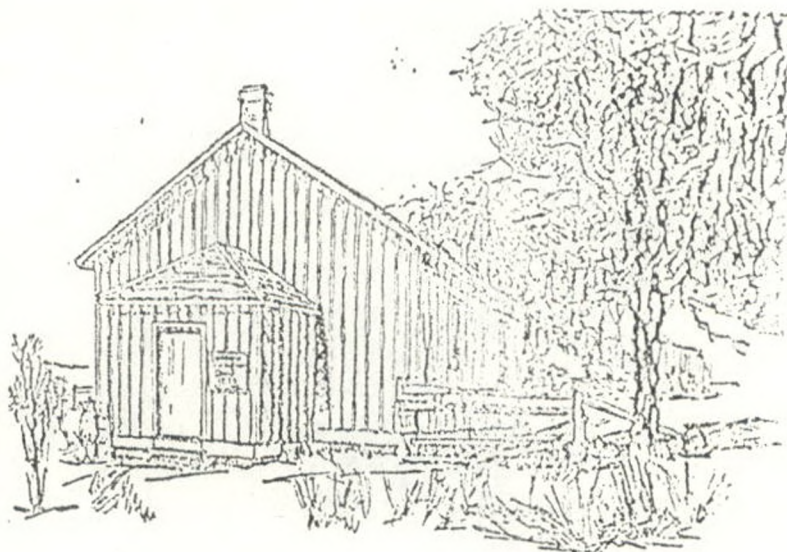
They set out from the Town Hall where, in the adjacent park, the pipe band supplied music.

In the hall were displays of old photos and antiques. Books were on display by the Genealogical and Historical Societies. Kincardine and Huron Township had their new histories on sale.

Our society sold the 1985 Yearbooks and Queens Bush. We also acquired two new members, Eldon McFadyen of Toronto and Freda Jacobs of Kincardine, as well as a renewal, which became a Life membership.

Long-lived Brucites. Our reference to the 100th birthday of Naomi Maxwell of California brought a letter from Donald H. MacDonald, R.R. 1 Niagara-on-the-Lake, who asked for her address. She is a first cousin of his mother and her relatives wish to send greetings. She is the eighth of nine children and the last one living. Three of her brothers lived to be 101, 87, and 84, a sister 95.

We also heard from Cora Robertson, age 97 of White Rock B.C. Finding that her dues were in arrears, she sent us \$40., which we put into a life membership. Her family moved to British Columbia in 1901 from Walkerton. She speaks of preparations for "Expo 85" and urges us "Come to the Fair" adding "I'll charge Expo for this sales talk". Thank you for the poem Cora. We hope to print it later.



Dunblane Presbyterian Church, Dunblane, Ont.

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The 1986 Executive and Committees

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The office of Second Vice President still to be filled.

The Annual Dinner Meeting was held on Thursday October 17 in the Bruce Township Community Centre, Underwood. The president, Mrs. Edna Avery, welcomed 165 guests. Representatives from Historical Societies of Grey County, Hanover and Bruce Township brought greetings.

Blanche McCulloch was pianist for the evening and accompanied the soloist Dianne Henkenhaf. During an after dinner intermission, a festive spirit prevailed while guests from each area were asked to stand to have their attendance noted. Kincardine led in numbers. Lucky prizes were presented to Margaret Ann Rutherford, Barbara Ribey, John Simms and Barbara Farquhar who came the farthest distance from Bowmanville, Ont. Bob Courtney thanked the ladies of the United Church, Underwood for a fine dinner and excellent service.

Claus Breede, curator of the Huron County Museum presided over the election of the executive, as recorded above.

The members were reminded that the mailing place is Box 1900, Port Elgin NOG 2C0. They are encouraged to participate in the compiling of the Yearbook and the quarterly Newsletter which each member receives with the fee of \$8. The operating account had a balance of \$6,638 as of Sept. 30

The members of the Bruce County Historical Society were advised that due to new government regulations it is necessary for the society to be incorporated. This can be done through affiliation with the Ontario Historical Society but a revised constitution is needed. Such a one has been drafted by the O.H.S.

and copies of it were given to members. This will be dealt with at the general meeting in May.

Claus Breede explained the progress being made toward the proposed Centre of Canadian Furniture at the Krug Furniture Co. in Chesley. The attending members voted to support this concept of the project which, upon completion, would be a living museum, dedicated to the production of traditional furniture. The Krug Furniture Co. will celebrate its centennial in 1986 and Bruce and Howard Krug, members of the society are active in the company business.

The guest speaker was Mr. Lindsay Thornburn, who, with the assistance of his wife operating the film projector, gave a capsule study of the Holy Land and Egypt. He explained the evolution of the people and their diverse beliefs; all the time giving a travelogue of the wonders of the area. The Thornburns' presentation gave a new and graphic insight into the Mid-East crisis.

The Publications Committee met at the home of Mrs. Downey November 28. to make further progress toward the publication of Rev. Hiltz book "Backwoods Preacher". A publisher has been interviewed. In order to get a grant from New Horizons we would have to add a preface and possibly illustrations. Anyone who knows the whereabouts of pictures or old post cards of the 1900's or has information about Rev. Hiltz, please contact Marion McGillivray, R.R. 1, Southampton. Phone 797-5944.

Chantry Island, a few years ago was available for lease from Transport Canada at Parry Sound. The society leased it for one dollar per year, hoping in time to restore the lighthouse which was in disrepair. In the meantime vandals have gone to the island and the buildings are now in ruins. The island is a bird sanctuary.

During our conversations with the representative of the Ont. Historical Society about the changing of the constitution, we were alerted by their attorney that we should renew our affiliation with the Ont. Society in order to be under their legal protection.

Poem by Cora Robertson

The letter from Cora Robertson brought a letter from her friend Mrs. R. Kell of Owen Sound, the former Ruby McIvor who attended the Gowanlock School, Saugeen. She asked for Cora's address which is 12658- 16 Ave., White Rock, B.C. V4A 1N1 and here is her poem:-

The Passing of Time

Time is but the Pathway that we tread
As days and years go by -
In the Spring of Life
What Dreams we have
For the years that lie ahead!

Our youthful life is gay
With friends we love -
We do not see the partings
Nor the sorrows we must face -
Just around the bend.

In the Fall of Life, as we travel on -
How thankful we should be
For valued friends, and helping hands -
The pleasant things they do,
As we slowly walk along Life's way.

With Time there comes a change -
Bright colors of our youth
Have slowly turned to gold -
And now I value - oh so much
My Golden Chain of memories!

Cora Robertson Oct. 14/79

Hogmanay and a' that. Christmas may belong to Charles Dickens but there is no doubt that New Year's belongs to Robbie Burns. The singing of Auld Lang Syne is but one of many traditions that the early Scottish settlers brought to Canada - to Nova Scotia, Glengarry, the Queens Bush and many other localities. These traditions are continued still in homes and in the traditional houses where large groups gather on New Year's Eve.

Starting the year with a clean slate was important. Borrowed items must be returned, bagpipes tuned, clean sheets put on beds before the stroke of midnight. A family's fortune for the year was forecast by the first visitor after midnight, and great care was put into the selection of this "first-footer", in Gaelic "Hagmanay". It was bad luck if the first guest was a woman, or had any sign of physical weakness, or worst of all, had red hair.

The ideal first-footer was a dark haired man, preferably handsome, well dressed and showing signs of prosperity. The Gaelic greeting is NOLLAIG CHRIDHEIL AGUS BLIADHNA MHATH UR which translates - Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. The midnight guest brings the symbolic tray of bread, coal and salt, representing life, and he is asked to join in the ceilidh of music and dance.

Many place names in Scotland and Canada have Norse or Gaelic roots. The Picts came first to Scotland. They contribute the prefix "Pit" (a part or share) as Pitcairn and Aber (a river) as Aberfoyle. Around 500 AD Argyle was settled by Gaelic-speaking Irish who gradually spread to the Highlands. They were a simple society of herdsmen and fishermen who required precise names that would describe a locality, such as Beinn (a hill) as Ben Mevis, Ben Lomond, Cill (a chapel or monk's cell) became Kil as Kilpatrick or Kilmory (Mary). In Canada we have Tobermory (Mary's Well) and Ailsa Craig (Elizabeth's rock), Inver (an inlet or bay) as Inverhuron and Kin from Caenn (a head). In Bruce we have Kinloss, Kinlough, Kingarf, Kincardine and nearby Kintail.

And some trivia. My gaelic-speaking grandmother told me long ago that the pigeons coo in Gaelic. Her version of it sounded like "Hanya hoojuk hoo oo oo".

A delightful old lady I met in Cape Breton dearly loved a cup of tea and a friendly chat. But she had no liking for teabags. She would say "Dr-r-aggin a piece of cloth through the hot wa-at-ther".

And spending an evening playing cards spoiled the "guid talk".

She recited a funny poem that she learned in her youth in Scotland which you may enjoy deciphering and which I hope the ladies wont take amiss.

Hae ye no seen the Diel as he waggled through Leith

Wi' a wife in each uexter, and yin in his teeth.

"Take mine," said I, as he limpid by.

And he wackit his head, and he winkit his eye.

But he only said "Mm-hm"

Wi' sic a big mou-fu, (Mouthful)

He couldna' say "aye".

Lincoln Alexander, the new Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, paid a four-hour visit to Port Elgin and Southampton to help the Royal Canadian Legion celebrate its 60th anniversary.

As an R.C.A.F. Corporal, in the Second World War, Alexander was greeted by an honour guard, and a school choir and band.

Speaking to the children he told them that anyone has the opportunity to become the Queen's representative regardless of creed, race or sex. But education is the key, with a willingness to accept responsibility.

He opened an exhibition "The Passing of the Torch" at the Museum and attended a wine and cheese reception and dinner in his honour.

A Purple Martin Project. I have two purple martin houses on the lake shore, each of which has 24 compartments. The birds arrive about April 20 and at the end of August they depart on their long flight back to Brazil. They are unobtrusive and tidy, and have greatly reduced the numbers of mosquitoes, house flies and moths in the vicinity. I have also seen one come to the window and pick off a spider.

The Brazilians have recently taken an interest in finding out where these northern visitors come from. Last March, they captured 300 000 birds in five cities and marked them with microtags, a harmless fluorescent powder sprayed on the plumage, which would stay on until the birds moulted during the nesting time. Wildlife Services in U.S. and Canada asked that anyone finding feathers mail them in for examination.

I complied with this request. Last week I received a letter from Canadian Wildlife Ottawa reporting that all samples received were sent to U.S. Wildlife Services for identification. So far 29 birds have been identified, one from Fort Erie, Canada. The Brazilians now know where each of these has nested.

The results will be reported in Nature Society News under the title "The Purple Martin Papers" and a copy will be sent to me.

Now I know that my birds perform another service; in a small way they tend to promote co-operation among nations.

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The May Meeting will take place on Thursday, May 15, in the Paisley United Church. John Elliott from the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority will be the guest speaker.

At the October meeting each member was given a copy of the proposed new constitution for study. It has been discussed and accepted by the executive. On the advice of Dorothy Duncan of the Ontario Historical Society, it will be voted on and accepted by the members at this meeting. We hope for a good attendance to deal with this important step in the progress of our society.

Backwoods Preacher. In order to receive a grant for the publication of the book on the Life and Times of Rev. Hiltz, a suitable introduction had to be prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture for approval.

A great deal of work was done by Marion McGillivray during the winter to gather information. She telephoned to Alberta to Hugh Hiltz, who sent a family history. Mrs. Dorothy Nelson of Port Perry supplied further information. Photos were supplied by the United Church of Kincardine and by Bruce Krug of Chesley.

A 20 page introduction, including several photos, was compiled and is now in the hands of the Ministry. As soon as approval is granted, the publishers are ready to print the book.

Bruce Township Historical Society invites everyone to attend the Dinner and Annual Meeting of the society in North Bruce United Brethren Church on Monday, May 26, at 6:30.

Come and enjoy a dinner, a slide presentation on "Rural Concerns, Past and Present", hear about the past year's activities, give your suggestions for future historical projects, and renew your membership.

Tickets available from members of the executive or from Edna McCarrell 389-5018, Lillian Leggett 368-7167 or Shirley Woodason 368-7422.

Shirley Woodason, director of Bruce West for the Bruce County Historical Society, extends a special invitation to all those in Bruce West to consider this as one of their district activities.

Bruce Township Historical Society and Bruce Township Central School are planning a joint project to preserve the memories of some of the area's

senior citizens.

Bruce Memory Day will be held at the school on Tuesday, May 6. Students will be interviewing a group of people aged 80 years or more; some of the over 90's will be interviewed in their homes by Historical Society volunteers.

There are plans to publish a booklet of these memoirs. It should be available early in the summer and will be an interesting addition to the library of anyone with Bruce roots.

News from the North from Olive Hepburn

The Eastnor/Lion's Head Historical Society has asked us to announce that they are preparing to publish a fascinating new book, "Benchmarks, the History of Eastnor Township and Lion's Head". Research for this book began in 1985. In April 1987 they plan to have printed 2000 copies of a 350 page book with 600 photographs.

If you wish to reserve a copy, send a request with \$5.00 addressed to

The Eastnor/Lion's Head Historical Society

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Most of us remember our first trip to the "Peninsula" in our youth as an exciting, romantic experience, and we are sure we will find great pleasure in reading this book.

The Editor is G.G. Hepburn Ph. 519-376-1707.

Bertha Hyatt Retires, after being a correspondent for the Wiarton Echo for over 40 years. She celebrated her 90th birthday on March 29 with a birthday party at the Oliphant W.I. Hall with her family of one son and seven daughters, grand-children and one of her great grand-children.

On Sunday, March 30, she was honoured by the Women's Institute at a "Come-and-go tea". She received many gifts and flowers, also plaques from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Gov. Gen. Jeanne Sauvé, Premier David Peterson and Eddie Sargent.

Bertha was one of 12 children born to Dan and Jane Renshaw of Amabel Tp. She married Jim Hyatt in 1914 and they bought the farm where she still lives with her son Carlyle.

She is a charter member of the W.I., has served in many offices including president and district director and has compiled an interesting Tweedsmuir History.

She and her husband worked to obtain the land for the W.I. park on Lake Huron. She was active in the Wiarton Senior Citizens Club and the first president of the Oliphant Senior Citizens Club.

In 1980 she was chosen Wiarton's Centennial Queen. Our Society joins the Oliphant community and the Wiarton Echo in wishing this valuable citizen many happy retirement years.

A Chesley couple, Len and Laura Gooding celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on April 10. Mrs. Gooding graduated from business school in Walkerton in 1914 and came to Chesley to work for M.A. Halliday on Main St. Mr. Gooding left home in Barbados the day the First World War was declared and came to Canada on August 4, 1914. In March 1915, he came to Chesley and found a job as a farm hand. There he met Laura whom he married on Feb. 27, 1921. He retired in 1970 after working 44 years at the Chesley Chair factory (now Heirloom). He was 91 in December and is the only living World War I veteran in Chesley.

The Preaching Rock. The early settlers of Lanark Township, as all other pioneers, did not feel their lives fulfilled until they had established a place of worship. In many communities, private homes and school houses were used. But in Lanark, according to a resident of that township, who was interviewed on a C.B.C. program on radio, they chose an outstanding landmark, a huge rock, which no doubt appealed to them as a symbol of permanence and stability.

At first a small group gathered there, but the novelty of the outdoor service must have appealed to the pioneer spirit, for by the time a church was built, people were coming from as far as 25 miles.

The great stone became known as the Preaching Rock. Recently it has been dedicated as a historical site and an organization of the churches has instituted an annual service by the rock to commemorate its significance to the early history of the township.

James MacRae of Toronto added a friendly note when he renewed his membership:-

"I have to express my great admiration for the tremendous amount of effort all you folks have and are contributing to make the society such a live and dedicated organization".

Thank you, Mr. MacRae. It is encouragement such as yours that makes it all worthwhile.

Our visitor from space. The first official record of the appearance of Halley's comet was in 11 BC, followed by 66AD, 141, etc., up to 1910 and 1986, in all 27 visits. Mathematical astronomers counting back from 11BC, have calculated that it coincided with the death of Methuselah in 2616 BC. The fact that it often coincided with some great event led the ancient peoples to believe it to be a sign of heavenly favour, or a portent of evil.

In 1066 William the Conqueror supposedly looked upon it as a sign of favour for his victory at Hastings.

Genghis Khan saw it in 1222 on the eve of his siege of Samarkand, which he razed and massacred.

It became so linked with war and pestilence that the Pope excommunicated it in 1456 as not belonging to the Christian universe.

In Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar" written in 1599, are two lines spoken by Caesar's wife as she warns him not to go to the senate:

"When beggars die, there are no comets seen;

The heavens themselves blaze forth the death of princes".

This prophecy seemed to be proved in 1910. The comet was to appear on May 18. On May 2, King Edward VII, who seemed to be in good health, took a sudden chill and died 4 days later of pneumonia.

Arthur Lower, professor emeritus of Queen's University and author of a History of Canada in 1946, was 20 years old in 1910, in training to be a teacher at University College, Toronto. The death of King Edward had given the press an opportunity to rouse excitement. The New York and Chicago papers made outrageous statements, such as that the tail of the comet was composed of a deadly gas. Preparations were sold to a gullible public, - comet pills, comet insurance, a sealant to bung up their houses. The Toronto Telegram, May 17, stated: "With the earth moving at $18\frac{1}{2}$ miles a second and the comet at 40 miles a second, it will take the earth 2 hours to pass through the tail.

What will happen to it? Who knows"?

In Saturday Night Magazine, Jan. 1986, Arthur Lower tells that these reports aroused such curiosity in the students that he and 4 friends set out at 3 a.m. on May 18, determined to get a good view of the spectacle. They walked north on Spadina uphill till they reached the ridge which is the ancient beach of Lake Iroquois, where, on a high bluff, two of them climbed a water tower. They expected to see blazing streaks of light and something of meteoric speed. The comet appeared at dawn to the east over Ward's Island, a hazy star, moving very slowly, - a most disappointing sight. As they trudged homeward, each gave his impression of the comet: "It looks like a cigar", "More like a tadpole", "a faintly luminous fat little sausage".

It was in the 17th century that modern science was born. In 1665, Sir Isaac Newton discovered gravitation, the force that keeps the planets revolving around the sun (and not falling into it). Dr. Edmund Halley, a brilliant scientist, who excelled in mathematical astronomy, proved that the comet he saw in 1692 had followed an elliptical orbit around the sun, which took it far out of our solar system, and that all the comets, which had reappeared at regular intervals throughout the ages, were the same comet.

He predicted that it would reappear in 1758. He was not alive to see it, but a German astronomer who saw it on Christmas night of that year named it Halley's comet.

Although this new scientific knowledge has banished the fears of the past, we can still experience a feeling of awe when we gaze at the celestial sphere on a starry night. A retired clergyman, who liked young people, once invited a group of us to an outdoor party at his home. It was a warm June night and as we lingered after dark, enchanted by the beauty of the sky, we began to talk about the wonders of the universe.

Someone said, "Isn't it a bit scary to think that we are standing on a spinning ball that is flying through space at a tremendous speed?"

The minister replied, "But underneath are the everlasting arms".

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The Annual General Spring Meeting was held in Knox Church, Paisley on Thursday, May 15, at 8 pm. A group of forty members and interested persons were welcomed by Reeve Andrew Cormack. The President, Mrs. Avery, introduced two new members of the Executive, First Vice Pres. Reg Avis and Second Vice Pres. Christine Welsh.

Mr. John Elliott, guest speaker from the Saugeen Conservation Authority, was introduced by Howard Krug. Illustrating his talk with a slide presentation, Mr. Elliott spoke about the Paisley conservation project on the Saugeen River and Willow Creek. The pictures showed the effect of geography on the problem of flooding in the area, which is the fifth largest of the conservation areas. He explained the method of management of water and river control, how stones for the gabions are brought from Orangeville and how use is made of Kentucky Bluegrass sods, timothy, and trefoil. A question period followed which brought further information.

The group voted in favour of a bus trip in July. It was announced that the society is sponsoring competitions for juniors and adults at the Port Elgin Agricultural Fair in July, One hundred dollars to be offered in prizes.

The President pointed out deletions and revisions that had been made to the Constitution. As no further changes were suggested, a vote was taken and the Constitution accepted as revised.

A social hour followed while a lunch of coffee and muffins was served.

Executive Meetings. The room in Maple Square Mall, Port Elgin which we have used for some months, is no longer available. But the storage room for the books may still be used.

On April 7 the Executive met at the township office, Elderslie Township Hall, Chesley at 8 pm. with eleven members present. A letter from the Ministry of Culture and Citizenship announced a heritage organization grant of \$830.76. It was decided to apply for this grant. The Treasurer's report showed a working account of \$8515.51.

As the final vote on the Constitution was due at the May meeting, several amendments and deletions were made. For example, a discussion on budget and finance will be held as the need arises, at regular executive meetings when all members can participate. It was decided that if our application for affiliation with the O.H.S. is approved, the necessary fee be forwarded. This has subsequently been accomplished.

The June Executive Meeting was held, as per custom, at Inverhuron, on Tuesday June 10. Of the eighteen who attended, it was a pleasure to welcome several new members, - Harry Whicher, our new Director for Bruce North and Mrs. Whicher, Mr. and Mrs. Reg Avis and Christine Welsh, who has consented to be our new 2nd Vice Pres.

It was a genial and enthusiastic meeting, as the opening discussion involved satisfactory achievements, the O.H.S. approval of the constitution and our affiliation. The 1986 Yearbook is printed and ready for mailing. (But to save postage, mailing will be delayed until this newsletter is ready to accompany it). The new publication, "Backwood's Preacher", is nearing completion. And the President read a letter from Dorothy Duncan of the O.H.S. informing us that our society is being given the Scadding Award of Excellence, to be presented at their annual meeting at Huntsville on June 14. Representatives from the society are invited to attend to accept the award.

Some plans were made for July and October activities.

The July bus trip is set for July 16. Details will be found in local newspapers. The October dinner has to be held on a Wednesday this year - on Oct. 22 at Elmwood.

The Scadding Award of Excellence was named for the Rev. Henry Scadding (1813-1901) who fostered local history in the Toronto region and was instrumental in founding what is now the Ontario Historical Society in 1888.

The award recognizes the contribution made to the Province's history by the local societies.

Early Saturday morning, June 14 our President Edna Avery and Secretary Marion McGillivray motored to the Hidden Valley Lodge in Huntsville to be in time for the morning seminar which dealt with the history of the Orange Lodge in Muskoka. At the noon luncheon the O.H.S. out-going President, Mr. Bray, spoke on the year's work.

The annual meeting began at 2 pm. after which a period was set aside for the visitors to enjoy the beautiful grounds of the Lodge. Our representatives had complimentary tickets for the evening dinner after which the awards were presented. One society such as ours receives an award each year. Other awards were given to individuals, and to the Bright's Wine Co. for various historical contributions and to the couple who came the farthest distance, from Sault Ste. Marie. Our award was a framed certificate. It represents not only this year's work, but that of our pioneers back to the 50's, upon which we build.

The speaker at the dinner, Dr. Gerald Killan, told about the career of Frank A. MacDougall, known as "The Flying Superintendent" who contributed so much to the development of Algonquin Park

Two weary but happy ladies arrived home at about 2 am.

The Real Estate Tree. In a recent issue of The Beaver, Magazine of the North, published by the Hudson's Bay Co. of Winnipeg, there is an interesting bit of history connected with the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway to the west coast.

By the beginning of 1886, when it became clear that the company was definitely committed to bring the railway to Vancouver, a townsite was mapped out. The C.P.R. chose the highest point of land for their Hotel Vancouver and named a contractor, Alex Russell, to log off the big timber on the site. One giant Douglas fir stood high above the giants around it. Before it was brought down, on February 12, 1886 nobody had thought of photographing it. It lay due north & south, its topmost branches resting where the display windows of the Pacific Centre

now face the street. It was photographed first by Alex Russell who posed above its huge trunk with his axe - like an elephant hunter with his prize. Many people sent pictures back east to impress their friends. Real estate speculators scrambled for lots adjacent to it. One J.W. Horne set up his office at tables placed in front of the huge butt end. Betty Keller, the writer of this story, is the granddaughter of H.T. Devine, the photographer who took this famous "real estate" picture.

The C.P.R. land commissioner who surveyed the lots, jotted down a few statistics about the tree. "On stump", he wrote, "eleven feet eight inches (in diameter). Thirty feet from the ground, 8 ft. 2 in. Two hundred feet up, 3 ft. 10 in."

It was cut into 40 foot lengths, skidded to the inlet and floated to Hastings sawmill. At the mill, several rounds were cut from the large end, to be used for displays. Two rounds were taken to the site where the new C.P.R. office building was then under construction. Another was shipped via C.P.R. to Toronto for the Industrial Exhibition of Aug. 1886. From there it was sent to London to be displayed at the Crystal Palace, in honour of Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee. There is no record of what happened to it after that.

Another famous tree, the "Princess Louise Tree", stood on the waterfront. When the Governor General, the Marquis of Lorne, visited Vancouver, his wife, the Princess Louise so admired this tree that she asked that it be left untouched when the city was built around it. The city fathers tried to save it from the fire of June 1886 but its roots were damaged. It was felled in 1887.

The huge hollow cedar still stands in Stanley Park and intrigues Vancouverites and tourists. But it is held together at the top with steel rods, a last sad relic of the city's noble giants.

The Township of Bruce Historical Society held their annual dinner meeting on May 26 at the Zion United Brethren Church, North Bruce. About 50 people attended to enjoy a roast beef dinner. Earl Dahmer of Paisley was Master of Ceremonies. Edna Avery brought greetings from the County H.S. The Pastor, Rev. G. Hallman welcomed the group. A sing-along was led by Shirley Woodason. Donald MacGillivray, the sales manager for Tales and Trails, reported that 1871 books have been sold and 519 remain. Ann Judd reported on the Bruce Memory Day project held on May 6 when seniors were interviewed by students. A booklet is to be published to preserve these memories. The interviews were done enthusiastically by both seniors and students and the result should be a valuable record. I spoke to one student who was "breathlessly" excited about her contact.



The loon is often seen on Inverhuron Bay.

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Larry Newton of Clifford, Ont. sent a request: "If possible could you put a note in your next newsletter that I am looking for a copy of the Arran history book." The supply of these books is exhausted, but if someone who may have two copies would sell him one, his address is Box 77, Clifford, Ontario NOG 1M0.

Memberships. The number of memberships on our mailing list is now 449 which includes 77 life members, 13 members from U.S. Also there are 328 corporate memberships including 12 Bruce County Women's Institutes, 9 Ontario University Libraries, 8 Public City Libraries, 2 National and Provincial Archives, 1 company in Alabama.

The Bus Trip. Those who were disappointed by the cancellation of the bus trip last year were able to enjoy the same planned tour on Wed. July 16, to the Kitchener Waterloo area. Forty-four from Port Elgin, Walkerton, Chesley, Tiverton and Kincardine visited the Farmer's Market and Doon Heritage Crossroads, a small Waterloo County community depicting rural life before the Great War, when Kitchener was called Berlin, George V was King and gasoline was 18¢ a gallon.

The Joseph Schneider House, owned and maintained by the Regional Heritage Foundation, which depicts life in the 1850's, was toured as was the Seagram's Museum. Krug Brothers of Chesley are interested in turning their furniture factory into a museum, and our president, Edna Avery, suggests that exhibits viewed in Seagram's Museum may provide useful ideas.

A very satisfactory day was topped off by dinner at the Stone Crock at St. Jacobs.

- from a report by Jessie Convey.

The October Dinner will be held at the Elmwood Community Centre on Wednesday, October 22 at 6:30 p.m. Admission by ticket only.

The guest speaker will be Mr. Peter Ruprecht of Toronto who has a summer home in Sullivan township, Grey County. The subject, "German Immigration into Bruce County."

A District Meeting is planned for September 11 at Wiarton in the Baptist Church at 8 p.m. Sheila Gates, the guest speaker will discuss "The Trials and Tribulations of Writing a History Book."

The Director of Bruce North is Harry Whicher.

Hilts Publication

One of the conditions for receiving a grant from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture is that the editing be carried out by an individual of the Ontario Heritage Foundation's choosing (and paid by them). Mr. Curtis Fahey of Toronto, an editor at the Dictionary of Canadian Biography, has agreed to provide this service. During the summer Mr. Fahey has done annotations on the 75 Methodist ministers mentioned in the text proper and is now working on the introduction by increasing it to considerably more than twenty pages.

The society is still hoping to have Experiences of a Backwood's Preacher printed this fall so that it will be available for Christmas. However, we hope that our interested members will understand the delay and bear with us.

Paisley Then and Now, condensed from an item by Donalda McClure in the Chesley Enterprise on the occasion of our executive meeting there.

The village of Paisley is older than Canada. Possibly the oldest written documentary on the Bruce County village is a directory published five months before confederation in 1867. This was some sixteen years after Simon Orchard floated down the Saugeen River on a raft to become the first settler of Paisley.

The directory describes the village then a "beautiful, picturesque, progressing rapidly and boasting a population of 700 to 800." The village had nine stores, four hotels, a cabinet shop, a foundry, two tanneries, four churches and a large woolen and carding mill. Of these buildings many were built of brick; four of the stores, one church, three residences. And a large two roomed brick school house was under construction.

Of the professions there were two lawyers. "It requires only enterprise and capital to make Paisley the best manufacturing town in Canada West, its water power being almost unexcelled."

Advertisements in the directory reveal much about the town services and the era. Kergan and Sullivan, importers of dry goods, millinery and groceries promise, "One price and strictly ready pay."

The Anglo American Hotel: Careful hostlers, always in attendance.

The British House: stabling for 70 horses and a good driving horse.

The Postmaster (I. Orchard brother of Simeon) advised that he also issued marriage licences.

Paisley Medical Hall: Physicians' perscriptions carefully prepared at any hour of day or night. As well as drugs and medicines for humans, cattle or horses, a supply of paints, perfumes, hair brushes, lamp chimneys and coal oil always on hand.

Paisley is still "beautiful and picturesque and is of historical interest, with a town hall as it was in the early days, streets that depict heritage days. A jewellery shop set up by Shoemaker in 1894 is still carried on by his son Winston. One of the best private museums in Ontario is owned by Norman Hagedorn.

Another fine history of Paisley 1850-1967 by Fred Sieffert was contributed to our 1969 Yearbook.

We have two members in Toronto who will enjoy this article. They are Jean Gallipeau and Doris Pennington who were born and spent their youth in Paisley, daughters of Dr. R.I. Tucker who began his work in Paisley in 1919, and resided there until his death in 1948.

Jean demonstrates the enthusiasm of many of our members. In order to attend our October dinner, she has at times taken the Via Rail to Bowmanville from where they drove to Bruce.

Doris is a capable writer who has contributed "Profile of a Country Doctor" to our 1974 Yearbook. It is a loving personal glimpse of a fine doctor and father. At present she is engaged in research on the life of Agnes McPhail, whom her father knew as a fellow teacher before he attended university.

The Bruce Township Historical Society presented and dedicated their book "Memories of Bruce Township" on August 22 at the Community Centre, Underwood, where they honoured the students and volunteers as guests. It is a 64 page book with pictures of students and seniors and memories gathered from the interviews. It is now available at \$4 a copy.

The Museum. Our Bruce County members may read a report of work at the Bruce County Museum at Southampton in the local press each week; but 102 of our members live outside the county, in 7 provinces and states.

The museum has been a very busy place all summer. It has hosted three concerts sponsored by the Southampton Festival Theatre. It opened the annual County Art Show on August 2 in the Extension Room. The prizes are interesting: to Walter Ozaruk for a water colour "Dock at Oliphant", to Jane Champagne for "Ghost Houses", Louisa Street, to Olga Inglis for "Amabel Trilliums". The art will be on display for some time.

On August 14, Irene Akiwenzie, a native story-teller gave an informal talk on the past and present realities of Indian life in Bruce County.

On September 11 Susan Purvis, a naturalist from Parks Canada will give a slide illustrated talk on the Flora and Fauna of Bruce, especially the MacGregor Park area.

At our October dinner 1985 Mr. Breede outlined in full detail the plans for a Travelling Furniture Exhibition, making known across Canada the history of the furniture industry in Bruce. A request is being made to YOU to co-operate. Documentation of surviving examples of Bruce made furniture. hand or factory made. They ask permission to photograph any such furniture you have, adding any history you may know, pictures, personal experience, etc. Call 797-3644. We congratulate the curator and her capable staff on a fine year's work and wish every success with this project.

From the Port Elgin Times, July 30, 1986.

Duprey takes silver at Commonwealth Games

With the best wishes of the hometown fans and friends behind her, 19 year-old Donalda Duprey of Port Elgin, raced to a second-place finish in the women's 400-meter hurdles event at the Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, Scotland, Monday afternoon.

According to "the experts", Donalda didn't have much of a chance at reaching a medal, but she changed all that with her fine efforts on Sunday and Monday.

In one of two heat runs on Sunday afternoon, Donalda placed third in a time of 58.95 seconds. She let up near the finish line because she knew she was a solid third and that the top four finishers advanced to the final. Canadian team-mate, Gwen Wall, finished first in the heat and also qualified for the final. Another Canadian, Andreas Page, finished fifth and was eliminated.

Monday's final, which was run at 12:00 noon our time, saw Donalda run the best race of her career. Australian Debbie Flintoff, who is expected to break the world record for the event later this summer, breezed to the finish line in 54.94 seconds, which broke her own Commonwealth Games record of 55.89 seconds, set in 1982.

It was quite a battle for second place, however, as Donalda learned at the finish line to edge out Australian Jenny Laurendet by two-one-hundredths of a second. Donalda finished the race in 56.55 seconds, with Laurendet close behind at 56.57 seconds. Gwen Wall, who won the earlier heat, placed fourth in a time of 57.49 seconds.

Immediately after the race, Donalda was on the phone to Port Elgin and relaying the news to her coaches, Earl and Geordie Farrell. The phone line had been pre-arranged, so there was no trouble in getting through. According to Earl Farrell, it was difficult to say who was more excited about the result. He said he and Donalda had worked hard all summer for this one race and their efforts had been all worth it.

While on the phone, Donalda told her coach that she's convinced she can go faster, and Earl Farrell agrees. No mention was made of the 1988 Summer Olympics, scheduled to be held in Seoul, Korea, but the rest of the world should be on their toes. After getting off the phone, Donalda was immediately surrounded by members of the Canadian press, all wanting to know who she was, where was Port Elgin, and was she surprised at the results.

Donalda's time of 56.55 seconds is not a Canadian Senior record, but it does set a new Canadian Junior record, which Earl Farrell is pretty sure will be safe for a number of years. Donalda also set the previous two Canadian Junior records, running the event in 58.02 seconds in July of 1985, and then setting the new

record of 57.30 in a race in Utah in May of this year.

Although it has yet to be confirmed, Donalda is expected to stay with the Canadian team as it tours Europe for a few weeks, and she is not expected home until near the middle of August.

An appreciation event is being held this week for Donalda, through the co-operation of the Port Elgin Rotary Club and the Port Elgin Canadian Tire Store. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week have been designated "Donalda Duprey Appreciation Days" and the Rotarians and Canadian Tire Store will be selling a truckload of cases of oil. All profits from the sale will go into a trust fund account for Donalda.

We join with Donalda's family, friends, teammates on the Saugeen Track and Field Club, and all Canadians in congratulating Donalda on her excellent performance. But, you ain't seen nothin' yet.

Requiem

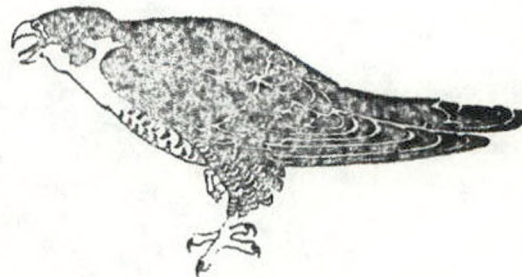
Two nuts bought cars of their selection
They met next day at an intersection
The two cars made close connection
The police came to make an inspection
The ambulance came to make a collection
There is nothing left but a recollection
And two less votes at the next election.

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The driver is safer if the road is dry.
The road is safer if the driver is dry.



*Soaring over the bays of the Bruce,
the ugly turkey vulture becomes one
of nature's most graceful creatures.*



*At home on the cliffs, the "royal"
peregrine falcon can dive on its
prey at speeds up to 175 m.p.h.*

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The Annual Dinner Meeting

The annual meeting and banquet of The Bruce County Historical Society was held on Wednesday, October 22, in the Elmwood Community Centre. The year's highlights of the Society were outlined, including: winning the Scadding Award from the Ontario Historical Society; six members receiving Volunteer Awards; bus trip to Kitchener; sponsoring a competition in the Port Elgin Fair; receiving a \$2,500 grant from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture to reprint "Experiences of a Backwoods Preacher".

Special door prizes were awarded to: Ethel Bangay, Douglas Wrightson, Barbara Ribey, Pharis Mathers, Mr. Gordon Powell, Mrs. Whicher, Mr. & Mrs. Ingles.

Mrs. Wathke and Jim McCure sang a German folk song and Mr. Wathke played a piano medley of German favourites.

The speaker, Peter Ruprecht, of Toronto and Sullivan Township, was introduced by Bruce Krug. Mr. Ruprecht explained Ontario's early ties with

Germany through George III's German-speaking troops in the War of Independence and their later coming to Canada as U.E.L.B. Emigration routes, problems, and causes in the 1800's were shown in his presentation that showed heavy German settlement in Grey and Bruce.

There were 160 German publications in Ontario and \$180,000 was spent on German Catholic Missions, two of which were in Owen Sound and Guelph. Money was sent from Bavaria and Vienna to complete the Karlsruhe and Formosa churches.

The end of regular church services in German came in 1940 and German text gave way to English at home. Many old German names were Anglicized, one being Leifso.

The officers for the B.C.H.S. for 1987 are as follows: Past President, Malcolm Campbell; President, Edna Avery; First Vice-President, Reg Avis; Second Vice-president, Christine Welsh; Secretary, Marion McGillivray; Treasurer, Muriel MacIntosh; Membership, Clara Gilchrist; Newsletter, Margaret MacKenzie; Yearbook, Shirley Woodason; Social Convenor, Jessie Conway.

The Convalescent List

Two valued Executive members, Miss Margaret MacKenzie of Inverhuron and Mrs. Muriel McIntosh of Tiverton, have been confined to their homes during the past few months.

Mrs. McIntosh suffered a massive heart attack early last October and spent several weeks in University Hospital, London, and Kincardine Hospital. Although she is now in her own home again, she is under careful supervision of her doctor and is recovering slowly.

Miss MacKenzie has been undergoing treatment in Toronto for a throat and chest condition. She too is responding well to treatment and is spending the winter at the home of a niece in Islington.

Their many friends wish these two ladies a speedy recovery.

From the St. Catharines Standard, November, 1986.

106-year-old father gives daughter away at wedding

Note: Mr. Blakely is a Bruce centenarian, whose name has been appearing in the B.C.H.S. yearbook for several years now.

When Lois Gillard told her 108-year-old father she was about to be wed he reasoned it was OK because "she seemed quite pleased about it."

"She could use her own judgment", Wallace Blakely said of his 79-year-old daughter. "I don't want to interfere in any way."

So on Saturday at Linhaven Home for the Aged, the nurses helped Mr. Blakely don his "good suit and tie," placed a carnation in his lapel and brought him to the home's chapel to give his daughter away - perhaps the oldest man to perform such a feat.

The bride, wearing a cornflower-blue dress with a mauve orchid, gave her vows with a voice full of emotion. The groom, 82-year-old Robert New,

had trouble getting the ring on her finger.

After the pastor introduced the newlyweds to the 20 family members squeezed into the small chapel, the couple moved to the blind Mr. Blakely's wheelchair. Mr. New, the new son-in-law, called him "Pop." Mrs. New kissed and hugged her father, evoking a few tears from the onlookers.

The last time he gave her away was in 1929.

"It was in an old farmhouse in Tiverton," recalled Mr. Blakely about his daughter's first wedding. He was back in his room, having a shot of whiskey and some cheese. Besides his blindness, Mr. Blakely is in relatively good health.

"I have a little drink, I'm not on any medication," said Mr. Blakely, whose doctor allows him an ounce of whiskey at dinner and bedtime. He was sick earlier in the week, but said he bounced back because he didn't want to disappoint the bride.

Known for his sense of humour, Mr. Blakely said he can't evaluate his new son-in-law "because I can't see him." He hears that Mr. New is good to his daughter.

The newlyweds said they met in Florida eight years ago, having lost their spouses the same year. Together ever since they live in a St. Catharine's apartment, but held the wedding at Linhaven to accommodate Mr. Blakely.

"One day we were talking and Bob just asked me if I'd be happy if we were married," said Mrs. New about the engagement. "I said 'Yes' and he said 'OK', let's do it."

Wally, as Mr. Blakely is called at the home, was born 10 miles south of Port Elgin in 1880.

In 1905, the year Mr. New was born in North York, Mr. Blakely was preparing for his own wedding. Mr. Blakely married, moved out West and bought a 160-acre homestead for \$10. Mrs. New was born in Bethune, Sask. in 1908. Mr. Blakely was married for almost 75 years. His wife died in 1979.

"I've had lots of everything except money," he said, turning philosophical. Regarding children, he says, "Bring 'em up right and let 'em decide for themselves."

Mr. Blakely's excitement isn't finished for the week. Tomorrow, he will be honoured by the Oddfellows, the lodge he joined in 1900.

The newlyweds plan a honeymoon soon, returning to where they met in Florida. In the meantime, they are enjoying the company of their children, who came from San Diego, Detroit, Windsor, and Chatham for the wedding.

The best man and matron of honour were Charlie and May Penniston of St. Catharines, friends they met at the Dunlop Drive Senior Citizens' Centre.

The Schiedel Book

A most interesting and comprehensive family history has recently been completed by one of our members, Mr. Ian H. Schiedel of Maple Ridge, B.C. His grandparents, Elisha and Amanda (Martin) Schiedel spent much of their adult life in Walkerton and Port Elgin. Their only child and Ian's father, Elmer Schiedel, married Nellie Gilchrist of Tiverton.

Ian has donated one of his family histories to the Port Elgin Public Library with the hope that it will be of interest to many of that area's readers.

Our congratulations go to Ian Schiedel for a splendid book, and we thank him for his gift to the library.

Hans Christian Anderson

Denmark has just completed a centennial year, the anniversary of the death of their most beloved famous son, Hans Christian Anderson, the writer of fairy tales. He was claimed by Copenhagen, where he arrived as a child actor at age 14, but his ambition was to bring honour to his birthplace, Odense. Two statues honour him in the capital, one of himself in the Royal Gardens, the other of the Little Mermaid from his most famous tale overlooks the harbour, gazing out to sea.

In Odense they built him a museum which includes the tiny cottage where he spent his childhood. It is filled with memorabilia of his life, the original manuscripts of many of the 150 tales he wrote, using the castles and forest around Adense as background. Every summer one fairy tale is performed in its out-door theatre.

The love of his life was Jenny Lind, the Swedish Nightingale but because she refused him he never married. He died in 1886 at the age of 81.

The Purple Martin Report

A letter came from Canadian Wildlife Services, Ottawa early in June saying that the final report will not be out till fall. "Thank you for your patience." it added. But included was a copy of a page from "Nature Society News" Griggsville, Illinois, giving results of the study up to Feb. 1986 which already show interesting facts.

There were 31 birds identified so far, the last two from Canada added to the one previously identified from Fort Erie, Ont. These two birds nested 2250 miles apart, from Stettler in central Alberta, the other from Oxford in northern Nova Scotia. Their flight converged to areas 100 miles apart in Sao Paula state in south Brazil.

No birds came to Brazil from Florida or south U.S. It may be that those who nest in warm climates prefer the warm areas of the Amazon and Cuba, while our hardy birds fly far south of the equator to find a cooler climate.

To all our readers we extend our best wishes for a healthful and happy New Year.

An error slipped into our last issue. Our corporate membership numbers 32 not 328.

A Scots' Creed

To catch Dame Fortune's golden smile
Assiduous wait upon Her,
And gather gear by every guile
That's justified by honour.
But not to hide it 'neath a hedge,
Nor for a train attendant,
But for the glorious privilege
Of being independent.

Robert Burns

Spring Meeting Announcement

Our members and readers are advised that planning is underway for the general spring meeting in May. It will take the form of a bus tour, starting at Lucknow on Friday, May 23, and proceeding north to Tobermory Lodge, where it will remain overnight and return Saturday, May 23. Total cost of the bus will be \$325. The Lodge will charge \$38 per adult which includes overnight room, meeting room, 3 meals and a tour of the Tobermory area (possibly by water).

These plans are of course still tentative and those interested should inquire at a later date for more details. It is hoped to have final plans included in the April newsletter.



SWALLOWS and SWIFTS. Swallows are sparrow-sized birds with long slim wings and a graceful flight. Barn swallow has the deeply forked tail. Chimney swift resembles "a cigar with wings."

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The May Meeting will be held at Tobormory Lodge on May 22 and 23, as announced in the January newsletter.

The bus will leave Lucknow on Friday, May 22 at 3:00 p.m. and will proceed north along Highway 21, arriving at Tobermory by 7:00 p.m. The dinner will be at 7:00 followed by Mr. Vincent Elliott as guest speaker. The next morning will be spent enjoying breakfast, a variety of local tours to choose from, luncheon at 1:00 p.m. and probably a luncheon speaker. The bus will leave for home at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Cost of the bus is \$10.00 per person, and the meals and lodging amount to \$38.00 + \$2.00 tax or \$40.00 per person. If you are interested in buying a ticket, please contact one of the directors or executive members by April 10 which is the deadline for making reservations at the motel.

Those wishing to attend the dinner and evening only, should also contact their directors for tickets which are \$11.00.

The Annual Bus Trip is being planned for July 16 and will go to the Agricultural Museum at Milton, by Hanover bus. Details will be given in the June newsletter.

The Annual Dinner will be held at Underwood Community Centre on Thursday, October 22. The guest speaker will be Mr. Andrew Armitage, head librarian at Owen Sound Library. More details will follow in later newsletters.

Memberships - And now from pleasure to business. - The secretary and membership secretary have spent considerable time together updating the membership lists. As everyone knows, printing and postage costs continue to increase. As was the policy in previous years, the yearbooks will be mailed to paid up members only. If you do not receive your yearbook, an accusing finger may be pointed at an incorrect address, the mail service, or omission of your name from the list (secretary's error). Or perhaps your dues are not paid for 1987. Reminders are being sent with this newsletter.

At the present time individual memberships total 323, life memberships, 94, and corporate memberships 33.

And From Our Corresponding Members: Mr. J.C. Cox of Kincardine writes, "I enjoyed the article contributed by Rev. Benson Cox (1986 yearbook). The stone masons mentioned in the article were James who was my father and Jack my uncle, also my Uncle Dave was one of the masons and Joe Cox mentioned as best man at the wedding was another uncle."

Benson's grandfather George and my grandfather James Cox were brothers and apparently both reached Bruce County by way of Goderich."

And Mrs. Norman Brocklebank of Orangeville writes as follows: "My dad was Wm. J. Lambertus of Walkerton and is the son of George Lambertus. George had 3 brothers Christopher, John and Jacob. Some of Christopher's children went west. My grandfather George was married to Catherine McCormack of Huron Township.

Can anyone give me any names, or addresses or information that I can use in a Lambertus Family Tree?"

(continued from Hans Christian Anderson in January Newsletter)

The Vikings. Denmark has recently been voted the best country in the world in which to live. They are justly proud of their clean air, their fine quality of life where education and medical care are free and principles of justice and humanity are unexcelled. During World War II they smuggled their 9 000 Jewish citizens at great risk into neutral Sweden.

It is hard to reconcile the character of these serene people with that of their ancestors, the warlike Vikings, unless we consider their bravery and their passion for independence.

A 1 000 year old Viking cemetery was excavated there in 1950, where 680 gravestones are set in patterns of long Viking ships (so the dead can sail to and fro). Ornaments of amber which was plentiful in the sands of the beaches were found. It was worn against arthritis and in earrings to ensure clear eyesight.

Our idea of the Vikings has been formed by their warlike reputation. They were the "terrorists" of their time, feared everywhere in Europe. They would arrive at a coast, make swift inroads, pillaging and killing, then sail away with their booty in their long narrow wooden boats with square woollen sails and figurehead of a fierce mythical beast.

I was told in Scotland that when the "Danes" invaded their east coast they found themselves in a vast area of the true Scotch thistles, over 6 feet high with long strong spines. Soon discouraged, they retreated to the sea. The Scots then chose this valiant plant as their national emblem.

One warrior, thought to be a madman, was most feared. His name, Berserker, still lines in our expression "going berserk."

An old Viking custom is still observed by Danes everywhere. As a greeting or as a toast they say "Skal" as the warriors did when they drank from the skulls of the slain.

The Canadian Connection. The Icelandic Sagas tell us that Erik the Red, a lawless youth, kicked out of Norway, built two settlements in Iceland, then in 980 A D ventured westward to discover a vast land, barren, but rich in wildlife, furs, tusks and falcons which he knew to be worth a fortune in Europe. To lure settlers he gave it an attractive name, Greenland. They built wide boats for cargo and set up shipping lines to Norway.

It was Erik's son, Leif Eriksson who reached our shores, to Baffin Is. then Labrador and to "Vineland", the location of which remained a mystery until recent times. In the 1950's a husband and wife team of archaeologists explored the coast of Newfoundland asking if there were any ruins in the area. In 1960 a fisherman told them that there were strange land formations at a place he called "Lancy Meadows." He meant "L'Anse-aux-Meadows" derived from the French "L'Anse-aux-Meduses", (Bay of Jellyfish). Excavation began in 1961. They discovered a fireplace, an ember pit like those in Greenland, later a big house with 6 rooms with walls and roof of sod. Inside was a soapstone spindle and a stone lamp, showing the presence of women, and that they had settled there 1 000 years ago, 500 years before Columbus.

By 1968 eight buildings had been found, finally proving that this was the site of Vineland, inhabited by the earliest Europeans to set foot on this continent.

A New Historical Site. At this spot, 600 miles north of St. John's a historical site has been established. Parks Canada has decreed it a National Historical Park and UNESCO proclaimed it the First World Heritage Site. It proves that the Vikings were not all blood-thirsty warriors; many were explorers, architects, craftsmen, traders and farmers.

Visitors to L'Anse-aux-Meadows will find a 37 square mile park with three reconstructed sod houses with a concrete foundation replacing the wooden for stability, rafters girded with willow twigs, fire pits on earthen floors, no tables or chairs, built-in beds, sods for the walls cut from the area, commercial sods for the roof.

A visitor's centre holds displays that tell the story of the Norse in the 9th to the 11th centuries. Here the ghosts of the Vikings are living down their bad reputation. The mystery of Vineland has been solved. But two things we wonder about; Why did they not continue southward?; Why did they leave?

One theory is that they may have been murdered by native Indians or Inuits.

(Gathered from three newspaper travelogues)

Editor's Note -

In the 1987 yearbook is a very interesting account of the Saugeen River and the mills which operated along its banks.

Mrs. Maisie Trelford of Southampton has submitted the following obituary, as printed in the Southampton Beacon, 1920, of her great-grandfather, James B. Smith. Mr. Smith lived in Southampton and is a typical example of the pioneer millers of this area.

Death of James B. Smith

An outstanding character in the pioneer history of Canada passed away on January 6th, 1920, in the person

of James Blanchfield Smith, at the ripe old age of 90 years, 2 months and 29 days. He was a splendid type of manhood, being six foot two inches in height with a powerful frame, and had an alert mind as well. He was an abstainer from intoxicating liquors and tobacco. His antecedents came to America in 1606, and settled in the New England States. They followed the business of building, sawmills, grist mills and woollen mills, and as settlers filled up the country, they kept working further into the then wilderness of forest. When a new settlement was started the Smiths were there to build the mills and place the machinery in them. Mathew Smith, the grandfather of the deceased worked at millwrighting throughout New York State, and he and his son Ezra crossed the Niagara frontier at Buffalo in punts carrying their tools with them, and built mills on the Niagara river and along Lake Erie, and settled at Chippewa Creek. James B. Smith was married at Canboro, Haldimand County, to Elizabeth Townsend, and from this union there were ten children. Mrs. Smith died here in 1908. Mr. Smith was the inventor of the circular saw portable mill, now used so generally. he has also invented the sectional turbine water wheel, and other devices, which he sold to the Waterous Co. of Brantford, and for years was engaged with this company setting up mills throughout Ontario. Among local points where mills were set up by him were Owen Sound, Allenford, Chesley, Port Elgin, Durham, Walkerton, Colpoys Bay and Denny's Mill on the Saugeen river. In 1862 Mr. Smith made his first move to this district. He walked from Durham to Walkerton, where he spent the night in the Thompson log hut, the only one there, coming on to Southampton the next day with his gun and his pack on his back. At Southampton he secured a guide to take him to the Sauble River, where he surveyed a block of timbered land for a Dr. Hamilton of Hamilton. The government at Ottawa granted a patent to the land which was then purchased by Dr. Hamilton, and Mr. Smith then built a sawmill, which he operated for four years, and brought the lumber by boat to Southampton. Later Mr. Smith bought seven hundred acres of timbered land in Amabel Township, west of Hepworth. He built a mill there which he later sold and then went to Michigan, where he was engaged in millwrighting for the Western Lumber Co. and the Perry Lumber Co. of Manistique, Mich. In 1884 he returned with his family to Southampton where he purchased the Angus Mill. This was later burned and Mr. Smith then retired, settling on the north side of the Saugeen river, where he resided up to the time of his death. Two daughters and three sons survive him as well as a number of grandchildren. These are Miss Ida and Calvin M. at home and Mrs. Edna Yeomans, Hiram M. at Mine Centre and Seth S. at Fort Frances. The grandchildren are Arthur E. Yeomans and Mrs. Fred Piper of town, Mrs. A. Phillips, Mrs. A. Landen, Toronto, Mrs. G. H. Williams, Niagara Falls; Seth M. Smith, Seattle, Wash; L. C. Smith, Evansburg, Alta; R. J. and Melvin B. Smith, Fort Frances; Mrs. M. J. Callahan, Lavelle, and Mrs. C. C. Cook, Lethbridge. The funeral services were held at the family residence, and interment took place at the Smith private cemetery near Hepworth.

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The May General Meeting

On Friday, May 22, 85 members of the Bruce County Historical Society travelled to Lobermory Lodge at the tip of the Bruce Peninsula for their May general meeting. Following dinner, Mr. Vince Elliott, a noted authority on the plant and animal life of the area, was guest speaker. His topic was the changes that have taken place during the last century in the animal and plant life of peninsula lands and waters. Some animals, such as the beaver, have been introduced, to the detriment of the local forests. Commercial fishing has been greatly reduced, as has the lumbering industry. He spoke of his excitement on discovering a new orchid. Mr. Elliott certainly aroused everyone's interest, particularly in plant life.

Saturday morning saw many of the guests boarding the glass-bottomed boat for a guided tour among the islands. Viewings were made of several sunken wrecks, and Flowerpot Island was circled during the 1½ hour cruise.

Luncheon speaker was Mr. Stan McLellan, who is Park Superintendent of Fathom Five Provincial Park. He showed slides of some of the 19 shipwrecks in the area, and explained the work of the Ministry of Natural Resources in the park.

The visitors returned to their homes Saturday afternoon by bus and cars, tired but very impressed with their enjoyable visit. Much of the credit for their pleasure must go to Mr. Brad Davis and his staff of Lobermory Lodge, who, for a very modest sum, provided excellent accommodation, meals and service for the group. The Lodge rooms were completely occupied and overflow members were transferred to another nearby motel. Judging by the many comments, Lobermory Lodge may well become a favourite destination for South Bruce travellers.

The July Bus Trip

This year's bus trip is again planned with Holiday Tours, Hanover, for Thursday, July 16. Buses will circle the county as usual, and will leave Hanover at 9 a.m. A visit will be made at the Wellington County Museum and the Elora Gorge. A paper bag lunch will be enjoyed somewhere en route, and the afternoon will be spent at the Milton Agricultural Museum. Plans call for dinner at "The Stone Crock", St. Jacobs, and then home. Those interested in participating in this trip should contact their local district director by July 4 - as follows:

Bruce North - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Whicher, Colpoy's Bay 534-1297

Bruce South - Miss Florence Grant or Mrs. Anila Kennedy, Leeswater
392-8105 or 392-6253

Bruce East - Mr. and Mrs. Don McSporran, R.R. 1, Paisley 363-6844

Bruce West - Mrs. Shirley Woodason, R.R. 1, Liverton, 368-7422

Cost of the trip will be approximately \$25, not including the dinner.

The Fall District Meeting

Plans are underway to hold the District meeting for the north in the Warton Baptist Church on Thursday evening, October 15. Betty Locke of Ottawa, a representative from the National Art Gallery, will give a slide presentation and talk entitled "A Future For the Past". She is a lively and entertaining speaker and her subject is most appropriate. So mark your calendars now for this treat. All are most welcome. (8 p.m.)

The Annual Dinner and Meeting

As announced in the April newsletter the annual dinner will be held at Underwood on Thursday evening, Oct. 22. Mr. Andrew Armitage, chief librarian of The Owen Sound Public Library, will be the guest speaker. More details will be given in the September Newsletter.

NEGRO IMMIGRATION TO BRUCE AND GREY

by Mrs. Donalda McClure

A search of records in Wellington and Waterloo County Archives proves that Negroes were here before many white settlers; at one time they numbered from 500 to 900 people. But their shabby treatment by early land agents and land speculators has received scant coverage in history. Neither has their flight from humiliation and suffering to a new freedom here in what was then known as "The Queen's Bush".

The underground railway which brought thousands of fugitive American slaves to freedom in Ontario was one of the most effective mercy operations in history. An early Negro pioneer farmer, John Little, was interviewed as early as 1855. He gave a graphic description of his early life as a slave.

"I was bought and sold by several masters - I never went to school a day in my life, and never knew a letter until late in life."

Little escaped a cruel master and spent two years hiding in the bush, living off farm produce he stole at night. He eventually reached Canada through Mississippi, North Carolina and Ohio. John Little later became one of the most respected farmers in The Queen's Bush.

Most of the recorded Negro history is in Peel, Elora and Dumfries. However, several arrived in Grey County in Williamsford and Owen Sound. At least one is known to have lived in the bush in Arran Township, Bruce County.

But enough of this! Come to the annual dinner and hear Mr. Andrew Armitage tell much more about the interesting topic.

Society Books Find a New Home

Over the last thirty years the society has accumulated a stock of historical books, from yearbooks beginning in 1967 to the Histories of the County of Bruce by Robertson and MacLeod. Storing them safely has been a problem and numerous buildings have been used that served well for a time. During the past spring, members and helpers moved them once again to the museum, where they are stored on a shelf in the second-storey storeroom of the

Archives. These books have a slow but steady market, and several are nearly out of print, although numerous reprintings have been made. At the present time the society is offering a good deal to anyone wishing to collect a set of 21 yearbooks - the set for \$2 each. Anyone interested should contact the secretary. Single back issues sell for \$3, from 1987 on they are \$4.00.

Miss Margaret MacKenzie, newsletter editor, continues to reside with her sister and brother-in-law in Islington, where she is able to receive medical treatment from Princess Margaret Hospital. The V.O.N. also visit her three times a week. Needless to say, her literary talents are sorely missed when it is time to compile the newsletter, and our readers no doubt notice the absence of that classy style with the unique touch of humour and love of nature. Those wishing to write to her should address their letters to - 14 Chestnut Hills Parkway, Islington, Ont. M9A 3P6.

The following articles have been sent by her recently, and we thank her for her assistance.

Angelena, A Legend of Nova Scotia

(Every week-day morning about 6:20 a.m., Bob Johnstone of the CBC relates an authentic event that took place on that date in past history. It was on December 17 that I heard this story:-)

In the very early days of Nova Scotia when Halifax was just beginning to be a sea port, before the interior was opened up, the only other settlements were small fishing villages dotted along the coast. Their only industry was fishing, the fish taken to Halifax by small schooners.

In one of these isolated villages, lived a very ambitious and headstrong young girl, Angelina. She was engaged to be married at Christmas and was determined she was going to have a wedding dress.

Not much is known about her fiancé except that he must have been a sailor because he had the deep-rooted superstition of all seamen that it was very bad luck to set sail on a Friday.

Angelina found a schooner leaving for Halifax early in the morning Friday, Dec. 17. Her fiancé and her family tried to change her mind, but to no avail.

The morning was cloudy and calm. But they were not far on their way when a wind arose, which grew into a violent storm carrying them far out to sea. The seven aboard, five crew and one other passenger - a salesman returning home for the week end - had to cling for their lives to the rigging. The storm abated in time but they were lost at sea with no food except the salted cod-fish. But the barrel of fresh water had been washed away with all other moveables. They were finally picked up by a foreign trading ship bound for the West Indies. It sailed back to port in Europe with a cargo of sugar. They were carried around in this way for several months until they finally found passage to England. Here they endured another long wait for a ship calling at ports along the New England coast to reach Halifax. It was said to be 18 months before they reached home.

Angelina had no wedding dress. Neither did she have a fiancé, for he had long departed.

It is to be surmised that he had found another bride who had sense enough not to set sail on a Friday.

Note: My grandfather, Wm Morrison, was captain of his own boat. They fished out of Kincardine all summer and in the fall he went north with his crew for a few weeks to the Fishing Islands, off the coast of Amabel. He claimed to have no superstitions but it was noted that he never made the trip on a Friday.

Canadian Stamps

In August 1986 Canada Post issued two sets of new stamps, one depicting the earliest explorers, the other Canada's achievements in technology. The explorers are in chronological order on a souvenir sheet. The first shows the original people of N. America 12 000 years ago. The explorations of the Vikings come second. On the third stamp John Cabot's ship, the Matthew, is shown at landfall in Newfoundland. The ship is being greeted by a large codfish standing at attention with welcoming fin extended. The fourth depicts Henry Hudson rowing away from his ice-locked ship.

The achievement series laud the rotary snowplow invention in 1890 by Toronto dentist, J.W. Elliot. It has been used by railway services worldwide to clear mountainous regions.

The variable pitch propeller was invented in 1922 by New Brunswick engineer Robert Turnbull. The device enabled planes to vary the position of propellers and thus carry heavy payloads, making it the most important aeronautical invention ever.

The anti gravity flight suit, invented in 1929 by Toronto cancer researcher, Wilbur Franks (a precursor of space suit) is a jacket with water-filled pouches in the lining, to help pilots overcome dizziness and loss of consciousness.

Most recently the articulated manipulator or "Canadarm" created by Canadian companies under contract to the National Research Council have been used by the U.S. space shuttle.

At Time of Printing

Mrs. Muriel McIntosh passed away suddenly on Saturday, June 13 at the Huronia District Hospital, Midland. The funeral was held on Wednesday, June 17 at the Davey Linklater Funeral Home. Mrs. McIntosh was treasurer of the Bruce County Historical Society from July, 1982.

Bird Song

Many years ago, on the farm, on a sunny morning in early summer, the air would be filled with the fragrance of new-mown hay and a chorus of bird-song; meadowlarks, bobolinks, orioles, phoebes, and sweetest of all, the shy little song sparrow.

The Song Sparrow

He does not wear a Joseph's coat
Of many colours smart and gay,
His suit is Quaker brown and grey,
With three dark patches at his throat,
And yet of all the well-dressed throng,
No one can sing so brave a song.
It makes the pride of looks appear
A vain and foolish thing to hear
His "Sweet, sweet, sweet, very merry cheer".

A lofty place he does not love,
He sits by choice and well at ease
In hedges and in little trees
That stretch their slender arms above
The meadow brook; and there he sings
Till all the field with pleasure rings;
And so he tells in every ear
That lowly homes to Heaven are near
In "Sweet, sweet, sweet, very merry cheer".

- Henry van Dyke
from The Country Life Reader, 1924.

Song Sparrow ▶

Look in thickets, bushes
and also in parks. Size
varies and color ranges
from pale to dark brown
Wags its tail
as it flies
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The bus then continued to the Elora Gorge, where lunch was enjoyed at some of the many picnic tables in the Conservation area there.

The greatest part of the afternoon was spent touring the Milton Agricultural Museum, and both men and women found plenty of interest. The ladies particularly enjoyed seeing the 1830 and 1860 homesteads. The addition of the "summer kitchen" to the latter home was something that most could remember as a feature that was still common until the 1940's.

Dinner was enjoyed at the "Stone Crock" in St. Jacobs, and the group then returned home at a reasonable hour for such a busy day.

East Bruce District Meeting

This meeting has been set for Thursday, September 3, at 8 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Office in Chesley. Mr. C. Birchard will be the guest speaker; his topic is "Outdoor Education from an Historical Point of View". Everyone is welcome.

North Bruce District Meeting

As announced previously, members and non-members are invited to this meeting on Thursday, October 15, at 8 p.m. The speaker will be Betty Locke from the National Art Gallery at Ottawa. Her topic will be "A Future For the Past". The place of the meeting is the Wiarton Baptist Church.

The Annual Dinner and Meeting

Don't forget your tickets for the Annual Dinner on Thursday, October 22, at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Andrew Armitage, Library Administrator of Owen Sound, will speak on Myths and Legends of Local History: Debunking the History of the Queen's Bush. The place is Underwood Community Centre; tickets may be bought from any director or executive member; they will cost \$8.00.

Ontario Archives

The Bruce Township Historical Society and the Bruce County Museum are hoping to host a meeting this autumn with Mr. Hugh MacMillan, liaison officer for the Ontario Archives at Toronto as a guest speaker. Mr. MacMillan will

talk about his work collecting old documents to be microfilmed and stored in the Provincial Archives. As the Bruce County Museum, churches and other local institutions are also interested in these documents for their archival libraries, a speaker from this field should be of interest to many. The date is not determined at this time, but watch your newspapers after September 5 for further announcements; the place will be the Bruce County Museum in Southampton.

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August 20, 1890 - Letter

Editor, Times:

If you will kindly allow me the space, I have a little matter which I wish to bring to the attention of your citizens.

I understand that Port Elgin is making arrangements to secure telephone connection by way of Paisley, which would necessitate the laying of over 15 miles of poles. Now, we in Glammis are very anxious to secure connection with the outer world, as are also Tiverton and Underwood. Then why should the following scheme not suit all parties.

The Glammis people to lay the poles from Pinkerton to Glammis. From that point Tiverton to carry the line to that village, when the Underwood people would lay poles to that place, bringing it within ten miles of Port Elgin, making a saving to your people of at least 5 miles of poles. This is the only way in which those smaller places can expect a telephone without paying a heavy bonus till the line was self-supporting. In this way the company will give each place a free instrument for the laying of the poles, and I have no doubt it would be to their advantage to even help Port Elgin to carry the line. Hoping this will meet with approval and be acted upon,

I remain, yours, etc.

M.C. Black, M.D. Glammis, Aug. 12, 1890.

September 10th, 1890 - Editorial

The telephone is an accomplished fact in Port Elgin. After two years of persistent endeavor and a vast amount of correspondence carried on by Mr. R. S. Muir, the Bell Telephone Company of Canada consented to open an exchange in Port Elgin. During the past three weeks a gang of workmen have been employed erecting poles and doing other work necessary for the opening of the exchange, which is situated in R. S. Muir's drug store, Mr. Muir being local manager. The men are now at work upon the trunk line to Paisley. It is expected that outside communication will be established in two weeks and the local exchange in full working order. It is needless to say that our village will be benefited by the introduction of this latest application of electricity to business communication. The local manager will be pleased to show anyone the methods operating the switchboard and explain the various parts of the complicated contrivance with which the central office is fitted up.

The following is a list of the local subscribers: P. Cress & Co., Smith Bros., W. Burgess, LLB., D. P. Campbell (North American Hotel), H. Robinson, LDS (house), J. M. Lott & Co., (mill), Mrs. Fritzinger (Queen's), J. Schumacher (Tremont), Coffey & Watson, Mason & Stephenson, Unger & Co. (Arlington), Alex Moffat, Bank of Hamilton, S.F. Eby, McLean & McKay, Brush Co., G.T.R. Station, Munro & Mackenzie, Times office.

OBITUARY

Miss Anna Margaret MacKenzie of Inverhuron died July 25, 1987, at the Kincardine and District General Hospital following a lengthy illness.

She was born in Kincardine Township March 30, 1904, the daughter of John L. MacKenzie and Isabel Morrison.

She is survived by one brother, Morrison of Inverhuron; two sisters, Grace, Mrs. S. Castle, of Clinton; and Sibyl, Mrs. D. MacLean of Islington. She was predeceased by a brother Lovell and a sister Jean.

Miss MacKenzie, a member of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, was a teacher for 43 years, retiring in 1967. She taught in Belgrave, Northgore, St. George, Thamesville, Clinton, Lucknow, Ripley and Kincardine. She was also an active member of The Bruce County Historical Society, serving as its treasurer for a time, and also as its newsletter editor.

She also assisted with the compilation of the Bruce Township History, Tales and Trails of Bruce Township, and in 1986 received a Volunteer Award from the Ontario Government.

The Reverend D. Black conducted the funeral July 27, at the Davey Linklater Funeral Home. Pallbearers were William MacKenzie, Bruce MacPherson, Bruce MacKenzie, Robert MacKenzie, Glenn MacKenzie and Morris MacKenzie.

Interment Tiverton Cemetery.

Miss MacKenzie endeared herself to her associates in the society, and she will be sorely missed. During the past year in spite of her illness, she continued to send material for the newsletters. The following item is one example of this material.

Retirement

Ulysses was one of the great explorers of Ancient Greece. His fondest dream was to widen the boundaries of the ancient world. Each discovery showed him that there was much beyond. He was aging and losing strength, but he determined to make one last voyage. In this poem the poet, Lord Tennyson, has him express his attitude to what we now call "retirement".

I am a part of all that I have met;
 Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'
 Gleams that untravell'd world, whose margin fades
 For ever and for ever when I move.
 How dull it is to pause, to make an end,
 To rust unburnish'd, not to shine in use!
 As tho' to breathe were life. Life piled on life
 Were all too little, and of one to me
 Little remains: but every hour is saved
 From that eternal silence, something more,
 A bringer of new things; and vile it were
 For some three suns to store and hoard myself,
 And this grey spirit yearning in desire
 To follow knowledge like a sinking star,
 Beyond the mutmost bound of human thought.

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The Annual Dinner Meeting

On Thursday October 22, 1987, 150 members and friends of the Bruce County Historical Society gathered at the Underwood Community Centre for a delicious beef dinner prepared by the Underwood Women's Institute. The soloist for the evening, George Wathe accompanied by Ann Flemming, sang 4 songs. One of which was "Here's to the Boys of the 1-6-0" composed by a Muriel Farrell in 1916. He asked if anyone knew the background of the author. (Florence Grant & Anita Kennedy of Teeswater have responded to the challenge George. Their research appears later in this newsletter.)

The president asked direction from the members re the reprinting of The Bruce Beckons and Robertson's History of Bruce County, a cost that deplete all bank accounts. Comments were positive to the reprinting.

Mrs. Donalda McClure introduced the guest speaker, Andrew Armitage, Owen Sound's Head Librarian, who spoke on "The Bruce". Mr. Armitage has lived in Owen Sound for 19 years and is the author of 2 books on this area with the third now being printed. He first visited Bruce in 1966, his curiosity piqued by Sherwood Fox in "Bruce Beckons". He felt drawn to return frequently to talk to the older historians or tall tale tellers as the late Orrie Val, and canoe the area to physically delve into the history eg. the Mill at Gilles Lake tumbling down the flume in the process. Mr. Armitage debunked some local history that is more local myth than fact. As a historian he could find no proof there were Jesuit missions on the peninsula. Champlain likely visited the Woolco store in Owen Sound in 1615, one was as likely as the other; Captain Wm. Fitzwilliam Owen anchored 10 miles N of Owen Sound, never in Owen Sound. Armitage was fascinated by lumber king Henry Cargill and his development of the company town Cargill, and desired to learn more of its history.

Report of East Bruce District Meeting

The meeting was held on September 3, 1987, in Chesley's old council chambers. About 40 people attended, coming from various parts of the county.

Mr. Clarke Birchard, director of education for Bruce County, gave a most interesting and informative talk on his work at the Outdoor Education Centre on the peninsula. He gave us an outline of the development of outdoor education in Bruce. He also described the archaeological dig that was conducted this summer (1987) at the centre. It would appear that this dig was an enjoyable and productive experience for archaeologists, staff and students. We're looking forward to hearing from Mr. Birchard again next fall (1988), when the results of the dig will have been catalogued and evaluated. Contributed by Mr. and Mrs. D. McSporran.

Report of North Bruce District Meeting

The North District meeting was held on October 15, 1987 at Wiarton.

The speaker, Betty Locke, showed a slide presentation, A Future for the Past, which told a two-part story. The first part was concerned with the Rideau Convent Chapel, mentioning its talented designer architect/priest Canon Georges Bouillon; its century-long service to the Ottawa Community; its demolition in 1972 and finally its restoration and installation as the living heart of the new National Gallery of Canada. The second part related the wonders of this imposing new museum. Designed by Moshe Safdie to be completely functional as well as artistically compelling, it will emerge at its opening in May of 1988 as a national gallery of international stature of which all Canadians may feel justly proud.

Contributed by Mr. and Mrs. Whicher.

You were wondering about Hilda Downey?

A little word on the convalescence of Hilda Downey. On November 5 the rod slipped out of the bone in her hip about 4 or 5 inches, causing excruciating pain. Hilda was transferred immediately to London and had surgery on November 12. She was returned to Kincardine Hospital early in December, but was in quite a bit of pain. In mid-December x-rays showed her hip was broken. So she was transported to London for further surgery on December 21 and was readmitted in Kincardine on January 6. At present she is quite comfortable, not suffering any pain, and is delighted to receive mail and visitors in the Kincardine Hospital.

Tentative Program Schedule for '88

Here's a sneak preview of the projected plans for '88. Of course you all know about Murphy's Law, whatever can go wrong....will! You will notice an event has been planned for each District. Attendance is not limited to this district; please try to attend as many as possible.

<u>South</u>	April	Teeswater	TBA
<u>West</u>	May 19	General Meeting 5 pm dinner followed by bus tour of Bruce Nuclear Power Develop. complex, with meeting back in the theatre at the Information Centre. *no cost -if you plan to attend call DOREEN WRIGHTSON 368-7377, or REG AVIS 832-2692 <u>BEFORE</u> MAY 9th!!!	BNPD Information Centre
<u>Bus Trip</u>		3 day trip to Ottawa	July 1, 2, and 3 Tentatively
<u>North</u>	September	Warton	TBA later
<u>East</u>	October 17	Annual Dinner Meeting	Elmwood Community Centre.

Let the Presses Roll

At a recent executive meeting it was announced that both History of the County of Bruce by Robertson and Bruce Beckons by Sherwood Fox will be going to press early in the new year and hopefully will be available by the spring.

It is a pleasure to report on the launching of 2 twp histories. Other township histories in the process of being published are invited to send information to be included in later newsletters.

BENCHMARKS

history of Eastnor twp Lion's Head
1850 to present day over 500 pgs. cost \$30
Benchmark was launched October 3, 1987 with a short program in Old Eastnor town hall in Lion's Head. Maitland Warder, Master of Ceremonies, presided over a program of seniors participating in Friendship Club Choir directed by John Henson, Dancing Man by Olive Hepburn, and narration by Wilma Butchart.
Books are available at Eastnor Municipal office in Ferndale, the Peninsula Pharmacy and municipal office in Lion's Head, also at Coates and Best in Owen Sound.

Information contributed by Mrs. Ruth Austin
RR 2, Lion's Head
NOH 1W0

PROUD PEOPLE

history of Lindsay twp

186 pgs. cost \$20

The book is in story form, illustrated by picture. There are 15 chapters.

200 people attended the Dedication and release of Proud People on November 14, 1987 in Lindsay Twp Community Center.

Books are available at Coates and Best Owen Sound;
Warton - Warton Echo, McKenzie's Drug Store
Lion's Head - Peninsula Pharmacy, Lindsay Twp Office, P.J.'s Emporium, and Drift-in General Store at Miller Lake
Molly Brinkman Ferndale 793-3669, Annie Bartley 795-7812
Dyers Bay, and Craigie Potts 795-7891

Information Contributed by Craigie Potts
RR 1, Miller Lake
NOH 1Z0

A District Highlighted Quarterly

It is the desire of the editor to feature one of our four districts in each issue. Our district directors have agreed to research a bit of local lore and also to introduce a poet of that area. This month we turn to the South District. Florence Grant and Anita Kennedy have responded to the challenge thrown out at the Annual Dinner. Take it away ladies....

MURIEL FARREL DONAVAN

Dr. George Watke of Port Elgin was the guest vocalist at the Annual Meeting of the Bruce County Historical Society held in Underwood last October. When he introduced one of his selections "Here's to the Boys in the 1-6-0", he asked if anyone knew of the composer Muriel Farrel. He had been unable to find anything about her, but thought she must have been a resident of Bruce County to have composed the words and music for the theme song of the "Bruce 160th Battalion" which was active in World War I.

Muriel Farrel Donavan was the stepdaughter of Gus Hasenflug who owned a clothing store in Teeswater. Muriel came to Teeswater as a child. Very gifted musically, she became the chief harpist with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in the 1930's. Muriel frequently visited her home town and would play her harp at concerts in the Teeswater Town Hall. History repeats itself and during the past year, through the efforts on the recently formed Teeswater Culross Arts Council, the Redevelopment Association and other Community Groups, the Town Hall has been undergoing renovations to return it to a Concert Hall. Local residents, guest artists and native artists like Muriel have returned to Teeswater to perform in concert.

Bruce Members of the 160th Battalion Become Less

With the passing of Mr. Andrew Bannerman on November 14, 1987 another member of the 160 Battalion is gone. He was a twin brother of Alexander Bannerman, the first Casualty named on the Cenotaph in Teeswater. Last year Andrew Bannerman marched with the veterans when the new plaques on the Cenotaph were dedicated. Until four weeks previous to his death, he enjoyed good health in his home at Versa Care, Hanover.

Mr. Frank Dobson was born at Paisley and will be 91 in May. He has reasonably good health and lives at Huronview. He enlisted with the 160th at Chesley.

Another member of the 160th is Harold Thacker who lives at Parkwood Hospital in London, Ontario. He will be 98 on January 26, 1988. Mr. Bannerman and Mr. Thacker were both born in Culross and attended school at Salem. Mr. Thacker looks forward to receiving the weekly Teeswater News.

Heritage Showcase

The Ontario Historical Society is planning a series of 14 Heritage Showcases across Ontario on Saturday, February 6, 1988. The Heritage Showcases will be held to raise public awareness of Heritage Day. This will also mark the beginning of The Ontario Historical Society's Centennial year.

Bruce County Historical Society has accepted the invitation to be part of Heritage Showcase '88 at Owen Sound Public Library of February 6th from 10 to 4pm. Mr. and Mrs. Don McSporran, and other Executive members volunteered to be responsible for the display.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 1988???

Down to business...The secretary and membership secretary have spent considerable time up-dating the membership lists. History repeating itself, printing and postage costs continue to increase and as in previous years the yearbook will be mailed to paid up members only.

Membership is \$8 per year or \$40 for a life membership. Membership secretary is Mrs. James Gilchrist.

Your Assistance Please!

Since editing a news letter is a very new venture to me, I'll need to lean heavily on the support of you readers. Browsing back over past 10 years of newsletters, I'm impressed with the contributions submitted by readers of diaries, old letters, experiences, etc, etc. I hope that you continue to share these treasures with me for publication. Your suggestions and comments are more than welcome.

Shirley Woodason
RR #1, Tiverton
NOG 2T0

Poetry Corner

"Teeswater Fair" printed in the Teewater News, 7 or 8 years ago, and appeared again in 1986 at the request of a reader. The author, Robert Thacker, son of Kathleen Fisk and the late Alvin Thacker was born in Culross and attended school at Salem and Wingham. His wife Sylvia also has roots in Burce. Her mother, the former Alice Arkell MacDuff, was raised on the 8th concession of Culross. Bob is supervisor of Design Systems for Ford in Dearborn Michigan. His mother lives in Teeswater and a brother, Hugh, lives in Culross.

TEESWATER FAIR

No excitement can compare
 For a five year old to feel,
 Than a frosty fall
 When the wild geese call
 And it's time for the Teeswater Fair.

After fitfull sleep and breakfast fare
 And the country chores are done,
 We gather our things
 Line up in the string
 Of cars for the Teeswater Fair.

It seemed endless then, spread everywhere,
 Rides, games, barkers and food.
 It's grand when you're five
 And too newly alive
 To think you've outgrown the Teeswater Fair.

Time, like the wind, sent us hither and there
 And wizened and rendered us grayer.
 But no prizes earned
 And no lessons learned
 Have surpassed those of the Teeswater Fair.

For the lessons of life and insights rare,
 The way to commune and to care,
 Were taught to me
 At desk and knee
 By the people who are -- The Teeswater Fair.

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HERE'S TO THE BOYS OF THE 1-6-0

Here's to the boys of our battalion-
Strong fellows brave and true-
They're going to fight for our country,
To fight for our Red, white, and blue-
So let us be up and doing
yes doing our bit alone-
For we can knit socks for our soldier
And keep the fires burning at home

Here's to the boys of the one-six-0
Cheer them on for their soon to go
To lick the kaiser and to fight like sin
And they won't let up till they get to Berlin
They'll fight and do what's right
For the land they love and when they
Meet the foe Three cheers for the one-six-0
O Hurry up, hurry up, and join them

Here's to the boys of our battalion
They're going to fight to show
What can be done for our country,
They'll do their bit and we know
They'll bring back the flag of freedom
There'll not be a flag of truce
for every man will be on his job
And bring back the honour to Bruce.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- April 21 - Teeswater Town Hall on Clinton Street (Main St)
- 8:00 pm hosted by the South Bruce District
- Speaker: Bill Ireland of Teeswater who will show and speak on his collection of miniature antique farm tractors and implements. Farmers! Come prepared for a time of nostalgia as he demonstrates his made-to-scale models.
- May 19 - Open General Meeting BNPD Information Centre
- 5:00 pm dinner followed by a bus tour of Bruce Nuclear Power Development, with meeting ensuing in the theatre at the Information Centre
*** no cost *** if you plan to attend please call Doreen Wrightson 368-7377 OR Reg. Avis 832-2692 for reservation before May 9th
- June 30, July 1, 2, 3 4 day bus trip to Ottawa (Stay tuned, details pg. 6)
- October 27 Annual Dinner meeting Elmwood **Note date** misprint last letter

Heritage Showcase

As part of its centennial year celebrations, the Ontario Historical Society held its first Heritage Showcase on February 6, 1988. Fourteen municipalities from across Ontario were chosen to host the event. Owen Sound Library was the site for this area.

The heritage organizations participating with video, book, literature displays were: The Bruce County Historical Society, The Bruce County Museum, The Grey-Bruce Genealogical Society, The Billy Bishop Heritage, The Owen Sound Marine and Rail Museum, The Owen Sound Architectural Conservancy, The Bruce Peninsula National Park.

The heritage resources in our midst are varied and numerous. Bad weather on that day cut down the attendance but those who made it to the library were well rewarded. It is hoped there will be an encore of this event another year when perhaps the weather will be better.

Contributed by Irma McSporran



First Woman Chairperson of Board of Education

Dr. Alma Conn-Armstrong of Culross Twp was elected in December 1987 to become chairlady of the Bruce County Board of Education for 1988. Dr. Conn-Armstrong has the distinction of being the first woman to hold this position. The Warden of Bruce County, Roy Pennington, also comes from Culross Twp.

Preparing for the Presses...

A local historical society chaired by Harry Whicher has been formed to compile a history of Albemarle Twp. A New Horizon grant for the project has just been received. A tentative date for publication is October 1989.

This committee would welcome all possible input from readers of this newsletter. Of particular interest are family histories, old photos of people, homes, churches, etc, and documents such as letters and newspaper clippings describing pioneer life and local events, preferably as they took place although recollections are always useful. The address is:

The Albemarle Historical Society
c/o Albemarle Township Office
R. R. #6 Wiarton, NOH 2T0

Post Card Collection

At a recent B.C.H.S. executive meeting, a discussion developed about post cards featuring old buildings and landmarks of the area. A project was proposed of collecting the many beautiful post cards and publishing in album format.

A New Horizons committee has been organized to work on the project. Bill Collins of Ripley has accepted the position of chairman, Edythe Manery of Chesley is secretary, and Irma McSporran of Paisley is treasurer. Other committee members are: Don McSporran of Paisley, Christine Welsh of Port Elgin, Gwen Harrison of Ripley, and Bruce and Howard Krug, Donelda McClure, Robert Crerar all of Chesley. Plans were made to meet monthly until publication.

In January the committee met with Mrs. Helen Johnston of the Ministry of Health and Welfare and a request for a Federal grant is being processed. In March they met with Ms. Judy Saunders of Ministry of Culture and Communication requesting a provincial grant.

Would you like to help? The group would appreciate any cards up to 1906 that you have available. The cards will be photographed and returned to you.

**** Once again the editor invites other township histories in the process of being published to send information to be included in later newsletters.****

SPOTLIGHT ON THE EAST DISTRICT

This month we are featuring the East District. Special thanks to Irma & Don McSporran who have assembled some very interesting information.

The pupils of Elderslie Twp Central School in Chesley, under the direction of Mr. Wm. Caswell, are gathering material for a book, which they hope to have ready in 1989 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the school.

This book should be of great interest to a wide circle of people in the area, and well beyond. We wish them good luck in the venture.

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Brant Twp celebrated 110 years of bringing God's word to the people on August 9, 1987. Participating in the service were Rev. Paul Burgoyne, pastor of the church, the Rev. Reuben Rhody, a son of the congregation, and the Rev. Gil Scharf, assistant to the bishop. A congregational lunch followed the service.

Early pioneer members of St. Peter's included such names as Becker, Frook, Rhody, Wilken, Thedorf, Monk, Gateman, Leifso, Engel, Pegelo, Logie, Wedow, Haas, etc. These names can be found in the adjoining graveyard, and are also seen on many barns and mail boxes of the area.

The church and graveyard give the appearance of having been devotedly and lovingly cared for over the past 110 years, which is a welcome relief from some of the sadly neglected country places of worship and burial grounds one sees on driving around the county.

St. Peter's is located on the 30th sideroad in concession 5, Brant Twp.

In February, 1987, the Chesley Enterprise contained a statement to the effect that the first phase of the Krug Feasibility Study, to turn the Krug Brothers furniture factory into a living museum, was completed, and "looked favourable," according to John Planz of Port Elgin, the task force chairman.

In April, 1987, the Krug Brothers factory was sold, ending more than 100 years of ownership in the Krug name. By year's end, the Enterprise carried a news item stating a decision to end the Krug Factory Feasibility Study was made following a meeting with the new Krug personnel, who informed the task force that their sole interest lies in the manufacture and sale of furniture.

Thus ends a lovely dream.

Rumour has it that one of the Krug brothers is writing a book on the furniture business. We are glad of that.

B.C.H.S. life member Laura M. Gateman, of R.R. #1, Chesley, who serves on the advisory board of the Elmwood Public Library, and is a member of the Bruce County Library Council, has written and published a new book, "The Canadian Self-Publishing Handbook" which became available in late October, 1987.

We found this book to be easy to read and very informative. It is truly a step by step manual for anyone who wants to get a book published. It contains valuable information about the physical structure of getting a book into print.

A section contains articles written by self-publishers from across Canada. This we found to be quite an eye-opener, since they represented all walks of life, housewives, doctor, engineer, farmer, etc., etc.

This is the first how-to book on self-publishing in Canada. It is available under the author's own imprint "Spinning Wheel Publishing" R.R. #1, Chesley NOG 1L0

POETRY CORNER

Saugeen River -- North Branch

The poem for this letter was written by Leila Klages who was born in Sullivan Twp. At an early age she was employed at the Wolfe home at Scone, on the bank of the North Branch of the Saugeen. Later she worked at the Chris Krug home helping first Mrs Krug, and then staying on to keep house for Howard and Bruce until she retired six years ago. She still resides in Chesley.

Over the years she has contributed much to the Horticulture Society and the Sconecrafters. Several of her paintings are to be seen at the Scone School and on display at the Chesley branch of the Bruce County Library.

The sylvan Saugeen, wends its way, fed by rills
As it glides in the lowlands by the Grey County hills.
Like jewels so flashing, it goes dancing away
To mingle with waters by Miramichi Bay.

Its source is from freshets and springs in the Grey;
Where the birds sing so joyous this beautiful day.
There oft I meander the banks to explore;
Where nature resplendent holds bountiful store.

The Lake of McCullough is host to Saugeen,
As it playfully eddies through waters serene.
Then out through green farmlands it curves round a ridge,
Coming out of the bushes, and under Craig's bridge.

A factory in Chesley was run electrically;
 But the luxury of lighting not everyone did see.
 To increase then the power the mill dam was raised,
 Flooding fourteen more acres where cattle had grazed.

Then, when winter time came and the water did freeze
 Men went on the ice to cut down the trees,
 Leaving many huge stumps to this day to be seen.
 While birds perch on these their feathers to preen.

The Mill Pond is calm; there's a beach by the school.
 Water lilies glow white at the edge of the pool.
 The cow lilies too, and the sweet flags are there,
 While the chorus of creatures is heard everywhere.

As the waters go dashing, white over the walls,
 It's a sight to behold these beautiful falls!
 It ripples on down by McTavishes' Park,
 Where the young lovers stroll, making campfire when dark.

Flow on Saugeen River, increasing your power,
 In Chesley, used again for lumber and flour.
 Krug's sawmill and lighting, to west of Main Street,
 While a line ran from Scone to light up the east.

The Royal Milling Company, for many a year,
 Made flour and grist that was sold far and near.
 With fire and floods playing havoc, I fear
 Yet brave men toil on, build again through the years.

Then crossing concessions, the sixth and the eighth,
 Flows under log bridges where fishes await.
 There are old swimming holes by Mooresburg's three bridges,
 Around them are growing tall cat-tails and sedges.

At Peabody, it slides o'er a quaint little dam;
 Where the May flies do dance when the water is calm.
 The swallows dip wing, as they bathe on their flight;
 While the whip-poor-wills tell us the coming of night.

There's been many a picnic on the banks of Saugeen,
 From Scone to Peabody at Twelfth Bridge we've been.
 From there a nice boat trip by punt or canoe,
 While from Turner's bush an owl calls, --"Who, Who."

Then watch out for stumps, there may be a log Jam !
 As we, Milburn's farm circle to the pond of Scone dam;
 Then by the old school is the Sconecrafter's Park,
 They purchased the building by donations and work.

At Scone, Saugeen's beauty enhances the vale;
 And recalls many legends Yes, many a tale
 I've heard, from old timers, as their memories unfold,
 A wealth of the history when these stories are told.

The North Branch of Saugeen has served here quite well;
 As the dam built by Bearman's at Scone, all could tell
 Of the power of water to turn a mill wheel,
 When the farmers for miles had grain ground to meal.

There was also a sawmill that ran by this power,
 For all needed lumber as well as the flour.
 With lumber for building, a brick yard as well,
 New houses were built, then the brick sure did sell.

There are many fine homes that are still used today;
 And time will bring changes. We hear people say,
 An electrical power in nineteen o' nine
 Gave lighting to Chesley, a bright light did shine.

West of town is McClures mill, ancient and quaint,
Where artists for years came with sketch pads and paint.
This landmark a century has been on the scene.
The Elliots, first settlers of Chesley, have been.

A few miles down river another dam made
a beautiful pond, by the side of a glade.
At first Dawsons' sawmill when for logs, did expire
Was used as a grist mill by Phillip Mc Guire.

Saugeen sally forth, twist and turn as you will,
At Lockerby vale you again turn a wheel.
With lights first for Paisley, with a grist mill as well,
These blessings to mankind, the first settlers tell.

Rush on, rippling river! As you then overtake
And join placid waters, as you near Huron Lake.
The blessing of water we all know full well,
But the great joy you've given we never can tell.

Summer 1973 Leila Klages

EDITORS NOTES

From Mrs Gael Webster of Lambeth ...received my bulletin and read with great interest about "the boys of the 160th". My father was in the 160th, - I enclose a copy of his discharge and dispersal certificates.....

Thanks for sharing with us. I have reduced the certificate

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Class "A" No.	
THIS IS TO CERTIFY that No. <u>651671</u> (Rank) <u>Sapper</u>	
Name (in full) <u>John Alexander Robinson</u>	enlisted in
the <u>160th Bn C.E.F.</u>	
CANADIAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCE at <u>Yverdon on 2</u> on the <u>second</u>	
day of <u>February</u> 1919	
HE served in <u>England and France in 1st Bn C.E.F.</u>	
and is now discharged from the service by reason of	Demobilization. <u>Engineer</u>
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Complexion <u>Fair</u>	<u>left temple due to</u>
Eyes <u>Blue</u>	<u>cut in childhood.</u>
Hair <u>Fair</u>	
Signature of Soldier <u>J.A. Robinson</u>	Issuing Officer <u>H. Martindale</u>
Date of Discharge	Rank <u>Capt.</u>
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N.B.—As no duplicate of this Certificate will be issued, any person finding same is requested to forward it in an unopened envelope to the Secretary, Militia Council, Ottawa, Canada.

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DAY 1 - OTTAWA, Ontario

Our Nation's Capital is one of the most popular cities of Canada to visit at any time of the year. Join the Bruce County Historical Society this morning as we depart by motorcoach to Ottawa to celebrate Canada Day. This evening a tour of the Parliament Buildings. Overnight Ottawa.

DAY 2 - OTTAWA, Ontario

Join us on a city tour of beautiful Ottawa this morning, including a chance to watch the Changing of the Guard Ceremony. This afternoon a tour of the National Gallery. Balance of the day will be free for you to participate in the many Canada Day activities on or around Parliament Hill, or you may wish to relax at your Ottawa hotel.

DAY 3 - BROCKVILLE/GANANOCQUE, Ontario

A visit to the Central Experimental Farm to view the ornamental gardens, flower beds and tropical greenhouse this morning. Late morning we visit the National Museum of Science and Technology prior to our departure from Ottawa for an afternoon visit to Upper Canada Village. Overnight in the Brockville/Gananoque area.

DAY 4 - HOME

Today's activities include a visit to Kingston's historic Old Fort Henry, and the Bellevue House National Historic Site. Then along Highway #401 via Toronto with an evening arrival home.

COST PER PERSON: (Minimum of 30 Passengers)

TWIN: \$295.00

TRIPLE: \$280.00

SINGLE: \$435.00

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- * City Tour of Ottawa
- * Tour of National Gallery
- * Visit to Central Experimental Farm
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MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Sept 20 -Baptist Church, Basement, Frank St., Wiarton
- 8:00 pm hosted by North Bruce District
- Dr.W.K. Gummer of Ottawa, geologist and Nature Lover, will give an illustrated talk on Ellesmere Island and other parts of the Canadian Arctic

October 27 Annual Meeting and Dinner, Elmwood

Toy Tractors High-lighted

About 60 attended the Bruce South District Meeting in the Teeswater Town Hall on April 21, 1988. Florence Grant, District Director, welcomed the members and friends, noting that it had been ten years since the society had met in the area.

The President, Reg Avis, brought greetings as did Warden Roy Pennington. Bert Bullock, editor of Carrick Twp History Book, Herb Kuntz, and Tom Inglis reported on their progress. Gerald Baptist reported on history of Salem School, a book to be sold at the School Reunion on July 30 - 31

It was noted the Culross Society has published (1)"All our Yesterdays", a history of Culross from 1854-1984, (2) a booklet listing all the people in Culross in 1871 census, (3) restored a scroll listing Culross Veterans who had attended Teeswater Continuation School.

Mr Frank Renwick sang two numbers of local interest, "Here's to the Boys of the 1-6-0" written by Muriel Farrel, and "Canada my Homeland," written by Elsie Grant. He was accompanied by Mrs Gladys Pickell. Matthew Grant played two piano solos.

The speaker, Mr Bill Ireland, was introduced by Jim Whytock. He demonstrated his collection of farm machinery toys, explaining the methods by which they are constructed. Although farm toys were first made by the machinery companies as early as the 1920's, toy collecting as a hobby and business did not begin until about five years ago in the U.S.A. A McCormick-Deering Threshing Machine Toy was given as a premium for a magazine in the late 1920's; total cost of magazine and toy was \$1, now they cost into the \$100.

Mr Ireland is the only manufacturer of farm toys in Canada, although he gets some parts from Doug Dann of Elmira. There are many dealers and collectors throughout the country

The guests enjoyed coffee and doughnuts while viewing some of Mr Ireland's many toys and asking him questions, as well as socializing among themselves..

LET THE PRESSES ROLL

The Bruce County Historical Society now has available 750 copies of THE BRUCE BECKONS by Sherwood Fox. These are being sold for \$13.95 in the stores. They have been reprinted by University Press, Toronto, and are a worthwhile addition to your regional history library.

Reprinting of THE HISTORY OF THE COUNTY OF BRUCE by Robertson is almost completed and will be ready for sale in July. Due to continually rising costs the price also will be higher than previous editions.

The 1988 YEAR BOOK was printed and mailed to current members in April. If you have not received a copy perhaps your membership has not been renewed for 1988. Please check your receipt

SPOT LIGHT ON THE WEST DISTRICT

In this edition items of interest are featured from the Bruce West District. Special votes of appreciation go to Anne Judd, Gwen Harrison and Shirley Woodason.

Bruce Township Hall

By the time you read this newsletter, a newly-erected plaque will mark the former Bruce Township Hall in Underwood. The placing of the plaque is a project of The Township of Bruce Historical Society, for which grants from the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications, and the Township of Bruce have been promised.

Now a gift and fashion shop known as "The Chapel", the white building has stood on the east side of Highway 21 for 117 years. Many people have happy memories of good times there attending dances, card parties and Lodge meetings. There were rousing political gatherings and the serious annual meetings of the Bruce Municipal Telephone System held there too.

The Township Council held its deliberations in the building from 1871 to 1974; although the municipal vault was there, the Clerk's Office has always been located elsewhere.

Many customers of Mimi Langhans shop ask, "What church did this used to be?" For the past two years, The Township of Bruce Historical Society has been working towards placing the plaque; it will now stand as a permanent reminder of this important building's past.

For further description and sketches of The Town Hall look in the local Tourist Information Booths or at 'The Chapel' for a brochure recently published by TTBHS.

Anyone interested in the activities of The Township of Bruce Historical Society can contact the sec'y Anne Judd at R.R.#1 Port Elgin, NOH 2C0

contributed by Anne Judd

The Point Clark Lightkeeper's House

The doors at the lighthouse keeper's home at Point Clark will re-open this summer after being closed for over 20 years. But the building will now be a mini-museum not a home.

Owned and operated by Canadian Parks Services, leased and operated by the Township of Huron, with planning and exhibits courtesy of The Bruce County Museum, the small limestone house will be open to the public from June 12 to Labour Day.

It was built in 1859 when the 87 foot Imperial Tower was constructed to house a light to warn sailors about the shoals off Pine Point. The limestone for both came from either Inverhuron or Kingston.

Over a century of lightkeepers lived in the red and white structure dwarfed by the tower south of it. Lightkeepers were: John Young 1859-1882; Thomas Kilty 1859-1861 (served with John Young); William Riggan 1883 had the contract but David Small served as keeper; John Ray 1884-1893; Murdock MacDonald 1894-1913; George Ray 1914-1924; John Ruttle 1926-1938; (the light was automatic for two years); John A Campbell 1938-1946; John C. Campbell 1947-1962; Elmer Mackenzie 1963-1964; and Eldon Lowry 1964-1967.

The exhibits include room vignettes of a bedroom and office of the 1900 era with other artifacts of a marine nature. If anyone has material that would fit in to these displays the committee would appreciate any donations.

The official opening of the renovated home was June 18 at 2p.m. The museum will be open from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. from June 12 to Labour Day. Admission is 50¢.

contributed by Gwen Harrison, co-ordinator for the project

History in the Making



Across the road from the Bruce Nuclear Power Development Information Centre on Conc. Four of Bruce Township, in the old Farrell Gravel Pit can be witnessed history in the making. The Bruce Energy Centre presents a unique and exciting opportunity for companies to take advantage of an economical, reliable and secure supply of steam and electricity. The energy centre is an industrial and agricultural park served with medium steam from BNPD. The steam will be supplied at prices up to 65 per cent less than for steam produced by conventional fossil fuelled sources.

Twelve years ago Kincardine Developer, Sam MacGregor, began talking about how to harness surplus heat from eight Candu re-

actors at BNPD. To oversimplify, the energy centre will soak up waste heat which in the past was discharged into Lake Huron. In 1988 after much lobbying, MacGregor saw his vision of a peaceful way to employ the atom in the integration of energy, economy and ecology become a reality.

Presently there are two operations, Bi-Ax International Inc., a 2,229 square metre plastic film plant, and Bruce Tropical Produce Inc., a 7.5 acre greenhouse, located in the park which became available for development in 1987. There are 180 acres ready for occupancy now (phase one). When completely developed the site will cover a total of approximately 590 acres.

At Bi-Ax international Inc. is produced Bi Axially oriented Poly Propylene film. Pellets are melted and cast in sheets of film which are stretched in two ways resulting in a stiff strong film. It is commercially used for a wide diversity of products, and is trucked from the plant in huge rolls of film.

The plant owned by David Inglis of Wingham, who also owns Bruce Tile, north of Teeswater, employs about 30 people.

Bruce Tropical Produce Inc. was officially opened March 28. It expects to produce 1,500 metric tonnes of top quality tomatoes carrying Bruce Brand label per year which is about 3 per cent of the tomatoes imported into Ontario.

The computerized greenhouse project is the first to use surplus steam and locked-in energy at BNPD. It employs about 25. The owners include the Knechtel corporation, whose operations include more than 60 franchise supermarkets in Ontario, Bruce AgriPark Inc. and a number of Knechtel franchise stores. The company will decide at the end of the year whether to expand their facilities. Growing cucumbers is being considered.

Allan Holroyd, vice-president and general manager of Bruce Tropical Produce Inc. also owns Bruce Agri Park greenhouse on concession five of Kincardine Township. It started out as a prototype for the Bruce Energy Centre in 1976. Eight years later the greenhouse was phased out after proving vegetables could be grown under artificial conditions in Bruce County. But it proved the point so well that Allan Holroyd of Kincardine bought the greenhouse and property north of Kincardine from Ontario Hydro in 1984. The Bruce Agri Park greenhouse produced 81,648 kilograms of Caruso Tomatoes and 50 varieties of bedding plants for local markets. The greenhouse takes up a third of the 1.2 hectare property. The other land produced about 15,000 pints of strawberries. Cucumbers are also grown. There are three full time and two part time employees.

(resumed from news articles in The Kincardine News, The Independent and The Sun Times Owen Sound by Shirley Woodason)

Poetry Corner

The Glamis Boys of the 160th Bruce Battalion

By no means are all the Scottish bards interred in the cemeteries of the old land; for among the descendants of the Highland immigrants are countless men and women in whom the inherent gifts of poetry and song evolved, in spite of the harshness of pioneer living. Such were the talents of Donald Charles MacKinnon, the poet being featured this month.

Dan C's grandfather emigrated from Scotland and settled briefly in Cape Breton whence he, his wife and twins Charles and Donald travelled to Huron Twp in Bruce County. Charles' son Donald Charles, born in 1873 moved to the tenth concession of Kincardine Twp and married Flora Gilchrist in 1902. They had five children. Donald MacKinnon, his daughter and namesake resides in Kincardine

In personality Dan C seemed to have resembled the "immortal bard" Robbie Burns. A humanitarian, he could understand the virtues and foibles of men and women and could express with humour and compassion what he observed in their every day lives. Here in part is his poem about the "160th".



Dan C. MacKinnon, who lived on concession ten of Kincardine Twp and later moved to Ripley

Have you heard of the boys in khaki
Who around Glamis reside,-
In the hundred and sixtieth battalion
The manhood of Bruce and her pride?
They are ready to fight for our country;
They are loyal, bravehearted and true
And when on the dread field of battle
We know that their bit they will do.

They are leaving their homes and their loved ones
To answer our country's call
That we who stay home may have freedom;
Oh, how proud we are of them all.
Our interest now is still greater
Than ever it was before,
And our hearts go out with the Khaki boys
From Lake Huron's rock-bound shore.

And now you would like to know the names
Of these boys whom we adore:
The first is Mac MacKinnon
Who stands up six feet four.
Then there is Clyde McKeeman
Who is always in the store Unless he
Unless he went to Greenock
As he did in days of yore.

Torrence MacLennan and Albert Groves
With Neil McNally too
Take in the boys of the boundary west,
Oh what will the fair ones do ?
The Thompson boys, both Jack and Jim
Are twins both hale and hearty
With Neil McDermit and Macafee too
Make up the northern party.

There is Hughie Sproule and his brother Joe
Who worked with Neil MacKay,
And our good friend Archie Matheson
Who with Captain Pete did stay.
And oh, that Billy Patterson,
And Johnnie Kitchen too
With Stanley and MacKenzie
Make up the Glamis crew.

Now pardon us, dear Editor
For taking up such space;
But you must know that Glamis
Is a very loyal place.



Congratulations!

....to Donalda and Jim McClure who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on June 6, 1988. Here's to good health to enjoy many more.

....and to Hilda Downey of Tiverton, Bruce Krug, and Jim McClure of Chesley, who were presented with Volunteer Service Awards in a ceremony at Owen Sound Public Library on Thursday April 28, 1988. The Minister of Citizenship, Gerry Phillips, presented 5-, 10-, and 15- year Volunteer Service Awards to 25 local residents. The bronze, silver, and gold trillium-shaped pins are a way for the Provincial Gov't to thank those "helping the province define itself."

The executive of the BCHS felt privileged to nominate Bruce Krug who was the first president when the society was reorganized in 1957, and Hilda and Jim who have also served long and faithfully in many capacities over the 31 years.

Wardens of Bruce County Since 1920

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| 1920 - D.B. McDonald, Tiverton | 1955 - Wm. Winters, Walkerton |
| 1921 - R. Johnson, Lucknow | 1956 - Donald Lamont, Saugeen Twp |
| 1922 - J.W. Lewis, Elderslie Twp, | 1957 - J. Frank Morton, Southampton |
| 1923 - R.M. McVittie, Southampton | 1958 - Donald McLay, Lindsay Twp |
| 1924 - J.W. Sinclair, Arran Twp, Later MPP | 1959 - George Joynt, Lucknow |
| 1925 - D.J. Byers, Warton | 1960 - Mike Fischer, Culross Twp |
| 1926 - David McDonald, Culross Twp | 1961 - Douglas Kreutzwieser Hepworth |
| 1927 - Gilbert McLaren, Port Elgin | 1962 - John MacKenzie, Bruce Twp |
| 1928 - Wm McKay, Ripley, later MPP | 1963 - Harvey Palmateer, Kincardine |
| 1929 - J.H. Brown, Teeswater | 1964 - Chester Emmerton, Huron Twp |
| 1930 - David Willoughby, Brant Twp | 1965 - Tessie Grieg, Lions Head |
| 1931 - E.J. Downs, Hepworth | 1966 - P.A. Murray, Kinloss Twp |
| 1932 - G.H. McKay, Bruce Twp | 1967 - Frank Feild, Teeswater |
| 1933 - Cambell Grant, Walkerton | 1968 - Roswell Smith, Amabel Twp |
| 1934 - Dan McDonald, Lindsay Twp | 1969 - Wm E Macke, Mildmay |
| 1935 - D. Munn, Ripley | 1970 - Howard Chesney, Brant Twp |
| 1936 - W Ard, Amabel Twp | 1971 - Geo Grant, Paisley |
| 1937 - C.R. Van Dusen, Tara | 1972 - Harvey Davis, Elderslie 100th Warden |
| 1938 - Henry Lantz, Carrick Twp | 1973 - Verne Emke, Chesley |
| 1939 - W.S. Fenton, Port Elgin | 1974 - J.P. Johnson Jr., St Edmunds Twp |
| 1940 - John Dawson, Eastnor Twp | 1975 - A. Worral, Teeswater |
| 1941 - Sam Ewart, Chesley | 1976 - Alex Lamont, Saugeen Twp |
| term completed by J.A. Logie Paisley | 1977 - Andrew Lamont, Saugeen Twp |
| 1942 - Thomas Duff, Arran Twp Later MPP | 1978 - Gary Harron, Amabel Twp |
| 1943 - Peter Liesmier, Mildmay | 1979 - Arthur Speers, Tara |
| 1944 - Wm Shewfelt, Kincardine Twp | 1980 - Alvin Thompson, Kincardine |
| 1945 - Gordon White, Lions Head | 1981 - Howard Collins, Port Elgin |
| 1946 - Kenzie Foster, Bruce Twp | 1982 - Clifford Pegelo, Brant Twp |
| 1947 - J.W. Joynt, Lucknow | 1983 - Jack Cummings, Elderslie Twp |
| 1948 - Harold Donnelly, Greenock Twp | 1984 - Maurice Donnelly, Greenock Twp |
| 1949 - Andrew McTavish, Teeswater | 1985 - Ivan Mielhausen, Eastnor Twp |
| 1950 - Wilfred Adis, Albemarle Twp | 1986 - Doug Thompson, Albemarle Twp |
| 1951 - Wm. Walsh, Kincardine | 1987 - Ross Harron, Arron Twp |
| 1952 - Wm. Ransbury, St Edmunds Twp | 1988 - Roy Pennington, Teeswater |
| 1953 - Gordon Stanley, Ripley | |
| 1954 - W.P. Oswald, Elderslie Twp | |

(contributed by Donalda McClure)

Inasmuch as we have talked about his gravel pit as it is today, perhaps it is in order to feature some of his tales. Grandfather John Farrell was a great story teller and his home used to ring with laughter on a wintry nights when the neighbour lads came in to hear him tell his stories. Have you heard these?

One of his best tales is of how he was shingling the barn and it became foggy. Working away quite happily, he failed to notice that he had shingled out over the edge of the roof, and put several feet out in the fog. When Grandmother called him to dinner, he missed the ladder as he could not see it for the fog. Luckily for him he had on new rubbers and when he hit the ground he bounced. He bounced for three days and they threw him soda biscuits so he would not starve.

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Perhaps it was the same hot day that Grandfather put new harness on the horses and proceeded to haul wood from the bush. At suppertime he started for the house with a load of wood. The heat stretched the new harness so much that the horses reached the house and the load was still part way back the lane. Nothing ever excited Grandfather, so he calmly took the harness off the horses, and hung it on a fence post. That night it turned cold, the harness shrank, and in the morning the load of wood was in the yard.

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DO YOU RECALL ?

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.....A few years ago when Margaret MacKenzie was editor of the newsletter, there was an article about how she had organized the various steps of the mechanics of getting the letter printed. It was typed at the Kincardine High School and arrived between her doors early in the morning by a cyclist etc. etc.

Well you might be interested to know the mechanics of getting the letter printed now. It is typed and laid out by your editor, Shirley Woodason. (I have to take full credit for all arrors, ah me.) Then it is photo copied at the Bruce County Museum. It has been a joy to work with the staff there. As a way of showing our appreciation, the next two pages will be devoted to the museum in this issue.

Any comments, suggestions or articles for the newsletter are heartily welcomed.

Your editor, Shirley Woodason
R.R.#1 Tiverton ,Ont.,

Grandfather Farrell could mix up a healing salve, guaranteed to heal anything. One day when he was working in the bush, his hound raced after a rabbit. He was going so fast he failed to notice a tree and ran straight into it. The poor dog was cut right in two. Quick as a wink Grandfather applied his salve and the dog healed together. But alas, he put him together the wrong way, two legs up and two legs down. However, the dog was better than ever. He could run on two legs until he got tired and then turn over and run on the other two legs.

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Grandfather Farrell told a story of the dog his future father-in-law kept. It seems that all the lads were afraid of his vicious dog. When John went to call on his future wife, the dog came out with open jaws ready to bite. John put his hand down the dog's throat, grabbed his tail, and turned the dog inside out, and calmly went on his way.

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COUNTY OF BRUCE

MUSEUM

Box 180, 33 Victoria Street N., Southampton, Ontario N0H 2L0. (519) 797-3644
Barbara Ribey, Curator

Dear Member of the Historical Society:

Friends are special people. They give, they share and they care about your well-being. The Bruce County Museum encourages you to become a "Friend" of your County Museum.

Together, we have worked closely over the years to create one of the leading provincial museums. By joining us as a "Friend" you can help strengthen that bond which we now share.

There are many advantages to becoming a "Friend":

- Free admission to special events and exhibitions
- 10 % discount on purchases over \$10.00 at our Gift Shop
- Invitation to events and trips
- Subscription to "Members' News"
- Discounts on workshops, programmes and other activities

All of these advantages are secondary to the warm feeling of becoming part of the heritage which we all share. Each and every membership is meaningful as it enables us to grow and improve with each new year.

Please consider the many advantages of becoming a "Friend".

Sincerely,

Barbara Ribey
Curator

MEMBERSHIPS

Family - \$15.00
Single - \$10.00

Name.....
Address.....
Postal Code.....Phone.....

Let's Go to Toronto

Saturday, July 9

Bus trip to Toronto: Spend the day at your leisure. The bus will pick you up early in the morning and drop you off the same night. While you are in Toronto, the day is yours. The drop off point will be close to the Royal Ontario Museum which has a special exhibit, "Treasures of The Holy Land", The Art Gallery of Ontario which has two special exhibits; German Installation Artists and a private Canadian Collection. We will also be very close to the Eaton's Centre if you would like to shop.

Cost: Museum Members: \$20.00

Non-Museum Members: \$25.00

Seating is limited. Call the Bruce County Museum for your reservation: 797-3644.

SMOCKING WORKSHOP

At the Bruce County Museum on **July 6, 13, 20, 27 from 7-10 p.m.**

Museum Members: \$35.00 Non-Museum Members: \$40. Cost

includes all materials. Bring your own scissors. Instructor: Margaret Stark. Classes held at the Bruce County Museum. Maximum registration of 10. **To register call the Bruce County Museum, 797-3644. (Fee non-refundable.)**

MONDAY NIGHT FILM CLASSICS

July 4 to August 22 at 7:10 p.m.

Cost: Museum Members- \$2.50 Non-Museum Members-\$3.00

July: The Searchers, Some Like It Hot, Anchors Aweigh, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest

August: The Misfits, North by Northwest, The Postman Always Rings Twice, Singing in the Rain.

See you here Monday Nights

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES

Our most popular summer programming for children is back!

Manic Mondays and Wacky Wednesdays:

Ages 4-7 Time: 1:30 - 3:30

Freaky and Fabulous Fridays

Ages: 4-12, Mornings & Afternoons

-teddybear picnic, blast-off into space, animals and much more

Wonderful Wednesdays

Ages 8-12 Time: 10 a.m.-noon

Creative challenges for the older children. Mobiles, out-of-sight secrets, Scarry Vision & much more.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Don't be disappointed.

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MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

- Oct 27 - Annual Meeting and Dinner at Elmwood
Speaker Kathryn Lamb "Album of Vanishing Heritage"
speaking about nineteenth century barns
- Doors open at 6:00 pm Dinner at 6:30 pm
- Tickets - \$9.00 available from district directors
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| <u>South</u> | Anita Kennedy | 392-6253 | Florence Grant | 392-8105 |
| <u>East</u> | Irma and Don MacSporran | 363-6844 | | |
| <u>North</u> | Joyce and Harry Whicher | 534-1297 | | |
| <u>West</u> | Shirley and Bob Woodason | 368-7422 | | |
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| <u>Treas</u> | Edna Avery | 396-8170 | <u>Sec'y</u> | Marion MacGillvry 797-5944 |

1989 memberships will be received by membership chairman Clara Gilchrist

BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OTTAWA TRIP by Christine Welsh

On June 30, early in the morning a group of travellers gathered on the street at the Port Elgin Arena, awaiting the arrival of a bus. We boarded quickly and headed off taking on more passengers at North Bruce, Underwood, Tiverton, Kincardine, and Walkerton. After a brief stop at Hanover we proceeded to Cambridge to pick up more people. By now we had 42 Society members and friends, with Don Cherry operating the bus and Donna Terryberry as tour guide. On to 401, a short lunch break and we arrived in Ottawa in the late afternoon. We settled into the Delta downtown Ottawa.

Friday morning saw us on a bus tour of the city, visiting Rideau Falls, and touring Sussex Drive. We were thrilled to see the RCMP marching in front of us on their way to the 'Changing of the Guard! We spent the rest of the morning on Parliament Hill observing the Birthday Celebrations with the National Choir, athletes who had won medals at Calgary Olympics, and Madame Sauvé taking part.

In the afternoon we visited the new National Art Gallery, an imposing structure of cement and glass, filled with splendid paintings. Later we visited "Laurier House," former home of Laurier and MacKenzie King. In the evening we enjoyed the fireworks from our hotel balcony.

Saturday Morning we journeyed to the Experimental Farm. The Flower gardens were beautiful. A visit to the Agriculture Museum took us back many years as we examined the antique machinery. Then on to Morrisburg and Upper Canada Village. So much to see! An excursion on the little train gave us a historical view of the St. Lawrence SEaway. A carefully manicured park held the tombstones from cemeteries inundated by water during the deepening of the water way.

We spent Saturday night at Gananoque. In the morning we proceeded to Old Fort Henry. The guides there gave us a particularly good review of life at the Fort. On again to Bellevue House, home of John A. MacDonald at Kingston. This was our last stop as we travelled homeward.

We arrived home Sunday evening, tired but happy. Arrangements and accommodations had been excellent. The fun and fellowship and card games made for very pleasant memories. Where are we going next year?

BRUCE NORTH DISTRICT MEETING AT Wiarton September 20

Over 30 people spent a very enjoyable evening with Dr. Bill Gummer at the Frank St. Baptist Church as he reminisced and showed beautiful slides on his trip to Ellesmere Island on July 22 to August 2, 1986, which he assured everyone is the only time of year to go.

On Ellesmere Island there is no screeching of brakes, no blaring radios. It is very quiet. In fact it is almost lonely, then you begin to appreciate the grandeur, and next begin to notice life all over. A tiny mustard flower nestled among the rocks. Some pretty mountain avens and the arctic willow tree both no more than 3 or 4 inches high; some tracks of wolves and muskox both larger than your four inch pocket knife. Many birds come to nest.

Ellesmere Island is about one-third ice. There is about 8 to 10 frost free weeks. Mean temperature for July and August is 70 F. The mountain is 8000 feet high. Lake Hazen is 450 ft. above sea level.

When their tour group of eleven arrived in Eureka, the population doubled immediately.

Several days into the tour, they were served steak. Upon query about the preservation of the meat, they were shown a bureau drawer covered with canvas and buried in the permafrost. Why make life complicated

A special vote of appreciation to Harry and Joyce Whicher, Bruce North Directors, who invited their friend to share with the Historical Society.

LET THE PRESSES ROLL.....

Kincardine Township Historical Society is engaged in writing a history of the farms, families, and small industries from mid 1800's to the present. Editor, Wanita Fletcher, and some of her helpers have done considerable research for the book to be "unveiled" in July 1990. This information has been passed on to present land owners for further development. Included in the hard cover 424 page book will be abstracts of every lot, old and new photos, index and anecdotes and accounts of farm life in Kincardine Twp. Enquiries should be mailed to

Lois Craig Sec'y
1061 West St., Kincardine, ON N2Z 1C5

SPOT LIGHT ON BRUCE NORTH DISTRICT

This issue features Bruce North District. Director, Harry Whicher, as he researched for the history of Albemarle Twp to be launched in Oct 1989, came across a number of articles written by "an old timer" for the first issues of The Wiarton Echo, in 1879. Beyond question the old timer was William Bull, who settled at the extreme North-East corner of Amabel in 1857. Permission has been given by Harold Wyonch, owner and publisher of The Echo to publish.

REMINISCENCES OF THE SAUGEEN PENINSULA

July 4 1879

By an old settler

As the issue of the first number of a newspaper at Wiarton may be considered an epoch of some importance in the local annals of the Saugeen Peninsula, I have been led to look back over the course of the last 25 years, for it is a quarter of a century since I first set on the Indian Lands-- and if you will

allow me a little space, I will give your readers some of my personal reminiscences of the early years of that period.

In the spring of 1855 I set out for the purpose of exploring the Indian Peninsula, with a view to settlement, and landed in Southampton early in May.-- My intention was to have gone first to Owen Sound. But finding at

Southampton a boat ready to go to Stokes' Bay on a small trading expedition, I made arrangements to go in it, and then and there had my first experience of cruising in a small boat along the beautiful shores of this peninsula. The boat's company consisted of "Jim" McCabe, who was captain and chief trader; JOHN Slocum assistant trader and interpreter; and myself as passenger. We left Southampton about noon, with a schooner which McCabe undertook to pilot to the mouth of the Sable River; but as the wind was light, and ahead, we did not make Sable till midnight, and having to keep near the shore lest we should pass the river in the darkness there was some risk of running the vessel aground, and our skipper, who was a young captain, was very nervous and fidgety. However, by the constant use of the lead, we made the rocky islands that mark the entrance of the river, without any mishap. In the morning Slocum and I went up the river to see the falls, where the Sable Mill is now situated, while McCabe and the vessel hands were loading some barrels of fish. On returning to the shore we were somewhat alarmed to find both schooner and boat away, and we could see them several miles out in the lake. We could not understand what it meant, for McCabe had promised to wait for us; and we began to speculate as to how we could get back to Southampton. The only difficulty was in crossing the Sable, for we were on the north side of the river. However, after watching the schooner for some time, we saw the boat leave her and head for the north, and we started in the same direction along the shore, expecting she would come in and take us up at "Chief Point" which she did. We then went on to the Fishing Islands, and going ashore at Main Station, we cooked some fish and had dinner. As the weather was good with a light wind, we greatly enjoyed sailing among these islands, where the water was as clear as crystal, showing the rocky bottom, sometimes at the depth of 20 feet, and in some places there was scarcely enough water to float the boat through some of the channels. A little before evening we reached Stokes' Bay; and here again we had some delightful pictures open up before us. This beautiful bay is dotted with islands and the shores are broken with the points running out and

and enclosing some charming little bays; at the same time the land was mostly covered with timber. Sailing on between these islands, following the deep channels which we could see through the clear water, we at length ran our boat into the mouth of a small stream, about 20 feet wide and 5 feet deep, and which made a capital boat harbour. I have since learned that this is the mouth of "Old Woman's River" which runs through the town plot of Hardwick. We found an Indian and his family camped near the stream, and our captain soon made a trade with him, selling him some flour and potatoes and he was to take pay in butter and whiskey, which the Indian had picked up on the shore during the previous fall --- being part of the cargo of the steamer Bruce Mines, which had been wrecked off Cape Hurd in the previous November. After this business was settled, and we had prepared our camp for the night, by setting up the boat's sails for a shelter with a good fire in front, we went up the stream a short distance to the rapids to see if we could get any suckers. We borrowed the Indian's spear, but while one was using the spear the others commenced to catch the fish with their hands, and we soon threw out more than we could carry away. The next morning we took the Indian aboard and sailed northward along the shore to visit the Indian's bank and get pay for the goods. After sailing several miles the Indian gave the signal to go ashore, and hunting among the cedar bushes we came to a keg of butter which we put in the boat and again proceeded on our voyage. The Indian had told our captain that he had a barrel of whiskey somewhere along the beach, but after we got the butter on board --- whether he thought he had given enough for his flour, or whether he wished to keep the "firewater", I do not know --- but his manner changed, and instead of his former confidence, he either had or pretended to have forgotten where to look for the whiskey. --- However, Jim was just as determined to get the whiskey as the Indian was to keep it, and we spent the greater part of the day looking for it, occasionally going ashore where the Indian indicated we might find it; we several times found empty flour and whiskey barrels, and all around them the remains of camp fires, where the Indians had camped during the early part of winter, and remained till they had emptied the barrels. At last when we

when we were ashore searching, as usual, among the scrubby cedars and balsams, with which the rocky ground is partly covered, McCabe, whose eyes were about as well trained as an Indian's, saw a small twig broken on a bush, he soon found another, and having thus got on the trail was not long in following it up. He soon came to his prize---a barrel of whiskey that had been rolled into the bushes. He gave a yell which soon gathered us all around him. The Indian, who had been trying to lead us off in another direction, professed to be satisfied, and he was certainly pleased to take a drink of it, but I fancied he would have been better pleased if it had not been found. The barrel was nearly full, and the bargain was soon concluded and the barrel got aboard, and we started on our return. While searching we had found a number of articles, a large water-butt, cabin chairs, &c., which had drifted from the ill-fated vessel as she went down. This vessel, the Bruce Mines, a large steamer had left Montreal late in the fall, laden chiefly with stores and provisions for the Bruce Mines and while proceeding up Lake Huron had encountered a heavy storm and foundered. The crew and passengers, including the women, were all saved, except the carpenter, who had not time to get into the boat before the vessel went down.

POETRY CORNER

William Wilfred Campbell

In the winter of 1881, a poem by an unknown writer appeared in the pages of 'Varsity', the student magazine at the University of Toronto. It was an unusual poem and told the story of one of the great legends of the Ojibwa people of Georgian Bay. It was signed "Huron", but its real author was a young first year student. The publication of this poem "Namawa Quadonk" - The Bay of Sturgeons, marked the first appearance in print of the writing of a young boy from Wiarton, who would one day be hailed as - "The poet laureate of Canada."

Wilfred Campbell enrolled in University to become a Anglican Priest like his father. The family had lived in a number of different towns where his father served as a minister. In 1872 when Wilfred was 14, the family came to Wiarton. This attractive lake district captured the imagination of young Campbell, and later became the subject for many of his poems.

In 1880, at the age of 22, after he had earned enough money teaching in the Bruce Peninsula Schools, he came to Toronto to enroll in University. After his ordination, he spent 6 years as a minister, meanwhile selling his poems to a number of leading magazines. In 1889 he published "Lake Lyrics and Other Poems", which totally changed his life and won him a reputation as one of the most promising poets in the country.

In Ottawa, a copy of the book caught the attention of Sir John A Macdonald who decided to adopt Campbell as his protege. He was offered a job in the civil service. Through the years Campbell served in interesting positions in the privy council and archives, meanwhile receiving high critical acclaim for his poetry. He died on January the first, 1918 of pneumonia.

Below is the first verse of the poem described above - Campbell's first writing in print.

NAMAWA QUADONK

(The Bay of Sturgeons)

Cold in the autumn night
Sweeping with its waters bright
Glistening in the moon's pale light
Stretching to the northward white
Rests the Bay of Sturgeons.

More familiar to us will be Indian Summer.

Dear Sir,

Echo - Oct 21/87

Most of your readers will be aware of the cairn in Bluewater Park erected by the Women's Institute to the memory of poet William Wilfrid Campbell.

Some will be familiar with his poem, "Indian Summer" and perhaps be able to quote it from memory.

Few, I expect, will know of the fourth verse which never appeared in any of the school readers - for obvious reasons!

Sincerely Yours

Doug MacDonald

Indian Summer

Along the line of smoky hills
The crimson forest stands,
And all the day the blue jay calls
Throughout the autumn lands.

Now by the brook the maple leans
With all his glory spread,
And all the sumachs on the hills
Have turned their green to red.

Now by great marshes wrapt in mist
Or past some river's mouth,
Throughout the long still autumn day
Wild birds are flying south.

Haste to the woods, put books away
They'll wait the tardy comer,
For them there's many a winter's day
But brief's our Indian Summer.

William Wilfrid Campbell
1858-1918

Time out for a quiz!

Many thanks to Clara MacArthur of Inverhuron for contributing it.

TOUR OF BRUCE COUNTY

1. A former Ontario Premier and a body of water
2. Sounds like a big circus animal
3. A gentle month of the year
4. Fence material and a weight
5. Part of a wild animal
6. Small fish finds ashelter
7. Aman's name and a car
8. Spoil the beauty
9. Annoy a liquid
- 10 A relative, an auto and eat
- 11 A verb plus cut the grass
- 12 Scottish shawl of soft wool cloth
- 13 A means of transportation and a boy's nickname
14. A colour and someone's at the door
15. Our county town

1. Miller Lake 2. Oliphant 3. Midway 4. Warton 5. Lion's Head 6. Little Pike Bay
7. Attenford 8. Mar 9. Teeswater 10 Kincardine 11 Armo 12 Paisley 13 Carrick
14. Greenock 15 Walkerton

REMINISCENCES OF THE SAU-
GREEN PENINSULA.

BY AN OLD SETTLER.

No. 7.

During the first season of our residence at Colpoys Bay we had no neighbors on the north side of the bay. But at the second land sale, which was held at Owen Sound in the fall of that year, several parties bought land in the neighborhood, with the intention of settling on it. I attended the sale in Owen Sound, and after it was over, took the steamer to Collingwood, intending to visit Ottawa. On the boat I met with several parties who had purchased land, and amongst others I then first met with Messrs. R. Greenlees, A. Greig, W. Paton and J. Thompson, who were on their return to Toronto, the first being on his way to Montreal where he was then residing, and the others to fetch their families to Colpoys Bay. I gave them what information I could as to how they could best get up, and left them at Toronto. On my return I found they had arrived—having chartered a small schooner at Collingwood—and had taken possession of a surveyor's shanty on the town plot of Warton near where Mr. D. C. Miller's tannery now stands. The next morning I went up in my boat to call upon them. The women and children of four families and their luggage had filled the shanty to overflowing. The men were away making a road to their land along the town line between Amabel and Albemarle. When the road was opened I went to help them find their lots and to show them how to commence to clear a place for their houses and also how to build them. As they were all just out from the "old country" they were a little awkward at first, and made some mistakes, but they showed a good deal of pluck and perseverance, and as difficulties present-

ed themselves they managed to overcome them, but as the work was new to them, and they did not get along as fast as more experienced men would have done, the first snow fell before they had the houses ready. At last they had a bee to raise one of the houses; and one of the party who had not made much progress hired two young men from Keppel to help him finish his, and so they were all housed before the severe weather set in.

About the middle of November we had a heavy fall of snow and hard frost immediately after, and fearing that navigation would be closed we all went to Owen Sound in my boat to purchase our winter supplies. We had a pretty rough passage—very cold—with a strong wind from the north and snow squalls. The boat was a good safe sea boat nearly half as broad as she was long, called the "Flying Dutchman." She sailed through it splendidly, but the sea beat over us, drenching us every time. It took one man most of the time to bail out the water with a pail. Greig who was near the bow, buttoned up in a thick overcoat, was so coated over with ice when we landed that he could not get his coat off till we broke off the ice. Another of our party who had no overcoat with him got thoroughly wet through—the heat of his body preventing the water freezing on his clothes. He suffered fearfully from the cold before we got to Pyette's harbor. However, when we got there we received a warm welcome, as we did many a time afterwards on similar occasions, and not there only but at other houses where we were sometimes obliged to ask hospitality—and were never refused. When we reached Owen Sound next day the bay was frozen to the old wharf and we had to leave our boat there. We purchased 120 bushels of wheat and left it at the mill to be ground, and having procured a sufficient stock of pork, groceries, dry goods, &c. to last the five families through the winter, we engaged a sloop to take them to the bay, and returned in our own boat without any mishap. In a few days the vessel arrived and we got the provisions ashore. Then we had a good days' work for all hands to get the stuff up the hill and over to my house, and after that on

account of the bad road it took Greig several weeks with his team to get it all back to their place.

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YOUR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES FOR 1988 - 89

HONORARY PAST PRESIDENT	Bruce Krug	Chesley
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Bruce North	Joyce & Harry Whicher	Colpoy's Bay
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Bruce West	Shirley & Bob Woodason	R.R.#1 Tiverton

Committees

Program	Doreen Wrightson, Christine Welsh, Hilda Downey
Publications	Marion McGillivray, Hilda Downey, Donald McClure Isobelle Underwood, Shirley Woodason
Historical Plaques	Gwen Harrison, Peter Knechtel
Book Custodians	Irma & Don McSporran *****

The Annual Meeting and Dinner at Elmwood

Many people are paying more attention to barns as they drive around the countryside since they attended the Dinner Meeting of the Bruce County Historical Society last fall.

And you thought that a barn was a barn. So what!!!!!!

The guest speaker, Kathryn Lamb, of Kitchener drew the diners by means of slides and two projector screens back through the years and soon had them completely absorbed in barns. The word barn is derived from an old English term meaning, "place for barley". One of the oldest still standing that was photographed by Mrs Lamb, was a 13th century barn in England which was owned by the church. English farmers as well as parishoners tithed and stored one-tenth of their goods in the barn.

Another barn shown, used timbers taken from the "Mayflower", the boat which carried the Pilgrim Fathers to America in 1620. Early Canadian barns built o'logs had a maximum height of 12 logs with plenty of ventilation.

Mrs Lamb described six main types of 19th century barns in Canada today, from the English barn with its three bays that is most common in this area to the round or Shaker barn with its unique hay moving mechanism.

The gradual disappearance of the 19th century Canadian barns is another indication of our vanishing heritage.

About 110 members and friends enjoyed a delicious beef dinner at the Elmwood Community Centre on October 27. Following the meal a lively sing-a-long was led by Shirley Woodason and Don McSporran during which a special tribute was sung to the executive seated at the head table.

Greetings were brought from Warden, Roy Pennington, of Teeswater, John Nelson from Bruce Twp Historical Society, Edna Avery of Kincardine Twp H.S., Harry Whicher of Albemarle and Peter of Hanover H.S.

N.B. During the business the motion was passed to increase the Annual Membership to \$10 and to retain Life Membership for seniors at \$40, but to increase Life Membership for non-seniors to \$60.

The Sec'y, Marion McGillivray, reported a busy year for executive members as follows

- a display at Heritage Showcase in Owen Sound on Feb. 6

- also at the Women's Institute Hobby Fair at Southampton on July 7

with many books being sold

- members took part in parades at local fairs

- donations were made to the Grey-Bruce Art Council to assist them in the publication of "Buzz" magazine for elementary students in Bruce Co.

- competition sponsored in Chesley Fair for a table model showing early Transportation. Winners were Sheila Klerks, Emily Soplowe, Derek Cain

This is the third competition sponsored. The society moves it around the county, with the local area deciding the historical topic featured. Previously it was at Port Elgin and Ripley Fairs.

- letter written to the local MP recognizing the importance of Heritage Day but suggesting special programs and activities to commemorate our heritage as opposed to a holiday

- District meetings held at Bruce South at Teeswater in April with Bill Ireland delighting the audience with his toy farm machinery display

- and in Bruce North in Wiarton in Sept with Dr Bill Gummersharing his Arctic trip to Ellesmere Island

- Spring Meeting held at BNPD with a dinner and tour

- Bus trip to Ottawa on July 1st taken by 50 people

- \$300 donated to the Bruce County Museum in appreciation for the use of their facilities to store society books and assets

- 30 family histories placed in archives for researchers

- reprinted 1000 copies of the 4th reprinting of Robertson's "The History of the County of Bruce" at a cost of \$15,053

- purchased 250 copies of "The Bruce Beckons" by Sherwood Fox from University Press, Toronto at a reasonable price. More can be purchased as the need arises

Two current projects under process

1) A new horizon committee chaired by Bill Collins is compiling a 200 page book of old post cards of Bruce County entitled "A Pictorial History of Bruce County". This committee still needs post cards.

2) Publishing a political biography of Alexander McNeill, the first MP of Bruce North who was very prominent in federal politics from 1881 to 1901. The ruins of his estate, The Corran, may still be seen north of Wiarton. Allan Bartley, journalist and native of Miller Lake has written the first draft.

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HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 1989???

Did you note the motion to increase the membership?

The year book will be mailed out in the next couple of months. It will only be mailed to paid up members. Membership sec'y in Mrs Jim Gilchrist

SPOT LIGHT ON BRUCE WEST DISTRICT

Again this year one of the four districts in Bruce County will be featured in each issue. Tentatively Feb is Bruce West, April - Bruce East, July - Bruce South, and Oct. - Bruce North. If you have something you would like to share from your district, please get in touch with you District Director

TIVERTON, in 1979 celebrated their centennial. They have so many happy memories of that year, it was decided to keep a good thing going with a reunion in 1989. Jo Ann Todd has kindly submitted events for the week-end.

TIVERTON OLD BOYS' AND GIRLS' REUNION AUGUST 4- 6, 1989

Fr. Aug 4

- 7pm Registration in community centre
- 7-1 Reunion Family Dance with lighting of birthday cake 110 candles, dress in the era in which you were born eg 30's, 50's, prince & princess teen king & queen/ adult king & queen, husband calling contest, beard growing contest, adult & youth lip-sing contest.

Sat. Aug 5th

- 8-10 Pancake Breakfast
- 9 remote control car and truck time races
- 10 bicycle races, Ontario Hydro Tour, school reunion, historical display and slide show
- 2 Reunion Parade
- 3-5 family farm olympics, flying model airplane display, local talent
- 8 dance

Sun. Aug 6th

- 11 church services
- 12 church luncheon and car registration
- 1 "Cenotaph War Memorial" dedication
- 2 car parade to car show, Ontario Hydro Bus Tour, children's carnival Mini family Mushball Tournament, Horse shoe Pitching
- 4:30 Chicken BBQ
- 7 Bed Races
- 8-11 Youth Dance
- 11 shirt tail parade with closing ceremonies at 12 and street dance following

Camping at "pinetree Trailer Park"

From "A Historical Album of Tiverton" 1979, is a resumé of history. The locality was settled in the 1850's with Norman McInnes opening a store in 1857. About that time also a blacksmith shop, a shoe shop and a tavern began operation. Initially it was called St. Andrews. However when the Post Office was applied for in 1860 it was changed to Tiverton because that name was already registered in the Province.

When Tiverton was incorporated in 1879, the population was 770. Businesses included five general stores, two tin, stove and hardware stores, one drug and book store, millinery, tailor and shoe shops, two harness shops, baker and butcher shops, three hotels and a livery. Manufacturing industries include a foundry and agricultural factory with planing mill attached, two steam grist and flouring mills, a large tannery, a cheese factory, two cabinet factories, a steam saw mill, two waggon and four blacksmith shops.

There were three churches - Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian; a new brick school, the village Hall occupying the old school, a newspaper "The Watchman" and a daily mail stage.

Thanks goes out to Ann Judd who contributed a book review pertaining to this area

"Nooks and Crannies" Features Bruce Attractions

The latest book by television reporter Bill Bramah includes three Bruce County personalities. Called "Bill Bramah's Nooks and Crannies", the 160 page guide is an offshoot of the author's work for Global TV

Bramah says in his introduction that his wanderings began the year he turned 60 and began roaming Ontario for the network. Jenny Bramah, production manager for her husband, and Terry Culbert, camera operator accompanied him. Terry drew cartoons to illustrate some of the anesdotes.

Norman Hagedorn of Paisley, Dr. George Harpur of Tobermory, and Lottie Wyonch of St. Edmund's Township are among the sixty-eight interesting people profiled.

Of Norman Hagedorn's Treasure Chest Museum in Paisley, Bramah writes, " I wasn't merely surprised; I experienced a feeling of shocked delight." The Bramahs admit they got lost trying to find their way to Paisley from Owen Sound, so the book gives directions from Hanover.

At Tobermory, the Bramahs met Dr. George Harpur, an expert in diving and underwater medicine. They toured the decompression chamber that stands ready for emergency use, and noted that the tip of the Bruce sees the "Largest concentration of diving activity on the continent."

Lottie Wyonch of Sunnybrook Farm is captured in another story. In her nineties, she was running the farm with four of her eleven children, in much the same way as her parents operated it. Bramah's admiration of this lady's strength and serenity comes through in the writing.

While not everyone likes to be in the spotlight, there is a good feeling for the reader in learning about the accomplishments of "ordinary" people. With "Nooks and Crannies" as a guide, travellers can follow Bramah's lead in going off the beaten track to discover more about On tario and its people.

It's an idea that has kept Bill Bramah's attitude younger than his years!

Bill Bramah's Nooks and Crannies is published by Cannonbooks at \$9.95 softcover

HAGEDORN'S TREASURER CHEST by Shirley Woodason

Don't miss it!! I highly recommend it.

I naively thought that I was going to whip through it one Sunday after I had been to Saugeen Bluffs to the Maple Syrup Festival.

Wrong! As Bill Bramah says, " What a delightful shock!"

The treasure Chest is two floors (four rooms) measuring 28ft by 52ft, just chock full of very interesting articles to browse through. There's 149 toilet sets, 339 lamps of every size and description, tools up to 100 to 150 years old, furniture, implements, stamps, coins, guns you have to be there to appreciate the diversity.

The Treasure Chest was built in 1953, but Mr Hagedorn has been collecting for most of his life. However he lost a great deal of his collection in a fire in 1968. Thus most of it has accumulated since then.

Mr Hagedorn is a most congenial guide and will share his information or will wait until your small group has guessed the function of a rarity. Since they live in the house in front of the Treasure Chest, it is virtually open whenever he is home.

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MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, April 27 - 8:00 p.m.

- East District Meeting - Chesley - Main Street
- Old Council Chamber in Municipal Building
- Guest Speaker - Ross King "History of Coins & Currency"
- Question period & refreshments to follow
- Do Come.

Thursday, May 18 - 7:00 p.m.

- General Meeting - Southampton Museum
- Feature on Display "Discovery of the Titanic"
- Speaker from Southampton LACAC Committee
- Video Southampton 1939 and talk on walking tours in Southampton

June 8- 6:30 p.m.

- The Township of Bruce Historical Society Dinner and Annual Meeting
- St. Pauls Presbyterian Church, Glamis
- Topic - Glamis!!! Where's it gone? A slide presentation of early days and reminiscences of what has been.
- Your West District Director extends a special invitation to Bruce West to consider this as a district activity.

July 6 - 9

- Bus Trip - Lake Huron Circle Tour
- stay tuned - details back page.

October 26

- Bruce County Historical Society Dinner and Annual Meeting
- Bruce Township Community Centre - Underwood
- (Annual Meeting is scheduled for 3rd Thursday in October)

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT MAILING

In this mailing the year book & the newsletter are being sent together. The year book is mailed only to members paid up for 1989. A past due membership will be kept on the newsletter mailing list for 2 years. Life does rush a fellow along and it is hard to keep everything going. Hopefully the Newsletter will keep us on your mind.

Year books will be sent to '89 members as they are paid up.

A special vote of appreciation to our hard working membership secretary Clara Gilchrist. She has spent a lot of time up-dating the membership list. At this time the annual membership list is updated to the best of our knowledge on the computer. What a pleasure to whisk new members into alphabetical order, or to transfer annual members to the life membership list by flicking a few keys. Conversely a tardy member can be zapped into oblivion in no time.

UPDATE ON YOUR EXECUTIVE

Sometimes getting work done around Historical "Exec." takes a little managing. At any given time it is hard to forecast who will be travelling where around the world. Take so far this year - Our "Prez" - Reg Avis and his wife spent 3 months in Florida, also spending time there were Edna Avery & Shirley Woodason. Our secretary Marion toured Australia and New Zealand (almost). There she had the misfortune to fall and severely shatter two bones

in her leg above ankle. At printing she still has a cast from hip to toes. Isobelle Underwood brought a beautiful tan from Gulf of Mexico. Our Vice - Christine fell on ice in Jan. and severely pulled ligaments and spent a miserable winter. At times the south looks good to her for another winter.

Hilda Downey had the rod, that was in her leg from hip to ankle, removed and underwent surgery for a total hip replacement on Feb. 20 and returned to her home on March 2. She is recovering and looks forward to walking this summer.

But our "Exec." are a dedicated crew. If weather co-operates there is solid support at "exec." meetings and the officers do get their jobs done. So never fear you are in good hands for another year.

UPDATE ON POST CARD COLLECTION

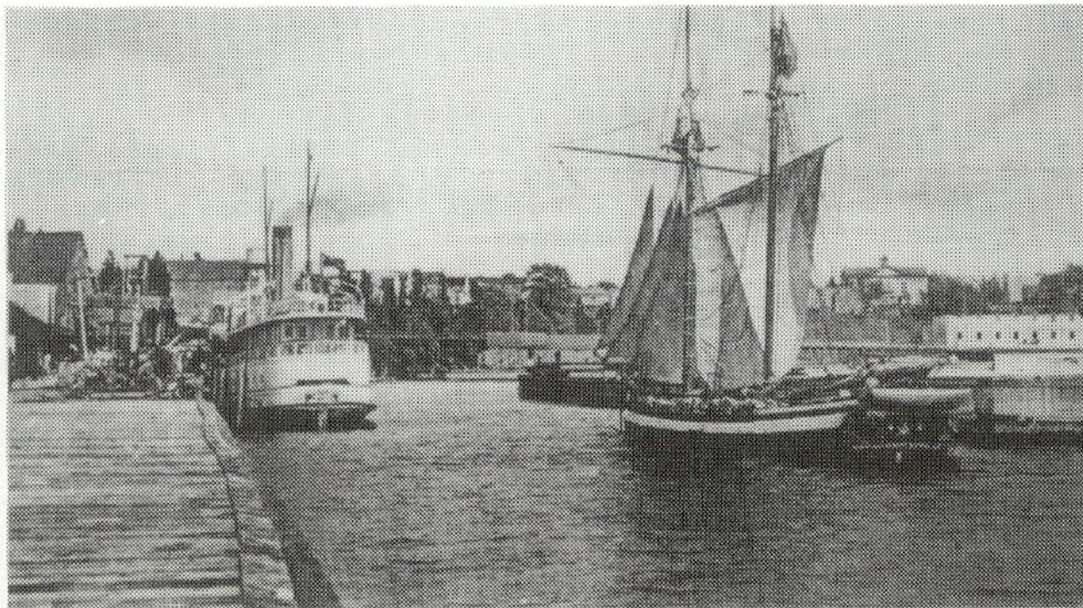
Last April the organization of a committee to collect Post Cards and publish an "Album of Bruce County" was reported.

This committee "The History Hunters" with President Bill Collins at the helm have been working hard. They have broadened their criteria from post cards to include any photo taken before 1918.

"The Pictorial History of the County" will be a hard covered 200 page book with about 400 pictures of pre 1918 era. The projected date of launching will be late summer. The History Hunters still welcome the loan of pictures and post cards up until June. They will be returned as soon as possible. Contributors may contact secretary Edith Manery, Box 833, Chesley or Phone 363-3679.

The members meet Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Chesley Municipal Office to work on it. The project is made possible through a \$7,760 New Horizon Grant and a \$2,000 Ministry of Culture & Communication grant and a \$5,000 interest free loan from Bruce County Council.

KINCARDINE



Collection of: William R. Pace

KINCARDINE HARBOUR — Steamboat Ossifrage and Schooner Sara owned by Graham Brothers.

REPORT ON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY

It is a pleasure to report on a new organization. Congratulations Chesley.

HISTORICAL GROUP FORMED

The Chesley and District Historical Society held its first meeting on January 18, 1989. This group was formed for the purpose of gathering, and perhaps recording, some of the reminiscences of the "Old Timers" in our midst.

The society will meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the old council chambers in the municipal building in Chesley.

Mrs. Donaldda McClure was chosen as president of the society and Mr. Harry Lustig will act as secretary. Mr. Bob Ankenmann and Mr. Bruce Krug will plan the program.

Anyone interested in the history of the Chesley area is most welcome to attend.

ON SAVING OLD DOCUMENTS AND PICTURES FROM THE TRASH CAN

A committee (some of us) has been involved recently in gathering post cards and pictures of the early days (before the first world war) in this county to put into a pictorial history book.

It has been interesting, rewarding, frustrating, and depressing when we see that there are great gaps in the total picture. It would seem that a lot of old photos, cards and papers have been thrown out when estates have been closed.

We would encourage families to consult with the museum or the historical society before discarding these old treasures. They may possibly fit into the archives and be of great value to future generations who are researching the past for one reason or another.

We would also encourage people to put the date, location and names of people in the pictures, on the back of them. The next generation will thank us for doing that.

THE TOWNSHIP OF BRUCE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ontario Historical Society is an educational organization open to anyone who is interested in Ontario's history. The Society offers a wide spectrum of programmes throughout Northern & Southern Ontario. One of its most popular services is its series of day long workshops.

T. of B.H.S. has taken O.H.S. up on their offer to co-sponsor a workshop.

On Sept. 16, at the Bruce Twp. Community Centre a workshop entitled "The Heritage of Ontario Cemeteries" is being hosted. The speaker Glenn Lockwood is commenting on the preservation and restoration of cemeteries and their use as a research tool. This workshop is open to all interested people. More details later.

This venture is sponsored by the co-operation of The Township of Bruce Historical Society, The Ontario Historical Society and The Bruce Township Council.

I know there are other local history oriented groups throughout the county. Why not share your activities with us?

Craigie Potts - what "yo-all" doing way up north?

Carrick do you have exciting developments?

SPOTLIGHT ON BRUCE EAST DISTRICT

Time for a little look in Bruce East, at a couple points of interest that the McSporran's draw to our attentions. Thanks Irma & Don.

We are indebted to Mrs. Eva Marshall, the former Eva Fraser, of Agincourt as she recalls her youth in the Vesta area in the early days of this century. Don McSporran has beautifully drafted a map of the area from a sketch by Evelyn.

RECOLLECTIONS OF VESTA

Mother would send my sister Mary and I with a basket of eggs to Connolly's General store & Post Office at Vesta to buy groceries. We were promised if there was anything left over from buying groceries, we might buy a candy each. One day Mr. Connolly upon being asked about the candies replied, "There is only one cent." However he gave us each a candy.

There was a blacksmith run by Mr. McGill.

On our way home one day, we saw something coming up the road we had never seen before. We ran for the fence and climbed up and an automobile went past us. They all laughed. They had veils on their heads, blowing in the wind. They were Cargills and lived in Cargill. Apparently we had never heard of an automobile.

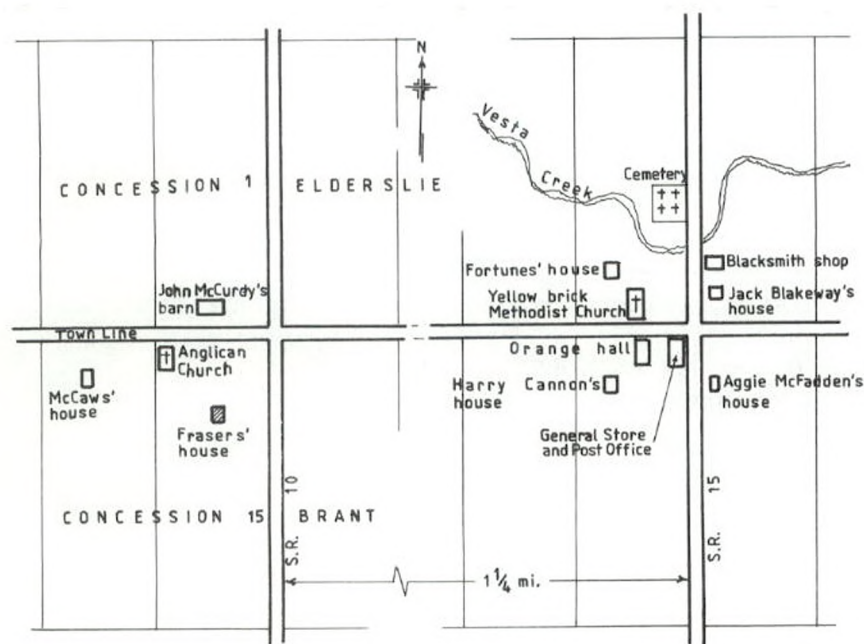
The old cemetery at Vesta is nothing but weeds and thorns as I remember it. The bodies and stones had been moved to Chesley.

The Fraser Kids attended Sunday School at the Methodist Church. I was sad when the lovely little church was torn down. There was a Campbell family that attended & later went west. Mr. Campbell loved to sing in a loud voice.

I will tell you about the Anglican Church. It was on the Fraser property. The Anglicans wanted a church but no person would give the land needed. My grandfather said to take the corner next to the line fence between McCaws and Frasers. The minister walked out from Chesley to preach. Grandfather asked him to spend the night with him.

When Mary & I were quite small, Dad was working in the field next to the road and we went up with him and played in the old church. The windows were broken, the doors were open and the place was rotting away. The hymn books were on the floor and we ran over them. The pews were pine and even at that early age, I knew they were nice.

Old John McCurdy's barn still stands right across the road from the Fraser farm. There was a frame house, but it is long gone.



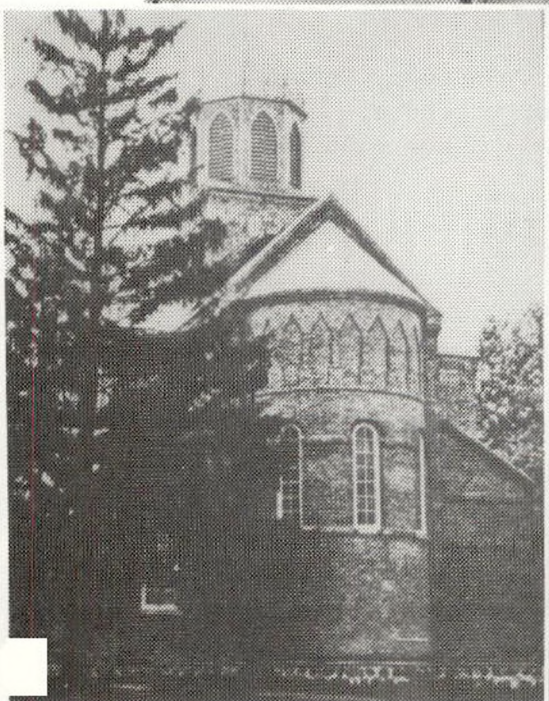
— VESTA — AS REMEMBERED BY

EVA (FRASER) MARSHALL

DRAWN BY D. MCSORRAN

CARLSRUHE

The historic and beautiful old church of St. Francis Xavier in Carlsruhe, built in 1872, is in the process of being refurbished.



The Rhineland Romanesque shell of St. Francis Xavier, Carlsruhe contains a startlingly handsome interior

St. Francis Xavier, Carlsruhe, handsome interior

BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
LAKE HURON CIRCLE TOUR
JULY 6-9, 1989

DAY 1 - SAULT STE. MARIE, Ontario
North to Tobermory via M.S. Che-Cheemaun to Manitoulin Island, across
Island and along north shore to Sault Ste. Marie.

DAY 2 - MACKINAC ISLAND/ST. IGNACE, Michigan
Tour Soo locks, travel to St. Ignace, Mich. transfer to the ferry
to Mackinac Island. - Free time there.

DAY 3 - FRANKENMUTH, Michigan
Cross Mackinac bridge, follow I-75 and visit the Bavarian community
of Frankenmuth.

DAY 4 - HOME

COST PER PERSON: TWIN: \$415 TRIPLE: \$395 QUAD: \$375 SINGLE: \$585

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MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Tues Sept 19 - 8:00 p.m. North District Meeting

Guest Speaker Clarke Birchard, supervisor of Outdoor Education for Bd of Education describing the Archaeological field school operated at the Centre in the summer of 1987 and 1989. The talk will be illustrated with coloured slides, artifacts, and samples of student work.

where- Outdoor Education Centre

- 8 kilometres west of Wiarton on Bruce County Road 21

or 3 kilometres east of Oliphant on south side of road

Why not invite a friend and make plans to go right now

Thursday October 26

-Bruce County Historical Dinner and Annual Meeting

-Bruce Township Community Centre - Underwood

Report of East District Meeting of BCHS

On April 27 Mr Ross King of the Chesley High School staff gave a most interesting and informative talk on his hobby of coin collecting. Mr King approached his subject from a historical point of view, tracing currency from the earliest times to the present and dealt particularly with English and Canadian money. Some information on the rulers pictured on the coins was presented. Mr King had on display coins and paper currency dating back to the time of William the Conqueror. The audience could have kept him answering questions for much longer than we had time for.

Mr Richard Sparrow, town councillor of Chesley, brought greetings on behalf of the mayor and councillor

contributed by East District Director I McSporran

Mildmay Carrick History

Mildmay Carrick Historical Society aim to have their history available by the end of the year. The material is now in the hands of the publishers.

Report from the Twp of Bruce Historical Society

Saturday September 16 Seminar on Preserving and Restoring Cemetery Stones

- directed by Glenn Lockwood of Ottawa

- the workshop will include a working tour of Port Bruce Cemetery (Baie du Dore)

The Twp of Bruce Historical Society, The Ontario Historical Society, and

Twp of Bruce Council are co-sponsoring this event and everyone is welcome

For Registration phone Anne Judd 368-7407 or Joan Mc Dougall 368- 5520

The Township of Bruce Historical Society Annual Meeting and Dinner

The history of the hamlet of Glamis was highlighted at their Annual Meeting held at St Pauls Presbyterian Church in Glamis. The evening featured a collection of photographs of Glamis through the years, music by the Glamis Community Choir, and a slide show co-ordinated by Shirley Woodason with comments by three of Glamis Octogenarians, Pearl Fitzsimmons, Margaret MacLennan and Mervyn Hedley.

Walking Tours of Southampton

Brochure Number One

**BURNS'
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24 oz. Loaf, - 5c.

A QUALITY LOAF
MADE IN YOUR OWN TOWN

No. 34: Burns' Store
an advertising poster circa 1920



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so England loves the rose;
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as everybody knows.
But dear to all Canadians,
with me you will agree,
Is the monarch of the forest,
the Sugar Maple Tree.
Its leaf is our emblem,
and Southampton is our home;
There is no spot that can compare,
no matter where you roam.*

*by Col. A. E. Belcher,
first mayor of Southampton, 1908*

Produced by the Southampton Local Architectural
Conservation Advisory Committee (L.A.C.A.C.) 1987

BCHS GENERAL MEETING MAY 18

The Bruce County Museum at Southampton was the scene of the general meeting of members and friends of Bruce County Historical Society on Thursday May 18.

Of special interest was an address by Sandy Tomlin about LACAC. She outlined the work their society has done in Southampton and revealed their plans for the future. Then answered questions from the audience and commented on setting up LACAC (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee).

Following this the guests toured the informative "Titanic Display" and then viewed an excellent video of the Titanic, its sinking, and the undersea exploration done in the last few years of the wreck

To the left is the front page of one of the excellent brochures handed out that evening, and available at a Tourist Information booth. It features 34 points of interest with an excellent historical capsule on each.

HILTS REUNION

Remember "Experiences of a Backwoods Preacher" by Rev Joseph H Hilts reprinted by BCHS in 1986 ?

Well just a note from Uncle Earl Hilts of Niagara Falls.

The Hilts Family are having their 80th family Reunion the second Sunday in August at the top of the mountain in Grimsby Ontario. This reunion has been carried on through wars and depression.

The founders of this Reunion are the children of William and Anesath Mary Hilts, William is the brother of Rev Joseph Henry Hilts. They were all born in Caistor Centre and were mostly fruit farmers. They settled from Stoney Creek to Niagara Falls N.Y.

It is very gratifying to receive letters and comments (both good and bad) so let's look at a few excerpts from letters received.....

.....FROM IONA BARNES OF EDMONTON

- Just received Bruce Co yearbook and have only glanced through but did enjoy "Notes" I was interested in the "Notes" on Glamis and where has it gone, as my mother (Lily Woods) often spoke of Glamis. I would find the slides very interesting as I am sure many will.

.....FROM PAULINE FLYNN OF OTTAWA

-Many Thanks again for another "Bruce" year. I look forward to any news of Bruce County as my roots are there

.....FROM BEATRICE BLACK OF LONDON

- I find the newsletters and yearbook very interesting as it brings back many places and folks I know or have heard about from my ancestors over the years. I look forward to all the activities in the coming year

.....FROM MAY MCCONKEY OF PORT ELGIN

-I have all the books from 1967

.....FROM GORDON CAMPBELL OF OTTAWA

Ever the optimist, I wish to take advantage of the Society's life membership for 'seniors,' for which I enclose a cheque for \$40. An added advantage is that I will no longer have to look through my records to see if I am still a member in good standing!

.....Incidentally my acquaintances in the Ripley and Kincardine areas may recognize me from my pre-World War 11 teaching days in Huron and Kinloss Townships.

As your editor I find it most intriguing to learn the connection of my mailing list with Bruce and more exciting when these names become people as in these letters OR as in when you go to a farm meeting and find the Meuser of Burgoyne sitting beside you is a relative of that mailing list name Faye Meuser of Vancouver. AND ONE MORE....

Can anyone give me info on Grace Fornori of Boynton Beach, Florida. Her "Notes" has been returned. I have long wondered if Mrs C.A. Fornori of Thunder Bay and Mrs Grace Fornori of Florida were one and the same with a winter and a summer address. So when Florida was returned I wrote to Thunder Bay. What a coincidence! She is also Grace Fornori but no she was not acquainted.

Grace of Boynton Beach is a life member. So if she is living, I'd like to catch up with her, and if deceased, the membership sec'y keeps a record of this.



CONGRATULATIONS

...to Don and Irma McSporran of Paisley and Bill Collins of Kincardine who received Community Volunteer Service Awards for their active involvement in the Bruce County Historical Society.

A ceremony was held at the Owen Sound Public Library in April when the Minister of Citizenship and Culture Gerry Phillip and his host MPP Ron Lipset presented the awards

SPOT LIGHT ON BRUCE SOUTH DISTRICT

Special thanks to Florence Grant and Anita Kennedy who have co-ordinated the following articles for our enjoyment.

TEESWATER CULROSS OLD BOYS REUNI(ON

August 1989 will be a time of celebration for Culross and Teeswater as they welcome back those who were born and raised in the area and for many reasons have made their homes elsewhere. They have been invited to an Old Boy's Reunion to be held on Civic Holiday Weekend.

In 1905 the town organized a Reunion, It was a three day event and was such a success it was decided to hold another in ten years. But with the world war going on it was postponed until 1919, when the soldiers had returned. A reunion has been held every 10 years since that time on Civic Weekend.

In "All Our Yesterdays", a history of Culross 1854 -1984, there are pictures of past reunions which have entertained and delighted those renewing old friendships. 1989 with its theme, "Let's Get Together will be a great reunion with registration on Friday, a concert and dance every evening, Church Services and a Sunday evening barbecue.

Do come and support the presidents, Ron Hill, Joan Meyer, George King and their committees

Bathing

Now that was a problem, no farm house had more than a wash tub; hardly big enough to wash an adult. What the women did I don't know, but under arm protection wasn't promoted like today. A bucket of water and some home made soap out behind the house near the Elderberry bush did a lot.

As far as us teenagers, it was down to the swimming hole. We lived by the Carrick Creek which had a lovely swimming hole on Lot 28, Concession 7 right beside the lane. There was also one up the road on the 25th side road that was very popular. They would be about up to your shoulders deep at a bend, a gravel bottom and had a area to jump in at the deepest spot.

My friend of boyhood years, Clayton Filsinger always declared "last one in is a jack ass," and was like a muskrat in water. No one really had a swim suit.

If cousins of the other sex would be along parents demanded we wear a swim suit or old under-wear. The dressing room was the willow patch beside the creek. However we didn't have all the education, they have in school and on TV today but we didn't know the difference anyhow.

Mom had several drinks prepared. One was Raspberry Vinegar and another called Boston Cream. I'm at a loss as to how either one was made, both being a concentrate to add water to. Dad drank alot of lemonade and also did alot of sweating.

Having no brothers, I became a great pal with the Perchbacker children - Earl, Verna and Inez - living shouting distance from us. In the evenings we would usually be together. Bats would be out every night flying around and scare the girls who had the belief they would get into their long hair.

We used old brooms to try and strike them down. Below our buildings was an area that frequently flooded and had tall marsh grass and wild irises. It was very boggy. This would be lit up at night with a white fog rising from the warm earth. This is all gone now, what with drainage and cultivation. No more of these little pleasures.

Mr ROY WISEMAN of R.R.#3 Mildmay has recently published his first book entitled "In and Around the Forty Hills of Carrick about Forty Years Ago". Mr Wiseman believes this 141 page paperback book to be the first history written about Carrick Township. As you read the book you will soon find yourself filled with nostalgia as you relive your own past. If you are of the younger generation you will gain an indepth knowledge of days gone by. Mr Wiseman is already working on his second book to be entitled "My Dear Doctor".

In Bruce County, "In and Around the Forty Hills of Carrick...." can be purchased at Broad Horizons in Port Elgin, at the Bruce County Museum in Southampton, at Flora's Flowers in Teeswater.

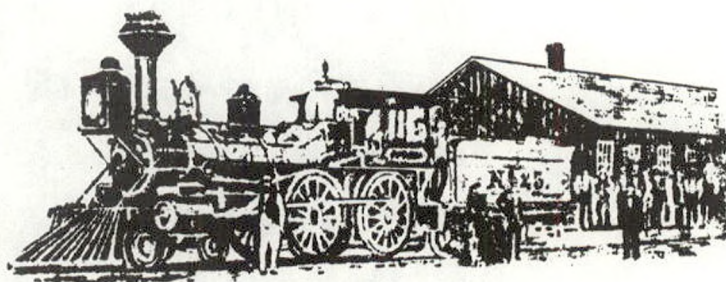
Mr Wiseman has given his permission to use the preceding article on Bathing from his book

Editors Note Nice to hear about our local writers publishing books about "us" Word has also reached my ears that Helene Scott who has contributed many articles to the year book in past years is in the process of publishing a book "Anecdotes of Stokes Bay"

HURRAH FOR YOU BOTH

Once again may I encourage Braw Brucites to share their "doings"
Have you written a book?

Is your organization making historical waves?



THE TEESWATER LINE

At the old people's home, it is Saturday night
(A cold, dreary nite in the fall)
And all is in darkness except a dim light
In the room at the end of the hall.
There on his cot he lies, sinking quite low
To his fate he is soon to resign,
Yet his mem'ries go back to the long, long ago
And his home on the Teeswater Line.

Then he silently asks, should I go back again
To see the old places I knew?
Would I still see a boy drive the cows up the lane
While the willows still sparkled with dew?
And on thru the morning about ten o'clock,
Could I still see old Four-fifty-nine
A-struggling along with a trainload of stock
Headin' east on the Teeswater Line?

Would I still see someone with a team and a plow
A-crossing the fallow and back,
Do children still pick the wild strawberries now
That grow by the side of the track?
Do the section-men pause in the heat of the day
To rest in the shade of a pine?
That same shady nook where a boy used to play
Up there on the Teeswater Line.

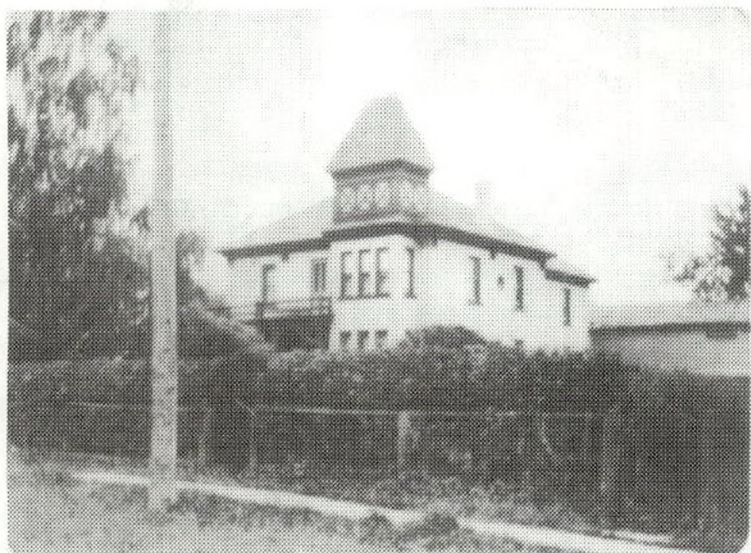
Would I still see the smoke from the afternoon freight
As it drifts down the old orchard lane?
Is there still an old DeLaval sign on the gate,
Does the name on the mail-box remain?
Do the robins still nest in the old lilac tree,
That the wild red roses entwine?
Is there anyone left who might still think of me
Up there on the Teeswater Line?

When the sun hides away and the dark shadows creep
O'er the fields that lay stripped of their grain,
Does an old shaggy collie still stir from his sleep
To bark at the nine o'clock train?
Does an old coal-oil lamp cast its pale yellow light
From a window near Mile thirty-nine?
Let me go on believing that somewhere tonite
There's smoke on the Teeswater Line.

The sky in the east is all crimson and red,
'Tis another cold day in the fall.
At the old people's home there is one empty bed
In the room at the end of the hall.
With no-one to comfort him, no-one to pray,
And no-one in sorrow to pine.
Alone and unknown he has drifted away,
Like smoke on the Teeswater Line.

Dawson Remus, from his book "Railroads and Rail Fences" published by the Mildmay Crier.
He lived most of his life in Harrison.
H Gordon Green often featured Remus' verse in his radio meandering.

PICTURES FROM MY GLAMIS COLLECTION



This house was built by Thomas Pickard in 1889. Pickard Mills (saw mill, cheese box factory & planing mill) employed many men in early Glamis. Some of the men boarded with Pickard in this house.

Contributed by Ivan White of
Lions Head

The house today is owned by Margaret & Dean Benenuto of Don Mills.

Contributed by Owner



An early street scene in Glamis looking west from the corner. The store at extreme left is R.W. Harrison's. It was built in 1867. The Post Office was here from 1872 - 1903. Can anyone tell me about the other buildings?

Contributed by Bob Wrightson

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Thurs Oct 26 BCHS Banquet and Annual Meeting
Bruce Twp Community Centre at Underwood
Speaker Mr Nelson Maher of Owen Sound
slide show on 'Natures Bounty in Grey and Bruce Counties'
Dinner served at 6:30 doors open at 6:00
Admission by ticket only Please reserve ticket by October 10

- Tickets -\$9.00 available from district directors

<u>South</u>	Anita Kennedy	392-6253	Florence Grant	392-8105
<u>East</u>	Irma and Don MacSporran	363-6844		
<u>North</u>	Joyce and Harry Whicher	534-1297		
<u>West</u>	Shirley and Bob Woodason	368-7422		
<u>Pres</u>	Reg Avis	832-1692	<u>Vice</u>	Christine Welsh 832-2853
<u>Treas</u>	Edna Avery	396-8170	<u>Sec'y</u>	Marion MacGillvry 797-5944

or from Box 1900 Port Elgin

REPORT ON THE LAKE HURON CIRCLE BUS TRIP

Thirty-two members and friends of the Bruce County Historical Society boarded the bus on July 6, 1989 for a circle tour of Lake Huron. With the husband and wife team of Brian and Pam MacDonald as driver and tour guide we set off on an interesting trip.

Up the Bruce Peninsula to Tobermorywe go to board the Chi-Cheemaun and enjoy the weather conditions. The water is calm and the scenery beautiful. We travel across Manitoulin Island with one stop at a craft shop. Next we drove along the shore of the North Channel to Sault Ste Marie for a night's lodging. In the morning we enjoyed a tour of the Soo Locks. It was interesting being raised up to the level of Lake Superior, observing Algoma Steel and other sites and then descending through the locks to Lake Huron.

Reboarding the bus we drove south to St Ignace. There we boarded the Mackinac ferry to Mackinac Island. We enjoyed horse drawn carriage rides through the park, to old Fort Mackinac to the Grand Hotel and to Arch Rock. The drivers gave an interesting historical account of the island. Back in the village we saw numerous "Fudge Shops" where fudge was being made. We returned to St. Ignace for motel accommodations.

Saturday morning we crossed "Mighty Mac", a five mile bridge that joins Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsula. In Mackinaw City we visited Fort Michilimackinac, which was built by the French in 1715, and later occupied by the British.

We drove south on I-75 to Frankenmuth. Just outside the town we visited the Bronner Christmas Decoration Showroom. In Frankenmuth we went to the Bavarian Inn for one of their famous Chicken Dinners. Many of us sat on the square to hear the 35 bell carillon in the Glockenspiel Tower and watched the Pied Piper of Hamelin. During a tour of the town in the morning we saw the original Lutheran Church and school and the present one with 4000 members, where services are held in German and English. Frankenmuth is a lovely town, clean and tidy with many, many beautiful flower beds and absolutely no litter. Certainly it is a pleasant tourist town.

All good things must come to an end, so 34 happy but weary people boarded the bus and headed for home. Bruce County looked so-o-o nice as we arrived back in the evening of July 9. It had been a very successful trip.

contributed by Christine Welsh

"THANKS A LOT CHRISTINE"

ADVANCED NOTICE 1990 YEAR BOOK

The proposed date of publication for the 1990 year book of the Bruce County Historical Society has been advanced and copies will be sent out to paid up members in January of 1990. Anyone having material to contribute should send it to the editor, Isobel Underwood, Box 182 Southampton, ON - NOH 2L0 as soon as possible

.....which brings us to 1990 MEMBERSHIP

Since the year book is mailed only to paid up members, you'll want to renew your membership now so you will be in the mailing.

May I share a very practical tip? One of our members cut the envelope (which received the newsletter in) in half salvaging their name label and the Bruce C--H--S--Address stamp. After slitting the top edge and the end they then had a sheet of notepaper. How very inventive!

See for the ingenious we even provide note paper with your name and address on. BUT you do have to supply your cheque and an envelop addressed to Clara Gilchrist membership sec'y, Box 1900 Port Elgin

Mrs Gilchrist will also be receiving memberships at the dinner on Oct 26 in Underwood

LET THE PRESSES ROLL



OUR NEWEST BOOK

The "History Hunters" are very pleased to announce that their book "A Pictorial History of Bruce County Prior to 1918" is coming off the press Oct 1, 1989

The book will have 208 pages with over 400 pictures and post cards. It will be hard covered and numbered. It will make an excellent Christmas gift for anyone who lives, has lived, or will live in Bruce County. Visitors will enjoy it too

The book will retail in the stores for \$20.00 starting Thanks-giving Weekend. But the price to society members will be \$15.00.

Anyone interested in obtaining the book should send a cheque with their to "History Hunters" and mail to Irma McSporran, R.R.#1 Paisley

ALSO announcingZION - AMABEL UNITED CHURCH CENTENNIAL BOOK 1889 to 1989

94 pages of pictures and history of the church and its families
Price \$16.00 available from Mrs Viola Chambers , R.R.#1 Allenford, NOH 1A0

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CHESLEY



MAIN STREET, CHESLEY, CANADA
c. 1900

Published by Stedman Bros.,
Brantford, Canada. No. 103

.....and from the Mildmay Carrick Historical Society

The township of Carrick and the village of Mildmay will join the ranks of the communities in Bruce County who have published their history. The book will have around 500 pages and 700 pictures. It is being printed by Stan Brown Printers of Owen Sound.

The History, over two years in the writing represents the efforts of over 50 committee members and several hundred contributors.

The book will go on sale the evening of Dec 1 in Mildmay in conjunction with Mildmay's Hanging of the Green and Santa Claus Parade.

Letters requesting more information can be directed to Elizabeth Stroeder sec'y Mildmay Carrick Historical Society, Box 368 Mildmay, ON NOG 2J0

AND MORE LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

....FROM DEAN & MARGARET (SCOTT) BENVENUTO, R.R.# 1 Tiverton, ON, NOG 2T0

.....What a nice surprise to find our home featured in the Bruce County Historical Notes (Vol. 31 No 3, 1989)

We are researching the history of the house and would be pleased to hear from any people who have lived in the Thomas Pickard House, Glanville or any who might have photos or information. We would welcome making contact with any descendants of Thos Pickard.

.....EDITH MACKINNON EMIRY

Some time ago I received the current year book which I am enjoying greatly. It is good to read of places and people one knew in one's growing up years, perhaps especially so in our sunset years. Congratulations to all your staff on a job well done.

I went to school in No. 7 & 8 Saugeen and Elderslie many long years ago with Tanners, Winches, Rudolphs, Collins, McMillans, Millers, Harcourts, and of course other MacKinnons. The teachers I remember are Mr D.D. Campbell, Jean McKerracher, Edna Cummings, Leslie Winch, and a Mr Alex Sruart. He was a returned soldier, walked back and forth from Port Elgin, and, if I remember correctly had a bad limp. Of these teachers I have very fond memories.

I am enclosing a small appreciation cheque to help cover the cost of the yearbook I so much enjoy

Editor Note

Mrs Emiry is a life member, so we appreciate her cheque to help make ends meet in publishing year book.

I remember D.D.Campbell. Wasn't he a dentist probably in a later era in Paisley. He used to give me a nickel to go and get an ice cream cone after a session in his dentist chair. In those days drills weren't high speed. They really got on your nerves.

.....FROM HELENE SCOTT OF Lindsay

Thank you so much for mentioning my upcoming book which, by the way, is entitled "Old Timers' Tales, History of Stokes Bay and Area." It contains items of interest from Southampton to Tobermory- so is a mixed bag! The Southampton interest is pictures of the old tugs that used to fish out of there. Also a history of the Doran family well-known in that town. I used to live in Southampton and my two children were born there. My first husband Gordon Saunders did not come back from WW II.I will soon be too old for all this stuff. I am too old ! Soon be 79.

Editor Note Againin The Sun Times, Owen Sound, Thur., Sept. 7, 1989

I readScott remembersWhite settlers came into Stokes Bay in the late 1800s, although evidence remains of much earlier Indian settlement.

In its early days the community was home to many flourishing lumb mills and was a fishing port too. Scott recalls that the lake used to "teem" with sturgeon, trout, whitefish, herring, tullibees and suckers. There was also good sport fishing of black bass, small mouth bass, perch, pike, and speckled trout.

Scott has published 500 copies of the hardcover book at her own expense. They are available at outlets in Owen Sound, Wiarton, Lion's Head, Southampton, Port Elgin, Tobermory and Stokes Bay at \$28.50 each.

SPOTLIGHT ON BRUCE NORTH

With this issue we have looked west, east, south and north in Bruce again this year. A vote of thanks to Harry Whicher who has chosen to spotlight Alexander McNeill.

The B.C.H.S. are about to assist Allen Bartley of Montreal (whose early roots are in the peninsula) with the publication of a political biography of Mr. McNeill. From Bartley's treatise we learn -

Alexander McNeill was the very eloquent Conservative Member of Parliament for Bruce North from 1882 to 1901. McNeill, born in County Antrim in Ireland, emigrated to Canada, settling on a farm near Paisley in 1872. It was suggested that McNeill's grandfather, Sir John, bought the land and Alexander arrived to develop it, although he was clearly a gentleman farmer wildly unsuited to life on the Ontario frontier. McNeill spent only a few years in the Paisley area before buying 300 acres of land on Colpoys Bay near Wiarton. There he immediately went into politics.

Following is a letter published in the Wiarton Echo on June 2, 1882

To the Electors

OF THE

NORTH RIDING OF BRUCE.

GENTLEMEN:—

The Redistribution of Seats Act, passed in the late session of Parliament, gives the county of Bruce a third member.

I come before you at the request of my friends to ask your suffrages, and, you have a right to ask what are my Political Principles.

To be instrumental to strengthen, and as occasion may arise, to bind closer still those living links of loyalty and love which unite Great Britain to her Colonies is the highest object of my political ambition.

I supported a policy of protection to Canadian industries during the election contest of 1878, and am glad to find that under a Protective policy the Dominion has advanced in material prosperity with a rapidity which is, I believe, unexampled in the history of any other country. It is alleged that this prosperity is not in any degree by reason of, but rather in spite of, the adoption of a Protective policy. But I desire to call your attention to the fact that this allegation is made by gentlemen who have proved themselves ill informed on this subject; inasmuch as it is made by those who in 1878 asserted that the adoption of this policy would render it impossible to collect a revenue. You are aware that since the adoption of this policy a

yearly deficit of more than \$2,000,000 has given place to a surplus of \$4,500,000 for the current year; and, that these gentlemen who in 1878 argued that the National Policy would render the collection of a revenue impossible now complain that the revenue collected under it is too great.

Allow me also in this context to direct your attention to the fact that on the 24th March of this year a motion was made in the House of Commons in England, for a Select Committee to enquire into the effect of Free Trade (so called) upon English industries.

This motion was supported by Sir Stafford Northcote, leader of the Opposition in that House, and, in a House of 220 then present, by 89 members.

During the debate upon this motion, Mr. Gladstone expressed himself as follows:—

“Unfortunately the knowledge of the fact that a proposal for a Committee of Inquiry had been supported by the late leader of the House of Commons could not be confined within these walls or within these shores. They would go abroad, and how would the Right Hon. gentleman face the consequences of this success. Did he not know very well that the knowledge of such a vote going throughout England and the civilized world would at once become the strong argument in favor of Protection and hostile tariffs? The advocates of Protection would then be able to say that this delusion of Free Trade, even in its very strong hold, was shaken to its base, and that one of the great parties in the

country by the mouth of its leader admitted that it had become a subject for solemn inquiry."

The opponents of the National Policy have strenuously denied that there was in England any reaction of importance against the antiquated and now well nigh exploded dogma of Free Imports, or as it is some times termed, "one sided Free Trade". Trade includes selling as well as buying, and where there is not free selling, the expression "Free Trade" is manifestly misleading.

I heartily approve the policy of the government in connection with the construction of the Canada Pacific Railway, through which vast tracts of fertile lands are being rapidly opened up for settlement; immigration has been induced to an extent hitherto unprecented in the Dominion, and a new market has been provided for the fruit growers and manufacturers of Ontario.

The diligence and zeal displayed by the government in endeavoring to promote and extend the foreign trade of the Dominion, deserves, in my opinion, most favorable recognition at your hands.

The National Policy of the Government which protects our growing industries from unfair assault by powerful foreign capitalists; their railway policy, which has already been productive of such great results; their foreign trade policy, to which I have referred in the last paragraph; and their finance policy, which has resulted in the production of a surplus of over 4,500,000 pounds for the current year will, I venture to think, compare not unfavorably in your estimation with the policy of their predecessors as enunciated in the words following, by their late Finance Minister himself ;---

"The country may stand or fall, may be prosperous, or the reverse and we are flies on the wheel, and those who say that the Government can advance the interests of the country know nothing of what they are talking about. The Government of the country is utterly helpless to advance its interests -- all they have to do is to draw their salaries, discharge the administrative duties of their office, and leave the country to stand or fall, as the case may be, without putting out a hand to save it, or to give it relief in any way."

It is not surprising that the Finance Minister who announced this policy had also to announce a yearly deficit.

I am sorry to see that the opponents of the Government have not scrupled to stir up the expiring embers of interprovincial strife, and fan for party purposes the solidarity of the Dominion.

I am favorable to the claims of the settlers upon the Indian Peninsula to the timbers upon their farms, and I am glad to learn that the Government have already taken steps to secure it to their use.

If I am returned as your representative to Parliament, I shall assuredly in all things endeavor to promote your interests.

Men of the North Riding of Bruce!

I ask you only to do your duty!

Suppose a Government that has more than fulfilled the most sanguine expectations of its most ardent supporters -- a Government that, while it is Conservative of all that is good and true in our institutions has proved itself to be, in the highest sense of the term, a Reform Government also. Do not by your votes assist to bring back upon your country those dark days of depression consequent upon the adoption of a fly on-the-wheel policy.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant

ALEXANDER McNEILL

God Save the Empire!

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MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Tuesday April 17 - 8:00 p.m. Tiverton Community Centre
Bruce West District in co-operation with Tiverton Council will be hosting a reception for Alan P Voce, Honorary Curator of the Museum in Tiverton, England, who will be showing slides. Mr and Mrs Voce are making a round-the-world trip stopping in Canada, USA, Austrailia, New Zealand, and Malaysia. They are visiting Tiverton, Nova Scotia, Tiverton, Rhode Island as well as Tiverton, Ontario.

BUS TRIP Preliminary investigations are being made into a trip to Washington D.C. in late June or early July. Look for the final plans in the next newsletter.

YOUR EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEES FOR 1990

HONORARY PAST PRESIDENT	Bruce Krug	Chesley
Past President	Reg Avis	Port Elgin
President	Christine Welsh	Port Elgin
Vice President	Douglas Wrightson	Hepworth
Secretary	Marion McGillivray	R.R.#1 Southampton
Treasurer	Edna Avery	Kincardine
Membership Secretary	Clara Gilchrist	Kincardine
Year Book Editor	Isobelle Underwood	Southampton
Newsletter Editor	Shirley Woodason	Tiverton

District Directors

Bruce North	Joyce & Harry Whicher	Colpoy's Bay
Bruce East	Irma & Don McSporran	Paisley R.R.#1
Bruce South	Anita Kennedy, Florence Grant	Teeswater
Bruce West	Donelda MacKinnon	Tiverton

Committees

Program	Doreen Wrightson, Christine Welch, Hilda Downey, Edna Avery
Publications	Isobelle Underwood, Shirley Woodason, Marion McGillivray, Donald McClure, Hilda Downey
Historical Plaques	Gwen Harrison, Peter Knechtel
Book Custodians	Irma & Don McSporran

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER AT UNDERWOOD

About 140 members and friends sat down to a delicious beef dinner on Oct. 26, 1989 at Bruce Twp Community Centre. President Reg Avis chaired the evening. A sing-along conducted by Shirley Woodason and Don McSporran with Douglas Wrightson at the piano set a convivial theme for the evening. The roll call for each community within the county was taken, and Marilyn Betteridge from the Bruce County Museum, installed the executive.

The guest speaker, Nelson Maher, of Owen Sound was introduced by Bruce Krug. His topic "Nature's Bounty in Grey and Bruce Counties" was illustrated by his extensive collection of beautiful slides of the flora, fauna and animal life to be seen in the area.

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 1990 ?

Annual membership is \$10

Life membership is \$60

BUT Senior's Life membership (over 65) is still \$40

Membership secretary: Mrs. Clara Gilchrist, Box 1900, Port Elgin ON NOH 2C0

BRUCE NORTH DISTRICT MEETING September 19, 1989

The Bruce North District Meeting was held at Bruce County Outdoor Education Centre west of Wiarton. The topic was the old Indian portage between Colpoy's Bay and Lake Huron, either via Boat lake and Spry Lake to Oliphant, or via Boat Lake and The Rankin River to Sauble. The Mason family, who owned and farmed the Centre's land for 75 years, found many Indian artifacts on the property, particularly on the northwest side of Boat Lake, which seems to have been used as a camp site by the users of this portage. The area has now been declared an archaeological site, and has been subjected to two periods of systematic "digging" in the summers of 1987 and 1989.

Mr. Clark Birchard, director of the Centre, was the principal speaker. He outlined what is known of the pre-history of our area in general and of the portage itself. This is relatively modern and therefore can be excavated by amateurs under competent supervision, as compared to an archaic site which must be examined by professionals only.

Mr. Birchard described what is involved in any archaeological "dig," using his own site for illustration. This starts with a general hunt by all workers for surface artifacts, each one being located by a flag. When this is completed the area showing the densest grouping of flags is chosen for the actual "dig." For this the whole area is carefully surveyed, starting from a permanent base point, so that the location of each pit is known within an inch. The work of any season can therefore be accurately related to all past work, and the archaeological map of each pit can be systematically added to the map of the whole site.

Mr. Birchard then turned the meeting over to two Chesley High School students, Bobbie-Sue Trelford and Rita Kingston, who had been on this summer's team. With the help of many slides they reviewed all the tasks they had performed, which included surveying, excavating, the separating of artifacts from dirt and stones by hand screening and close observation, the cleaning of any artifacts found, and their classification into different categories such as animal remains, ceramics, fabricated stone objects, stone subjected to fire, etc. They also described how stained earth found in the pits can be mapped in three dimensions which allows one to identify post holes, tree roots, groundhog holes, etc.

In addition to their excavation work both girls had written essays on some aspect of Indian history or culture, under the direction of Dr. Peter Schmaltz, head of the History Dept of Walkerton Collegiate. They will receive Grade XIII credits for these essays and their summer's work.

The report on the 1987 excavation has not been published. The Society might consider sponsoring this, perhaps in condensed form.

Contributed by: Harry Whicher

LET THE PRESSES ROLL.....

The Kincardine Township History has gone to the Printers and will be available the first of May.

All those wishing to take advantage of the Pre-Sale price of \$25.00 plus mailing \$4.00 can order from Diane MacArthur (396-8300) RR #5, Kincardine OR Edna Avery (396-7180) Box 391, Kincardine N2Z 2Y8

Another Work of Love!

One of the earliest pioneer families to settle in Bruce County was that of Johannes Kirstine and his wife Eleanor, who settled on Lot 46, Con 2, South Line of Brant, in 1850. They and their descendants farmed in Brant for well over one hundred years and played a major part in the townships development.

Mrs. Jean Kirstine, wife of descendant Mac Kirstine of Walkerton, and long time member of the B.C.H.S., along with two other descendants has compiled a history of the family entitled THE KIRSTINE FAMILY: 1712-1989; A FAMILY SAGA. Printed by Stan Brown Ltd. of Owen Sound, the hard cover book will be available shortly at

Brown's Pharmacy, Walkerton, and Holst Office Supplies, Hanover and Walkerton, and will retail at approximately \$25.00.

Judging by the articles contributed by Mrs. Kirstine in the '86 and '87 yearbooks, THE KIRSTINE FAMILY should be interesting reading. Watch the local newspaper for publication date.

POETRY CORNER

Our Roots in Rhyme

The history of a community is coloured by the lives of interesting people. Their influence can make an everyday circumstance into a special event. Myrtle Upshall is one such person. In the classroom, on the street, at a meeting or a social gathering, her wit and down-to-earth manner make her an individual to be remembered.

Myrtle Upshall was born in Kincardine Township and has lived in Bruce County for 80 years. She now resides in Port Elgin. Myrtle was a teacher and her students were her children. For 40 years she encouraged them with her creative example.

How did she begin writing poetry? She began 60 years ago when she won two theatre tickets for her verse in a Toronto newspaper contest. Since then rhymes have flowed from her pen.

She writes about everyday happenings and experiences - from losing her pension cheque to the view from a bus window on the Circle Tour.

Myrtle has been published in the United Amateur Press, the Bluenose Rambler of Nova Scotia, the Beacon Times, and her work was read on CBC radio's morning week-end program.

She continues collecting poems to share with her friends in the Country Sisters or Senior Citizen's Clubs. Here she shares one with us:

RETIREMENT

I've been advised to look ahead
 And not live in the past;
 Somehow it makes me wonder then
 How long I'm going to last.
 A few short years ahead confirm
 An eighty for my age;
 It rather sets me back to think
 How I'll be at that stage!
 And so I somehow now conclude
 'Tis best to live each day;
 What matters more is peace of mind
 Not my longevity.
 There are so many interests yet
 More time to check the list
 For others say I'll busy be
 As long as I persist.
 Since time caught up and drew the line
 'Twixt leisure and demand,
 I'll now relax and pleasures take
 In ways that can be planned.

-Myrtle Upshall

Article contributed by: Betty McCulloch

ITEMS TAKEN FROM THE KINCARDINE REPORTER DATED May 13, 1897

KINLOSS VILLAGE

Miss Bella Pridgeon met with an accident last Sunday evening, when a cow inflicted a painful wound over the eye.

TIVERTON

Miss McIntyre of Walkerton, has taken up her residence in Tiverton and will engage in dressmaking.

WALKERTON has a population of 2,944, and the assessment roll foots up to \$641,735 which is just \$14,505 in excess of Kincardine, the big town on the lake.

KINCARDINE

A very large petition was presented from ratepayers asking that steps be taken to protect the property in the northern part of town from drifting sand. Cap't. Rowan and Robt. Fraser addressed the council briefly setting forth the necessity of urgent action. The latter suggested that yard refuse be spread over the sand instead of being dumped in a heap.

LUCKNOW

On Monday evening week, fire was discovered in the building known as the Grey Ox Hotel, situated on the gravel road north of Lucknow, and owned by Wm. Farquharson of Walkerton. The building has been used as a dwelling house for the last four or five years and the former occupants had moved out just a few days before the fire took place.

KINCARDINE COUNCIL MEETING

On motion of Messrs. Henry and Temple a by-law will be prepared prohibiting the throwing of glass, tacks, etc. on public streets. This will be a boon to bicycle riders.

A D S

TAMWORTH BOAR A first class Tamworth boar at the Pine River piggery. this breed furnished the sweetest and best pork, and for growth, constitution and feeding qualities cannot be surpassed. Hog breeders will serve their own interests best by using this famous breed. Terms, \$1.00 payable at time with privilege of returning. J. T. Henderson

\$250.00 will purchase a house and lot, half acre, on South Street, Kincardine. James McK. Stewart

WARM THANKS TO WM A COLLINS WHO CONTRIBUTED THIS "ANCIENT" NEWS PAGE.

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MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

- April 17 - 8:00 p.m. Tiverton Community Centre
Bruce West District joins with the Community of Tiverton
- May 17 _ 5 P.M. Lurgan Parish Hall Open Meeting
Pot Luck Supper at 5 P.M.
Slide talk on Scandinavia and Iceland by Mr & Mrs W.A. Collins
All Welcome
- Bus Tour June 28, 29 ,30 July 1 & 2
To Washington and Williamsburg
- Fri. October 19, 1990 Annual Banquet
Elmwood Community Centre
Roast Beef Dinner for \$9.00 at 6:30 p.m.
Come early and visit the book table and membership table

ANNOUNCEMENT

Plans are underway to have the 1991 issue of the Bruce County Historical Society Yearbook available for the annual meeting in October. They will make excellent Christmas gifts. Anyone wishing to contribute articles should send their material to Isobelle Underwood by July.

Heritage Showcase 1990

On Saturday February 17, the BCHS participated in Heritage Showcase 1990 at the Heritage Mall in Owen Sound

Other participants from Grey-Bruce were ; The Grey County Historical Society, County of Bruce Museum and Archives, Bruce Peninsula and Fathom Five National Parks, Owen Sound and Saugeen Field Naturalists, Sydenham Sportsmen Association, Keppel Historical Society, Owen Society Historical Society, Billy Bishop Heritage Museum, Syddenham Twp LACAC, County of Grey Museum, Grey & Bruce Branch Ontario Genealogical Society, Grey Sauble Conservation Authority, Bruce Trail Club, Tom Thompson Memorial Gallery.

Each organization listed had a display set up promoting its programs services, publications and activities. A good deal of interest was shown by the public and we had many interesting conversations concerning our heritage and the need to conserve it.

It must have come as a surprise to some as to the number of organizations that have formed in the area to explore and preserve our heritage.

The Owen Sound Showcase was one of 15 held across Ontario.

Manning the booth for BCHS were Clarence and Marion McGillvray, Douglas Wrightson, Don & Irma McSparran. A slide show of old buildings and events in the county was presented. A book table was on display.

Pass the Word Along

For the last four years the society has offered prizes for a school competition at one of the agricultural fairs in the county. It is moved around the county to give fairer access to the students. This year the competition will be at Wiarton and Tara Fall Fairs. The BCHS offer \$50 prize money (1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15, 3rd - \$10) to each fair for a poster displaying up to 8 photos of historical buildings in the county. The poster to be the size of half a sheet of Bristol Board. The photos to be identified.

While the competition is showcased in Wiarton and Tara, all students in Bruce County are encouraged to participate. So pass the word along.

Former competitions have been in Port Elgin for a model of pioneer buildings, and Ripley for a doll dressed to commemorate their Lewis Settlement Heritage, and at Chesley

Old Boys Reunions

August 3,4,5,6,1990 - Kincardine Old Boys Reunion

The BCHS have been invited to participate by placing a display with a historical connotation. Look for us.

August 2-5, 1991 Formosa Old Boys Reunion

The committee sponsored a "Pick the Theme" contest. 55 suggestions were submitted with "TOGETHER AGAIN" being chosen.

LET THE PRESSES ROLL

A Pictorial History of Bruce County prior to 1918

The BCHS has decided to have second corrected printing done. It is hoped this will be available in early summer. Watch for further details. The first edition went on sale the first of last October and were all sold by the end of November.

The Politics of Alexander McNeill

by Alan Barley is going to print and will be ready for sale early this summer as well. Further details next issue.

Mildmay- Carrick History

The Mildmay-Carrick Historical Society have set the date April 6, 1990 for the "Official Unveiling" of their book. An evening of entertainment with official ceremonies surrounding the unveiling being the focal point is planned.

At a recent meeting the MCHS observed a moment of silence for Roy Wisemen who passed away Feb 13, 1990. Roy was much involved with this book and was the editor of "The 40 Hills of Carrick", "My Dear Doctor" and was working on another when he died.

Agnes Macphail - Reformer

With the renewal of her membership, Doris Pennington of Etobicoke writes...I've also enclosed information on a book I wrote, AGNES MACPHAILL - REFORMER". This lady, elected Canada's first female Member of Parliament in 1922, was responsible for many of the social reforms we enjoy today. Miss Macphail grew up in Grey county and represented Grey-Bruce in the federal Parliament.

Agnes Macphail - reformer continued....

The biography concentrated on Macphail's federal years with special emphasis on reports from Hansard and letters to her constituents. The description of her early years on the farm and away at school provide an authentic and colourful look at rural life in the early years of the century.

Author Doris Pennington knew the renowned reformer from childhood, for Macphail, once engaged to her father, continued to see her former suitor and his family throughout the years.

Society members from the Paisley area will recognize Doris Pennington as the daughter of the late DR Tucker who practised there.

A Service of Thanksgiving



A "SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING" was held in Knox Church, Walkerton on Nov. 15, 1989 to recognize nine couples who had celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries during the past 18 months and one couple who had celebrated their 56th anniversary. At the conclusion of worship, the honoured guests were piped into the church hall by David Wilson. Following dinner, a variety programme was held, in which some of the guests participated. Sam Smith sang "The Mull of Kintyre" and Annie McKinless (fiddle) and her husband, George, (drums) with some friends, provided 'toe-tappin' music. There was a display of Scottish Country Dancing and the Rev. Roy Taylor, accompanied on piano by his wife Dorothy, led in singing of well known songs from 50 years ago. Pictured from left to right, are: Carden and Peggy Vickers; Andrew McTavish, whose wife, Grace, was unable to attend due to illness; Isabel and Herb Wright; Laurene and Garnet Taylor; Janet and Sam Smith; Annie and George McKinless; Florence and John Aiken; Margaret and John Kerr; Velma and Duncan MacArthur; and Seated Dora and Stewart Henry.

A Memorial Service in Campbell Thomson Pioneer Cemetery



The Rev Fred Neill, of Knox Church Walkerton, speaks with Fred Thompson one of the motivators behind the restoration of a monument at the Campbell Thomson Pioneer Cemetery near Chepstow

The long-neglected final resting place of many pioneer residents of the Chepstow area is once again clearly marked with a stone memorial.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Sept 30, 1989 in memory of those buried in the Campbell Thomson Pioneer Cemetery, just east of Chepstow. The original cemetery dates back to 1869, when a member of the Presbyterian Church took steps to purchase land already in use as a burial ground from Alexander Campbell.

Campbell and the others, immigrants from Argyleshire in Scotland, took nearly a year to raise the \$14 purchase price of the small plot (about one-tenth of an acre) in Greenock Twp. Other founding families were the MacKinnons, MacDonalds and Thomsons.

The tiny congregation was never able to afford to build a church, but continued to meet in each others home for services. Eventually, most of the families moved away from the area and the cemetery was neglected.

About 20 years ago, Greenock Twp took over the maintenance of the land, under provincial abandoned cemeteries legislation. During this period, the stone gravemarkers disappeared.

"As a result, we have no record of who was buried here," said Fred Thompson, a descendant of the original Thomson family, who along with his wife Frances has been researching the cemetery for the past three years.

Their research turned up only 23 names, all of which are listed on the new stone marker erected by Greenock Twp. Meanwhile, the unknown inhabitants of Campbell Thomson Pioneer Cemetery are collectively remembered on the stone by the line, "And those who remain known only to God:"

APPRECIATION

A vote of thanks is expressed to the Walkerton Herald-Times for the two pictures and the articles which appeared in their paper.

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MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Tues. October 9 - 8pm Bruce North District Meeting
Guest Speaker - Paul Couture, Historian for Parks Canada
presenting "The Building of the Rideau Canal", illustrated
with slides made from sketches and paintings by engineers and
other workers during the construction.
Place Frank St Baptist Church, Wiarton

FRIDAY October 19 - 6:30 pm BCHS Banquet and Annual Meeting

* note change to Friday

Guest Speaker - Barbara Ribey, curator/director, Bruce Cty Museum
presenting, "Our Local Heritage", illustrated with slides to show
the development of the county museum from '50's to present day,
the involvement with the local museums in St. Edmunds, Kincardine,
Point Clark, and introducing the programs available throughout
the year in the museum.

Tickets - \$9:00 for a Roast Beef dinner

WEDNESDAY, September 12 - 8 pm Chesley Council Chamber

* note change of day to Wed

The BCHS "Exec" invite a couple of representatives from the
local town and twp Historical Societies to a "Sharing Time"
Each society is invited to briefly tell, "Whatcha Bin Doin'".
This should be very beneficial as a 'clearing house' of ideas
for activities, info on resources available, success and pitfalls
of projects, grants available, etc. So nominate a "Rep" and
come for all kinds of idea

A couple of words of encouragement is sent along
to Bruce Krug, who is in University Hospital, London.
Bruce, Honorary President of BCHS, accepted the
responsibility of President in 1957 when it was
reorganized. "We are all rooting for ya, Bruce"
Got any good jokes?



BCHS Hosted by Mr & Mrs WM Collins

On Thurs. May 17 a meeting of BCHS was hosted by Bill and Freida
Collins at St Luke's Parish Hall at Lurgan Beach.

A bountiful pot-luck supper was enjoyed, followed by a tour of the
newly renovated St Luke's Anglican Church, its scenic grounds and the
adjacent cemeteries.

Mr and Mrs Collins then gave an interesting slide presentation of
their recent trip to Iceland and the Scandinavian countries.

Bruce West District hosts with Tiverton Council

On Tuesday evening April 17, BCHS joined with the municipality of Tiverton to co-host a social evening at Tiverton Community Centre in honour of Mr Alan Voce, honorary curator of the Devon Museum in Tiverton in Devon, England, and his wife, Eileen.

As Mr and Mrs Voce travelled around the world, one of their purposes was to explore the roots and present day conditions of four towns named Tiverton; Tiverton, Ontario, Canada; Tiverton, Nova Scotia, Canada; Tiverton, Rhode Island, USA and Tiverton, Devon.

On their return home they will put together an exhibition on the towns for the Devon Museum.

After being warmly welcomed to Tiverton, ON, Mr Voce presented a slide show of their home community illustrating much of its history. It has a population of 16,000 and is located in a farming area about 20 miles from the sea.

At the close of the evening the Voces were presented with souvenirs of the area and a lunch, which was arranged by BCHS was enjoyed by all.

LET THE PRESSES ROLL.....

- 1) A POLITICAL HISTORY OF ALEXANDER MCNEILL by Allan Bartley will be ready by July 1. Available at local bookstores .
- 2) A PICTORIAL HISTORY OF BRUCE COUNTY put together last year by the "History Hunters", is again available, having been reprinted by BCHS. The price to members is \$18.00 plus \$2.00 postage and handling. It can be obtained from BCHS, Box 1900, Port Elgin, ON
- 3) The Pike Bay Historical Records Committee is preparing a book entitled PIKE BAY (A HISTORY OF CHURCH AND COMMUNITY). The pre-publication price will be \$12.00 and the post \$15.00 plus \$3.00 postage. More information can be obtained from Mrs Nancy Ransley or Mrs Vera Fraser, R.R.#1 Mar, ON, NOH 1X0

SPOTLIGHT ON BRUCE EAST

Appreciation is expressed to Irma and Don McSporran who sent along a veritable treasure chest of goodies. Too bad they couldn't be reprinted as is. But the reprints were a little dark.

Miss Florence Pfohl, who was born and grew up in Carrick Twp, recently came across a few pages of an old newspaper as she was going through a box of her late mother's papers.

It was a copy of the Walkerton Telescope of January, 1905. Yellowing with age and very brittle, it makes interesting reading. Herewith are a few items from the paper. Thanx for sharing Florence.

FOR SALE

Farm Stock and Implements

\$4500 will buy 100 acres, together with the stock, implements, hay and grain on the farm. This farm is lot 15, Con.4, in the twp of Brant, county of Bruce, situated 3 miles from Walkerton, soil, clay and a sandy loam in a good state of cultivation, frame barn with stone stabling underneath, an old log house, water in the barn, about an acre of orchard, and well fenced. The stock consists of.....(livestock, implements, harness, and grain) Terms of payment easy. Apply to M THOMPSON, Walkerton P.O.

Correspondence

Cargill

One of those happy events that brings new interest to the female persuasion occurred in our village at Hylhurst last Wednesday, when Margaret Annie, second daughter of the late Henry Cargill became the wife of W.H. Bennett, M.P. Midland. The ceremony took place at noon when the bride entered the parlor leaning on the arm of her brother, W.D. Cargill. The bridal party were without attendants. The bride looked handsome in a travelling suit of light brown with shoes to match. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F.O. Nichol, pastor of St. Andrews church, of which the brides family are members, and was a very quiet affair, there being present only the immediate friends and relatives of the family. The presents, which were both numerous and costly, spoke of the warm feeling of affection entertained for the bride by her large circle of friends. After the dinner, which followed, Mr. Nichol proposed the health of the bride in appropriate terms, to which the groom replied. Mr Bennett practises law in Midland, is the respected member of parliament for East Simcoe, and occupies a high place in the councils of the Conservative party. The happy couple left on the afternoon train for eastern points, intending to return to Midland for a brief visit before the opening of Parliament at Ottawa.

The farmers who furnished beets for the Wiarton Sugar factory have reason to bless the government. The factory earned a government bonus on its output, but failed before the money had been paid over. Then the Government, on learning that the farmers had not been paid for their beets, refused to pay over the money to the Company at all, but to pay it to the farmers. The distribution was made last week, and amounted to 30½ centson the dollar. This is like found money, for they had given the whole thing up as lost.

MALCOLM

The annual ball was held in the hall on Monday, 2nd. inst. and as a success it was certainly all that could be desired. Besides those in the immediate neighbourhood there were some from Chesley, Vesta, Eden Grove, Pinkerton, Cargill, and Walkerton. There were no less than eight violinists present, besides quite a few organists, so that there was music in abundance and the whole thing passed off without a jarring sound.

Our trustees met last Saturday and after attending to the others matters let the contract of delivering 14 cords of 24 inch wood to Mr. Jos. Hooey of Bentinck at \$2.50 per cord.

From the quantity of large elm timber that passes here it might be inferred that John Dierstein and Harry Ruppenthal had bought up all the woods in North Brant.

GLAMIS

A sleigh-load of young people of this vicinity drove over to Mr Alexander's Bervie, and had good time on Friday night last.

Your editor thought you might find the advertisements....enlightning!

Sw



She Stoops to Conquer
The usually fine to-do, with a New Century Washing Machine she will gain an easier victory.

You cannot afford to deprive your wife of so valuable an aid for \$1.50. Thoroughly cleanses a tubful of clothes in five minutes, and without injury.

Have your dealer show it to you or write us for booklet.

THE DOWSWELL MFG. CO.
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The Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the Formosa Oil Co. Limited, will be held in Zimmers Hall in the village of Formosa on Saturday, Jan. 21st, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon to transact general business, to determine whether further drilling operations should be made and to elect a Board of Directors. The Shareholders will please take notice of advertisement as no further notice will be given. Proxies for voting should be sent before the meeting.

B. BEINGESSNER,
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Formosa, Jan. 4th. 1905.



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MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Tues. October 9 - 8 p.m. Bruce North District Meeting

GUEST SPEAKER - Paul Couture, Historian for Parks Canada

presenting "The Building of the Rideau Canal", illustrated
with slides made from sketches and paintings by engineers and
other workers during the construction.

Place Frank Street, Baptist Church, Wiarton

Fri. October 19 - 6:30 p.m. BCHS Banquet and Annual Meeting

* note change to Friday - at Elmwood Community Centre

GUEST SPEAKER - Barbara Ribey, curator/director, Bruce County Museum
presenting, "Our Local Heritage", illustrated with slides to show
the development of the county museum from 50's to present day.

Tickets - \$9.00 (Roast Beef Dinner) Admission by Ticket only.

Doors open at 6 p.m.

The 1991 Year Book has gone to the printers and will be available to paid
up members. Mrs. Gilchrist will again this year be receiving memberships in
Elmwood.

COMING EVENTS AT THE BRUCE COUNTY MUSEUM FALL 1990

The following is a list of the events and workshops that the Bruce County
Museum will be offering on-site from September to December 1990. The contact
person for more information about these events is Marilyn Bettridge, Assistant
Curator. She can be reached at the Museum at (519) 797-3644.

OCTOBER

September 30 -
November 24

Paul Duff, local and well-known artist
Paul Duff will be exhibiting his work in
the Extensions Gallery for the month of
October and November.

October 11
7:30 p.m.

Bill Collins will be presenting a slide
show of his trip through Russia. This world
traveller will delight the audience with
pictures and stories of him and his wife's
adventures in Russia.

October 15
7:00 p.m.

Wetlands, Naturalist Martin Parker will be
presenting a slide show and discussion on the
fragility and importance of wetlands in our
environment.

October 25
7:30 p.m.

Saving Your Treasures, Sandra Lougheed from the
Ontario Heritage Branch will conduct a lecture
and slide show outlining the basic procedures
in preserving your artifacts. Feel free to bring
a treasure along for Sandra to look at.

1990 BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

On June 28, over forty people boarded the bus to begin our five day trip. After crossing at Fort Erie we were into strange country for many of us. The hills covered with dense forest were beautiful. They must be very colourful in the autumn. Late the first evening we arrived in Harrisburg to spend the night.

Every morning we had breakfast in the motel and were on our bus again by 8 a.m. We arrived in Washington for a busy, very hot day. We spent a few hours on the square and had time to visit several Smithsonian museums. We could have stayed several days and still not have seen everything.

A city bus tour took us to see famous buildings and memorials, such as the White House, the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the John F. Kennedy Centre, Arlington Cemetery, The Canadian Embassy, the Washington Monument and much more. We were taken downtown again in the evening to see the city lights.

The next morning was spent at Mount Vernon, Virginia, the home of George Washington. From the carefully manicured bowling green in front of the mansion, through the formal dining room, where many important meetings were held and out on to the huge columned verandah overlooking the Potomac River, it is a most beautiful estate. The well-kept grounds and flower gardens add to its natural beauty. The out buildings feature a separate kitchen, smokehouse, barn, carriage house, servants, quarters and hot house. The Washington's tomb is on the grounds.

We went on to Williamsburg, the restored capital of the eighteenth century colony of Virginia. Here we visited the old fashioned shops on the Duke of Gloucester Street or viewed the Capitol or the Governor's Palace. We had dinner colonial style.

The next morning we were up and off to Gettysburg. Before going on tour we had a thirty minute orientation program of the battle at the Electric Map. Following that we had an excellent guide, who took us over the battlefields and made Civil War History live for us.

The last day brought us back across the border into Ontario and back to Bruce County. Not a little of the success of this trip was due to the care and concern of our driver and tour guide, Brian and Pam MacDonald. It was good to be home again.

SPOTLIGHT ON BRUCE NORTH

Another year has passed and again I'd like to express my appreciation to the District Directors who have enabled members to scan around the county by contributing interesting articles of their area. In this issue "Thanks" goes to Mr. & Mrs. Harry Whicher for an article from "The Wiarton Echo" of April 5, 1894.

From the Wiarton Echo
April 5, 1894

LOOKING BACKWARD

The new pastor of St. Paul's has been formally inducted into his charge, and has received most hearty welcome, from the Presbytery of which he is now a member, from the resident ministers of the town who have been most cordial in their expressions of brotherly kindness, and respect for the new comer, from the press which has also been most kind in its utterances, and from the people generally. Were he a much less earnest and consecrated man than we believe him to be, most surely would this delightful atmosphere in which he is enveloped, be, like the clear air on the summit of the Delectable Mountains, an Exceedingly healthful one to his soul; lifting up and enlarging, and bringing him very near to Christ and to God. He has received also appreciative words, and regretful farewells from the people whom he has left, and nothing tends more directly to foster the grace of humility in the sincere soul than to receive deserved words of praise by these, the seeker after worldly advancement is puffed up, nothing brings the Christian more quickly to his knees and, mingled with the "O Father I thank Thee," there rises from the spirit's depths the aspiration.

"Make my heart more Thy dwelling-place,
And worthier Thee."

This spirit of Christian love is, like its twin-sister Mercy, twice blessed, "it blesseth him who gives and him who takes" and so, in its reflexive action turns in again upon the souls of the givers, fraught with blessing.

At this juncture of the history of St. Paul's, it might be of interest to look backward briefly over the records of the past of what was, for many years two congregations, now happily and usefully united. Priority of occupation of this field must be conceded to the Congregationalists, as they erected about 28 years ago, the first church that was built in Wiarton. This building, which was a wooden structure, stood on the northeast corner of the junction of Berford and Mary streets. The first minister who preached in this part of the country, in all probability since the days of the Jesuit missionaries, was the Rev. Ludwig Kribbs who came, over forty years ago as Congregational missionary to the Indians round the eastern shore of Colpoy's Bay, which was then, the Indian Reserve. He remained among the Indians for some time, building a mission house near where Oxenden now stands. Being a man of more than ordinary inventive genius, and practical ability to use it, he was of great assistance to the early settlers. During his first stay he built a small steamboat which used to carry him on his errands of love and usefulness to and fro among his dusky friends. After a time he returned to Owen Sound, and was succeeded as a missionary of the same church by Mr. Atkey. Later Mr. Kribbs returned, taking up his abode this time at Colpoy, which was then "the village" and preaching to the white settlers, while Mr. Atkey labored among the Indians.

Mr. Kribbs collected money from persons outside who were interested sufficiently to contribute to the establishment of a church here, and the people rendered what assistance was in their power in giving their time and labor, Mr. Paterson Sr. having cleared the land upon which the church was built.

Unhappily the building was scarcely finished, though it had been used to preach in, when it caught fire from brushwood burning in too close proximity, and in a very short time nothing remained of the hard work but a heap of ashes. They were not able to undertake building again, and Divine service was held by them, as well as by Methodists and Presbyterians who had by this time come upon the field, in the old school house which stood somewhere near the southwest corner of Berford and William streets. The little brown church on the hill-top, which was pulled down last summer, was built at an early date during the ministry of Rev. T.S. Campbell, with which are associated many pleasant reminiscences of Wiarton's early days. About the same time the old Methodist Church now owned by the Roman Catholic body was also erected on the site, selected, purchased from the Government, and paid for by Rev. Mr. Green and presented to the Methodists some thirty years ago, while the place where Wiarton now stands was still "the forest primeval." Somewhat later, though not far behind was the building of the Bible Christian Church, which still stands though metamorphosed on the east side of Berford street. The Baptist and Disciple churches were built at a comparatively recent date, and later still the Lutheran and Roman Catholic denominations have been added to the Number.

Having thus taken one brief glance through Time's east window, and seen the order of succession in which the different churches pitched their tents, so to speak, upon this ground, we may return and follow the histories of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches, as being more immediately the scope of this paper. "Back of every beginning stands a beginning" some writer says, and the trouble is to know just where to begin. The first Presbyterian minister resident here, was Rev. F. Wrigley, who came while still a student, and, after preaching for a time for the Presbyterians, received, and finally accepted a call to South Caledon, as a Congregational minister, after being duly received into that body as one of her accredited ministers. Rev. Mr. Rogers was his successor. He remained three years on this field, and it was largely owing to his untiring energy, and practical assistance that the old Presbyterian church was built, and opened with great festivity and gladness on New Year's day 1878. Mr. Rogers was a man of superior attainments as a scholar, an able preacher, and a faithful minister, and the church prospered under his care. After he left a proposal was made by the Presbyterians to the Congregationalists, who were also pastorless at that time owing to the ill health and consequent removal of their minister, a proposal was made, and agreed upon, to unite in the support of a minister, who should supply both churches alternately. Rev. R. Sinclair who revisited our town last summer, and preached two Sabbaths, was the one who preached to both people at this time. Students followed until in the year 1885 Rev. E. Millard took charge of the congregation. During his ministry the "envelope system" was introduced into the church and was found to work well, but for some reason was afterwards dropped. During the earlier years Mr. B.B. Miller and Mr. Paterson Sr. conducted the affairs of the Sunday School and for twelve years Mr. Miller held the office of Superintendent, afterwards becoming Vice-Superintendent with Rev. F.P. Sym, who was next pastor of the church, as Superintendent. Rev. G.A. Yeomans succeeded Mr. Sym, and it was during his pastorate that the final union of the Presbyterian

and Congregational churches was effected. Turning again to the records of the Congregational church, we find that though for a time after the departure of Mr. Kribbs, worship was conducted in a desultory fashion in the old school house; the church was not formally organized until the year 1875 when Rev. R. Robinson of Owen Sound was invited to come as pastor. Under his pastorate, the building now owned and used by the Lutherans, was erected and dedicated as a Congregational church, and the church prospered and grew strong both in numbers and influence. One thing they accomplished which may not be generally known, and which is worthy of notice. After the church had become well established, among other things, a Literary Society was organized, and this society by giving some entertainments, and securing a little additional help from friends interested in so worthy a cause, opened a public reading-room in Mr. M. Matthews' premises. Out of this effort to foster the literary life of our village grew the Mechanics' Institute which has seen so many fluctuations of fortune since its inception. One entitled to honorable mention in this connection was the late William Bull, one of the Deacons of the Congregational church, who spared neither time nor personal effort in the furtherance of the interests of this Institute. The Sunday School in connection with this church was also superintended by Mr. Bull at first; later by Mr. A.J. Kyle and when the first annual meeting of the united congregations was held on January 29th, 1891 he was elected to the position of Superintendent of the Sunday School; Rev. R. Robinson, owing to ill-health resigned the pastorate in 1878. It was at this time that the two congregations worshipped together. This union continued for a year, when Mr. R. resumed preaching, having recovered his health sufficiently to enable him to do so. But his health again failed after another year, he retired not only from ministering here but from active service altogether. Rev. T. Reekie a warm personal friend of Mr. Robinson followed him, and was in turn succeeded by Rev. C.E. Bolton, who having youth and energy on his side, remained pastor for eight years, when he receiving a call to the Congregational church in Paris decided to accept it. During his time as pastor, the church became self supporting and contributed to Home and Foreign Missions instead of receiving aid from Missionary Society as before. The breaking up of the church was like the breaking up of a peculiarly united family, and not all of the people came into the united church though the majority of them did so. The alternative of calling another minister to the town, which already had so many denominations, received serious consideration; and feeling that both bodies was favorable to union, overtures were made by the Congregationalists to the Presbyterians and a basis of union was drawn up and agreed upon by both, and ratified by the Owen Sound Presbytery. Like the branches of a stream into two separate channels, temporarily divergent because of some obstacle which rends asunder the volume of its waters, yet because of the general trend being in the same direction, unites again, so these two churches teaching essentially the same spiritual doctrines, and separated principally, though not entirely on questions of church polity, realized that without sacrifice of principle they could unite, on this field, for work and worship. Rev. G.A. Yeomans was the pastor of the united church. He seemed to have been sent here for this special purpose, and his name will always be identified therewith, as having successfully negotiated in a matter of much delicacy, requiring as it did concessions and forbearance on both sides. Also in the building of the church he took very great interest, and his undoubted business ability was of considerable service in connection with the work.

He left a good church ready for his successor. It sometimes comes to pass that one is raised up for some special work, when that is done, his work is done on that field; he must go on for what the Master has for them to do elsewhere. May his usefulness be increased, and his spirit be made glad by Him, who owned and blessed his work here. At first the congregation worshipped in the two churches alternately; finding either of

these too small, the Robinson Hall was rented. Early in '91 the question of building was brought up, and at one of the meetings of the Board, it was decided to go on and build. The site was secured and the work was so vigorously pushed forward that on March 6th, 1892 the new and handsome brick church designated St. Paul's was opened and dedicated. After the union Mr. Yeomans had been requested to convey the thanks of the Wiarton congregation to the O.S. Presbytery, for assistance rendered in the past from the Augmentation Fund, and to tell them that they expected to be henceforth self-sustaining, which they were now well able to be. The church adopted the system of weekly offerings in envelopes, as the right and best means of raising money for the support of religious ordinances. They also decided against the renting of pews for this purpose, feeling that in the House of God "the rich and the poor meet together, the Lord is the Maker of them all," and that all seats, should be free to all, though families, and others were at liberty to choose pews, and occupy them if they wished to do so, and most of those in regular attendance, have availed themselves of this privilege. With the coming of the new pastor a new beginning is made which brings with it new opportunities for usefulness. May he, and all the other ministers of Christ in Wiarton cease not to "Speak unto the Children of Israel that they go forward."

James F. Patterson

This issue features a couple poems by Harry Whicher.

PIPELINES

Most of the people in this country do not
give a rap
Where water comes from, just so they can get it
from the tap.
Most of us, too, are apt to think the problem
really gone
As soon as we lift up the valve and flush it
down the john.
We seniors cash our pension cheques with no
thought for the way
That cash was raised -- by levies on our kids'
and grandkids' pay.
This country might declare itself some
major dividends
If it just realized that every pipeline
has two ends.

H. Whicher

A Conrad Lorenz Hypothesis

When Nature set the earliest man on Earth
She made him like the rabbit, with a dirth
Of killing power, compared say to the wolf.

In consequence, and like the rabbit, we
Have no congenital antipathy
To killing our own race, as has the wolf.

H. Whicher

This issue is "My Swan Song". I find that life has washed me along and
I can no longer compile the newsletter.

I hope our readers have enjoyed "My Tenure".

I especially want to voice my appreciation to the people who have written
reports of events and contributed articles and to the people who have forwarded
notes of encouragement.

It has been a joy to work with you.

Newsletter Editor,
Shirley Woodason,
Tiverton, Ontario



A PLAQUE RECOGNIZING Sinclair's Corners on the corner of concession two and sideroad J was unveiled June 20 by Helen Pettigrew and Bill Hughes. Sinclair's Corners was the

first settlement in Bruce township and the location of the first post office in the township. Mrs. Pettigrew owns the property the plaque was placed on. A crowd of about 50

people attended the ceremony. (Nellie Blake photo)

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Welcome to the new members of the Executive who no doubt will bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the group of hardworking, dedicated volunteers now guiding the society. As listed above there is one vacancy, that of Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in helping in a literary way and live in the vicinity, please get in touch with one of the above members.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Annual Meeting and Dinner

A change has been made in the plans for the 1991 dinner meeting. It will be held on Saturday afternoon, October 26, at the Formosa Hall. A one hour tour of the historic church will be conducted at 10:45 a.m. by Father Anthony, and dinner at the Formosa Hall will follow at noon. A speaker has not been decided on as yet, but these plans will be completed shortly.

This change has been made to accommodate all those who dislike driving at night. Give us your support and plan to attend.

THE ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER AT ELMWOOD

Over 100 guests attended the dinner and programme of the Bruce County Historical Society on Friday evening, October 19, 1990, a decrease from other years, due partly at least, to a conflict with other events nearby on the same date. Everyone enjoyed the beef dinner prepared by the ladies of the Elmwood Institute. Mr. Al Williamson of Port Elgin delighted the members with several solos, accompanied on the piano by Anne Fleming, also of Port Elgin.

The secretary's report of the year's activities was read, and a copy of the treasurer's audited report was given to each guest. The president, Christine Welsh, acting as chairperson, expressed her appreciation to all those who had helped during the year.

Mrs. Barbara Ribey, curator of the Bruce County Museum and Archives, was guest speaker for the evening. She described the many changes at the museum since its beginning in 1953, including the hiring of the first full-time paid curator in 1978, the re-design of the gallery, the change to display cases, the development of school programmes and the cataloguing of items into computers.

Museum membership revenue five years ago was \$763.00. As of September 30th, 1990, \$4,140.00 has been received in membership revenue. Attendance since 1986 has more or less stabilized with about 17,000 visitors each year.

Following her presentation, a brief question and answer period was held, after which she was presented with a gift. The evening concluded with the Queen's anthem.

One of our 'mature' members of the society, Mrs. May McConkey of Port Elgin, recently became something of a celebrity when she entered an essay competition sponsored by The Beacon Times, a weekly newspaper in Port Elgin. She won first prize in her category and was awarded \$50.00.

Following is her essay. (At the time of the story Mrs. McConkey was teaching at S.S. #6, Saugeen)

"HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS"

**May McConkey, over 85
Port Elgin**

"Hurrah! Hurrah! I am going home this joyous Christmas time "I said to myself. It was about the year 1943 and World War II was raging. We were lucky to get clothes to keep warm. We did not worry if they didn't always match. We often got them from the T. Eaton Co. in Toronto.

On the eventful night I am going to write about, I had donned a red jacket, another shade of red ski pants, and a red parka with fluffy white fur next my face.

I had to wade through deep, deep snow on that cold wintry night to reach the picturesque old station house at Turners. I wanted to go by the C.N.R. train to Port Elgin.

The station agent lived in part of the station, so he saw me when I arrived and came and put out a lighted lantern so that the engineer would know there was a passenger waiting to have a train ride. In the daytime a flag was put out. Turners was called "a flag station".

After a long, long, cold, dark, lonely evening I saw the train coming. "Good" I thought. Instead of stopping it went lumbering by.

Then I began to wonder if I could be brave enough to walk some five miles in the darkness to Port Elgin.

"Oh lucky me!", a member of the crew looked back and saw the light from the lantern and so the engineer had the train backed up to the station, just for me. I surely felt relieved and thankful.

As I entered the coach it seemed as if everyone was trying to see the passenger who was responsible for the train's delay. One person welcomed me by calling out, "Here comes Santa Claus."

The train finally arrived at Port Elgin. There was a big crowd of people at the station. They were waiting to greet their friends for Christmas. Many were the hugs and kind welcomes that were given. Someone happened to notice me and yelled out plain and clear, "Here comes Santa Claus". (Was I ever flattered!)

Both Stations have been demolished since that far away December

The railway tracks have gone too, we can all remember

But old Santa still exists in our hearts so dear,
May he be one thing that shall never, never disappear.

May McConkey

P.S. Wish I knew where I could get a picture of the old Turners Station.

NEW HISTORY BOOK IN THE MAKING

Nineteen ninety was a memorable year for the Pike Bay United Church as they marked their Centennial Year. During the spring and summer months, the congregation, under the leadership of Rev. George McPhee, observed special activities and services, at which time old friends and past ministers were welcomed back, with several bringing messages of inspiration and encouragement. An anniversary dinner was held at which over 400 visitors were served a bountiful meal by the ambitious ladies of the church.

The main celebrations were held on the weekend of July 22-23 when an anniversary tea was held on Saturday afternoon. On Sunday guest minister Rev. Dr. Clifford Waite delivered the message. Morning service was followed by a pot-luck dinner. The large overflow crowd was accommodated by a marquee on the church lawn.

A Historical Records Committee was formed to produce a centennial history not only of the Pike Bay United Church but also the former Presbyterian and Pentecostal Churches as well. In addition to the church history well documented by pictures, the book includes a community story of the school and early industries, as fishing and lumbering gave way to agriculture and then to tourism. Also included are many family histories with anecdotes of bears, fires, tragedies and folklore.

The committee is composed of chairman Vera Fraser, secretary Nancy Ransley and members Willis Tucker, Bruce Given, Ella Gilbert, Lorne Keays, Audrey McPhee, Margaret Hardman, Elsie Hatt and Eileen Reese. The book is being edited by Doug Wrightson and published by Tobermory Press. Sale date will be in the spring. Advance sales and gift certificates are available at \$12.00 through Mrs. Leslie Hatt, R.R.#1, Mar, Ontario.

We have received several queries in the mail recently. Three are reprinted below for anyone who may be able to give assistance.

1

I am currently planning to undertake some research about Formosa and the Brewery in particular. Before I start, however, I am trying to locate sources of information. Having visited the brewery I have come to the conclusion that they do not have a lot, but that it might be scattered about Bruce County, and wonder if you could direct me in the right direction?

In particular I am looking for the author or publishing body of the book 'History and Stories of Formosa and Area' it has several photographs I would like to obtain copies of.

I would like to locate copies of 'The Paisley Advocate' July 24, 1873, the 'Bruce Walkerton Herald' October 15, 1885, 'The Walkerton Herald Times', June 29, 1961 History of Formosa edition, the 'Walkerton Telescope' for January 22, 1914, and May 7, 1914.

I would also like to discover if there is any biographical information about the following Formosa men:

John Fehrenbach, 1877-1866

Conrad Gehl, 1875-1876

Francis X. Messner, 1885-1893

Andrew Rau, 1869-1874

John S. Schwartz, 1894-1899

Lawrence Heisz from 1903 and family

Gustav Tiede from 1903 and family.

I am not asking that you do the research, I am only requesting information where I might look to assist me in doing the research.

Ian Bowering

10 Snowdon Ave.,

Cornwall, Ontario

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2

I am currently writing a book on rural life and farm communities in late 19th and early 20th Century Ontario; the focus will be on Bruce and Grey Counties. I am aware of the holdings in the Bruce County archives and the Owen Sound libraries, to name the two most important repositories, but I am also interested in family histories, letters, reminiscences and so forth which may still be in private hands. I would appreciate whatever assistance you may be able to give in this matter and I would welcome your circulating my request to other members of the Society.

I intend to be in Ontario again next summer to continue my research and I hope that by then I will be aware of a sufficient body of material to enable me to complete the book.

I look forward to receiving any material you may be able to provide. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you require further information about the work I am doing; the same invitation is extended to all members of the Bruce County Historical Society.

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(403)492-3270

P.S. I have at the same time applied for membership in the Society and am aware of the publications available to supplement those I already have.

3

Re: Locating issues of the journal/magazine--the CHRISTIAN SENTINEL

I am looking for issues of the above named journal. The book, The Memorials of Rev. Nevin Woodside. Toronto: W.S. Johnston and Co., 1903, p. 13, tells us that:

In March, 1883, Nevin Woodside issued the first number of the CHRISTIAN SENTINEL, a [monthly] magazine devoted to Presbyterian, Missionary and Covenanting interests. This magazine, with practically no interruption, was published continuously to the day of his death (October 7, 1901).

It was published in Pittsburgh, Pa. and in Teeswater Ontario. Undoubtedly issues of the magazine came into Bruce County, especially in the Teeswater area.

Might I ask that the above be advertised in your newsletter? I am interested in locating issues; not necessarily in owning or obtaining them myself. If I know where they are, then arrangements can be made for reproducing them. I'd be glad to pay, say, \$5.00 for any issues that members of your society turn up, providing I do not already have them; and I have very few indeed. Information as to the whereabouts of such issues (Month and Year) can be sent to the address below.

Eldon Hay,
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HOW TO KNOW YOU ARE GROWING OLDER

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

The gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals.

You feel like the night before and you haven't been anywhere.

Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.

You get winded playing cards.

You join a health club and don't go.

You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions.

You look forward to a dull evening.

You need glasses to find your glasses.

You turn out the lights for economic rather than romantic reasons.

You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going.

Your knees buckle but your belt won't.

Your back goes out more than you do.

You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine chest.

You sink your teeth in a steak and they stay there.

YOU WONDER WHY MORE PEOPLE DON'T
USE THIS SIZE PRINT.

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April 1991

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- # 1 What: General Meeting, May 2, 1991.
 Where: At the Bruce County Museum in Southampton, Ontario.
 Who: Speaker Bob Smith of Wiarton who is a collector of post cards.
 When: 7:30 p.m.
- # 2 Bus Tour of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, September 3-7, 1991 with Hanover Holiday
 tours. See enclosed brochure.
- # 3 What: Annual Meeting, Saturday October 26, 1991.
 Where: Tour of Immaculate Conception Church in Formosa at 10:45 a.m.
 Roast Beef Dinner at noon in the Formosa Community Centre.
 Who: Speaker Mrs. Gwyneth J. Whilsmith from Zurich, Ontario. Author of Hear the
 Pennies Dropping and a cook book From Granny's Kitchen. Her writing has been
 inspired by her experiences of living on a farm in Saskatchewan during the
 depression.
 Cost: \$10.00 per person

LOCAL HISTORY PUBLISHING CONTINUES TO FLOURISH

One of our members, Mrs Beatrice Black of London, writes as follows:

Just a note to say I am in the process of compiling a book of local history on "Eden Grove" and the "Early Pioneers of Eden Grove and Vicinity" which I hope to have published this coming summer.

It will contain something about the first settlers of the area when it was first surveyed and how the hamlet was first started with some photos of the early pioneers.

I thought some members of the Society might be interested if their ancestry was linked with this part of Bruce County.

Another member of the Society, Laura Gateman has written several books of interest to Bruce County. Her latest publication and her first colour production Lighthouses Around Bruce County will be available in stores in mid May.

SOME HERITAGE ANNIVERSARIES IN 1991

200th Anniversary of the passage of the Canada or Constitutional Act providing for the establishment of Upper Canada (Ontario) in June 1791 (came into effect December 26, 1791)

200th Anniversary of the appointment of the first Lieutenant governor of Upper Canada, John Graves Simcoe on September 12, 1791

200th Anniversary of the appointment of the first Chief Justice of Upper Canada, William Osgoode on December 31, 1791

200th Anniversary of the founding of the first organization in the province devoted to the improvement of agriculture, Agriculture Society of Upper Canada, Fall 1791

175th Anniversary of the passage of the Common School Act of 1816 which established a systematic approach to education and provided for government supported elementary schools

175th Anniversary of the establishment in 1816 of one of the most distinctive Scottish communities in Ontario - the Perth Settlement

175th Anniversary of the launching in September 1816 of the first steamship on the Great Lakes - the Frontenac

150th Anniversary of the Act of Union in 1841 - Upper and Lower Canada ceased to exist and Canada West (Ontario) and Canada East (Quebec) were united under one constitution in the single province of Canada

125th Anniversary of Canada's first bilingual university receiving degree granting powers in August, 1866 - College of Ottawa now the University of Ottawa

100th Anniversary of the completion of the first international submarine railway tunnel in North America, the St. Clair Tunnel linking Sarnia with Michigan in September 1891

100th Anniversary of the birth in Alliston of Sir Frederick Banting, (November 14, 1891) - with Charles Best, J.J.R. he isolated and purified insulin in 1921

100th Anniversary of the establishment of the Ontario Bureau of Mines in May, 1891

75th Anniversary of the Great Fire in the Cochrane District (July 29, 1916) which led to the development of legislation for the prevention and control of forest fires

50th Anniversary of the opening of the Rainbow Bridge in Niagara Falls in November 1941

FROM: ONTARIO'S HERITAGE; OURS TO HOLD ON TO

SUGAR MAKING

From PAISLEY ADVOCATE
Issue April 3, 1890

Farmers who retain the old custom of sugar-making have again commenced operations, but this is an occupation which is not gone into on so large a scale as in former years and will soon with many of the other duties pertaining to the first settlement, become a lost art.

Sugar-making time twenty years ago was one of the most important seasons in the year, and the climate then seemed to suit it better than at present. An open winter was then unknown. The snow mostly came on about the latter part of November, and covered up the big black mud-holes. Christmas was one of the mile-posts in the long steady winter; the January thaw was another, and with the lengthening of the days in March came a softening and settling of the snow. Then it was that the farmer repaired to the sugar-bush with his axe, his tapping gouge, and his bag of cedar spiles. To catch the sap, wooden troughs were made, mostly of pine, each holding when full, about a patent pailful, or more, of sap--the big troughs for the big trees and the little ones for the smaller trees, though the size of a tree was not always a guide as to the amount of sap it would run. In the middle of a cluster of one hundred maples or so which formed "the sugar-bush," the fire-place was fixed. It generally consisted of two trees, not maple, and about 12 or 14 feet apart. A large pole was fastened across these at a convenient height to hang the kettles from, and from this cross pole were suspended large wooden crooks, with a small peculiarly shaped nick in the lower end on which by the handles the large metal sugar-kettles were hung. A couple of large back-logs to hold the fire, a small wigwam or tepee made of poles against one of the trees of the fire-place and covered with hemlock brush with the opening on the side next the fire; these with also a large store trough for holding sap, completed the sugar camp. Soon paths through the snow were made from tree to tree, and to the fire-place, and the sap was carried with a pail

suspended from each arm of an old neck-yoke, a farm implement which we may safely say has become obsolete.

A visit to a sugar bush on any mild spring afternoon was always productive of the keenest sense of enjoyment. By standing quiet for a few moments, all around could be heard the dropping of the sap into the wooden troughs, and the chickadees singing in the branches on all sides made genuine music. A long drink too of clear, cold sap, when a fellow was tired, was a draught equal to Jove's nectar. We have been there; we have never forgotten such scenes and we never want to.

Then it was quite a common thing for a farmer to make in a season several hundred weight of maple sugar, and a large supply of syrup. One spring about 1870, perhaps two or three years earlier, the sap kept running late on into the season, and to us was allotted the task of keeping it from going to waste by gathering it up and boiling down. One maple in particular, a black looking fellow that stood on the edge of a gully, ran incessantly, and it was many years before we got over the spite which we had against that tree. Long years ago it was cut down. Its ashes have long since assimilated with the particles of mother earth. The gases which went up the chimney, or ascended from the log heap--we don't know which--when it was being cremated, have taken to the atmosphere, and when we contemplate the thoroughness of its dissolution, we can grant it full forgiveness for the wet jackets it gave us during those mild April days.

A modern sugar-bush is altogether different. The old pine trough propped up against the root, has given way to a tin bucket or can, suspended from a hook attached to a short metal spout which has taken the place of the old cedar spile. Sugar too is but rarely made nowadays, the most profitable product of the modern sugar bush being maple syrup. Long may the old custom last for when this is abandoned we shall feel that almost the last link is snapped which binds with the past the present regime.

TALES OF OLD TIMES

Submitted by Hilda Downey
From the KINCARDINE REVIEW May 27, 1909

You think it's a late spring!!

J.H. Fleming, "I came to this town on the 24th of May, 1875. I spent the next day fishing through holes in the ice on Lake Huron. There was ice as far as the eye could see. I remember well that George Barnett fell between two ice floes that day and was nearly drowned."

George Daniel, "I moved into Huron township 35 years ago. That spring was a very backward one. I did not start seeding until the 24th of May. I did not finish until the 9th of July, yet I never had a better crop."

AUTHORITY SEEKS MANSION DETAILS

By JOHN WRIGHT

Owen Sound Sun Times, Winter 1991.

Residents in Amabel and Albemarle Townships and Wiarton will be quizzed on local history with their tax notices.

The Grey-Sauble Conservation Authority wants help solving an historic riddle. It wants information about The Corran, a mansion which stood on the bluff above Wiarton.

Residents will be asked to contact the authority if they remember the inside of the mansion or the huge gardens that surrounded it at the turn of the century.

"We're just not getting the response we were hoping for when we went to the public for help back in the fall," Nancy White, authority community relations spokesperson, said in an interview.

White said the authority hopes through the co-operation of these municipalities to "touch some people" on the Bruce Peninsula.

She said relatives coming home to visit family here may have letters or photographs at home and could bring them back the next time they visit.

Authority members were told Wednesday some 5,100 copies of the request are going out in tax notices.

The 17-room mansion which stood in what is now Spirit Rock Conservation Area just north of Wiarton was once the home of Alexander McNeill, the feisty federal member of Parliament for North Bruce from 1881-1901.

It was boarded up for years and then vandals burned it down in 1976.

The mansion was designated a property of historical value or interest in 1989 under the Ontario Heritage Act.

White said the mansion was the first to install electrical lights on the peninsula.

"It was famous for its gardens and its festive parties," she said.

The authority wants to set up an interpretive program on the grounds such as static sign displays but must first know such details as the home's floor plan and the garden's location.

The letter has a floor plan on the back but White said the authority knows it's not correct.

LEMON PIE

Publication Rural Voice - October 1990

I have met all kinds of people
Some people low and high
I would like to meet that woman
That made that lemon pie.

I've been walking through the wheat field
I've been coming through the rye
But I'd like to meet that lovely lass
That made that lemon pie.

I've seen the bonnie banks of Scotland
And I've seen the prairie sky
But I'm looking for the little girl
That made that lemon pie.

Now look here you young fellows
When you meet a girl, say "Hi"
You should always smile and ask her
"Can you make a lemon pie?"

Written by Jim McClure, age 85, after attending a dinner at the Underwood Community Centre, for the Bruce County Historical Society. Jim has been in a family business since 1921. It is now run by his son, W.R. McClure, who is the fourth generation operating the water-powered mill on the north branch of the Saugeen river.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

1. Bus Tour of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania September 3-7, 1991 with Hanover Holiday Tours. Seats are still available.
2. District meeting for East Bruce at the Council Chambers in Chesley on September 18, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. All historical societies of Bruce County are invited. Come and bring your ideas and suggestions.
3. North Bruce District meeting at the Baptist Church, Wiarton in October. Details of speaker and date will appear in the September newsletter.
4. Annual Dinner Meeting at Formosa Community Centre on Saturday, October 26, 1991. A tour of the church at 10:45 a.m. followed by roast beef dinner at noon in the centre. Speaker is Mrs. Gwyneth J. Whilsmith from Zurich, Ontario, author of *Hear the Pennies Dropping*. You will be able to pay your dues for 1992 and pick up your yearbook.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ONTARIO HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN BROCKVILLE

Your society president, secretary and treasurer journeyed to Brockville for the three day O.H.S. meeting on May 9, 10, & 11, 1991. Three circumstances combined to make it a most memorable event: the weather was perfect, with beautiful countryside and river landscape unequalled in most parts of the world; the city and surroundings were most interesting to history buffs, especially since it is one of the oldest cities in Ontario, and an original settlement for the United Empire Loyalists; and the meeting itself was most interesting with excellent speakers and well organized displays, dinners and luncheons. The city gave an official welcome to the guests on Thursday evening, and a walking tour of the main street homes, as well as a bus tour (both with guides) of the surrounding area (including the fort at Prescott) proved to be most enjoyable and informative.

GENERAL MEETING AT SOUTHAMPTON

at the Bruce County Museum
MAY 2, 1991

This meeting also was well attended and very enjoyable. Mr. Bob Smith of Wiarton had a most interesting collection of postcards on display. He showed slides of some of the various types of cards over the years and his commentary dealt with the changes in form and style. In the Victorian era the messages were often very sentimental, and ribbons and lace were a common sort of decoration. Postcards played an important role in sending messages locally before the telephone became common.

FAMILY HISTORY

Mrs. Mac Kirstine of Walkerton informed us recently that she still has copies of the *History of the Kirstines* for sale. Jean kindly presented the society with a copy of her book, and most of the executive members have already read it. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all and we would certainly recommend it to anyone interested in family histories, especially those of German descent. Her work deals with ancestors in Germany and the conditions there in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries that forced these people to look for new homes across the ocean. It has 186 pages, 200 pictures and 50 copies of documents. Cost is \$20.00 + \$5.00 for postage and handling for out-of-area locations. *The History of the Kirstines 1782-1989* is available in Walkerton at Holst Stationery, Brown's Pharmacy or directly from:

Mrs. Jean Campbell
208 Campbell Street
Walkerton, Ontario
N0G 2V0

ST. ANN'S MARKS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

from

The Walkerton Herald Times

June 12, 1991

RIVERSDALE--St. Ann's Catholic Church was bustling with a large crowd of past and present parishioners as they gathered on the front lawn for an outdoor mass at 2 p.m. to celebrate the church's 125th anniversary.

The Riversdale parish has the distinction of being one of the oldest Catholic parishes in Bruce County.

Following the outdoor mass celebrated by Bishop Matthew Ustrzycki, former parish priest, and Father Solecki, those attending enjoyed a luncheon and anniversary cake with much socializing. Popular were the old photos that lined the walls depicting past first communions, confirmations, weddings and school pictures, some dating back to 1915.

Hugh Benninger, Stratford, who taught at the Riversdale School, 60 years ago came back to enjoy the celebration.

It was a beautiful day to be remembered by all those who participated. Thank you's must be extended to Marlene O'Hagan and her committee for the planning and organizing and to all the parishioners who helped in their own way. A thank you is extended to all those who came home to help celebrate this special 125th Church Anniversary at St. Ann's Church in Riversdale.

St. Ann's Church,
Riversdale



1866 - 1991

St. Anne's Con't

The following is a brief history of the parish.

"It was in 1852 when Father Caspar Matoga, S.J. became the first Catholic priest to come to Bruce County, and the first Holy Mass in Bruce County was celebrated at Glintz's Corner and at Riversdale, in the humble log cabin of Luke Chatreau, which was located west of the present church property. Rev. Matoga travelled by foot, carrying a portable altar case as he made his way through the bush.

In 1861, a log cabin was built to serve as church and separate school in the north-east corner of the church lot. The school opened on October 24, 1861. On Sundays, the school became the House of Worship. The cemetery began where the present frame church stands.

At this time, the only other priest in Bruce County besides Riversdale's Father St. Aubin, was Father Gestir, Pastor of Formosa. This gives the reader some idea of the part that Riversdale first had in the Catholic missionary endeavour of Bruce County.

Occasional Indian bands roamed through the forest hunting and trapping. Many of them camped in this locality and on Sundays, some of them were seen at mass.

In 1865 it was decided that the log cabin which has served as church and school should not be used any longer for church services. Preparations were quickly underway for the erection of the present frame church which has served the Riversdale parish to this day.

With characteristic energy and zeal, a beginning was made and the Catholics then living here combined their efforts in the hewing of timbers, framing the building, etc. and in the fall of 1866, their church was finished at a very small cost to them.

In 1923, efforts began to construct a new Catholic school beside the church, for a cost of approximately \$5,000.

During 1923, another important enterprise was initiated and a supplementary parcel of adjoining property was purchased. A magnificent permanent residence for the Riversdale parish priest was built on the site directly east of the church.

Some 1,600 trees were planted on the church grounds with the hope that sometime in the future they would develop into a miniature forest something akin to the early days.

In 1941, the church was raised and a new foundation was constructed.

In 1966, the St. Ann's Separate School was closed and the children bused to the new Chepstow Central School. The Riversdale Catholic Women's League became the caretakers of the former school and renovated it to become the community hall.

In 1974, the rectory was closed at Riversdale and has been rented for housing accommodations since then.

The church in Riversdale is now served by Father Eugene Solecki, resident pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Teeswater with Sunday Mass at 11 a.m.

St. Ann's Church in Riversdale continues to be well received by the Catholics in the community".

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The other day I chanced to meet a girl I used to know.
I stared at her in quick dismay, FOR OH! she had aged so.
Her once abundant shiny hair was streaked and faded now,
her make-up could never quite hide the wrinkles on her brow.
She smiled at me with store bought teeth and peered through glasses thick.
She raved about her grandchildren
it almost made me sick.
How glad I was to think that I had not aged like my friend,
it must have been the vitamins, the times I stretch and bend.
But I was in for quite a shock - she said,
"MY DEAR, I SEE THE YEARS HAVE CHANGED US BOTH
A LOT
YOU'VE GROWN OLD JUST LIKE ME."

Taken from the Tara Leader.

IGNORANCE OF PAST MAKES PRESENT LOOK LIKE A MYSTERY

from

The Edmonton Journal

August 17, 1988

Sixty per cent of the Canadians surveyed in a recent Gallup poll didn't know that Sir John A. Macdonald was Canada's first prime minister.

Fifty-five percent didn't know that Confederation took place in 1867.

Sixty-three per cent didn't know Louis Riel led the 1885 rebellion.

Those results didn't surprise University of Alberta history professor Ken Munro. Commenting on the poll, Munro noted that schools in Alberta (and, presumably, the rest of Canada) concentrate on social studies and do not teach history.

He added: "We're losing our roots."

He's obviously right about that - the loss is considerably greater than it might appear on the surface.

Many people, including far too many who are directly involved with education, wouldn't be particularly surprised or troubled by the results of the poll.

They would probably claim that the inability of people to identify Canada's first prime minister simply supports their contention that it's a waste of time to load the curriculum with facts because nobody ever remembers them.

They would say that Canadians did learn about Macdonald in school, but, as with all those other boring facts, they forgot the name as soon as they finished writing the examinations.

Educators are also given to pointing out that education is considerably more than a game of Trivial Pursuit. It's not the facts that matter, they insist, it's the understanding.

Nonsense.

Certainly, people who have been out of school for a number of years have forgotten a lot of what they were taught.

That is especially true if they didn't believe the information was important or haven't had occasion to use it. Politics are important, however, and political knowledge can and should be applied.

Anyway, even the most ordinary mind isn't a total sieve, and the basic facts of Canadian history are not in the same class as complex mathematical equations. If Confederation was properly taught in schools, Canadians would not forget the name of the first prime minister.

As for the importance of understanding, how do you understand what you don't know? And if Canadians don't know who Canada's first prime minister was or when Confederation took place, what else don't they know?

That is the significance of the questions in the Gallup poll. They serve as a sort of litmus test of historical literacy.

If Canadians can't identify Sir John A. Macdonald or give the date of Confederation, what is the extent of their knowledge of how this country came to be? Do they know about the compromises and concessions that produced it? Do they have the slightest comprehension of how the people who achieved confederation intended this country to be governed?

For that matter, if they don't know when Confederation was, what are the chances that they know what Confederation was?

There's no guarantee that people who know the name of Canada's first Prime Minister and the date of Confederation will know those other things, but if they don't even know those simple facts, you can be certain they don't know any thing else.

The same is true of the Riel question. If people don't know that Louis Riel led the rebellion of 1885, that is a good indication that they know nothing of the history or development of Western Canada.

And knowing nothing means they will understand nothing. Understanding doesn't operate in a vacuum. It depends on knowledge.

It's not a matter of understanding the past, either. If people lack historical knowledge, much of the present is a great mystery to them. How, for instance, can anyone understand the Meech Lake Accord if they don't understand Canadian federalism? How can they understand the concerns about American domination and judge for themselves whether those concerns are valid if they haven't the faintest idea of the differences between our system of government and that of the United States? How can Central Canadians understand Alberta's grievances if they have no knowledge of its history?

They can't, of course - and that leads to particularly dangerous consequences. People who lack the knowledge that would allow them to interpret major events have to depend on others for their explanations. They're at the mercy of the politicians, the special interests and the glib commentators. They are sitting ducks for the demagogues.

It's no wonder that political style has become more important than political substance. Substance is wasted on the ignorant.

By Olive Elliott

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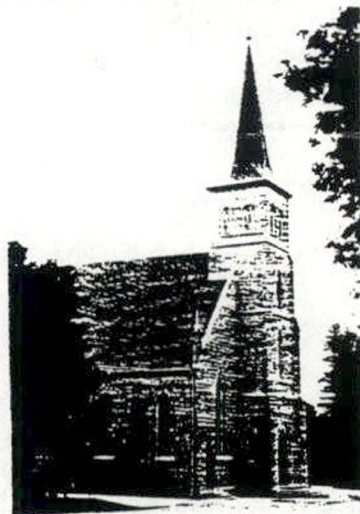
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SEPTEMBER 1991

A REMINDER

1. The district meeting for North Bruce at the Baptist Church, Wiarton on October 10, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. Harry Whicher is the speaker for this meeting, and both members and non-members are invited.
2. The Annual Dinner Meeting at Formosa Community Centre on Saturday, October 26, 1991. A tour of the church will be made at 10:45 a.m. followed by a roast beef dinner at noon in the centre. Mrs. Gwyneth J. Whilsmith from Zurich, Ontario, author of *Hear the Pennies Dropping* will speak. Tickets are \$10.00 and are available from any of the executive members.



FORMOSA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH.

THE ANNUAL BUS TRIP September 1991

Thirty-five members and friends boarded the bus on September 3rd for a trip to see the Highlights of Pennsylvania including Philadelphia. There were people from as far north as Dyers Bay to as far south as Hanover, from east at Chesley to west at Kincardine.

The first day we travelled through the Allegheny mountains to Williamsport, the second day to Hershey, home of Chocolate World, then on to Pennsylvania Dutch country where we were served an Amish lunch. We couldn't believe how much food they served. We toured the Amish farmlands, then on to Philadelphia for a two-night stay.

The third day we saw the Liberty Bell, Christ Church, Independence Hall, Elfreth's Alley, the Betty Ross house and other elegant mansions. In the afternoon we visited Bartram's Garden, Pennsylvania's Historical Society Museum and the Franklin Institute Science Museum. What a big day!

Day four we left Philadelphia for New Hope where we had a peaceful ride on a mule-drawn barge, then on through scenic country along the Delaware river to Bethlehem and a tour of the Moravian community. Our last stop was at the Easton Canal Museum before heading to Binghampton for the night and home the next day.

Our tour guide Rene Ellis capably handled all emergencies and our driver Alex Zimmer got us back across the border at Lewiston without any hold-up, even though there were long lineups at the other crossings. Hats off to these two fine people!!

LARGE GROUPS OF AREA FARMERS LEAVE FOR MANITOBA IN THE 1870's

By Donalda McClure

Many of the early English speaking settlers of Manitoba were farmers who sold out their farms, stock and implements in Ontario and then took up quarter sections of land on the prairies.

Numerous sale posters and newspaper advertisements witnessed from 1870 on, a large scale disposal of rural holdings in settled parts of Ontario. Frequent reports appeared in the press of large parties moving en masse from Ontario. The name Patterson was often connected with this exodus. Apparently this man recruited immigrants during the winter and took them to Winnipeg during the spring and summer.

About 200 passengers left in April 1878, nearly all from the counties of Waterloo, Wellington, Brant and Oxford. The trip to their destination took about a week.

The next year in March another group of 350 persons left from Huron and Bruce. It was reported that about one-third of the Elderslie Township males went west, most of them farmers' sons. Three weeks later a notice read "Mr. R. Patterson has returned from Winnipeg and reports having landed his party in good spirits and without mishap."

AN UNUSUAL TOMBSTONE

By Donalda McClure

I attended the funeral of Lorne Eadie on August 12, 1991 in the South Kinloss Cemetery. Following the burial I went hunting for an unusual tombstone, apparently of cast iron, which stands in this cemetery north of Lucknow. It was put there in memory of Rev. Alexander Mackenzie who died November 13, 1894, at age 75.

Monuments of this type are few and far between, although occasionally you see bronze memorials which have a tendency to become greenish in color. The Mackenzie tombstone is somewhat rusty but the inscription is clearly legible.

The area was mainly settled in the early 1850's by Gaelic speaking immigrants from Northern Scotland and the Maritimes. In 1856 a log structure was built about a half mile north of the present church and cemetery, and was used until replaced by a larger building in 1863.

Rev. Mackenzie is believed to have been appointed minister of the South Kinloss Presbyterian congregation in 1882 and served until his resignation in 1887.

One familiar name was Gaunt; no doubt a relative of Murray Gaunt. The cemetery has a circular drive lined with hard maples and well kept grounds.

***** DEFINITIONS *****

From School Papers

Submitted by Gordon Munn

A Census Taker is a person who goes from house to house increasing the population.

A spinster is a bachelor's wife.

A simile is a widening of the face when pleased.

Chivalry is the act of a man who gives up his seat to a lady in a public convenience.

WARTIME SHORTAGES

taken from
The Walkerton Herald Times
November 8, 1989

By Lloyd Cartwright, the Cordwainer

Editor's Note - Mr. Cartwright has recently published a book *The Cordwainer's Scrapbook*, available at the Bruce County Museum, Southampton and other stores.

A cook book was available to housewives in the early 1940's that had a special section devoted to make the best of what was available. It not only had recipes, but also gave advice on canning without sugar and making do with meat substitutes. Honey was the main sugar substitute as a lot of it was produced in Canada. Sweeteners from corn and maple syrup were also commonly used.

The meat shortage seemed to cause the most grief, especially for a working man. The book suggests low cost substitutes for meat: dried beans, lentils, fish and cheese, (cheese was low cost?). Some very detailed recipes were given for meatless dishes: Limabean loaf, mock sausages, kidneybean and cheese roast and Lentil cutlets head up this section. Others include pea timbales and egg timbales, whatever they are.

There was of course, a shortage of eggs and butter because a large portion of Canada's dairy production was being shipped overseas for the troops. Food stamps were issued to all civilians, and when their rations ran out they were not able to buy the rationed items until the next month's stamps became valid.

Many older people today still enjoy some of the wartime desserts that were made with substitute sweeteners. Bread pudding needed little more than a few slices of bread and some corn syrup and flavouring. (Sometimes raisins were added) Rice or tapioca puddings were popular and sometimes a leftover piece of cake was used for a delicious trifle. All of these are delicious and nutritious so nobody suffered when these desserts were offered.

As always happens, prices of items in short supply climbed. Sugar, butter, meats and other commodities all shot up in price before the "Prices and Trade Board" clamped ceilings on prices. Some families could not even afford the rations that were available, and some sold their ration stamps to their more affluent neighbours.

People with only small lots were encouraged to grow their own garden vegetables. Many apartment dwellers grew a surprising amount of small vegetables in window boxes. The small plots were called "Victory Gardens". People were encouraged to keep hens and even a cow in town if room permitted. A few even kept pigs or rabbits to supplement their rationed meat.

The wartime cook book emphasized "waste not want not", a principle we might do well to still follow.

Upcoming Events at the Bruce County Museum Southampton, Ontario

October 4, 1991 7:30 p.m. The Beer's A Brewing Reading Ian Bowering
October 21-23, 1991 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Rug Hooking Course Jeanne Field
Phone the Bruce County Museum at 797-2080 for more information.

REMEMBER BAYFIELD WHO FIRST CHARTED GREAT LAKES

from

The Kincardine Independent

August 1, 1990

By Pauline Whelan

As you walk along the shores of Lake Huron and enjoy its beautiful setting, spare a thought for those courageous souls who contributed so much to exploring and mapping our lake. If you happen to be a sailor, you should certainly remember Admiral Bayfield who conducted the first survey of the Great Lakes and whose charts were in use for many years.

In addition to his survey of the Great Lakes, Admiral Bayfield was also responsible for surveying the St. Lawrence River and the seas around the Atlantic Provinces. When he died in Charlottetown in 1885, aged 90, he had produced over 100 maps and charts.

Henry Wolsey Bayfield was born in Hull, England in 1795. He grew up with a great respect for the British Navy who, despite Napoleon's efforts, continued to "rule the waves". When Nelson won the battle of Trafalgar in 1805 he became Bayfield's hero. Like many young men of his class, Bayfield dreamed of joining the British Navy. His goal was fulfilled when, just before his 11th birthday, he was accepted as a young volunteer. During the next year he served on various ships and even saw action and was wounded when the Duchess engaged two Spanish ships in the Strait of Gibraltar. He was promoted and served as midshipman on the Beagle and saw service in Quebec and Halifax in 1810. He was recalled to serve in European waters but returned to Canada in 1814.

When the War of 1812 ended in 1814, Bayfield, who had now been promoted to Lieutenant, was serving on Lake Champlain. He was transferred to Kingston when he met Capt. Owen, after whom Owen Sound is named. Capt. Owen's task was to conduct a survey of the Great Lakes and he recruited Lt. Bayfield to assist in this endeavour. Bayfield's introduction to surveying was on Lake Ontario and around the Thousand Islands where he spent the summer of 1816.

At the end of his first season he had planned to return to England, but Capt. Owen invited him to remain as his assistant, and he accepted. In June 1817, when Capt. Owen was recalled to England, Henry Bayfield inherited the vacant position. At the age of 22, he was in complete charge of the survey for Lake Erie and Huron, but was left with minimum resources to fulfill his mission. He only had an inexperienced assistant, Midshipman Collins and two boats, the Troughton and the Ramsden.

When Bayfield and Collins completed the survey of Lake Erie in 1818, they moved to Penetanguishene to begin work on Lake Huron. This was slow work as there are so many bays, inlets and islands in this lake. It took 10 weeks to survey 45 miles of shoreline. The surveyers were further hampered by having to take all their food and supplies along with them. There were no settlers along the lakeshore who could have furnished them with supplies. They slept under the stars in all weathers - either in one of the boats or on the shore under a buffalo robe. The temperature sometimes was near zero (fahrenheit, no doubt), but these nights were preferable to the summer nights when the men were tormented by mosquitoes. In the case of illness or accident, there was no medical aid.

The survey of Lake Huron was completed by the Fall of 1822 and Bayfield's charts were to remain in service until well towards the end of the century when Capt. Boulton conducted a new survey. By then, Bayfield's charts were out-of-date and inadequate for the new steam ships.

However, the work completed by Bayfield and his assistant, Collins, was quite remarkable. They had worked under difficult circumstances with primitive and inaccurate tools. Bayfield had complained that "...The Rocky shores of Lake Huron have so shook our Time Keepers that...they are useless, and indeed the whole of our instruments, from having seen eight years of hard service are nearly in the same state, my own sextant is the only instrument fit for service". This was part of Bayfield's final report on the survey of Lake Huron. Capt. Boulton had the greatest respect for Bayfield's work. He recognized the difficulties under which the work had been accomplished and the restraints that were dictated by the primitive, and often non-functioning tools.

There are many pioneers and settlers who braved the unknown of an unexplored land and to whom we all owe a great debt. But Lt. Henry Bayfield and his crew sailed the stormy and unpredictable waters of Lake Huron long before Kincardine was settled or even heard of. Let us pause for a moment and remember a man who was the first to map and chart the lake which gives so much pleasure and enjoyment to us today.

BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

WASHINGTON & COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG

JUNE 28, 1990

DAY 1 - HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Our departure this morning takes us through the Niagara Peninsula to New York State. We travel through beautiful Appalachian Mountain country and follow along beside the Susquehanna River enroute to HARRISBURG, Pennsylvania for overnight.

DAY 2 - WASHINGTON, D.C.

BREAKFAST included this morning before continuing on today to the District of Columbia. Upon arrival in Washington, we have a guided tour driving past the United States Capitol, Jefferson Memorial, the White House and many other points of interest. This afternoon we visit the Smithsonian Institution, Washington's most famous museums. Our overnight accommodations will be in the WASHINGTON, D.C. area. (B)

DAY 3 - WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA

BREAKFAST included this morning prior to our departure to Mount Vernon, the estate and burial place of George Washington, overlooking the Potomac River. We continue to Colonial Williamsburg to visit this restored historical area of 18th century buildings and homes on our walking tour. This evening join us for a special DINNER in Colonial Williamsburg. Overnight WILLIAMSBURG. (B, D)

DAY 4 - WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

BREAKFAST included this morning. We then travel north to Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. We visit the Gettysburg National Park Visitor Centre for an orientation and briefing prior to our included tour of the Battlefields where one of the most important battles of the Civil War was waged in July of 1863. We continue to WILLIAMSPORT for our overnight accommodations. (B)

DAY 5 - HOME

BREAKFAST included this morning prior to our trip northward through Pennsylvania and New York where we cross the border back into Ontario. An evening arrival at your joining point. (B)

COST PER PERSON:

Twin: \$525.00 Triple: \$475.00 Quad: \$425.00 Single: \$715.00

COST INCLUDES:

- * Transportation by private motorcoach
- * Four nights accommodation including hotel tax
- * Porterage for one large suitcase per person at hotels
- * Four BREAKFASTS
- * DINNER in Colonial Williamsburg
- * City Tour of Washington, D.C.
- * Visit to the Smithsonian Institution
- * Admission to Mount Vernon
- * Admission to Colonial Williamsburg
- * Admission at Gettysburg National Park
- * Guided tour of Gettysburg Battlefields
- * Cancellation Insurance Protection
- * Medical Insurance
- * Services of our Escort

**PLEASE NOTE: There is a 90 day pre-existing illness exclusion in the cancellation and medical insurance policies. Ninety days prior to the purchase of the policy, you must not have been treated for any medical problem for which you may have to claim.

To confirm space on this tour, send deposit of \$100.00 per person to HANOVER HOLIDAYS, Box 94, Hanover, Ontario N4N 3C3. by April 6, 1990. Balance of payment due June 1, 1990.

Arrangements for this tour by Hanover Holiday Tours Limited, HANOVER, Ontario.

Terms and conditions of passage as per Hanover Holidays 1990 tour brochure.

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BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
HIGHLIGHTS OF PENNSYLVANIA INCLUDING PHILADELPHIA
SEPTEMBER 3 - 7, 1991
5 DAYS

DAY 1 - WILLIAMSPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Join us this morning as we depart from Bruce County, Ontario to upstate New York where we travel through the Allegheny Mountains enroute to WILLIAMSPORT, Pennsylvania for overnight. Join us this evening for a special Welcome DINNER. (D)

DAY 2 - PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

BREAKFAST included before travelling to Harrisburg, the state capital and to Hershey, the home of Chocolate World. We continue on to Lancaster, in the heart of Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Join us for a Family-Style LUNCH. After our lunch we tour the Amish farmlands. Continue through quaint villages enroute to the "City of Brotherly Love", PHILADELPHIA, where we spend the next TWO nights. (B,L)

DAY 3 - PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

Our city tour of Philadelphia following BREAKFAST this morning will show us the Liberty Bell, Christ Church, Independence Hall and many stately and elegant mansions on Society Hill. This afternoon we visit Bartram's Garden, the historic home and botanic garden of John and William Bartram, begun in 1728. We'll also visit the Historical Society of Pennsylvania's multi-media exhibit, "Finding Philadelphia's Past: Visions and Revisions." Our day will end with a visit to the Franklin Institute Science Museum, before returning to our PHILADELPHIA hotel for overnight. (B)

DAY 4 - BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

Our departure from Philadelphia takes us to New Hope where we enjoy an unusual canal ride powered by a mule-drawn barge. We also make a stop in the Moravian community of Bethlehem for a short tour of the community known as "America's Christmas City". Our final stop today is at the Easton Canal Museum, before continuing on to BINGHAMTON, New York for our last overnight. (B)

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To RESERVE and CONFIRM space on this tour, please forward the following booking form, along with your Cheque payable to HANOVER HOLIDAY TOURS in the amount of \$100.00 (plus Optional Cancellation Protection of \$20.00 if required) to Hanover Holiday Tours as soon as possible. Balance of payment will be required six weeks prior to departure.

BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOUR TO PHILADELPHIA - SEPTEMBER 3, 1991

NAME(S): _____
ADDRESS: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ IF SHARING, WITH WHOM: _____
I/WE REQUIRE SINGLE _____ TWIN _____ TRIPLE _____ QUAD _____ ACCOMMODATION
I/WE WISH TO PURCHASE THE OPTIONAL CANCELLATION PROTECTION: YES _____ NO _____
I/WE WISH TO PURCHASE THE OPTIONAL HOSPITAL/MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE: YES _____ NO _____

DAY 5 - HOME

BREAKFAST is included once again this morning before we continue through New York State before crossing the border back into Ontario and returning home to Bruce County. (B)

COST PER PERSON:

Twin: \$525.00 Triple: \$500.00
Quad: \$475.00 Single: \$700.00

COST INCLUDES:

- * Transportation by private motorcoach
- * Four nights accommodation including hotel tax
- * Porterage for one large suitcase per person
- * Welcome DINNER in Williamsport
- * Four BREAKFASTS
- * Amish Style LUNCH in Lancaster
- * Admission to Hershey Chocolate World
- * Admission to Bartram's Garden, Historical Society Exhibit, and the Franklin Institute Science Museum in Philadelphia
- * Admission to the Easton Canal Museum
- * Canal Ride on Mule Barge
- * Tour of Amish Farmlands
- * Tour of Philadelphia
- * Tour of Bethlehem
- * Services of our Escort
- * Rates based on a Minimum of 30 Passengers travelling in the Group

COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- * Meals other than indicated in itinerary above
- * Optional Cancellation protection available at a cost of \$20.00 per person
- * Optional Hospital/Medical coverage for travel outside of Canada available at a cost of \$19.00 per person

BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

AGAWA CANYON TOUR

SEPTEMBER 14 - 17, 1992

DAY 1 - SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

Join us early this morning as we depart from the Bruce County area and travel northward through the Bruce Peninsula enroute to Tobermory. At Tobermory we board the M.S. Chi-Cheemaun to cross the Main Channel connecting Georgian Bay and Lake Huron. We disembark at Manitoulin Island and reboard our motorcoach to travel along the Island's eastern side. Our first stop will be The Little Red Schoolhouse and Museum, a restored 19th century schoolhouse with artifacts and photographs describing the history of the island. Our next stop will be in Sheguiandah where we visit the Little Current-Howland Museum containing artifacts dating back 3,000 years. We travel on to Espanola where we join the Trans Canada Highway and travel westward along the North Channel enroute to SAULT STE. MARIE where we spend the next TWO nights.

DAY 2 - AGAWA CANYON EXCURSION/ SAULT STE. MARIE, ONTARIO

We take the Algoma Central Train which leaves at 8:00 a.m. for the "Agawa Canyon Excursion". Soon we will be up in the hills which surround the city, looking down on the Algoma Steel Mills, the International Bridge and upper St. Mary's River. As we near Bellevue Valley, the panorama of nature is all around us. We continue to Searchmont, then to Achigan Lake. After crossing the Batchawana River, we reach the mighty Montreal River which we cross via a trestle which will give you a thrill to long remember. Soon the train breaks from the woods and through a clearing we look across miles of forests to see Lake Superior. Then the train starts its descent of over 500 feet in 12 miles to reach the floor of the famous canyon. We cross the winding Agawa River and soon see the picturesque Bridal Veil Falls before stopping at Canyon Park. Here we have two hours to explore the Canyon floor, climb up to the top of Lookout Trail, view the waterfalls, or relax at a picnic table. We then reboard the train for our trip back to SAULT STE. MARIE for overnight. (B,L)

DAY 3 - SUDBURY, ONTARIO

Our departure from Sault Ste. Marie takes us to St. Joseph Island, the westernmost isle in the Manitoulin chain. Primarily rural, the island is a favorite spot with fisherman and swimmers. We'll visit Fort St. Joseph National Historic Park, where we will view the ruins of Fort Joseph, built in 1796 as a fur-trading center and strategic military post designed to protect the territory north of the Great Lakes. We return to the Trans Canada Highway and follow it

eastward to SUDBURY where our overnight accommodations await us.. The Sudbury region yields approximately 85 percent of the world's nickel.

DAY 4 - HOME

This morning we visit Science North which has films and hands-on exhibits on science and technology. Then south along Hwy. #69 via Parry Sound and homeward to Bruce County by early evening. We hope that you have enjoyed your tour with the Bruce County Historical Society to the Agawa Canyon.

Cost Per Person:

Twin:	\$450.00	Triple:	\$430.00
Quad:	\$410.00	Single:	\$570.00

Cost Includes:

- * Transportation by private motorcoach
- * Three nights accommodation including hotel taxes
- * Porter service for one large suitcase per person at hotels
- * Ferry Crossing to Manitoulin Island
- * Admission to the Little Red Schoolhouse and Little Current -Howland Museum
- * Agawa Canyon Train Excursion including BREAKFAST and LUNCH
- * Visit to St. Joseph Island Historic Park
- * Admission to Science North in Sudbury
- * Services of a Hanover Holidays Escort
- ** Cancellation Protection

** PLEASE NOTE: There is a 90 day pre-existing illness exclusion in the cancellation insurance policy. You are ineligible for coverage if ninety days prior to the purchase of the policy you have been treated for any medical problem for which you may have to make a claim.

Cost Does Not Include:

- * G.S.T. of 7% of the tour cost is not included
- * Meals other than indicated in itinerary and items of a personal nature such as gratuities, etc.

Terms and Conditions of booking as per Hanover Holidays 1992 Brochure. Registered under the Travel Industry Act, Ontario Registration #1158989 and #1613915.

TO CONFIRM SPACE ON THIS TOUR SEND BOOKING FORM WITH DEPOSIT TO:

HANOVER HOLIDAY TOURS LIMITED
286A 10th Street
HANOVER, Ontario N4N 1P2
(519) 364-4911

BRUCE CO. HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AGAWA CANYON TOUR
Departing September 14, 1992

NAME(S): _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/TOWN: _____

POSTAL CODE: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED: SINGLE: _____ TWIN: _____ TRIPLE: _____ QUAD: _____

IF SHARING, WITH WHOM: _____

Travelrite

TRAVEL INSURANCE DESIGNED FOR PASSENGERS OF HANOVER HOLIDAY TOURS LIMITED

FOR PEACE OF MIND, BE SURE TO INSURE AGAINST CANCELLATION CHARGES, HOSPITAL/MEDICAL EXPENSES, ACCIDENTS AND BAGGAGE & PERSONAL EFFECTS LOSSES

Hanover Holiday Tours Limited offers two insurance plans

Plan A — covers Trip Cancellation or Interruption Reimbursement

Plan B — covers Accidental Death, Dismemberment, Loss of Sight, Accident/Sickness Hospital/Medical Expense reimbursement (in excess of Provincial Health), and Loss or Damage to Baggage and Personal Effects

PLAN A — TRIP CANCELLATION/INTERRUPTION (THIS PLAN MUST BE PURCHASED WHEN PAYING DEPOSIT FOR THE TOUR).

If you are prevented from starting or continuing with your tour as a result of an accident, sickness or death to yourself, your travelling companion or a person in either immediate family, or jury duty, transfer by your employer over 100 km, having a casualty to your primary residence making it uninhabitable, terrorism or being subpoenaed for jury duty, you may claim for cancellation charges prior to departure or, after departure, the cost of your unused tour arrangements, subsistence allowance up to \$300, the cost of a one-way economy airline ticket to your original point of departure.

Immediate family members include spouse (legal or common-law), natural or adopted children, brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister, parents, step-parents, grandparents, grandchildren, aunts, uncles, nephews, nieces, in-laws, legal guardian or key employee of the insured person.

In the event of your death after departure, up to \$3,000.00 will be paid for preparation/cremation and the cost of transporting the body to the original point of departure.

No benefits are paid if cancellation or interruption is as a result of: pregnancy within 2 months of the expected date of delivery, injuries while participating as a professional in athletics; where the purpose of travel is to receive medical care of attention or to visit someone who is or is about to receive medical care or treatment; involvement in any criminal or civil misdemeanor; divorce, separation, or matrimonial problems; gliding, mountaineering, speed or racing contests, skydiving, parachuting or parasailing; or a condition that had received medical attention or treatment within 90 days of the date of application.

PREMIUMS PER PERSON

Cost Per Tour	Premium
Up to \$500.00	\$ 20.00
\$501.00 - \$1,000.00	30.00
\$1,001.00 - \$1,500.00	50.00
\$1,501.00 - \$2,000.00	68.00
\$2,001.00 - \$3,000.00	85.00
\$3,001.00 - \$4,000.00	115.00
\$4,001.00 - \$5,000.00	140.00
\$5,001.00 - \$6,000.00	195.00
\$6,001.00 - \$7,000.00	235.00

CANCELLATION CHARGES: On most tours, IF NOTICE OF CANCELLATION IS RECEIVED:

- (1) 45 days before departure, a full refund is given
- (2) 44 to 30 days before departure, your deposit will be retained — remainder of tour cost will be refunded
- (3) 29 to 15 days before departure a charge of 50% of the tour cost will apply
- (4) 14 days before and up to departure date a 100% charge will apply

PASSENGERS NOT BOOKING FULL TOUR ITINERARY:

Passengers who are not travelling on full tour itinerary as outlined by Hanover Holiday Tours Limited, or passengers who are booking their own flights or other means of transportation and/or are taking a tour on a land only basis, assume full responsibility for any cancellation penalties or extra expenses incurred on airfares, train tickets, etc. due to cancellation or alteration of itinerary in any way by Hanover Holiday Tours Limited.

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP: When travelling on tours into the United States, Canadian Citizens must have proof of citizenship in the form of a birth certificate or passport. Citizens of other countries should check with their travel agent for requirements. For travelling to countries other than United States, please check with your travel agent for document requirements.

CUSTOMS IN OTHER COUNTRIES: Living conditions, standards of accommodation, restaurants and general customs vary widely from region to region and country to country. Your travel agent will familiarize you with the local customs of the area you are travelling to prior to your departure.

BAGGAGE: Maximum baggage allowance on air tours and motorcoach tours is one large suitcase per person for porter service. All hand luggage must be carried personally aboard the motorcoach. Although the tour director and bus driver supervise the transfer of luggage to and from the motorcoach and every effort is made to handle all luggage as carefully as possible, the Tour Operator cannot assume liability for loss, theft or damage due to breakage, fire, water, etc.

ESCORT: Most tours are personally accompanied by an escort.

SEATING: There are NO reserved seats on coaches. To ensure that passengers share vantage points, seats are rotated at the direction of the escort. Seats on other conveyances are assigned by the carrier.

SMOKING: For all passengers comfort, smoking is not permitted on motorcoaches; however, stops are made, giving passengers an opportunity to smoke outside the coach.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES: Drinking of alcoholic beverages is not allowed on motorcoaches.

ACCOMMODATION: All hotels listed in itineraries have been confirmed at the time of printing, but are subject to change. On most tours, TWIN refers to two persons sharing one room with two beds; however, in some areas, only one double bed may be available, so do specify at time of booking if it is necessary for you to have two beds.

TRIPLE or QUAD usually refers to three or four persons sharing one room with two double beds, all with private bath. Please keep in mind that, in some areas of Canada and the United States, and in other countries, local customs may mean that there is a change in the type of accommodation provided.

TICKETING: Tickets, baggage tags, and hotel lists are sent to travel agents prior to departure. **AIRPORT TAXES ARE NOT INCLUDED ON ANY TOUR INCLUDING AIR FARES. AIRPORT TAXES ARE PAYABLE ON FINAL INVOICE AT CURRENT RATES FOR DEPARTURE DATE AS IMPOSED BY GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.**

PLEASE NOTE: On tours to Alaska, Cruises, Britain, Europe and other tours outside of North America, a 50% cancellation charge will apply if reservations are cancelled less than 90 days prior to departure and 100% cancellation charge will apply less than 60 days prior to departure.

PLAN B — Benefits for the Tour Vacation Package are:

- \$ 50,000.00 Common Carrier Accidental Death, Dismemberment or Loss of Sight
- \$ 25,000.00 All Other Accidental Deaths, Dismemberments or Loss of Sight
- \$200,000.00 Accident/Sickness Hospital/Medical expense reimbursement (excess Provincial health or other private plan).
- \$ 500.00 Baggage and Personal Effects Loss or Damage

PREMIUM PER PERSON

If your tour is up to	Premium
4 days	\$21.00
5 - 10 days	32.00
11 - 18 days	44.00
19 - 25 days	64.00
25 - 30 days	88.00

Upon receipt of payment for the Plan(s) you require, a certificate outlining the benefits, limitations, exclusions and how to claim will be provided to you.

Examination of the Master Policies is attainable through Hanover Holiday Tours Limited head office.

Insurance plans are underwritten by Zurich Canada, master policies #YYSE 12437 and #YYSE 12438.

BE SAFE, BE SURE - INSURE

THE GOODS AND SERVICES TAX:

The Canadian Government has imposed a Goods and Services Tax which became effective January 1, 1991. All tour rates in our new 1992 brochure will be subject to this tax as it applies to the Travel Industry. Our reservations staff will advise your travel agent, when making your reservation, of the applicable amount of G.S.T. (additional cost) on your tour.

RESPONSIBILITY: "Responsibility of Hanover Holiday Tours Limited, Hanover, Ontario. Hanover Holiday Tours Limited acts solely as organizer of the tours outlined in this brochure and is responsible for making all reservations and charting the routes as outlined but it is expressly understood and agreed between the tour organizer and the passengers that Hanover Holiday Tours Limited or its agents shall not be held responsible for:

- a) non-performance on the part of any hotel or other accommodation for any act or omission that cannot be directly attributed to the neglect of the tour organizer;
 - b) any delays, misconnections, loss, damage or injury to persons or property or for mechanical defects or failure, however caused or for any substitution of hotels or carrier equipment beyond the control of the tour operator, or for any additional expenses occasioned thereby;
 - c) any inconvenience, loss of enjoyment, upset, disappointment, distress or frustration whether physical or mental however caused, except where caused directly by the tour operator;
 - d) any additional costs incurred or any ancillary loss sustained as a result of cancellations or delays of tours caused by inclement weather conditions, acts of God, or any other event, which result in one or more persons being unable to continue or complete the tour through no direct fault of the tour organizer.
- The tour organizer reserves the right to make any changes before or during the tour for the comfort and enjoyment of the passengers and it is agreed and understood that any increase in costs occasioned by such change shall be paid by the passengers or any decrease in costs occasioned by the change shall be refunded to the passenger.

Prices quoted in the brochure are Sept. 1, 1991 and are subject to change without notice. The passenger expressly agrees to pay the tour organizer such additional sum as may result from any such increase in costs and currency exchange rates.

All tour itineraries are subject to change or cancellation without prior notice.

Hanover Holiday Tours Limited shall have no responsibilities beyond their refund of all monies paid by the passenger which is deemed to constitute full settlement.

The tour organizer reserves the right to decline any person as a member of the tour at any time before or during the tour should such person's presence be considered detrimental to the interest, comfort and enjoyment of the other tour members. Persons leaving the tour during operation will not receive a refund of unused services.

Hanover Holiday Tours Limited, its agents and all passengers agree that the conditions set out herein are part of the terms between the passenger and the tour organizer.

Acceptance of the ticket for the tour or any deposit given to the tour organizer will represent an acceptance by the passenger of all the aforementioned conditions."

Terms and Conditions GENERAL INFORMATION

RESERVATIONS: To reserve space on this tour, contact your local travel agent.

RATES: Tour rates are calculated according to transportation fares and accommodation rates in effect as of Sept. 1st, 1991. Although efforts are made to maintain the tour rates as published, Tour Operator reserves the right to adjust prices should this become necessary due to unforeseen energy-transportation, hotel or devaluation costs up to 45 days prior to departure.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS: On most tours a deposit of 10% of the tour fare (minimum \$100.00 for tours under \$1,000.00) per person is required within 7 days of time of booking. If the deposit is not received within this time period, reservations are automatically cancelled. For most tours the balance of payment is due 45 days prior to departure, therefore guaranteeing the confirmed rate. Some tours may have other payment requirements: these will be advised on confirmation. Final payments are due 60 days prior to departure for tours to Alaska, Cruises, Britain, Europe and other areas outside of North America.

DEPARTURE POINTS AND TIMES: Numerous towns and cities are used as departure points for each tour. Please consult with your travel agent. Please arrange at time of booking. Hanover Holiday Tours Limited reserves the right to alter drop off points from pickup points within passenger's originating city with any additional costs involved being incurred by the passenger.

NOTE: During severe winter weather conditions, passengers may be requested to provide their own transportation the day before departure to a main tour joining point designated by the tour Company.

PERSONS TRAVELLING ALONE: Persons wishing single accommodation should book early as this space is limited. Passengers with no travelling companion but wishing to share, may reserve on a will-share basis. Tour Operator will attempt to complete the share but, if a companion cannot be found, the single rate will apply and must be paid by the due date.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED: Mental or physically handicapped persons are welcome; persons requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion to care for their needs.

CURRENCY: All prices shown are in Canadian dollars.

SURCHARGES: Because of the energy crisis and/or devaluation of Canadian dollar, all tours are subject to surcharge until 45 days prior to departure. Tour members and/or travel agents will be advised of any surcharge on their tour at this time. If a rate increase of more than 7% is necessary (excluding government taxes or service charges), clients may cancel with no penalties.

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A New Year

A new year is a gracious gift. It is a time to look back and honestly appraise our use of the year just ended. It is a time to dream dreams that will express our most precious hopes for others. It is a time to make new resolutions and to start, day by day, to make them real in our own lives and through us, real in the lives of others. Let us make this a truly happy new year.

From The Heritage Book -1989

Dinner Meeting

Annual Dinner Meeting - to be held at the Wiarton Community Centre on October 17, 1992 at the noon hour.

A Reminder

Yearbooks have been made available to paid-up members. Please check your files to see if your 1992 dues are paid.

Bruce Historical Society Annual Meeting in Formosa

taken from
The Kincardine Independent
November 6, 1991

The fall dinner and annual meeting of the Bruce County Historical Society was held in the community centre at Formosa on Saturday, October 26 with a large crowd in attendance. Bruce County has the largest historical society in the province of Ontario.

A conducted tour of Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church was given by Mrs. Mary Ditner. Many of those present had never before seen the wonderful gothic architecture and magnificent carvings and paintings of this Bruce County treasure.

Several musical numbers provided by the Chepstow Entertainers were enjoyed by all.

Gwyneth J. Whilsmith of Zurich was guest speaker. Her words were filled with humour and eloquence as she recounted experiences of her family on a farm in Brock, Sask. during the years of the depression. These have been recorded in a book, "Hear the Pennies Dropping." She has also compiled a cookbook, "From Granny's Kitchen". Mrs. Whilsmith emphasized the importance of keeping records, either written or taped, to pass along to one's descendants.

Marilyn Bettridge, Assistant Curator at the Bruce County Museum, conducted the installation of the new executive. The society needs a director from the south part of the county.

Those interested in becoming members should send \$10 to The Bruce County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1900, Port Elgin, Ontario N0H 2C0, Attention: Mrs. Clara Gilchrist. Membership includes the yearbook, four newsletters and discounts on the many books of Bruce County history sold by the society.

A QUERY FROM ONE OF OUR LETTERS

Would you help me gather some missing pieces in the history of entertainment in Bruce County. I am particularly interested in recollections or publications recalling the horse and wagon performer, perhaps as part of a medicine show, and those on the excursion boats and later on those showing the first movies.

I am especially interested in the activities and background surrounding the life of my grandfather Andy Stutt, his brother Albert and a partner Dorsy Tracy. They fiddled and sang and made people laugh I am told and around 1910-12 Andy showed early movies such as The Great Train Robbery in a tent and for a time owned the theatre in Wiarton before the family moved to Saskatchewan. They also lived around Teeswater for a time.

With appreciation and congratulations on your continued success.

Eunice Streeter
P.O. Box 31, R.R. 1
Janetville, Ontario L0B 1K0
(705) 277-1054

ANY STORIES ??

Submissions are needed for the 1993 Year book. Without these the yearbook cannot be published. If you have an article please send it to:

Isabelle Underwood
330 Tyendinaga Drive
Southampton, Ontario
N0H 2L0

ABOUT BOOKS

One of the books that our society has reprinted more than once is Robertson's "History of Bruce." W.A. Collins of Kincardine has sent us some interesting notes about this book. After reading these I am certain you will want to read the entire book. This book can be purchased from Don and Irma McSporran, R.R.#1, Paisley, Ontario - Phone 363-6844.

Brief notes taken from the "History of the County of Bruce"

by Norman Robertson

from W.A. Collins

First about the author: Norman Robertson was born in Belleville, June 27, 1845. Moved with family to Kincardine on the first train from Montreal to Toronto in 1856 and established dry goods here where Norman's training eventually led him to the important position of English buyer for a large Montreal firm. Joined the Victoria Rifles in 1866, going to the front with them at the time of the Fenian Raids and was awarded the Military Medal. Married in 1871 and returned to Kincardine to take over his father's store in 1877.

For the next ten years he was very active in community life, and so outstanding that he was chosen to be the Treasurer of Bruce County in 1877, a position he held for thirty seven years.

Mr. Robertson was greatly beloved by all and died in his ninety-first year at home in Walkerton on June 21st, 1936. This information given by Norman Robertson Shaw, Walkerton, March 25/60

Notes

Four centuries ago, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, this continent formed the hunting ground of large numbers of Indian tribes and the first White visitors to the area were the explorers, fur traders, Missionaries, fishermen and then the pioneers who cleared the forests, opened up roads, established schools, formed the various municipalities and started the wheels of its many industries.

The first fur trader on record was perhaps Pierre Piche, who in 1818 came down from Mackinaw to this rich fur country and built a store and house on the flat by the mouth of the Saugeen. He married a local Indian maid and because of his robust stature and expert knowledge of Indian nature did very well here. The last trader title might go to William Rastall who settled at Penetangore in 1848, built a store (in the area of Victoria Park) and became the first reeve of Kincardine Village.

Ruins of what evidently were forts erected by fur traders could be seen at Cape Croker, Stokes Bay, Red Bay and Southampton. Transportation then was by boat in summer and dog team in winter.

The stories of the missionaries are equally full of courage and adventure as those who preceded them. In 1834 the Reverend Herbert of the Wesleyan Methodist Church was appointed to start a mission among the Indians residing at the mouth of the Saugeen. He was assisted by a native Indian name David Sawyer. They placed their bare necessities in a cart, yoked a cow and an ox to it and by this method travelled one hundred miles through the bush and swamp to Goderich. From there they made the rest of the way by sail boat and drove the cattle along the beach to Southampton. What strong faith, pluck and determination they must have had!

Next came the so-called pioneers; our own ancestors, and note how the author describes their struggle and hardships. Before he starts he carefully prepares the pack he has to carry. This contains a supply of provisions, a few necessary cooking and eating utensils, a blanket, an axe, and possibly an augur and a chisel; some, in addition to these necessities, took also a gun. After a weary tramp through the woods along a surveyor's "blaze:", a spot that seems somewhat near the ideal he is looking for is reached. The land, he notes, is covered with heavy hardwood timber, a safe indication that the land on which it grows is good; the soil exposed where some ancient monarch of the forest had stood, but now fallen and uprooted, seems all that could be desired, and a spring flowing clear and cool fairly captivates him. Here his search ceases. After securing his provisions in the hollow of some tree, so they may be safe from rain or the depredations of wild animals, he proceeds to do some underbrushing, and erect a shanty, which has to be made of timber of such size that he, unaided, can lift it into place. A narrow opening is made for a doorway; planks split from cedar logs are filled with splints and stuffed with moss or clay. The roof is covered with elm bark. His bed of hemlock boughs is placed in one of the corners. The table is made by driving four crotched sticks into the earthen floor, on which rest, supported by cross-pieces, a couple of split or hewed planks. With a block of wood for a seat, his furniture is complete. Cooking is very simple - flour mixed with water and a little salt is made in bannocks or scones, which are baked in a frying pan. These and a cup of tea are the common articles of his fare.

The above is just a taste of the wealth of information contained in "The History of Bruce County."

Weather

This past week tells us times have changed little since this article was written 50 years ago, except the fact that we do not have horses or cutters anymore.

50 Years Ago

taken from
The Beacon Times

Heavy snows accompanied by high winds, at times of gale proportions, swept over this district during the past ten days, slowing up travel on the main highways and making the country roads almost impassable. Motor traffic on the side roads is almost out of the question and the horse and cutter has come back into its own. About 24 inches of snow on the level has fallen during the past week.

Echoes of the Past

taken from
The Paisley Advocate

75 Years Ago

Sometimes it is not any more safe for pedestrians on our streets than in some of the main thoroughfares of the city. Last week a little boy was run over by a buggy containing three men, at a crossing opposite the post office. The boy escaped unhurt and that's the wonderful part of the incident. It won't be safe for careless drivers to perform such feats more than once, and there are laws in this country to protect us against such careless or irresponsible actions.

Mr. McLean, reeve of Bruce Township, wishes the Advocate to announce that he should like if everyone who may have the opportunity, would make an effort to catch some of those tramps who are prowling around the country just now. He suggests that when any of them are calling or eating at your home, that you call in your neighbor if necessary to help you lock him up until you inform a constable to take care of him. There is no use in your taking a constable to look for them in the woods. Do not give them any papers of this issue to read, or they might be more difficult to catch.

Al McGuire, A Loss of Character

taken from
The Beacon Times

A true character of Southampton passed away last week.

Al McGuire died Wednesday, January 15 at the Saugeen Memorial Hospital, Southampton. He was in his 81st year.

His battered white hat and well-worn overalls were a common sight in the town he called home for many years. The native of Lion's Head was the star attraction of his own auction house on the town's main street years ago - a career cut short by throat cancer. Visitors from far and wide would jam into the tiny auction house on High Street to laugh at his jokes, corny as they often were (and occasionally a little blue!), feel the good natured pressure to buy a basket of odds and ends and just to be part of a little bit of small-town Ontario that was special.

This is my first attempt at compiling a newsletter. Hopefully my skills will improve with practice. I welcome any article that would be of interest to our members and either modern or from times past. Please send to:

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 21, a bus tour of interesting places around Bruce Peninsula. Tour will begin at the Bruce County Museum and Archives at 8:30 a.m. and will pick up at any place enroute, such as Sauble Falls, Oliphant, Colpoys, etc. and will return to Wiarton, then to Southampton about 8:30. Stops will be made for lunch at Lion's Head and dinner at Wiarton. Thanks to Mr. Harry Whicher for arranging this tour. He will also be along to provide commentary. Bus fare is \$15.00. This is a wonderful opportunity to see the peninsula and places like Hope Bay, Whiskey Harbour, St. Margaret's and Mar, etc. We are hiring a 47 passenger coach and we hope to fill it. Come and join us for a special day. Please contact Christine Welsh at 832-2853 by May 15 or a member of executive if you care to join the tour.

September 14, 15, 16 & 17 - Agawa Canyon Tour

Enclosed you will find a brochure with all the details. This is an all Ontario tour.

Annual Dinner Meeting

October 17 at noon, the Annual Dinner Meeting at the Wiarton Community Centre. Speaker - Dr. Peter Schmalz, noted historian on the Ojibwa of Southern Ontario.

Yearbook

Have you a story for the yearbook?? Please write it down and send it to:

Isobelle Underwood
330 Tyendinaga Drive
Southampton, Ontario
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Phone 797-5361

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN MOVEMENT

The following interesting letter was received from Dr. Eldon Hay, 658 University Drive, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan where he is on sabbatical this year.

A Visit to Chesley, Ontario

For a 20-30 year span, beginning in the early 1890s, a small Reformed Presbyterian movement existed in some parts of Bruce County. The chief place was Teeswater, but members and adherents came from other places, including Chesley. This branch of Reformed Presbyterianism stemmed from the work of Rev. Nevin Woodside, of Pittsburgh, in the early 1880s. A congregation was later established in Toronto. In the early 1980s the minister of that Toronto congregation was the Rev. Stuart Acheson. The following is an account of a visit he made to Chesley in August of 1891. The account is undoubtedly written by Acheson himself, and was published in the Christian Sentinel, the monthly magazine-journal of the denomination in Sept., 1891, pp. 107-108. This particular issue was located in the Presbyterian Church in America archives in St. Louis, Missouri.

(Background supplied by Dr. Eldon Hay, Dept. of Religious Studies, Mount Allison U., Sackville, N.B., E0A 3E0)

Among other duties laid upon Rev. Stuart Acheson, of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Toronto, by the Presbytery, was to visit Chesley, Ontario. Mr. William Elliott, who held the office of Elder in the United Presbyterian Church, Chesley, before that congregation united with the the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, had with his wife and three daughters came all the way, over one hundred miles and joined the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Mr. Elliott had a married son who with his wife wished to join the First Reformed Presbyterian Church in Toronto, and they had also a son to be baptized. Rev. Stuart Acheson and his elder, Mr. James Johnson were appointed a commission of Presbytery to visit Chesley, receive these members into the Church and dispense the ordinance of baptism.

Mr. Johnson not being very strong at the time, was unable to visit the field. Mr. Acheson left Toronto on August 17, and the journey to Chesley was one of pleasure and delight. Ontario never looked better. One of the richest and most bountiful harvests that Ontario has ever seen was safely being gathered in. He thought of the time, when a lad on the old farm, he had with father and brothers, gathered in, in like manner the rich fruits of the earth, but now God was calling upon him to gather in a rich spiritual harvest, and perfect them through the ordinance of a pure Church and make them ripe sheaves for the grand harvest home. Two cities and several towns and rising villages and a rich and beautiful country were left behind, when in company with Mr. M.H. Ramage, his charming wife and infant son, all members of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Toronto, he found himself in the pleasant little village of Chesley. Chesley is situated on the branch of the river Sangeen [sic]. It has a magnificent water power and with the shrewd intelligence of a man of many gifts the place was selected and founded by our elder, Mr. William Elliott. Mr. Elliott was in waiting for his pastor with horse and carriage and a short time found me in the home of the founder of this growing and prosperous village.

Mr. Elliott has here a very fine flour mill and has water power sufficient when properly developed, to drive machinery for many valuable works in this growing town. The trustees of the Presbyterian Church in Canada very kindly gave us the use of their handsome and commodious church edifice. Service was arranged for Tuesday, August 18. The evening was all that could be desired. Many wives and daughters and stalwart sons as well as many of the villagers attended the services. The service was solemn and impressive throughout and the service of song was led for the first time by one of Mr. Elliott's sons, Mr. Alexander Elliott. He did his part well. The other

Reformed Presbyterian Movement con't

son, Mr. Thomas Elliott and his wife had been examined and admitted to the membership of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Toronto, and at the close of the service, Mr. William Elliott and wife and Mr. Thomas Elliott and wife stood forward holding each a son and these were by baptism received into the membership of the church. It was a pleasant and agreeable sight to see the father and son and then these sons all brought within the covenant by this sealing ordinance of baptism, or more properly speaking, the ordinance administered was a sign and seal to them of their interest in the covenant of grace. This visit to Chesley was a very enjoyable one, and every attention and hospitality was manifested by Mr. Elliott and the good people of Chesley. It was also a pleasure for me as pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church, Toronto, to find in this the fulfilment of the words of Isaiah, the prophet, that the church of the reformation was to enlarge the place of her tent and stretch forth the curtains of her habitation. She was to spare not, but lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes. She was to break forth on the right and on the left, and her seed should inherit the Gentiles and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Let every reader of the SENTINEL share in this glory and in the onward march of our church. Let us work. Let us give. Let us pray, and soon the place of His feet shall be made glorious.

A Query From One of Our Readers

I am particularly interested in Amabel Township and the area immediate to Hepworth and to a degree also interested in anything to do with the family of one Anthony (Tony) Ruth, son of Peter, who at one time had Lot 30 Concession 14 here in Culross and moved to Hepworth.

Avi ben David
R.R. #1
Holyrood, Ontario
N0G 2B0

About Books

Have you read David Kennedy Sr.'s book, "Pioneer Days at Guelph and the County of Bruce"? Although just a small book of less than 150 pages, it will certainly raise your interest in the early history of Bruce.

The story of the dangerous trip down the Saugeen River and the hardships of the first years in the bush help us to realize the hardiness and willpower of the pioneers. It is most interesting to read names that are familiar along the Saugeen, like Gowanlock, McNab, Wallace, etc. This book can be purchased from:

Don & Irma McSporran
R.R. #1
Paisley, Ontario
363-6844

INVERHURON BAY

A.C. Hull

Along the crescent of the shore
Both sand and rock abound
And cottages are interspersed
With cedars crowding round.

With summer breezes blowing
A glance out to the bay
Reveals the happy sailors
On Inverhuron Bay

From point to point they glide
With glistening sunlit hulls
While overhead are wheeling
The every-present gulls.

How often or if ever
Do those upon the shore
Consider days of yesteryear
Or what has gone before?

A port of some importance
Once was situated here
The beams south of the river
Are evidence quite clear.

Two lime kilns are still available
One on the curving shore
There's another south on Lake Street
Bedecked with flowers by the score.

At the western end of Caley Street
Just east of the old dock
Are some unimposing piles
Of crumbling ancient rock.

Foundations here of businesses
From a century ago
But disappeared forever
In a fire's burning glow

I wonder if those pioneers
From Inverhuron's past
Enjoyed the bay as we do
When their work was done at last.

For now upon the wave washed shore
On every sunlit day
Amidst the boats and people
The children come to play.

There's something binds us all as one
Both past and present too
A decisive commonality -
The beauty of the view.

A painter cannot capture
Nor a writer's words relay
The glory of a sunset
On Inverhuron Bay.

*Contributed by D.J. McDonald,
Brampton, Ontario*

Newsletter

Again may I say, I welcome any article that would be of interest to our readers. Please send to :

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A special thank you to those who have sent articles.

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Agawa Canyon Tour

Since I have had several inquiries about this tour, I contacted Hanover Holiday Tours Limited for final instructions. To reserve a seat for this trip send a deposit of \$100.00 by June 15, or as soon as possible to Hanover Holiday Tours Limited, 286A - 10th Street, Hanover, Ontario N4N 1P2. The remainder of the ticket fare is due August 15, 1992. Please book early as space is limited in Sault Ste Marie hotels during September.

Annual Dinner Meeting

October 17 at the noon hour, the Annual Dinner Meeting at the Wiarton Community Centre. Our speaker will be Dr. Peter Schmalz, noted historian on the Ojibwa of Southern Ontario.

Tour of the Bruce Peninsula

On May 21, a very happy group of fifty people travelled by bus and car, stopping at many points of interest, to learn the history of the area, as well as view the natural beauty. We left from the Bruce County Museum in Southampton about 8:30 in the morning, with short stops at Sauble Falls and Oliphant and through the Greig settlement to Colpoy's Bay. The weather was perfect and the wild flowers at their best, as we walked through the woods to the Cape Crocker look-out over the bay. Somehow we felt young again, remembering Arbor Day of our youth.

At Lion's Head we stopped for lunch provided by the ladies of the Anglican Church. Early in the afternoon we stopped at pretty St. Margaret's Chapel. Interesting to note, services are held there during the summer at 7:30 pm. Then on again to Whiskey Harbour, Pike Bay, Mar and back to Wiarton. We also visited Bruce's caves, another of the wonders of nature. We had time to visit the ruins of the Koran, Alexander McNeil's home on the hill. We tried to imagine the rose gardens and the splendor that once was there. Finally we enjoyed a tasty fish or beef dinner at the Barley Binn in Wiarton. We arrived back in Southampton in the early evening.

We are grateful to Harry and Joyce Whicher for arranging such an interesting tour and providing excellent commentary.

REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN MOVEMENT

The Reformed Presbyterian Church of Teeswater

As mentioned in the April edition of the Notes, there was a small Reformed Presbyterian movement for some 20-30 years in Bruce County. The chief place was Teeswater. A congregation came into being in that place. Teeswater was one of the congregations which formed the Pittsburgh presbytery, still later called the Pittsburgh and Ontario presbytery. The account which follows records the establishing of the Teeswater congregation. It appeared in the Christian Sentinel, the monthly magazine-journal of the denomination in September, 1891, pp. 108-111.

(Background supplied by Dr. Eldon Hay, Dept. of Religious Studies,
Mount Allison University, Sackville, N.B., E0A 3C0)

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The Reformed Presbyterian congregation of Teeswater, Ontario, is now the third congregation in this province under the care of the Reformed Presbytery of Pittsburgh [and Ontario]. The circumstances attending the formation of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Teeswater have been so providential that it is well that in some way the history should be preserved. The preservation of the history of the origin of this church in Teeswater will help the readers of the SENTINEL, both now and in after years, to have a well grounded faith in a particular providence that orders all things for His own glory and His people's good. The first intimation that the good people of Teeswater had of a Reformed Presbyterian Church in Toronto, that is of recent years, came through the Witness [a Scottish Reformed Presbyterian journal], published...in Paisley, Scotland.

Mrs. Whytock, a Reformed Presbyterian lady, had all along been taking this [Scottish] paper and she saw copied from the SENTINEL the account of the proceedings of the Scotch-Irish Congress held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in May, 1890, and the name of Rev. Stuart Acheson, M.A., Reformed Presbyterian minister of Toronto. Immediately Mrs. Whytock wrote to Mr. Acheson and asked if it could be possible that there was a Reformed minister and congregation in Toronto. Rev. Mr. Acheson received the letter and assured the good lady that the good news, though to her so unexpected was true, and sent her some copies of the SENTINEL. Mr. Norman McKenzie, of Teeswater, and Mrs. Whytock at once became subscribers to the SENTINEL: and forwarded their subscription of \$2.00. The reading of the SENTINEL for a few months soon convinced them of the soundness of the doctrine, practice and polity of the Reformed Presbytery of Pittsburgh [and Ontario].

Through the union of two congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in Teeswater and several matters arising out of that union and the tendency towards the introductions of hymns and organs which to the good people of Teeswater only seemed a matter of time, led the serious and more devout to hesitate to enter the union, as the church would then become so strong and the question of hymns and organs being left to a vote of the congregation, nothing would stand in their way and the voice of a few families would be of little weight in restraining the action of a united and large congregation. Another elder, Mr. James Reid, "Knock Hill farm" was deeply moved and saw the church of his attachment gradually departing from him. He spent many uneasy days and sleepless night pondering over the matter. Many others whose names need not be mentioned, and pious mothers in Israel felt in deep concern and mourned over the spiritual deadness and departure from the faith and the evident tendency to still further departures in their church. At last a few of these friends met together in the house and home of Mr. Norman McKenzie, of Teeswater. They set themselves, like earnest men and women, to devise and especially to ask of the Lord for wisdom. They put themselves in communication with Rev. Mr. Acheson, of Toronto, and as his communion was then approaching, two of the elders, Messrs. James Reid and Norman McKenzie resolved to attend the communion in Toronto and see for

themselves. They came Rev. Nevin Woodside assisted. The sermons were full of unction. The Holy Spirit was present. Deep conviction and earnestness were felt throughout. These elders from Teeswater felt like new men, the good old times seemed to steal back upon them. They found that for which they had travelled by train one hundred and twenty miles, nor did they regret the expenses or fatigue of their journey.

The Presbytery met with these elders and also with Mr. William Elliott, who had come about the same distance from Chesley, Ontario. The practice, doctrine and polity of the Reformed Presbyterian church was explained and the Rev. Mr. Acheson was appointed to visit Teeswater to preach on the Sabbath, explain the views of our church to the people, to hold a meeting thereafter and if deemed advisable, to organize a congregation of the Reformed Presbytery of Pittsburgh [and Ontario].

Rev. Mr. Acheson fulfilled the duties appointed him by the Presbytery, and visited Teeswater and preached in the town hall on July 5, 1891. The services both morning and evening were largely attended. A congregational meeting was held in the town hall on the following Monday, July 6. The following gathered around the long table used by the members of the Town Council for quite a different purpose:

Mr. Norman McKenzie, Mrs. Norman McKenzie, Mr. James Reid, Mrs. James Reid, Mrs. McCullough, Mr. I. Thompson, Mr. J. Thacker, Mrs. J. Tacker, Mrs. A. Gillis, Mr. McDonald, Mrs. McDonald, Mr. James Ritchie, Mr. D. Ritchie, Mr. D. McKay, Mrs. S. Hutton, Mr. George Steel, and the clerk of Presbytery, Rev. Stuart Acheson, M.A. There were also from a distance, Mr. Duncan Ross and Messrs. McKeiver and Saunders.

Such a deep religious feeling pervaded the meeting and the oneness of agreement in the Reformed Presbyterian Church was so manifest that it seemed evident that the Spirit of Truth had made these people of one mind. The church was thereupon organized and the liberal arrangements were made for the maintenance of a pastor.

The following interim session of elders who had already been ordained and served in congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, was appointed, viz: James Reid, Norman McKenzie and Duncan Ross. Men of acknowledged piety and worth in the community were appointed. A trustee board was also appointed, consisting of the following members: James Reid, President; David Ritchie, Treasurer; Geo. Steel, Secretary; William McDonald, John Thacker, Samuel Hutton and Thomas Thompson.

Rev. Mr. Acheson offered prayer and the church was formally organized and solemnly dedicated to Christ. Those who were present will never forget that meeting. It will have a place in the heart while it thinks and loves and feels. Many have spoken since of how they would have liked to have had a photograph of the gathering, around that long council table in the town hall, Teeswater. But the action is recorded in Heaven.

The blue banner of the Covenant was there unfolded. May the people of God rally around the old banner that our fathers carried on so many glorious fields of victory. This church is planted for the honor of Christ. These servants that honor Christ, God will highly honor them and place upon the head of each at last the crown of life.

Bruce County Historical Notes

I would welcome any article that would be of interest to our readers, who are not only in Bruce but in the western provinces and in U.S.A. Please send to:

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Auld Lang Syne

taken from the Paisley Advocate
February 26, 1992

50 Years Ago

Those persons who think that the recently instituted 'honor system' of sugar rationing as no teeth in its regulations, should know that they are very badly off beam. Last week, at Toronto, four housewives were brought into court and fined \$5 or an alternative of five days in jail when they were convicted of violating the order which prohibits excessive purchasing or acquiring of sugar. Three dealers, who were found guilty of selling more than the ration amount of one customer, also were convicted and fined heavily. Imposing sentence on the housewives Magistrate Prentice remarked that citizens were "put on their honor" not to hoard sugar. "The penalty that could be imposed is very heavy," he added. "I could impose a severe fine and jail terms for these offences. However, I feel that this time I should not impose a heavy penalty. This may be a lesson not only to these people, but to others who may gain information as to what happened." In a majority of communities, immediately after the Sunday night announcement of the sugar rationing, there was quite a heavy run on the supplies of neighbourhood or community groceries, and in view of the rather indefinite phrasing of Mr. Gordon, sugar was sold by the 100 lb. sacks right through until the following Tuesday. Some families succeeded in replenishing their sugar supply to the extent of one, two or even three sacks, by the simple expedient of make the purchases at different stores. Right now, in view of the recent cracking down of the law on hoarders, we rather imagine there are some mighty uncomfortable folk in Ontario - and even a few in Paisley.

Echoes from the Past

taken from the Warton Echo
March 4, 1992

50 Years Ago

- Postal rates: 3 cents for the first ounce, and 2 cents for each succeeding ounce.
- Gasoline ration books will be available for April 1st when rationing in Ontario goes into effect. Application must be made for the books and each coupon will purchase 5 gallons of gas.

The Informer

In a letter received from D.J. McDonald were copies of two editions of "The Informer" printed for the people of Tiverton and vicinity in October 1977. Following is an account of a "twister".

Twister Hits Tiverton Area

On Saturday, October 8th, 1977 some of the local residents of Tiverton and the Underwood area started their evening in a nightmare. At approx. 8:45 PM a Twister hit the area with such a tremendous strength that it tore into the Maitland Redi-Mix Plant partially destroying the building. The Twister then moved across the highway to Dennis Todd's Farm breaking windows and doing extensive damage to the their home. It then completely demolished the garage the sheds & the barn strewn debris through the fields and as far back as the bush. The Twister then moved north where it flattened a barn and downed hydro poles on the 4th Concession of Bruce. Underwood was the next to be hit where it downed hydro and telephone poles, twisted trees like they were match sticks. Coppers Variety Store was what seemed to be hardest hit in Underwood where it broke windows and then destroyed a work shed which contained a 1917 Willy Overland Antique Car, building materials and two snow machines. The Ribey farm just north of Underwood showed signs of storm damage with barn boards and parts of the barn roof missing. The clean up has started and at press time there was no estimate of damages. The next edition of the Informer will give full coverage.

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Annual Dinner Meeting

October 17, at 12:00 noon, the Annual Dinner Meeting at the Wiarton Community Centre. Our speaker will be Dr. Peter Schmalz of Walkerton, Ontario. Since his book "Objibwa of Southern Ontario" has been published, he has been asked to speak in many places. Some of these are Lake Head University, University of New York and to the Canadian Historical Association at P.E.I.

With the trees in glorious colour, it would be a splendid occasion to visit Wiarton and to hear this excellent speaker. Besides, a delicious whitefish dinner with yummy desserts will be served by the Clavering Women's Institute. Come one, come all to our annual get-together.

Query from one of our Readers

The following letter was received by the B.C.H.S. in June from:

Dan R. Jenkins
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Dear Sir/Madam:

I'm researching British North Americans who enlisted in the Northern Armies during the American Civil War, and it is my hope that the Bruce County Historical Society may be able to help me.

Specifically, I am interested in correspondence, diaries and newspaper articles, etc. written by or concerning individual British North Americans who enlisted. I would also appreciate hearing any suggestions about other organizations or people I could contact.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you have anything on the subject.

Thank you for your time and patience.

Echoes from the Past

from the Paisley Advocate files (sic) for January 5, 1905

In the voting for county commissioners, Division 3 elected W. McDond and D. McBeath. The division consists of Paisley and Chesley, Elderslie Township and part of Greenock.

Division 9, made up of Port Elgin, Southampton, Saugeen and Bruce Townships, elected H. Hilker and Alex McCannel.

Township councils elected for 1905:

Elderslie - Reeve Councillors	Geo. McKay W.J. Fortune P. O'Hagan Murdock Cambell A.C. Crecine
Bruce - Reeve Councillors	Jas. McEwen Dan Robertson H McCallum Wm. McLean John Nuttal
Greenock - Reeve Councillors	Thos. Fullerton A.C. McKee Michael McNab Dennis Philan Adam Reid
Saugeen - Reeve Councillors	R. Smyth Dougald Smith Wm. Howe J. T. Richardson Wm. Forrester
Brant - Reeve Councillors	F. Frook Elias Meilhausen Atchison Scott Dougald McCallum Wm. Glauser

Bruce County Historical Notes

Many thanks to the people who have sent me articles. If you have not seen them yet, they may appear in subsequent editions. I would welcome any article that would be of interest to our readers. Please send to:

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Since the plowing match is beginning to figure daily in the conversations around Bruce County, I want to share with you this interesting article from the Paisley Advocate files (sic) of January 7, 1920 sent in by Marion McGillivray.

Another outstanding figure in the life of this community for over half a century has been removed by the death of Mr. John B. McArthur, who died December 29.

The history of Paisley during Mr. McArthur's business life is indelibly marked by his activities as tradesman and in civic affairs and the church.

Born at Ardtalnaig, Perthshire, Scotland, in 1832, he learned the blacksmithing with his father and at 22 years of age came to Canada and went into business with his eldest brother, Donald, at Kenmore, Ontario. Then he was at Dunbarton for a year and Fergus for a couple of years before coming to Paisley in 1867. Before coming up he had late J. C. McIntyre buy him a farm on the 4th of Elderslie, which he continued to own until recently. Upon coming to Paisley, however, he decided to engage in his trade. Going to Montreal, he purchased so extensive a stock of iron that men who saw it unloaded from a boat at Southampton expressed their curiosity as to who was such a fool as to bring the shipment to the new and unheard of centre of industry said to be Paisley.

Mr. McArthur's optimistic view of the future was not a mistaken one. Almost at once he experienced a trade boom, and his stock of iron was used up within a year. The late Peter Reid of Elderslie was the first man at the anvil in the new shop. John Deans was the painter. John and Thos. Wright the first wagonmakers employed. They worked long hours filling the demand for plows, harrows and other equipment for tilling the virgin soil of the surrounding country.

In the making of plows Mr. McArthur made a phenomenal success with a form of moldboard which he designed, patented and manufactured, and with which, under 1920 conditions and methods of specialization might bring a fortune in itself. This moldboard eventually brought the patentee the sobriquet of "Prize winning McArthur", as his plows invariably won the places in all the plowing competitions in the land. Old Country makers adopted it, and when the late A. Ross of Underwood sent to Scotland for the best moldboard that could be obtained, he was furnished with one of McArthur's patterns. It is only a few years ago that the Fuelry Co., Ontario makers, sent for Mr. McArthur to build a plow with a moldboard such as was on an old one of his make.

Mr. McArthur, in the course of a few years, turned his attention more to carriage building, his shops becoming likewise famous for the handsome and durable carriages, buggies, democrats and other wheeled rigs, which captured all the prize tickets wherever exhibited at the local and county fairs.

The Lamp

from the

Canadian Farmer - June 15, 1868

When suns decline and crickets sing,
And wandering mists from seaward roam,
When nights no heavenly beacons bring,
Then brightest shines the star of home,

When the brown brooks, with music low,
Watch summers die and autumns come,
When stately golden rods must bow,
What cheer is in that light of home!

When winter strips the shuddering trees,
And chills the wavelet's wanton foam,
When in the world's cold grasp we freeze,
How blest is then that star of home!

Atlantic Monthly

The following article has been prepared by Hilda Downey.

DAVID BROWN MILNE 1882 - 1953

Bruce county's famous painter, David Brown Milne, (1882-1953), was honoured by Canada Post on 29 June when it issued a 50 cent stamp, featuring one of Milne's best known paintings, "Red Nasturtiums".

In 1962 the Bruce County Historical Society assisted the Ontario Archaeological and Historical Sites and Monuments Board with the erecting and unveiling of a memorial plaque in honour of David Milne where The Foundry used to stand close to the Queen street North bridge where it crosses Willow Creek in Paisley.

David was the son of William and Mary (Doverty) Milne who came from Aberdeenshire, Scotland, and settled on Lot 19, Concession 10, Saugeen township near Burgoyne where William became a farm labourer. David was born here on 8 January, 1882, the youngest of ten children. When he was quite young the family moved into Paisley and he received his education at Paisley Public School and Walkerton High School. He taught school for a few years in Saugeen district while saving his money, and then with further financial assistance from a brother he attended the Art Students' College in New York City, at the age of 22 years. The late Miss Eleanor Lohead of Chesley wrote a story about Milne for the B.C.H.S. 1967 Centennial Year Book, from which we quote the following excerpts:

"New York and its environs, the Catskills, the Adirondacks, and Boston areas provided inspiration for the young painter. ---- Recognition came when five of his paintings were shown in the famous Armourys Exhibition in 1913.

"After the war he lived at intervals in the United States and Canada. Painting from this period were exhibited at a Cornell University exhibition and at Wembly in 1924 and 1925.

"In 1955 the National Gallery of Canada organized an exhibition which was shown in leading Canadian Galleries. ---- The Right Honourable Vincent Massey and Mrs. Massey sponsored an exhibition of his paintings which brought wider recognition of the perception and value of Milne's mature work. ---- He was a keen draughtsman, a water colorist, and graphic artist.

"The David B. Milne collection in the B.C.H.S. Museum of Southampton includes two of his early paintings, painted while he was in New York, the cane he used while serving on the staff of the Canadian Army during World War II, the white bowl he used for flower display while painting still life pictures, a watch he sent to Mrs. Milne while serving with the Army, several etchings of friends of the Milnes', and a New Testament given to him as a prize while attending Public School in Paisley. On the fly leaf is a scroll in ink depicting the dove of peace, which even at that early period of his life showed the promise of future greatness for the young artist. These were donated to the Museum by Mrs. Milne.

"David Milne was married twice. In 1912 he married Patsy Hagerty. They were divorced in 1939 and later he married Kathleen Pavey by whom he had his only child, David Jr. in 1941. When he developed cancer he retired to his home on Lake Baptiste near Bancroft. He took a stroke in November of 1952 and died 26 December 1953.

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A New Year

As you have already noted, we have made a New Year's resolution to drop the number of newsletters per year from four to two, because the price of postage is prohibitive. We plan to issue them in March and September. As before articles for publishing are appreciated.

Note - postage for books and booklets has doubled recently.

Dinner Meeting

Annual Dinner Meeting to be held at the Tiverton Community Centre on October 23, 1993 at the noon hour. Dr. Mary and Dr. Rodger Schwass of Toronto, formerly of Bruce County, will be guest speakers.

Submissions for the Yearbook

Mrs. Shirley McClure, yearbook editor, is looking for stories from every corner of the county. If you have something for her, please send it to:

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May "One Day" Bus Tour

As planned when we took last year's grand tour of the peninsula we would arrange a south Bruce trip for this year. We soon realized we could not possibly see everything in a one day event, so we have arranged for a tour of the west side this year, hopefully the east side next year. Reserve May 27, 1993 for a trip starting from the Bruce County Museum at 8:30 a.m. We will visit the Amphitheatre, then McGregor Park, lunch at Underwood in the church, the Pine River Cheese Factory and finally Point Clark Lighthouse and Museum. From there we will cross country to Dunkeld Tavern for dinner. The cost for the entire day will be \$35.00, this includes both lunch and dinner, admission to Point Clark and bus fare. We hope for a full bus load of 47 people.

To reserve a seat on the bus please phone Christine Welsh at 832-2853 for instructions

OR

mail a cheque made out to "The Bruce County Historical Society" for \$35.00 to:

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No "4 Day" Bus Trip

The executive is not planning a several day bus trip this year. With the International Plowing Match taking place in Bruce County this September, many people are very busy preparing for that. So it seems more important for us to endeavour to be good hosts and hostesses for this event. Perhaps another year we will plan a trip out of the area.

INTERESTING ARTICLE

from

OCTOBER 22, 1966

The executive of the Bruce County Historical Society were given an unanimous vote of confidence at their annual banquet, held at the Legion Hall in Kincardine, Thursday evening. The members of the executive were all returned to their present offices.

Harvey Linklater of Kincardine is President; Mrs. Jamieson Hunter of Tiverton, Treasurer; Mrs. Hilda Downey of Tiverton, Secretary and Pharis Mathers of Lucknow, Vice-President.

" A Reminder "

Yearbooks have been made available to paid-up members. Please check your files to see if your 1993 dues are paid.

This article sent in by Isobelle Underwood was taken from The Canada Farmer, August 15, 1868.

The New Double Furrow Plough

The recent invention was tried on Saturday last, through arrangements made by Messrs. Benjamin Reid and Co., on a field at Rubislaw, near Aberdeen. The plough is the invention of Messrs. Thomas Pirie and Co., millwrights, Longside, Aberdeenshire, by whom it was patented and first exhibited at the show of the Royal Northern Agricultural Society in July last. There it received commendation from the judges, and was set aside for trial in autumn. At the trial, which took place on the farm of Auchterellon at the same time as the competition in reaping-machines, held under the auspices of the Society, its merits were seen and appreciated. One man can superintend the plough and also drive the horses. By means of two iron handles or levers, fitted with regulating screws -- one regulating the first plough, the other for regulating the second -- he directs the depth of the furrow slice, which can be altered at any time without stopping. A third lever is used to move the front or steerage wheel, by which the plough is readily turned. On this occasion, the size of the furrow was six by nine inches. The coulter and mould-boards are of cast steel. Applying the dynamometer, the draught was found to be favourable as compared with that of the single plough. Here the average draught was nearly six cwt., and the common plough, when tried on the same ground, averaged four and a half. Tried immediately after on land after turnips, the difference was rather more marked; so that it may be stated generally that the draught of the double furrow plough on such land is much about the same as the common plough on lea. Of course, the same dimension, six by nine inches, was adhered to in making the comparison. Trials made on heavy clay lea, in different parts of the county, show a similar difference of draught between the double and single plough. On such, it is calculated, three horses draw the former with more ease than two can do the latter. And then, as the amount of work done, with two horses in eight hours, one double plough turns over two imperial acres of light loamy lea; and as an instance in point, on the farm of Tippetty, near Ellon, some weeks ago, with three horses, strong land in lea was ploughed with a furrow of seven inches by nine and a half inches, at the rate of two and a half acres in ten hours.

--- FARMER (Scottish)

DON'T QUIT

When things go wrong as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When the funds are low and debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,
When care is pressing you down
a bit
Rest, if you must; but don't quit.
Success is failure turned inside out.
The silver tint of clouds of doubt -
And you never can tell how close you really are
It may be near when it seems
afar.
So stick to the fight when
you're hardest hit.
It's when things seem worst
that you must not quit.

Author Unknown

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Dates to Remember

September 21 - 25

Everyone is interested in the 80th Annual International Plowing Match, that is being held near Walkerton in Bruce County from September 21st to the 25th. Reports say it is to be bigger and better than ever. Come out and share in the Bruce County hospitality. The Bruce County Historical Society plans to enter an antique float in the parade as well as having an exhibit in the attractions tent.



October 23

Annual Dinner meeting of the Bruce County Historical Society at 12:00 o'clock noon at the Tiverton Community Centre. Speakers will be Dr. Mary and Dr. Rodger Schwass of Toronto and Bruce County. Rodger is currently Professor of Environmental Studies at York University. He is also involved in International projects in Pakistan, Kenya and Indonesia. Mary is at present serving on the Ontario Environmental Appeal Board and is project manager for the Canadian International Development Agency in China.

Tickets for the meeting will be available from any executive member.

Bruce Beach Centennial

The summer of 1994 marks the centennial of the Bruce Beach Association. Bruce Beach is located in Huron Township on the shores of Lake Huron, south of Kincardine. To mark the occasion, a round of special events is planned for July and August, 1994. As a fund-raising project the Association has put out calendars featuring scenes of the beach and its summer visitors. The calendar year runs from Aug.1, 1993 to July 31, 1994. The 1994 calendar will run from Aug.1, 1994 to Dec.31, 1995 and is expected to be the last calendar put out by the Association. Also, there are previous calendars available for historians from Jim DeFerrari, R.R. #1, Kincardine, Ontario N2Z 2X3. Current calendars sell for \$7.00 for 3 for \$20.00.

In accordance with the Centennial, we have included in the Bruce County Historical Society Yearbook, 1994, two articles submitted by two of the Beach's summer residents, Carole Apsey and Dorothy Farquharson.

Bus Tour - May 27, 1993

Forty-nine guests gathered at the Bruce County Museum in the morning of May 27 to spend the day touring some interesting points on the west side of the county.

Our first stop was at the Amphitheatre, just out of Southampton. After viewing the grounds and taking in the spectacular scene down the Saugeen River, we were invited into the lovely church, where Rev. Eleanor Russ told us of her work with the people of the Saugeen First Nations. Then Rev. Earl Stotesbury related the story of the building of the amphitheatre. Both ministers expressed great joy and satisfaction in the use that many people are making of this beauty spot. Everyone left, desiring to return in the summer, when the flowers will be at their best.

From there we went to MacGregor Point Provincial Park. A knowledgeable guide gave us a guided tour of the park, pointing out many interesting plants and birds etc.

By this time we had developed an excellent appetite which was soon satiated by the ladies of Bruce Caterers at Underwood United Church. Quantities of hearty sandwiches and yummy desserts disappeared in short order.

Now back on the bus and away to Pine River Cheese Factory. From the observation gallery we saw cheese being made as well as watching a video that showed all the steps in the production of cheese. Several kinds of cheese were set out for tasting.

Our next stop was at Point Clark Lighthouse. The lighthouse keeper's house held many interesting artifacts. A good many of the group joined guided tours to the top of the lighthouse. Unfortunately, it was cloudy by this time, so the view was not as good as on a bright day.

Next, a stop at Lurgan Anglican Church, where Mr. & Mrs. Bill Collins greeted us and showed us this fine old building and grounds. Services are held there every Sunday morning. This is one of the oldest churches in the county being used consistently.

Now back on the bus and all the way across to Dunkeld Tavern for dinner. The food was delicious and service excellent. We certainly had a pleasant hour there. We arrived back at the Bruce County Museum in the early evening after having a friendly, educational spring outing.

GRANDMOTHER'S RECEET FER DOIN' THE FAMILY WASH Little Current - Lowland Centennial Museum - Sheguiandah, Ontario (CIRCA 1900)

1. BILD FIRE IN BACK YARD TO HEET KITTLE FER RAIN WATER.
2. SET TUBS SO SMOKE WON'T BLOW IN YER EYES IF WIND IS PERT.
3. PUT ONE HOLE CAKE OF LIE IN BYLIN' WATER.
4. SORT THINGS - MAKE THREE PILES - 1 PILE WHITE, 1 PILE CULLARD, AND 1 PILE WORK BRICHES AND RAGS.
5. MAKE STARCH - STUR FLOWER IN COLD WATER TO SMOOTH, THEN THIN DOWN WITH BYLIN' WATER.
6. RUB DIRTY SPOTS ON BOARD, SCRUB HARD, THEN BYLE. RUB CULLARD CLOSE BUT DON'T BYLE, JUST RENCH AND STARCH.
7. TAKE WHITE THINGS OUT OF KITTLE WITH BROOMSTICK HANDLE, THEN RENCH, BLEW AND STARCH.
8. SPRED TEE TOWELS ON GRASS, - HANG OLD RAGS ON FENCE.
9. PORE RENCH WATER ON FLOWER BED.
10. SCRUB PORCH WITH HOT SOAPY WATER.
11. TURN TUBS UPSIDE DOWN.
12. GO PUT ON CLEEN DRESS, SMOOTH HAIR WITH SIDE COMBS, BREW CUP OF TEE, SET AND REST A SPELL AND COUNT YER BLESSINGS.

SO GALS, HANG THIS RECEET ABOVE YOUR WASHING MACHINE,
AND WHEN THINGS LOOK BLEAK, AND YOU FEEL THOSE WASHDAY BLUES,
READ IT AGAIN!!!

William Gordon Powell

One of our charter members of the society, Gordon Powell, passed away last spring after a lengthy illness. He will be sorely missed because of the keen interest he showed in the society and its activities, especially the book publishing. He and his wife Dorothy attended the annual dinners as long as his health permitted, and it was with his encouragement that the society was nominated for and was awarded the Scadding Award in 1986.

Gordon's ancestors pioneered in Huron County on a boundary farm next to Point Clark. Following is his obituary.



POWELL, WILLIAM GORDON - At the Henderson General Hospital on Sunday, May 2, 1993, in his 79th year. Beloved husband of Dorothy. Dear father of Sheila Brokloff, Sharon Eastbury, Flora Zaporzan, Larry, Patrick, Dana and Beth Sherwood. Lovingly remembered by 10 grandchildren. Dear brother of Mary Gaddye. Funeral services were held at Knox Presbyterian Church. Interment Binbrook Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Cabot Head Lighthouse

On July 24, the volunteers of Cabot Head Lighthouse had a tour day and bake sale to promote awareness of their efforts to keep the light house from demolition. They appeared to have some effect for three students have been hired for the summer and dwell in the cottage of the keeper.

You go up Highway 6 to Dyers Bay Road, driving through beef farms and hay fields with the huge rolls. There is forest land here, very quiet and peaceful. Dyers Bay is a small group of homes and cottages facing Georgian Bay and snuggled below the escarpment. The Bruce Trail is nearby, and about four miles to Lark Whistle Gardens.

I was amazed to see a restaurant called Rocky Raccoon Cafe. The menu was international, featuring chef salad, pastas, fish dinners, no sandwiches or hamburgers.

The road to Cabot Head is a good gravel road travelling along the stoney beach with drifts of cobblestones instead of sand. (before they had to carry things from Gilles Lake).

The lighthouse stands on twenty-three acres of land, and the student has to list the plants and animals found there.

The building on first impression is surprisingly strong and in fairly good repair. There are a few shingles missing on the south east side, and they hoped the coast guard would re-roof it for them.

The lighthouse appears to be a two story frame on a good stone foundation. We were not permitted inside as the floors were being repaired. We were able to look in the western door to see acoustic tiled ceilings and a balistrated stairway to the second floor. These buildings were built by a Mr. George of Port Elgin and Mr. Webb of Southampton.

Materials were brought by boat to the dock below, or packed in from Gilles Lake. There are holes in the floor where chains with weights came down to regulate the light, just like the workings of a clock. They used kerosene at one time in the tower and in hot weather someone had to stay up there to prevent fires.

On the east side is a cement building that has the fog horn censors. A beam goes out to meet the fog, returning to cause the fog horn to blow.

Next year they plan to have an amphitheatre on the bank above the dock, and actors below would relate early history of the estate and raise some money in the effort.

In the porch of the light keepers home, they had a bake sale, and coffee, punch, and finger foods were available.

On the western side of the cottage a trail led to Windimere Basin, about 300 yards through a glade of trees and wild flowers. Through a narrow deep channel, boats were able to seek refuge from storms that hit the area. Although narrow, the split is deep enough for the keel of sailboats, and opens into a deep and wide basin, several acres in size.

The new tower has a light that rotates at a certain speed to warn sailors of the shoals off the coast of Cabot Head and also as a marker for navigation.

Will the tower be replaced on the old lighthouse? There are those who are working to educate Bruce County.

*submitted by
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Dates to Remember

June 21

One day bus trip to the Ontario Agricultural Museum at Milton, Ontario. The Highway coach will leave Wiarton at 7:15 am and proceed south making pick-ups at The Bruce County Museum at Southampton, at Tolmie Presbyterian Church in Port Elgin, in Paisley at the Missionary Church and farther south, if necessary.

Passengers will spend this Seniors' day at the Museum taking part in the many activities planned, such as line dancing, introductory tours and visiting the pioneer farmsteads, crossroad communities and display buildings. Food is available on the grounds or tables are there to enjoy a brown bag lunch. A good deal of walking will be involved while at the Museum, so comfortable footwear is a must. About 4:45 pm we will board the bus to drive to Millbank to have a hot roast beef dinner at Anna Mae's Restaurant. Then back to Bruce.

Fare of \$35.00 includes bus fare, admission to the Museum and dinner at Millbank. Please book early, as last year some were turned away. For more information and reservations call Christine Welsh at 832-2853.

October 22

The annual meeting of the Bruce County Historical Society will be held at the Elmwood Community Centre at 12:00 noon. The guest speaker will be Dr. Archie McKinnon of Guelph. Having many friends in Bruce County, his talk about "Songs, Stories and Survival in the Bruce Scotch Settlements" should prove very interesting.

Articles for the 1995 Yearbook

Now is the time for all good historians to sharpen their pencils or rev up their word processors and put some of their knowledge on paper for the 1995 Yearbook. We need articles of Historical interest from every part of the County. There is a lot out there.

Thank you to everyone who submitted articles last year.

Shirley McClure, Editor
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Bruce County Historical Society Annual Dinner

by Marion McGillivray

The Bruce County Historical Society wound up its year's activities when 180 members and guests gathered for the annual dinner meeting at the Tiverton Community Centre last October.

After a delicious beef dinner prepared and served by the ladies of Knox Presbyterian Church, Drs. Mary and Rodger Schwass spoke on the theme 'From Carrick to Landsay', detailing the life of the early settlers by drawing on incidents and data from their own family roots in the county. Their interesting and informative duologue was much appreciated by the audience, who at times joined in with questions and comments of their own.

The Society reported another successful year with a large part of its volunteer activity centred on the two homecomings in the county - Mildmay and Southampton, and on the International Ploughing Match in Walkerton. One example was the participation in the numerous parades with a century-old democrat owned by Ken and Janet Gowanlock of Saugeen. This democrat was owned and used for many years by the McClinton family of Saugeen and has recently been restored by the Gowanlocks.

The Society also continued with its collecting of historical data and stories, many of which are incorporated into its annual yearbook and the rest stored in the Archives of the Bruce County Museum in Southampton.

Society members enjoyed a bus trip of the southwestern part of the county, visiting such places as the Chippawa Amphitheatre, MacGregor Park, the Pine River Cheese Factory, Point Clark and what is believed to be the oldest church in Bruce County, Lurgan Anglican Church, built in 1857 and used continuously ever since.

Officers were installed for the 1993-94 year as follows: President - Lynn Caldwell; Honourary President - Bruce Krug; Past President - Kent Lamont; 1st Vice President - Dorne Fitzsimmons; 2nd Vice President - Donald McClure; Secretary - Marion McGillivray; Treasurer - Edna Avery; Membership Secretary - Clara Gilchrist; Newsletter Editor - Christine Welsh; Yearbook Editor - Shirley McClure; Book Custodians - Donald and Irma McSporran; and Directors - Harry and Joyce Whicher, Gerald and Myrtle Baptist, Donelda MacKinnon and Donald and Irma McSporran.

Membership in the Society continues to hover around 425.

Notice from Bruce Beach

A bronze plaque will be dedicated at Bruce Beach on July 31, 1994 as part of their centennial celebration. Dr. Andrew Wilson is placing a large rock there and designing the plaque.

Letter from Allan Bartley - January 31, 1994

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am conducting research for a social history of the 160th Bruce Battalion. The unit was formed in 1915-16 and trained in Canada and England before being disbanded in early 1918.

The Bruce Battalion was composed almost exclusively of men from Bruce County, and many of their descendants continue to live in the area.

My research has involved an extensive review of Canadian military archives, contemporary news reports and the Battalion history Bruce in Khaki published in 1934.

I am interested in expanding my research to examine letters, diaries or journals written by the men of the 160th during their military service.

I would appreciate very much if any of your readers holding such material would make it available to me for study. I am also interested in any photos of the Battalion.

If anyone has relevant material, I would appreciate if they would contact me at the following address to discuss making it available. My address is:

Allan Bartley
12 Letchworth Road
Ottawa, Ontario
K1S 0J4

Thank you very much for giving me space in the Society's newsletter.

Sincerely yours,

Allan Bartley.

**** Reminders ****

* Again this year there will be just two newsletters, one now and one in September.

Items for Historical Notes should be sent to : Christine Welsh
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Port Elgin, ON N0H 2C4

*Yearbooks have been made available to paid-up members. Please check your files to see if your 1994 dues are paid.

The following article from The Canada Farmer - January 1, 1868, contains advice as valid today as it was then.

Home Mirth

Don't be afraid of a little fun at home, good people! Don't shut up your houses lest the sun should fade your carpets -- and your hearts, lest a hearty laugh shake down some of the musty, old cobwebs there. If you want to ruin your sons, let them think that all mirth and social enjoyment must be left on the threshold without, when they come home at night. When once a home is regarded as only a place to eat, drink and sleep in, the work is begun that ends in gambling houses and reckless degradation. Young people must have fun and relaxation somewhere; if they do not find it at their own hearthstones, it will be sought at other and perhaps less profitable places. Therefore, let the fire burn brightly at night, and make the homestead delightful with all those little arts that parents so perfectly understand. Don't repress the buoyant spirits of your children. Half an hour of merriment round the lamp and firelight of a home, blots out the remembrance of many a care and annoyance during the day; and the best safeguard they can take with them into the world is the unseen influence of a bright, little domestic sanctum.

THE LAMP

When suns decline and crickets sing,
And wandering mists from seaward roam,
When nights no heavenly beacons bring,
Then brightest shines the star of home!

When the brown brooks, with music low,
Watch summers die and autumns come,
When stately golden rods must bow,
What cheer is in that light of home!

When winter strips the shuddering trees,
And chills the wavelet's wanton foam,
When in the world's cold grasp we freeze,
How blest is then that star of home!

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ANNUAL MEETING

October 22, 1994 at 12:00 noon the Bruce County Historical Society will hold their annual meeting at Elmwood Community Centre. Guest speaker will be Dr. Archie MacKinnon of Guelph, Ontario. Following is an interesting paragraph from a letter I received from him recently, and I quote

"I was born in 1927 at Elm Bower Farm on the Tenth of Kincardine, the second son of Susie and Finnie MacKinnon. I was helped into the world by Big Kate MacLean (Mrs. Allan Bell) who was the local midwife and who reported my birth to my father as "another Black MacKinnon" for the Scotch settlement. I left farming earlier than other Bruce farmers and went into teaching where I managed to hold a job on average for five years. In 1970 I joined the Canadian International Development Agency and learned as much as I could about how we are all interdependent and interrelated on this planet. The University of Guelph gave me a stimulating intellectual home from 1985 to 1991 when I retired. I am currently working on occasion in South East Asia in building education and training programs, I am learning to fly a sailplane and hoping to become a more active member of the Bruce County Historical Society having been a delinquent Life Member since 1954."

A. R. MacKinnon

A roast beef dinner will be provided by the ladies of Malcolm Women's Institute. Tickets for this dinner meeting will be available from any member of the executive.

Rhymes and Notes of an Industrial Chemist

This is the title of a book written by Harry Whicher of Colpoys Bay and recently published. From an article in the Owen Sound Sun Times we learned that this industrial chemist spent many nights in foreign hotels from Guyana to the hills of California. On sleepless nights he composed rhymes. The book also contains a prose section of humorous anecdotes. Mr. & Mrs. Whicher have been valued members and directors of the Bruce County Historical Society for many years. Congratulations on having this book published.

Visitors from France

Recently President Lynn Caldwell and his wife Marguerite entertained a family from France. Following is Marguerite's story of this visit.

A Pen-Pal's Dream Comes True

It was 1958, thirty-six years ago, when the French teacher at Markdale High School announced that she could obtain pen-pal names for us from France. The teacher felt this would help us to put into practice that which we were learning. The idea intrigued me! Had not my Huguenot ancestors come from France?

Over the years we did indeed enjoy corresponding with one another. Helene sent post-cards of her area, and I of mine. A picture is worth a thousand words! Helene left school to work in a office, and I became a teacher. Our letters became fewer. The original rules that the letters were to be written half in English and half in French no longer were in effect! However we never forgot one another at Christmas. We both married and had families. The photographs told the stories. Helene often expressed the desire they had to come to Canada to see us. When Expo '67 was in Montreal, her husband had come to Canada to sing with a choir group. Someday he hoped to return again with his family!

This past Christmas, Helene wrote to say that her husband would be celebrating his fiftieth birthday, and their two sons would be in University. Perhaps this was the year they should come! We wrote back to welcome them to our farm, sending maps and brochures of our area. Soon they had a date set and flight plans arranged. They would fly from Lyons, France on July 31st, 1994!

Needless to say it was exciting preparing for their visit. There were many ideas to consider to make this occasion very special for them. The day to meet them at the Toronto airport finally arrived. Would we recognize them from the recent photographs they had sent? We waited excitedly at Terminal 2. It turned out that they walked right out of the photographs and into our hearts. They were a lovely family. We felt like close friends from the first "Bonjour" to the last "Au Revoir"!

At first their two sons stayed with their parents to aid in translating, having a good grounding in English at school. However, we began, as time went on, to feel more comfortable, just using the dictionaries and a bit of French to express a thought. It became as if language was not the barrier we once feared.

In many ways our cultures were not so different. They enjoyed the same foods as we did, especially Bruce County beef.

There were several firsts for them, being pumpkin pie, corn on the cob and maple syrup. Chinese-Canadian food at a restaurant was definitely a first.

They toured the B.N.P.D. and saw the film in their own language. Nuclear power is also used in France.

We toured both sides of the Bruce Peninsula - saw an Indian Pow-Wow at Cape Croker and swam in Lake Huron at Sauble Beach. We visited the beautiful grounds of the Amphitheatre at Chippawa, near Southampton.

We gave them a glimpse into the history of our area by touring a museum. It showed the Indians and fur traders of long ago right through to the pioneers and

log homes, with people dressed in period costumes, living and working as in times gone by.

Then there was the beautiful Beaver Valley, Kimberley, the Blue Mountains at Collingwood, the slide ride, Midland the Martyr's Shrine and the historical fort "Ste. Marie among the Hurons."

They toured Niagara Falls and vicinity themselves, and felt happy to drive on our fine highways.

French-Canadian friends were met as well as young folk, eager to try to use their French language skills!

As Yves, Helene's husband, is in the carpentry business, he was most interested in our Canadian woods and building materials. He saw many different homes and those under construction. He was really happy to attend a "Wood Show" in this area.

One evening we played crocinole. This game proved to be fascinating to them. Yves even got plans for building a board.

They wondered about our Canadian winters. How cold did it get? How did we cope? We explained how our homes were heated. With the aid of home videos, they got other answers. The snow blower was a marvellous machine - and a snowmobile, too! Also, our summer does last longer than two months!

On the final days of the two weeks with us, we went to Toronto, visiting the downtown area and the C.N. Tower. Another couple joined us in the final farewell and dinner in Toronto.

We took them to the "Airport" and said "Au Revoir." For Helene and I this visit was certainly a dream that came true. I even found out that her family were known as Huguenots, too!

If only more people had the opportunity of sharing their lives in this way, it would help in creating good rapport between nations.

Little did my High School French teacher know what she did for us, 36 years ago in 1958.

by Marguerite (Northcott) Caldwell
R.R. #4 Paisley, Ontario

Bus Trip to Ontario Agricultural Museum

A bus ~~trip~~ load of members and friends boarded the bus on June 21 and made our way to Milton. The weather was fine and everyone visited the many exhibits at the Museum. The quilt display in the Administration Building was a major attraction for the ladies. Tractor drawn wagons supplied transportation. Many found the pioneer home and buildings very interesting. At the Gambrel barn, we were entertained with a fine display of line dancing and a concert by a harmonica band. Later in the afternoon we boarded the bus to go to Millbank for dinner at Anna Mae's Restaurant. After a pleasant ~~play~~ day and a delicious dinner, we enjoyed the ride back to Bruce on a lovely June evening.

St. Lukes' Anglican Church-Lurgan

On our 1993 bus trip we had the privilege of visiting this historic church. Mr. & Mrs. Bill Collins were on hand to show us the building and the well-kept grounds. It is believed to be one of the oldest churches in the county in continuous use. If you are ever in the district, take time to visit this historic place of worship. Following are some important dates in the history of St. Lukes.

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| 1857 | Congregation formed. |
| 1860 | Basic building completed and services commenced.
Situated on Lot 13 of the surveyed town plot of Alma. |
| 1862 | Church and cemetery ground dedicated.
Burial records indicate many infant deaths; 3 on December 25.
Original cemetery was across the river in the sand flats. |
| 1866 | Vestry, chancel and porch added on. Seating was sold. |
| 1874 | Congregation increased requiring more seats be added. |
| 1884 | New pump organ purchased and old melodeon given to organist. For the next number of years St. Lukes was in the circuit with Ripley and Amberley. |
| 1913 | Motion made that the Rector receive \$3.00 per Sunday |
| 1914 | Considered looking for a new site for the church, more centrally located. Idea was later squashed. |
| 1928 | Many renovations made to church, including: new pews, ceiling lowered, wainscoting walls and asphalt shingles to cover the exterior. Also lovely colored Altar window donated by the Young People. |
| 1951 | Horse stable built in 1859 remodelled into hall to accommodate Sunday School and church functions. |
| 1961 | Old burial ground sold and money used to buy and install six stained glass windows. These added to beauty of church. |
| 1966 | Cemetery fund initiated for upkeep of grounds. Very good young people's group at this time. |
| 1968 | Old wood box stove replaced by oil heater. |
| 1975 | Made connection with local municipal water system. |
| 1980 | Colored steel siding put on hall. |
| 1988 | Wooden floor removed and replaced by cement in hall. |
| 1989 | Aluminum cross placed on church peak as a memorial.
Also organ replaced by Calvinova keyboard; memorial also. |
| 1990 | New drywall applied to church interior and painted.
Floor sanded and urethaned. |
| 1991 | Ceiling of church insulated and vents installed. |
| 1992 | Colored steel roofing applied to hall roof.
Bell installed on entry roof in memory of original pioneers. |

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DATES TO REMEMBER

May 16, 1995 at 7:30 - "Bruce County Historical Society Awareness Night" at the Bruce County Museum in Southampton. History buffs come and see what is available, either from the Bruce County Historical Society or in the Archives at the museum.

June 20, 1995 - One day bus tour, leaving the Bruce County Museum, Southampton at 8:30 am. Stopping at Dunblane Presbyterian Church to hear the history of one of the oldest churches in Bruce County, then at the Treasure Chest Museum in Paisley, then McClure's Mill in Chesley and then a stroll in Krug's Kinghurst woodlot. Bus fare, lunch at Paisley, dinner at Marj's Village Kitchen Too at Elmwood and admission to the Museum will be included in the price of the ticket. Join us for a happy outing. For more information call Chris Paterson at 797-3526, Southampton.

October 21, 1995 - Annual Dinner meeting at 12:30 noon. Location - Legion Hall, Kincardine. Guest speaker will be Mr. Allan Bartley of Ottawa, writer and journalist. A native of Lindsay Township, he is currently working on a history of the 160th Battalion, 1916-1918.

Articles for the Yearbook

The time has come again for members to think and write about historical places, people, or events for the next Yearbook. We would also like you to notify us of Bruce County Centenarians in your area, especially those living in their own homes or with relatives. They are the ones we are most likely to miss. Send our articles to:

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ACTIVITIES FOR 1995

By Marion McGillivray

During its regular winter meetings the Executive of the Bruce County Historical Society has planned several upcoming activities for the current year.

At 7:30 pm on May 16, at the Bruce County Museum in Southampton, they plan to hold a *Bruce County Historical Society Awareness Night*, at which Society Projects will be displayed for the general public. Videos featuring Bruce and Howard Krug, Hilda Downey and Donalda McClure (who are all charter members of the society) will be shown, as well as the slides accumulated of the many historic buildings and sites in the county. All the historical books of the society will also be on display, as well as tapes, scrapbooks, pictures, etc. It has long been felt by the Executive that people interested in the history of Bruce County are not aware of information which is available to them in the Archives of the museum as well as in the Historical Society's possessions, and this is an attempt to remedy that situation. So all the history buffs in the county are urged to attend.

Another important event that has been planned by the society will take place at the Legion Hall, Kincardine, on Saturday, October 21 at 12:30 pm when, the annual dinner meeting will be held. Mr. Allan Barley of Ottawa will be the guest speaker. Allan is an accomplished writer and journalist, and has written several articles and booklets pertaining to Bruce County. He is a native of Lindsay Township with roots going back to the Lewis Settlement of Huron Township. His current project is a history of the 160th Bruce Battalion 1916-1918.

The Publication Committee of the society is working hard to have its new book on *Plaques and Cairns of Bruce County* ready for publication this spring. The committee thanks all the Women's Institutes and Municipal Councils who have helped by sending in pictures and articles on the above topics.

A Long Line of History 1910 - 1994

Recently an interesting book with the above title was published to chronicle the beginnings, growth and modernization of the Bruce Municipal Telephone System and to recognize the people who founded it and who keep it running today.

Special acknowledgement is given to Hilda Downey for her dedicated work in preparing the preliminary research notes on which the bulk of the manuscript was based.

Also to Anne Duke Judd who completed the official history of the Bruce Municipal Telephone System.

This book would prove interesting reading for anyone in Bruce County who daily avail themselves of the advantages of the telephone.

BRUCE COUNTY TARTAN

From the Owen Sound Sun Times Weekender of May 28, 1994 I gleaned some interesting facts about the Bruce County Tartan. Christine Patterson of Southampton is a member of the Women's Institute Tartan Committee. She has a deep interest in the tartan as her father Dr. Frank Morton, had a leading role in the establishing of the Bruce County Museum and later the county tartan.

The Women's Institute have over 100 separate items for sale, including woollens, teaspoons, towels, coffee mugs, ties and T-shirts.

Colours in the tartan symbolize different aspects of Bruce County life. Blue for the lakes, green for the forests, gold for the grain, purple for rare orchids and so on. The act of registering a plaid pattern makes it a tartan and Bruce County managed the relatively rare accomplishment by adapting the already registered tartan of the Bruce family.

For more information on Bruce County tartan contact:

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SONG OF THE TARTAN

Hurrah for the tartan, the County of Bruce,
How gallant and showy to wear,
With the red of the maples aflame on the hills
'Mid the green of the pines that are there.
There's the gold of the waving grain fields,
The white of the pounding surf
That rides o'er our dark, blue waters
Like a horse on a mossy turf.
A gay matching kilt for the lad and the lass
And a suite or a stole for my dame,
A free swinging plaidie for Jamie and me
Dress all of our family the same.
Come people of Bruce and others beside,
Wear it with pride and a sense of your own,
For the story of our county is there for all to see
In the colors of our tartan proudly shown.

By Olive E. Hepburn

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ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 1995 at 12:30 noon in the Kincardine Legion Hall, 219 Lambton Street, Kincardine, our annual dinner meeting will be held. Special speaker will be Allan Bartley. Mr. Bartley has been researching and writing a book on the 160th Battalion and has chosen as the title for his speech "The Historical Meaning of the 160th Bruce Battalion".

Since many of our people had relatives or friends in the 160th, I am certain this will be a very interesting topic for residents of Bruce County. A roast beef dinner will be provided by the Legion Auxiliary. Tickets for this dinner meeting will be available from any member of the executive.

Historical Plaques & Cairns in Bruce County

The Bruce County Historical Society is proud to announce its newest publication: **Historical Plaques and Cairns in Bruce County**, edited by Shirley McClure, Marion McGillvray and Isobelle Underwood.

Historical Plaques and Cairns in Bruce County is a must for the traveller in the Bruce. The book is divided into five main areas: The Lake Huron Shore, The Bruce Triangle, The East Side, The Lower Peninsula, and To Land's End. Arranged to follow the main routes through the County, it provides interesting bits of information on the places through which you pass. Take the opportunity to get off the highways and stay a while. Enjoy Bruce County's spectacular scenery, investigate an old mill, a lime kiln, a ghost town or two.

Don't worry about getting lost. Each chapter has excellent maps by Donald McSporran showing the exact location of every site. Even so, a helping hand is never far away in the Bruce.

Historical Plaques and Cairns in Bruce County contains over 150 photographs accompanied by a brief text telling each site's historical or cultural significance. This book will make a wonderful souvenir item for our visitors, as well as a gift for those who live, or used to live, in the County. It is available at the Bruce County Museum & Archives in Southampton, local bookstores, or from the Bruce County Historical Society book custodians, Donald and Irma McSporran, R.R.#1 Paisley, (519)363-2294.

Historical Plaques and Cairns in Bruce County

6"x9". 156pp. Includes index, maps.

\$10.00 Soft Cover. Spiral Binding.

In Memoriam

It is with deepest sorrow that we report the recent death of Mr. William A. Collins of Huron Township.

A veteran of World War II, Bill and his wife Frieda, raised their family and farmed near Bruce Beach. He took an active part in the life of the community and was a devoted member of St. Lukes Anglican Church at Lurgan.

Bill and his wife were inveterate travellers. Besides the usual tours that many of us enjoy in Canada, United States and Europe, they have also crossed Siberia on its famous railroad, visited South Africa and Patagonia, the most southerly part of South America. Afterwards, they shared their trips with many people by showing the slides that they took en route.

But most important, Bill was an untiring worker in the Bruce County Historical Society. He served in various positions including that of president in 1979. He acted as chairman for several New Horizons groups that supported the Bruce County Museum and Archives in its early days; in fact he was one of the promoters of the Archives (see 1979 yearbook). He was chairman of the Publications Committee that published A Pictorial History of Bruce County, which has been a best seller.

Bill approached life with zest and determination. He will be missed.

submitted by Marion McGillivray

Bruce County Junior Farmers - Port Elgin Junior Farmers -

It has been an important year for the Port Elgin Junior Farmers. They celebrated the 75th anniversary of its beginning with a banquet and dance. A large number of former presidents were on hand to reminisce and give support to the current executive lead by president, Cynthia Halliday. January 20, 1920 was the date of the first meeting of the Port Elgin Junior Farmers with James Christie as president. When Junior Farmers began, it was meant to be an education course for rural young people. Over the years the focus of the organization has changed. It still fosters the same leadership and management abilities but now operates as a service club with an agricultural base. They are involved in environmental projects and community betterment such as clean-up along the banks of the Saugeen River or the Adopt-a-Highway programme where sections of the Highway 21 are cleaned up. The club actively supports the local Fair Board, having a representative on the board. Junior Farmers isn't just for farmers anymore; anyone age 15 to 29 can join and the Port Elgin club currently has 36 members and was ranked in the top ten clubs in Ontario last year. The Ontario Food Grains Bank is another project being supported by the provincial association of which the Port Elgin club is a part. Let's give our support and be proud of the young people who continue to be involved in this worthwhile organization.

by Jacqueline McGillivray

The Life and Death of Port Head

The story of Port Head is the story of Captain Duncan Rowan, the son of a seafaring man born in Argyllshire, Scotland in October 1822. It was in February 18th, 1849 that Captain Rowan, his sister and his brother, John arrived in Kincardine after a journey over the ice from Goderich. Staying over-

night at Patrick Downie's Tavern the Captain learned that about 3 miles north of Kincardine was a place where small vessels could find decent anchorage. The next morning yoking up their oxen the Captain and his kin set out through the bush. On arriving at the place he noted a small island about 400 yards off shore. It was about 50 feet in length and width and stretching westward from the island was a shoal that could be easily built into a breakwater to afford a wonderful harbour for vessels. On the mainland facing the island was a flat land stretching back to a sloping hill topped by excellent farming land.

This was ideal for the Captain's purposes and they set to work at once erecting a log cabin. That summer they cleared the land and planted their first crop. The following year the lure of the water was too much for Captain Rowan, so he took command of the sailing schooner "Emily" which he sailed from Kincardine to Goderich. At the same time he constructed a wharf along the south edge of the island and built a causeway to the beach. Here he constructed a warehouse and nearby his neighbour, John McLeod opened a store. At the site of the present West home on the hill Wm and James Baird opened a steam driven saw mill. In 1852 the Captain married Miss McLean and hired her brother to be first mate on his sailing vessel.

The Captain's dream was to found a town on his homesite, and with this thought in mind in 1856 had lots 32, 33, and 34 on the Lake Range surveyed into village lots. The village prospects looked promising due to its better harbour facilities. Boats arriving at Kincardine had to unload their cargoes on scows in deep water and if it were at all rough it was necessary to unload at Captain Rowan's dock further up the lake. Much to the indignation of Kincardine residents it did not take much of a ripple on the lake for Captain Rowan to decide it was ABSOLUTELY necessary to land at his dock rather than Kincardine.

In 1857 a Post Office was opened and the village was christened Port Head. After commanding several sailing vessels the Captain in 1856 operated his first steam vessel the "Ploughboy" which sailed regularly from Windsor to the Bruce Mines. Many of the first settlers were brought to Kincardine on the open decks of the "Ploughboy" a solid link in the chain of Kincardine history. Its many adventures are another story.

In 1857 Captain Rowan's hopes were dashed to ruin when a mighty fall gale arose on the lake, washed away his docks and warehouse and wrecked his gallant boat the "Ploughboy". This was the deathknell of Port Head. The sawmill closed in 1858. Mr. McLeod moved his store to Kincardine and the village just faded away. Meanwhile a harbour had been constructed in Kincardine and Captain Rowan with his new boat the "Islander" moved his anchorage there. He retained his farm and land at Port Head (now occupied by Ivan Bradley) and finally retired there in 1871. He farmed and continued to fish from a small boat setting out nets. He moved to Kincardine finally and died there on July 20th, 1903. His wife, every bit as good a sailor as he was himself lived until December 1927 when she died at the age of 93.

Today Port Head is more familiarly known as Stoney Island and is fast becoming a summer resort. To this day about 30 feet north of the island can be seen a iron ring fastened to a large stone where Captain Rowan used to tie his boat. A few old pilings imbedded in sand are all that remain of his wharf. Captain Rowan and his wife are lying in the Kincardine cemetery.

But for an act of God in the form of a heavy squall Captains Rowan's dream may have come true, and today Port Head would be a busy town while Kincardine would be a few old ruins at the mouth of the river.

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The Mennonite Farmer

from the Trilogy-March 12, 1975

Here comes a Mennonite farmer down the road,
In his team-drawn buckboard, with its heavy load;
A broad brimmed hat, whiskers on his chin,
A transplant in our land, we respect him,
This hard working man is honest and fine.
He works from dawn to dark to make up his dimes.

In his modest farm home, well scrubbed he dwells,
Happy with his wife and brood, the story tells;
In a white-washed stable he raises his stock,
Bright lights of the cities interest him not.
He is contented to live by God's rules,
With primary education, no higher schools.

Up and down the streets of nearby towns he goes,
Peddling his produce of vegetables, fowl, rose.
His produce is so fresh, fowl so clean,
To a busy housewife, this is a dream:
Years ago from the South they came to our land,
Because of our integrity, we understand.

In times of trouble, no better neighbor than he,
With his horses and help attends every bee.
Barn raisings are now a thing of the past,
But he was there with his help, while they did last;
No recompense he wanted, in God's set of rules,
But that neighbor help neighbor be in the pool.

So, hats off to the Mennonites, we welcome you,
To your adopted land, may you ever be true.

by Pearl McKelvie Paterson Kerr

Sentimental Journey

from Queen's Bush Quill, 1975

Within the wainscotted walls of one room
schools, many lived through experiences
in life and learning, which prepared them
well for days ahead. The rural school
housing eight grades has become an institution of the past.

The memory lingers on, though for those
who were a part of this tradition in education.

Hearing the recitations and lessons of other
classes served to prepare youngsters for the
work of years ahead, and review the facts
and skills learned in years behind.

The school cafeteria consisted of a hot plate
in the back corner beside the water bucket.

The gym was outside, where every pupil
was needed to make two full line-ups for a
ball game.

The school year had special high spots
which served as milestones in the slow
passage of childhood time- fall fair holiday-
the inspector's visit- the Christmas
concert- Arbour Day.

And school closing seemed just as slow
in coming as it does for the youngsters in
the schools today, awaiting summer holidays.

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Dates To Remember

June 18, 1996: Again we will enjoy a bus trip up the Bruce Peninsula. Stops will be made at points of interest, such as Oliphant, the Corran at Wiarton, the Cape Hurd Lighthouse and Tobermory. Please take along a box lunch for noon and dinner will be purchased at Tobermory. The bus will leave from the Bruce County Museum, Southampton at 8:30 AM. For information call Chris Paterson at (519) 797-3526.

June 25, 1996: District Meeting - On June 23, 1996 a south district meeting will be held in the Presbyterian Church, Teeswater at 8:00 PM. The speaker will be Dr. Eldon Hay, Professor of Religious Studies, Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB. His topic will be 'The Presbyterians of Teeswater, 1850-1900'. All are welcome.

October 26, 1996: Annual Dinner Meeting at 12:30 PM at the Legion Hall in Hepworth. The speaker will be Clarke Birchard, speaking on the Indian Portage Route.

Yearbook 1997: 'The time has come to write of many things', to paraphrase the Walrus, and send them for inclusion in the next yearbook. 'What things' you may ask. Some answers can be found in our newest publication "Historic Plaques and Cairns in Bruce County". Most of the historic persons, places and events have not been mentioned in our Yearbooks. I am looking forward to receiving your submissions. If you wish to check out a topic, please contact:

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A reminder: Members who pay their fees annually are reminded to check their records. Annual fees are due each January and amount to \$10. The yearbook which is published the previous October, will be mailed on receipt of this payment.

A New Historical Plaque for Bruce County

The Bruce County Historical Society will be applying to the Ontario Heritage Foundation, Provincial Plaque Program for the erection of an historical plaque to commemorate the ancient portage and canoe route that crossed the Bruce Peninsula from what is now Wiarton to what is now Oliphant and to the mouth of the Sauble River. It is proposed that the plaque be placed on Bruce County Road # 21, west of Wiarton, adjacent to the Rankin River.

This ancient crossing is one of the most unique and significant prehistoric and historic sites in our County. We feel that recognising the site with a provincial historical plaque will improve local knowledge of the area as well as enriching the experience of highway travellers, canoe trippers, recreational boaters and fisher people using the MNR boat launch, tour groups such as F.O.N. and Elderhostel on educational holidays in the area, and classes from the nearby Outdoor Education Centre.

We are being assisted with the research and application process by Clarke Birchard of Chesley. Mr. Birchard is a retired Supervisor of Outdoor/Environmental Education for The Bruce County Board of Education. He spent many years developing the programs and facilities for the Outdoor Education Centre near that location and collecting information on the natural and human history of the area for use with teachers and students. He continues his work in Environmental Education as an occasional instructor for Nipissing University and Elderhostel, as an educational consultant and as a field trip leader in the Bruce Peninsula.

The Ontario Provincial Plaque Program operates on a matching-funds basis. Applications for plaques are made by April 15 and the results are announced in August. If our proposal is approved, it will be necessary for the Historical Society to raise at least \$ 2,500. If successful we will undertake a vigorous fund-raising campaign beginning in September and will be seeking donations from our members and from many community groups at that time.

The following essay, written by Mr. Birchard, describes the historical significance of the route and will accompany our application.

The Bruce Peninsula Portage and Canoe Route: Colpoy Bay to Lake Huron

by Clarke E. Birchard

Sherwood Fox in his landmark book of 1952, The Bruce Beckons, refers to the Bruce Peninsula in several ways: "... it is a sword that has cleaved a body clean in twain: instead of one lake there are two" "... a spear piercing the very heart of the Great Lakes", "... a formidable obstacle dropped most inconveniently across routes which would otherwise be short and easy", "... the great North American rendezvous of plants" and "... the great clear-cut promontory of the Great Lakes".

This rocky natural causeway that separates Georgian Bay from Lake Huron, this northern wild garden, today attracts naturalists, botanists, geologists, hikers, canoeists, photographers and others from all corners of the globe. It was not always a destination for nature study, research and recreation. For many people of an earlier time it was an impediment. Rather than chance the long and perilous journey around the tip of the peninsula early travellers developed and followed a land and water route across the peninsula at its narrowest point from what is now Wiarton to what is now Oliphant or to the mouth of the Saugeen River at Southampton.

The oral tradition of the Indian inhabitants of the Bruce Peninsula has indicated that the route was well-known and often used by those seeking access to the fishing resources of the Lake Huron shore and the Fishing Islands, by those making social visits to and from the large Indian community at the mouth of the Saugeen River and for purposes of trade or war.

From the time of Champlain's first travels through the area in 1615 there are several references to the crossing route and it appears on a number of early maps. Some of the journal entries of travellers are instructive and entertaining when viewed from a modern perspective.

One example is the entry of Captain William Owen in 1815, "On one of these islands I found Indians, one of whom informed me that from the head of Colpoy Bay within this sound (now Wiarton) is a pretty considerable lake in the land (Boat Lake or Spry Lake) whence there is another short portage to the opposite coast of the Cabotian Peninsula, taking but six or eight hours from this side to that side of it."

Another example, from the the diary of missionary William Case in 1833, reads as follows - "One man took the canoe and gun, another carried the tent and provisions, a third slung upon his back the trunk of books (religious writings in Ojibway). It fell upon my lot to carry the valise and other articles of about 40 lb. Thus laded we ascended a considerable hill, and in two hours had overcome about four miles ... so heavy was our burdens that we had to lay them down and rest every twenty minutes".

Boat Lake, the Rankin-Sauble waterway and the peninsula crossing first appeared on a map by the Jesuit Father Francois Joseph Bressani in 1657. On a map by d'Anville in 1755 the name "Ouendiagui" appears, which in the Huron language means "island or peninsula cut off". The designation could apply equally well to the peninsula or to the portage and canoe route which we would describe as a "cut-off" or short cut. Captain Owen, after whom Owen Sound was named, carried out the first official hydrographic survey of the area and shows the crossing route on a map of 1815.

During the period from the beginning of recorded history until the construction of a road across the peninsula in 1871, approximately along the same route as the portage trail, the route was used for access to fishing, for social visits, for trade, by both Recollet and Jesuit missionaries, for warfare and for access to the emerging "resort" areas of Oliphant and the Fishing Islands.

The existence of the route was documented by Irene Bowman in a 1975 unpublished report for the Ministry of Natural Resources and researched by Andrew Armitage of Owen Sound for a 1977 article in the Owen Sound Sun Times. During the summers of 1987 and 1989, archaeologist James Molnar, working with summer course students from secondary schools of The Bruce County Board of Education, carried out excavations along the shore of Boat Lake and collected the most recent field data and artifacts to support the existence of the route and one of the landing places on Boat Lake.

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Annual Dinner Meeting

The Bruce County Historical Society annual dinner meeting will be held in the Legion Hall at Hepworth on Saturday, October 26 at 12:30 P.M. Tickets are available from any member of the executive. Price per ticket is \$14.00.

The speaker for the event is Clarke E. Birchard, Consultant - Outdoor, Environmental and Science Education speaking on "The Bruce Peninsula Portage and Canoe Route and the Rankin River."

Description of speech

The speaker will trace the history of the ancient crossing of the peninsula from what is now Wiarton to what is now Oliphant and describe recent archaeological findings along the route. Reference will also be made to the human and natural history of the Rankin River watershed and the efforts to preserve and protect this unique and valuable wetlands complex for education, research and recreation.

The speaker

Clarke Birchard retired in 1992 from the position of Supervisor of Outdoor Education and Science with The Bruce County Board of Education. He was responsible for the founding and development of the Outdoor Education Centre located on the ancient portage and canoe route adjacent to Boat and Spry Lakes. Each year several thousand students from Bruce County schools visit the Centre, where they learn, by first-hand experience, of nature, environmental conservation, local history, geography and numerous other outdoor topics.

A New Plaque

"The Bruce County Historical Society has received approval from the Ontario Heritage Foundation, for the erection of a provincial historical plaque to commemorate the ancient portage and canoe route that crossed the Bruce Peninsula from what is now Wiarton to what is now Oliphant and the mouth of the Sauble River. This ancient crossing is one of the most unique and significant prehistoric and historic sites in our county. It is proposed that the plaque be placed beside County Road #21 west of Wiarton near the Rankin River where it will be accessible to highway travelers, river users and staff and students from the nearby Outdoor Education Centre.

The total cost of production and erection of the plaque will be at least \$5,000. The Ontario Provincial Plaque Program operates on a matching-funds basis. Therefore, it is necessary for the Historical Society to raise at least \$2,500, and more if possible.

According to the Constitution of the Bruce County Historical Society, one of our objectives is, "to disseminate historical information and arouse interest ... by marking historic sites...." We shall be seeking the financial assistance of local municipalities and community groups. However, the Executive would consider a small donation from quite a number of members as an expression of your interest in marking historic sites. Should there be a surplus it will be used for future plaques.

The Bruce County Historical Society has a charitable donations number to issue receipts. Please make cheques payable to Bruce County Historical Society, and send to the Treasurer, Bruce County Historical Society, Box 391, Kincardine, ON.

Bus Tour of the Bruce Peninsula '96

- by Chris Paterson

The 18th of June was cool and cloudy, but thank goodness not raining as we boarded the bus for our trip up the Bruce Peninsula. Our first stop was the Oliphant Fen Boardwalk. There was a brief stop at the Oliphant Corners to pick up our commentator **Harry Whicher**, his wife and a fellow passenger. Then on to the Fen. The late spring delayed the appearance of the orchids, but we did see golden ragwort, Indian paint brush and blue grass but not like the carpets described by Sherwood Fox, "as more glorious than any oriental rug." Some pitcher plants were also poking their heads up.

Back on the bus, we traveled the Oliphant Road to the Bluewater Park at Wiarton with a brief stop at the bridge between Spry and Boat Lakes to view the proposed site of the Provincial Historical Plaque commemorating the Bruce Peninsula Portage and Canoe Route.

At Bluewater Park a member of the Wiarton Train Committee opened the station for us and gave us a delightful insight into the hazards of making a train journey from Toronto to Wiarton at the turn of the century. We also viewed the monument erected to Wiarton Willie but the winds were too chilly to enjoy much plaque viewing.

Our next stop was the Corran. As a boy, our commentator Harry had often visited this once

elegant estate with his mother. He recalled the acres of roses and peonies and the magnificent view of Colpoys Bay.

From the Corran, we traveled north along Bruce 9 to Lion's Head for a chili lunch, Harry pointing out places of interest along the way.

After Lion's Head we traveled for Forty Hills road to Dyer's Bay with a stop to visit St. Margaret's church at Cape Chin. Then on to Cabot's Head with the weather now much warmer. The lighthouse had been opened for our visit. A tour of the rooms gave us a glimpse of life as a lighthouse keeper, while a climb to the light offered us a magnificent view of Georgian Bay and the escarpment. Some of us followed the path to Wingfield Basin.

From Cabot Head we journeyed to Tobermory and supper. An early arrival gave us an hour to ourselves to view plaques and to shop before meeting at Jenny's Dockhouse where we enjoyed a marvelous dinner.

Replete, we once again boarded the bus for our homeward journey along the Lake Huron Shore. Back at the museum we left the bus satisfied we had had an enjoyable day.

For next year the program committee is considering a trip through southern Bruce and Grey counties, including a look at Deifenbaker country and the contribution made by those of German origin to the development of Bruce County.

Taken from the Port Elgin Times paper, September 1926, sent in by Mrs. Mae McConkey in 1984.

"Vernon, aged 2 yr 8 mo., son of Rev & Mrs. A.F. Gooding Has Harrowing Experience."

Lost in John E. McArthur's one thousand acre bush, at about noon on Saturday and found about 7 o'clock on Sunday morning. After an all night search the little fellow was little the worse of his experience.

To be lost in a bush for 19 hours without food since breakfast and to have to spend the long night in the woods exposed to fear, chill, and the attack of blood thirsty mosquitoes. is an experience that would tax the strength and nerves of an adult, but for a mere infant to be subjected to such an ordeal and come through it, little the worse for his experience, is something that is almost unbelievable. However, such was the experience of little Vernon Gooding

age 2 yr. 8 mo., son of Rev. A.F. Gooding, the Mennonite minister here.

Mr. Gooding and his elder son, Eldon motored in the morning to John E. McArthur's bush on the lake shore, on the second concession of Saugeen Township to cut wood, taking Vernon along with them.

They left the little lad playing beside the car near an old gravel pit, while they started to cut wood near by. The little fellow stayed around the pit all morning, until about noon, when Mr. Gooding going to get him for lunch, failed to find him.

Having noticed him there 15 minutes previous, he did not think he could have strayed far, and with his elder son commenced to hunt for him nearby, expecting to find him in a few minutes. However after combing the bush for about 2 hours and failing to find him, they went to Mr. John E. McArthur,

who was working in a field about 1/2 mile distant and together they made further search but without success.

Becoming duly alarmed, he drove to Archie Hearn's on the Second of Saugeen and phoned Reeve McLaren in Port Elgin and said Vernon was lost in McArthur's bush, and for him to gather up some men and join in the search for the lad.

The reeve, thinking the lad was lost in the bush back of John E. McArthur's bush, south of town, gathered together a dozen men and boys and were about to cross the field to the bush back of the McArthur home, when someone notified them, that the child was lost in the bush on the Second of Saugeen. It was after 5 o'clock, within about 2 hours before nightfall. Knowing the enormous acres of bush, Mr. McLaren, before proceeding to the Second of Saugeen, phoned Ronald Bell, a councilor at his store and told him to spread the alarm and have more men join in the search.

In the meantime, a number of farmers living in the vicinity took up the search for the lad and were soon joined by a number of men from town. About 5:45 P.M. the fire alarm in Port Elgin was sounded and the news of the lad's predicament was made generally known which resulted in about 100 or more men and boys motoring to the scene of the accident.

The bush was searched in a systematic manner from then until search was abandoned until lanterns could be secured.

Practically every lantern in town was procured from Mr. Reuber and Kennedy, hardware merchants in Port Elgin.

Some 150 more men gathered at night and the search with lanterns was continued until daylight.

Some took up listening posts in the bush in hopes of hearing the cry of the little child. Others in groups from a dozen to 25 or more men, lined up in close formation and tramped through the woods. From the first the search was viewed almost useless, yet the thought that the little chap being somewhere in the dense woods alone, and the anxiety of the parents for their son's safety, kept the large majority of searchers on the job all night. A few left for home during the night, to return at daybreak.

During the night, Reeve McLaren phoned Toronto and Guelph to ascertain if a police dog could be secured. But none were available.

When dawn came the search party was joined by many others from town and country and about 6 am the fire whistle was again blown to rouse others from their sleep and join in the hunt.

An organized search was just nicely started when the cry went up that the lad had been found.

Richard Hodge of 8th of Bruce, who had been on the job all night, and Dr. Fraser of Port Elgin, who arrived at daybreak located the lad on an old road leading through the bush toward the lake.

The little fellow was wandering around and looked as though he had just wakened out of a sound sleep. He was bareheaded, having left his cap at the gravel pit where he had been playing, and clad in a thin blouse and light pants, together with stockings and running shoes. He appeared very unconcerned, his face registering little emotion on being found. With the exception of being a little blue about the lips and face from the cold and badly marked from mosquito bites, he appeared to be little the worse for his experience.

Fortunately, the weather was in his favour. The night was not very cold and the rain which had threatened, kept off until toward dawn and then only fell in a little sprinkle for a short time.

The place where the boy was found had been combed time and time again, and that night a child's footprints had been discovered in the roadway early in the evening.

Mr. Richard Hodge was convinced that the child was somewhere in the vicinity, although it was over a mile from the gravel pit where he had been playing.

Mr. Gooding was completely overcome with joy when the cry went up that the boy was found. Accompanied by Dr. Fraser he took his son home where medical care was immediately given, against any possible bad effects.

Besides being a trying experience for the parents of the boy, it was a strenuous one for the searchers. Not in years has Port Elgin been stirred up by such excitement as on this occasion, and there was great rejoicing when the news was broadcasted that the little lad had been found and was safe at home."

Traces of the Past - by Patrick Folkes from a clipping of a very old newspaper (no date available).

The Sauble Falls Sawmill

Of all the features which mark the topography of the base of the Bruce Peninsula, the tumbling waters of Sauble Falls are perhaps the most alluring. Its history is little known, beyond a few tantalizing references from which a rough sketch may be drawn.

Prior to the European presence, the Falls was a portage point on the Indian route which extended overland from Colpoys Bay to Boat Lake and thence by canoe down the Rankin and Sauble Rivers to Lake Huron. In 1854, the Bruce Peninsula was ceded by the Ojibway to the Crown and the following year Amabel township was surveyed into four lots, except for the townplots of Oliphant and Wiarton, and a large mill plot, at the center of which lay Sauble Falls. On September 2, 1856 Amabel and Keppel townships were sold at public auction in Owen Sound. The "Au Sable Mill Site," comprising 1,100 acres of land, was sold for £2,390. Just when the mill plot was taken up and developed is not clear. Evidently, no mill was built at the Falls until the autumn of 1866. In February, 1867, an official report stated that the "Sawmill has been erected and is in full operation." The mill was built by the "Sable" Mill Company in the person of John Mackenzie of Dundas. Another sawmill, owned by William Street, stood at this time on the Sauble, presumably some distance upstream from the Falls, and is said to have commenced operation in 1862.

By 1880, Sauble Falls had evolved into a prosperous hamlet complete with post office and school. That spring the Wiarton 'Echo' reported:

"Messrs. Dought & Lewis have contracted to supply 'Sable River' Mills with 2,000 saw logs. They are getting them to the river bank, and some of the logs will turn out 2,000 feet of lumber each. They also have a contract to furnish 30,000 railroad ties. This will add materially to the business of this place."

By this time the mill was owned by the McLean brothers, Hector, Lachlin, and Hugh, who presumably purchased it from Wilson Stewart, the owner in 1876. The McLeans increased the scope of the business. On May 25, 1880, they launched at the Falls the 52-foot steam tug Sauble Queen which went into service on the lower river towing logs.

Early one autumn morning in 1882, the Sauble Queen, moored to a wharf below the mill, was discovered afire. By the time the mill hands were aroused her lines had parted and, burning furiously before a stiff breeze, she drifted toward the mill. Nearby lay the schooner John Walters which had a narrow escape. "The men went to work with a will and were soon aided by a heavy shower of rain, which greatly assisted the exertions of the gallant band, who experted themselves to the utmost extent and were soon rewarded by seeing the fire extinguished, but not until the tug was burned to the water's edge."

The Sauble Queen was immediately hauled out on the river bank and rebuilt as the Phoenix, after the bird of Greek mythology that rose from its own ashes. The Phoenix served for many years until finally, in 1901, she was wrecked near Oliphant where her bones are still to be seen. In 1888, the Phoenix was joined by the 45-foot tug Maud L., built at the Falls by C.W. Menten. Up river the McLeans added the tug Water Witch which was hauled into Boat Lake on sleighs in January, 1883, and which allegedly towed logs all the way from Skye Lake to the mill.

In September, 1886, the McLeans sold out to an unidentified Hamilton firm; in 1889, a Dr. Lowrey of the Canada Life Insurance Company was reported as "proprietor" of the mill. It was later owned by Nathaniel Seaman and by 1896, the Sauble Falls Lumber Company was operating the mill four months a year, processing in that time upward of 20,000 sawlogs, mainly hemlock and cedar with small quantities of maple, birch and elm. About twenty were employed at \$1.20 per day each. In 1905, the business slumped and the site was taken over by the Sauble Falls Light and Power Company which supplied electricity to Wiarton. This later became the Wiarton Light and Power Company which in turn was purchased by W.B. Foshay in 1928. Foshay went bankrupt soon after and the plant was acquired by Ontario Hydro. In 1938, the building caught fire (some say it was hit by a meteorite!) and was totally destroyed.

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Bus Tour 1997

This year our annual bus tour will be spent touring Saugeen country in Grey County. The morning will be spent around Neustadt. Following a picnic lunch at Saugeen Valley Conservation area, we will tour Durham, the Welbeck saw-mill and then Combers' Pioneer Village, ending with a buffet dinner at the Old Mill in Williamsford.

The tour will start at the Bruce County Museum in Southampton on Tuesday, June 17, 1997 at 8:30 am with pickups at Paisley about 8:45 am and Chesley at 9:00 am. The price is \$35.00.

For more information and tickets, call Chris Paterson at 797-3526, Donald McClure at 363-2581 or Christine Welsh at 832-2853.

Annual Dinner Meeting

The Annual Dinner meeting will be held at the Bruce Township Community Centre, Underwood on Saturday, October 11, 1997. Miss Patricia Bellamy will speak on "Lewis Settlement" and will include anecdotal material from the Ripley district. She is hoping to go to Lewis this summer to get more pictures for her slide proprietor. You won't want to miss this event!

Articles for Yearbook Welcomed

Spring has Sprung; the grass has ris;
The time for writing history 'tis.
Bruce County teems with stories untold
Of sites and events, and settlers so bold.
So write them all down in words not a few,
And send them to Chesley, Box Four Seven Two.

Mrs. Shirley McClure, Editor,
Box 472, Chesley, ON
N0G 1L0

Membership Renewal

Members who pay their fees annually are reminded to check their records. Annual fees are due each January and amount to \$10. The Yearbook, which is published the previous October, will be mailed on receipt of this payment. The Membership Secretary is:

Donelda MacKinnon
Box 202, Tiverton, ON
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Historic Plaque on Portage & Canoe Route

by D. McClure

Your committee wishes to express appreciation for the very generous support from many persons toward the \$2,500 required from the Bruce County Historical society. Not all of the money has been raised, but your executive has agreed to proceed to erecting the plaque on June 14, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at the site on Bruce county Road 21 west of Wiarton where the Ministry of Natural Resources has a landing on Pike River.

A reception is to follow immediately the unveiling at the Bruce County Board of Education Outdoor Education Centre just west of the site. Principal Peter Middleton has agreed to arrange a reception and in case of inclement weather, the unveiling ceremony itself.

We are appreciative of the encouragement of the Ministry of Natural Resources, the assistance of the Bruce County Highway and the Roads Department of Amabel Township.

Bruce County Historical Society

Suffers Loss

by M. McGillivray

This month the Society Executive and Members are mourning the deaths of two highly esteemed members, Mrs. Hilda Downey of Tiverton on April 1, (aged 84) and Mrs. Edna Avery of Kincardine Township on April 2 (aged 73). Both have played vital roles as active members of the Executive and will be sorely missed by all who knew them.

Mrs. Downey, the former Hilda Fairbairn, was raised in St. Catharines. She graduated from the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, (Entomology), where she met her husband George. In 1938, the couple married and farmed Lot 19, Concession 12 of Kincardine Township. After George's death in 1982, Hilda continued to reside there until the last few months of illness. She is survived by sisters-in-law Allison and Agnes, son Fraser at home, and daughter Janet, Mrs. Gary Robertson of Galt.

Although not a native of Bruce, Hilda had a deep interest in its people, and this interest soon translated into a hobby, which became a life work in history and genealogy. She was a founding member of the revived Bruce County Historical Society in 1957, acting for a short time as its treasurer, then its secretary for over twenty years. She quickly became an authority on the early settlers of her community, then the nearby villages and towns. She compiled the Tweedsmuir History of "Eskdale" and helped compile the History of Kincardine township. She wrote weekly articles for the local newspaper (Ae Glint O' Ither Days) and addressed groups far and near on her favourite topic.

She was one of the "Founders" of The Bruce County Museum and Archives at Southampton. She was never too busy to answer queries, either by telephone or letter, and if she didn't know the answer, she would find out.

Mrs. Avery, the former Edna Kroft, was born and raised in Wallace township, Perth county. While a teenager during World War II, she came to Kincardine to work in Malcolm's Furniture Factory, making parts for the wings of Mosquito Bombers. She married Orland Avery in 1955 and the couple farmed near Armow in Kincardine township. In 1975, her husband died as the result of a tragic accident, but Edna continued to farm the property and lived there until her recent illness. She is survived by two aunts, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Ruth Kroft.

Like Hilda, Edna was interested in people, her neighbourhood, her church and local history. She took an active role in the society, serving as committee member, president, treasurer, and a member of the County Museum Board. She too, helped with the publication of the Kincardine Township History - all this in addition to her work in many other associations in church and community.

One has only to view her beautiful home at Armow to realize that her immaculate lawn and garden, her painted and well-kept farm buildings, her weedless fields and trim fences serve as a memorial to her diligence, intelligence, tenacity and boundless energy. The endless stream of visitors to her hospital bed during the past few months, as well as the huge crowd at her funeral clearly show the esteem in which she is held. May we warrant half as much when our time comes!

The Generations Come and Go

This article by William R. Millar of Salem-Elora, Ontario was sent to Mrs. Downey in the 1970's.

It is a beautiful day on January 3 in the year 1973 when my memory takes me back to Lot No. 59 on the South side of the Durham Road in the Township of Kincardine, County of Bruce. This location is where my Grandfather received a free grant of 50 acres from the Crown and became a pioneer settler in 1850. He told how in that year the road was only a broken ox trail going to Walkerton. The land was a virgin forest and had to be cleared with an axe as the only tool.

The prevailing storms came from the west, so his plan was to nick an acre of trees on the west side and wait for a storm. The most westerly row of trees were cut deep so when the wind came these fell against the other

trees and he saw the whole acre go down in one gale. I remember him telling me how when he was using the axe it was a common occurrence for a wild pigeon to fly against it and be killed. The pigeons then were so plentiful and stupid it was no trick to flail them down with a stick for a pigeon pie.

A log house was soon finished. The smoke from an open fire passed through an opening in the centre of the roof. One night after Grandfather had finished a lean-to against the house, a pack of wolves found their way up and onto the roof. When he heard the noise and looked up, the wolves were peering through the smoke hole so a fire was kept on all through the night to discourage any attempt to leap into the room.

When lot 59 was cleared other lots to the west were bought and a cheese factory built on one. grandfather

ran this cheese business for a number of years. The whey was used to feed pigs in a field directly behind the factory. Soon enterprising pioneers started a mutual cheese factory near Bervie. Grandfather then gave his full time to farming.

The South line was settled and a neighbour whose farm backed the Millar lots on the Durham road, set a fire which got out of control sweeping across Grandfather's place, it destroyed two acres of timber. This was in my lifetime and I remember him coming home at night with eyes red and inflamed from smoke. He, with other neighbours worked two weeks to bring it under control. In fact, it burnt underground till winter came.

The Penetangore creek ran across the back of the lots. As the fields were cleared a low spot near the creek filled with water and needed draining. Grandfather was told to nail two boards together forming a V trough. These were to be turned down in a trench running from the wet spot to the creek. The trench was then filled in and cultivated over. This drained the low area well for a couple of years. Then one spring it started to fill with water again. When the drain was examined it was found plugged with suckers. these came up the creek from Lake Huron each spring and finding the water pouring from the drain entered it. Even in my lifetime the suckers were taken every spring from the Penetangore by the sack full.

My Grandfather never tired telling me about his father coming to Canada from Scotland in 1821. He came by boat to Prescott, then from there took a stage coach to Lanark and settled in Dalhousie Township. It was here my Grandfather was born in 1825. The stage coach was drawn by a team of horses. "Such horses for running I never [sic.] saw in my life. I thought when they started, the man was mad, for they went off like a shot out of a gun, up hill and down dale was all alike. I told the driver that if we were to run our horses that way in Scotland we would kill." (An extract from a letter sent back home to Scotland).

In the 1860's my Grandfather had his Grandfather come from Scotland to visit him at his Bervie farm. While here a sickness was fatal and he was buried in a small cemetery on the Durham road at 60 side-road.

The name William was popular with the family. It was tagged on to the eldest son of every generation. There was a name sake living at Millarton though not closely related with exactly the same name, this caused confusion in the mail so Grandfather changed the spelling to Miller. Though this simplified the mail

problem the name was soon changed back to the original spelling.

After some thirty five years in Dalhousie Township, Lanark area, the farm proving to be rocky and of little value the family decided to migrate to Huron County. During the trek to South Western Ontario they met in with a Smith family who were making the same journey. The young folks became very attached and before the journey was over three Smith brothers had married three Millar sisters. Of the two Millar brothers, Michael remained in Huron while William, my Grandfather, went on to locate in Bruce County.

While the forest was being cleared Grandfather and his wife joined other pioneers - he had already married a twenty year old girl Margaret Rawlston from Perth, Ontario - and together they built the first Presbyterian Church on a 1/4 acre lot sold by John and Mary McKinney to the church for five shillings.

About this time Grandfather met a settler living in Kinloss. They became fast friends and visited back and forth. The ladies found they had much in common so when word came to my Grandmother that her friend's three year old child had strayed away from the house and a search in the deep forest revealed a shoe with the child's foot still in it. All other trace of the little girl had gone, bears had been seen in the area and no doubt were responsible. Grandmother's bitter grief for her friend bound their relationship ever more deeply.

Grandmother had ten children, seven boys and three girls to look after. It must have been a real problem to care for a large family in those days with no conveniences as we know them. As the boys became of age they went to the west. One of the younger boys then 17 years of age, had been very restless. One day he came to Grandfather and said "I want to leave home", the reply was "we need you here son, but if you are determined to go you will need a warm overcoat, here is mine." The next word from him told how he had a cook's job in an Idaho lumber camp.

My father was Matthew Virtue Millar the youngest in the family. He remained on the home farm till 1912. Grandfather had died in 1910. Grandmother had predeceased him by 12 years, both are buried in the Kincardine cemetery. It grieves me to end with a sad note for from this large family there is not in this generation, a single boy, to my knowledge, to carry on the Millar name.

Paisley School Reunion

Isabelle Parker

Saturday September 9, 1995 was a memorable day in the village of Paisley. Graduates of the Paisley Elementary School and the Paisley Continuation School from distant places such as California, Kelowna, B.C., Medicine Hat, Alberta and places in between gathered to renew acquaintances and exchange school tales. This unique group was in their late 60's and older.

For some years former Paisleyites, now living in Toronto, had hosted a reunion, to which some people living in Paisley were invited. To host a reunion in Paisley became a special project of Gladys Carlaw and Frances Stark.

Thus a committee composed of Gladys and Howard Carlaw, Frances Stark, Joy Patterson and Jim and Isabelle Parker was formed. Fran Stark was appointed treasurer and she did an excellent job. The date was set, the town hall and community centre reserved and caterers booked. The fun began. With the help of school pictures and good memories a basic invitation list was composed. Because this was a group who had attended school in the 1930's, there were not a lot of pictures available.

The talented Carlaw daughters and grandchildren designed the invitations which were mailed out in April. During April, May and June, we met regularly to update and compare our individual invitation lists to which we added names as we thought of them. As August fifteenth, the deadline for replies drew near, phone calls were made to people we were sure would attend but had not answered. Just a little reminder brought in many replies.

Weather was perfect for the occasion. Although registration was scheduled for 1 p.m., some guests arrived by 10 am. Isabelle Parker, assisted by Merle Grant Thompson, was in charge of registration. Red name tags designated the graduates while blue tags identified the spouses or friends. Joy Patterson, Fran Stark and Gladys Carlaw were hostesses and attended the memorabilia table. Through the years Joy Patterson has made some priceless scrap books. these proved most interesting to all who took time to browse. Finger food, punch, tea or coffee were available throughout the afternoon. At 1:30 p.m., Les Thompson acted as Emcee for a short welcoming ceremony. Reeve Andy Cormack welcomed everyone to the village and reunion. No need to say how the afternoon was spent. Many met their first girlfriend or boyfriend. As one guest remarked she hadn't seen so much hugging and kissing since she was a teenager. Some

visited the old school which is now an apartment building. Others visited the museum where Lois Johnson and Mary Carlaw Cottrill served homemade cookies and tea. Still others chose to walk about the village. Many stayed at the town hall and visited.

At 5:30 p.m., a hot roast beef dinner was served in the curling club by the United Church Women. More than 250 enjoyed the delicious meal. The tables were decorated with floral arrangements created by Gladys Carlaw. Elizabeth Webb, a former student, gave a most appropriate blessing. Alva Irving, accompanied by Mary Grant Campbell, sang two solos. One was a song, composed by Dorothy Carlaw Slatcher, especially for the reunion. Julia Oltsher Daley, Marion Thornburn Parker and Doris Tucker Pennington gave short reminiscences. Many times the names of two former principals Mrs. Bessie Poast and Mr. J.B. Vasey were mentioned. Alva and Betty Clark led a sing-song to close the day.

Not only was this a school reunion but many families, whose members are scattered across the continent, had mini reunions with their siblings.

The planning committee hoped for a successful day but we were overwhelmed by the kind words and notes of appreciation from many who attended.

Bruce County Genealogical Society Coming Events

12 May 97	Regular Meeting	Members' Panel Report on <u>Gems of Interest</u> from the OGS Seminar. Bruce County Museum and Archives Southampton, ON. 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:00 p.m.
9 Jun 97	Historical Walk	Kincardine Historical Walk. Meet at Kincardine Public Library at 7:00 p.m. Meeting and refreshments to follow at the library at 8:00 p.m. Everyone welcome!
14 Jul 97	Regular Meeting	Early Settlers of Bruce. Member Panel. Bruce county Museum and Archives.
11 Aug 97	Regular Meeting	Getting Ready to Publish. Panel discussion. Bruce County Museum and Archives.
September		NO REGULAR MEETING
20 Sep 97	Day Workshop	Details Next Issue [of the Bruce Bulletin]

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Annual Dinner Meeting

The Annual Dinner meeting will be held at the Bruce Township Community Centre, Underwood on Saturday, October 11, 1997 at the noon hour. Miss Patricia Bellamy will speak on the "Lewis Settlement" and will include anecdotal material from the Ripley district. Tickets will be for sale from any member of the Bruce County Historical Society Executive. Price - \$10.00 per ticket.

Bus Tour 1997

by Chris Paterson

For this year's bus trip we enjoyed a journey through Saugeen country in Grey County. Following pick-ups at the museum, Paisley and Chesley, we proceeded to our first stop at the lovely old town of Neustadt where we met our genial guide, Rodney Helwig, former reeve of Neustadt and one of the town's greatest promoters. Rodney toured us through the old Huether Brewery which had been built in 1869 and is now an Ontario Heritage building. We saw the underground caverns which had been blasted out of the rock under the building and the sites of the tunnels to the mill and post office used by Mr. Huether to avoid going outside in cold weather. Then it was across the street to visit the beautiful gardens being created at the former Dr. Brown's home. The visit concluded with a look at St. Paul's Lutheran Church where we admired the beautiful windows and were told of its history by some of the ladies of the church. We saw the former John Diefenbaker's home, which Rodney is trying to raise money to buy.

Then it was on to the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority headquarters where we ate our lunch in the beautiful park-like surroundings before journeying to Durham. At Durham we were greeted by the mayor and conducted by the reeve in a bus journey to see the

beautiful old homes and admire the murals painted on the walls of some of the downtown buildings.

Then on to Wellbeck where we were greeted by Herb Miller, where we viewed the water powered shingle mill in operation and were given a souvenir miniature shingle with an ice cream cone at the store at Dornoch before going on to the Camber Pioneer Village where Mr. Camber has collected a log school which may be the oldest in Holland Township, a log barn and cabin and Martin's log inn.. Clustered in a woodland setting the collection brought vividly to mind the life of our pioneers. Also on display were memorabilia from Orange Lodges and the R.C.A.F. of World War II.

All this and then on to the Old Mill at Williamsford where our genial host Bob Frehner filled us with good food - oh those desserts, and from there home - happy, content and sated.

Portage Route Commemorated

by Christine Meingast, Beacon Times

One of the earliest known transportation routes across the Bruce Peninsula was recognized in a historical unveiling on the weekend.

The Bruce County Historical Society unveiled an Ontario Heritage Foundation provincial plaque at the site of the old Rankin River Bridge on County Road 13, just west of Wiarton on Saturday to recognize the site of one of the earliest known portage routes created by the aboriginal peoples of the area.

"It brings the natural and cultural heritage together," said Paul Litt, a member of the Ontario Heritage Foundation. "It also brings history out of the classroom."

The Bruce Peninsula portage route cuts across the base of the peninsula to break the barrier to water transportation between Lake Huron and southern Georgian Bay. The eastern section ran along high

ground between the old Rankin River Bridge and the Colpoy's Bay at Wiarton. West of the bridge were two routes, one ran south across Boat Lake and along the Rankin and Sauble Rivers to Lake Huron. The other crossed from Boat Lake to Spry Lake, then overland to the Lake Huron shore opposite the Fishing Islands.

Bruce County Historical Society vice-president Don McClure said the plaque presentation is one way for the group to help draw attention to the history of the area and the heritage of its people.

A group of dignitaries, including Bruce MPP Barb Fisher, Historical Society President Dorne Fitzsimmons, Amabel Reeve Vince Artuso, Chair of the Ontario Heritage Foundation Joanna Bedard and Chippewas of Nawash First Nation Chief Ralph

Akiwenzie were on hand for the unveiling of the plaque at the site and the commemoration of history of the area complete with a north canoe paddle on the river with members of the Saugeen Paddlers of Paisley.

Chief Akiwenzie said the recognition was appreciated of the first nation's role in the history of the area. "It's with a great deal of nostalgia and pride that I speak here today," he said. "It's a recognition of first nations role they played in the past, present and future of the area."

The Bruce Peninsula Portage is located at the Ministry of Natural Resources boat launch at the old Rankin River Bridge.

APOLROD

The Association for the Preservation of Ontario Land Registry Office Documents was formed in response to the planned destruction Ontario's Land Records by the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations (MCCR) which is responsible for Ontario's land registry system. Records from 1868-1955 were microfilmed, the microfilms were declared legal, and the paper documents were scheduled for destruction. The problem is that, as we all have experienced in research, some microfilm is substandard and cannot be deciphered at all.

Last year it was proposed that local heritage groups be given an opportunity to agree to take all the 1868-1955 documents no longer in use from local Land Registry Offices. It is unlikely that local organizations will be able to find the space and resources to take these records as most operate on a strict budget.

It is not so well known that Land Registry Offices contain a variety of records as they were used by local municipalities and individuals as secure places of storage for a vast array of documents. These include civil court judgments; business partnerships; incorporations of companies, public libraries, co-op associations; chancery court records; debenture registers; applications for marriage licenses (late 19th C.); registers of cattle marks; naturalization records; voters' lists; registers of shipping, and, most importantly, wills which were simply attached to deeds instead of being probated. This information is available nowhere else. Some constitute a separate series; others were interfiled with land deeds, findable through indices that are now little known.

The Archives of Ontario has examined thoroughly most of the county courthouses and collected numerous series of documents for centralized retention. The Archives accepted the common assumption that Land Registry Offices contained only land records and never inventoried their holdings. Now at the last minute it has neither the staff nor the resources to undertake the task.

APOLROD is a volunteer organization formed to help save these documents. It has been recognized by the government, and its first priority is to inventory the records to help make the decision about their future easier. APOLROD is asking for volunteers to help with the inventory.

APOLROD is encouraging individuals and local heritage societies to join in the efforts to record and save these documents.

For more information, please contact APOLROD at one of the following addresses:

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Memberships

The secretary of The Bruce County Historical Society and the Membership secretary are very pleased and encouraged with the notes that members send in when they renew their memberships. Memberships for 1998 will be accepted from the first of October and on into the new year. Prices remain constant \$10.00 per year for an Annual membership or \$60.00 for a Life membership (\$40.00 for Seniors)

Articles From Paisley Advocate

The following historical account was found in Hilda Downey's collection of Bruce County Historical Anecdotes. It was taken from the 1906 files of the Paisley Advocate.

This week we have to record the death of the first white settler to erect a cabin on the east side of the Saugeen River in Elderslie Township, Mr. David Lyon.

Mr. Lyon was born in Hull, Yorkshire, England, July 3, 1819. When a young man he found his first employment as a gentleman's coachman. In 1841 he came to Canada to join a brother who had settled in King Township. In 1844 he married Mary Hembroff and they removed to Grey County, where Mr. Lyon took up a homestead on which part of the village of Chatsworth since has been built. He sold his farm there to Henry Breese, the Founder of the village.

A few months after Simon Orchard and S. T. Rowe had come down the Saugeen and located on the site of Paisley, David Lyon, in company with Thos. Hembroff, set out for west Elderslie. Hembroff's brother had been with the party which surveyed the township. In October, Lyons and Hembroff started for the north branch of the Saugeen. At Johnstown, now Chatsworth, the river flows through a lake, and here the two travellers found a birch bark canoe. With it they skirted the shore until they found the outlet, and followed it until they reached the boundary between Elderslie and Sullivan. At the present site of Scone they left the canoe and tramped the remainder of the distance to their future home. The following month they brought in a team of oxen and a jumper, with provisions, together with a fat cow, bearing on her back the salt with which she would be cured. They got in the fourth day after leaving Chatsworth, and that night slept in the shanty which they had run up in the few remaining hours of daylight, obtaining the bark for the roof from the vacated surveyors' shanty. The next morning the fatted cow was killed. The winter of '51-'52 was a heavy one. The Elora road was partially chopped. Snow was four feet deep on the level. It still was heavy on the ground when the two men started from their homes in March for the site of their future labors. Their nearest neighbor to the east was a man in Sullivan named Kirkpatrick, and 18 miles of snow intervened between his place and Lockerby. Here they took to snowshoes and tramped through, hauling their luggage, about 50 pounds, on their strange sleds. In May, their families and effects had to be transported to Lockerby. Two teams brought them to Buck's bridge, where Hanover now stands, but farther they could not come. A raft 12x40 was constructed. Luggage and families were committed to the swollen waters of the

Saugeen. Two days were consumed in the voyage. Anchor was finally cast at the islands below Chase's mills, opposite the sixth concession. A shanty about 16 feet square was put up and in this the two families lived all summer. Thos. Pearce brought the cattle around by the Elora Road and swam them across the Saugeen at the point where the town hall now stands. The whole distance between Paisley and Eckford's was then in bush. About a year and a half later Mr. Lyon placed his family again on a raft and floated down to Southampton, where he worked in Lyon and Hamilton's sawmill until it was burned, when he returned to Elderslie. When his house was erected, his primitive shanty was utilized as a school house, and there the seeds of Elderslie's intellectual future were sown. Here, too, preaching service was held, and here, when the township was organized, the municipal fathers wrestled with the then formidable question of public works. Mrs. Chalmers, a daughter of Mr. Lyon, was the second child born in the township.

75 years ago

(From the Advocate files of June 23, 1904)

At a meeting of the Caledonian Society on Monday evening, it was agreed to guarantee the funds of the society towards the promotion of a scheme for the erection of a rink in town. Now that this action is taken, it is confidently expected that by next winter a skating and curling rink will be in readiness for the season's sports.

When a children's service was held in The Church of the Ascension, Rev. Mr. Bloodsworth, the rector, gave the address, and Mary Kerr, Muriel Hargreaves, Stanley Bloodsworth and Melville Hunt sang "We Are Little Sunbeams."

Sometimes it is not any more safe for pedestrians on our streets than in some of the main thoroughfares of the city. Last week a little boy was run over by a buggy containing three men, at a crossing opposite the post office. The boy escaped unhurt and that's the wonderful part of the incident. It won't be safe for careless drivers to perform such feats more than once, and there are laws in this country to protect us against such careless or irresponsible actions.

Mr. McLean, reeve of Bruce Township, wishes The Advocate to announce that he should like if everyone who may have the opportunity, would make the effort to catch some of those tramps who are prowling around the country just now. He suggests that when any of them are calling or eating at your home, that you call in your neighbor if necessary to help you lock him up until you inform a constable to take care of

him up until you inform a constable to take care of him. There is no use in your taking a constable to look for them in the woods. Do not give them any papers of this issue to read, or they might be more difficult to catch.

A fire started in the roof of the foundry building Wednesday afternoon of last week. It was extinguished before any damage was done. The fire alarm was rung and the firemen called out, for the first time in about three years.

The schedule of rates as levied by county council reveals that Paisley will be called upon to pay \$367.27.

Mr. John McEwen, 2nd conc. Bruce, had his leg broken in a runaway accident. He was thrown out of his buggy.

60 years ago

(From the Advocate files for June 10, 1909)

The principal's report to the school board last week showed 202 pupils enrolled for the month of May, with average attendance of 185. Miss McIntyre, teacher of the primary department, requested an increase in salary, and was granted a raise of \$25.

Gillies Hill Presbyterians have concluded to have a new place of worship, and are asking for tenders for the building of a church. With rural mail service leaving their letters at the gate, a new sanctuary without cracks in the walls and a few other recent innovations, the ruralites of the Gillies Hill area will be pretty much up to date.

"D" Co. left for the annual training camp at Walkerton on Tuesday afternoon. The officers who went were Major Hay and Lieut. Eckel. the non-coms. of "D" Co. are Sergts. I. Eason and Wm. Thompson, Corps. Dan Sparrow and Geo. Morton.

Mr. Wm. Tully, of 2nd conc. Elderslie, who is in his 76th year, is one of the best preserved of the old pioneers of the township. He was observed washing sheep in the creek one day last week, along with the

younger men, and suffered no physical pangs because of his youthful indiscretion.

50 years ago

(From the Advocate files of June 11, 1919)

The busiest place in town this week is the Hanna House, where a gang of men sent up from the city is at work tearing down the building and shipping the material to Toronto. As we mentioned a few weeks ago, Mr. H. B. Putnam bought the property from Mr. W. Flood of Regina and gave an option for re-sale to a house-wrecking firm who are buying up many such buildings throughout Ontario. Local parties some time ago had proposed to form a syndicate and buy the Hanna House, but that move did not materialize. Tuesday morning when the wrecking crew had started in, it was realized that this substantial corner block was about to vanish, and the syndicate idea again was mooted. For a time it looked as if the foreigners would not proceed with their work of destruction, as a figure was named and agreed upon (\$2,200, the purchasers to have the movable contents) and the workmen were called off duty pending the close of the deal. The Paisleyites were granted until a certain time to give tangible expression to their side of the proposition. They being a minute or two slow in accepting formality, the outsider then raised the ante another \$150, and negotiations fell off.

The Hanna House was built by the late Mr. David Hanna one of the most public spirited citizens of Paisley at the period of history marked by the coming of the railway. The hotel cost him, it is said, \$14,000 and was then (in 1871) a better hotel than could be found in towns like Guelph. Twelve years or so later it was bought by Mr. Flood for around \$8,000, and all he realized in this last transfer was about \$1,200.

While in town last week Mr. W. H. Woodcock of London, disposed of the old pork factory building to Irwin & Logie, proprietors of Paisley Creamery. The latter next fall will fit the building up, remove the machinery to there from the present creamery building, and begin operation during the winter as well as the summer months.

Volunteer Help

The nominating committee are looking for people to fill vacancies on the Executive of the Bruce County Historical Society. If you have an interest in History and time to spare, please let Dorne Fitzsimmons, Tiverton or Donald McClure, Chesley, know and offer your services to carry on the important work of this Society.

New Constitution

After several meetings and a great deal of thought a new constitution has been presented to and accepted by the Executive of The Bruce County Historical Society. Some minor changes have been made. It will be finalized at the Annual Dinner meeting in October. A sincere "Thank You" to the committee for their effort.