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MAY MEETINGS

The Thursday, May 21 meeting will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. William Bruce of Kincardine. Dr. Bruce is the third generation of his family to be a dentist, and his son Ralph is also a dentist.

The Thursday, June 18th meeting will be held in the Anglican Church in Paisley, at 8 p.m. Eric Parker of Paisley will give an illustrated talk on the houses of Paisley. A history of the Anglican Church will also be given.

Non-members are always welcome.

Members of the New Horizons archives group and the executive of the Bruce County Historical Society met Thursday afternoon in the Archives Room at the County Museum in Southampton. Mr. and Mrs. William Collins of Huron township showed 400 slides of the places they visited on their five-week trip in December and January to Hawaii, Japan, China, Hong Kong, Bala, Fiji Island, Australia and New Zealand. The slides were very beautiful, with bright clear colours and showed a great variety of topics, such as farming methods, industries unusual to us, Chinese temples. They were educational and a pleasure to see. A short business period and lunch closed the meeting.

Claus Breede, curator of the museum, was present and pointed out the work that is being done this winter to the main gallery. The roof was lifted up and a depth of insulation set in before the roof was replaced. All the windows were filled in, to help control the amount of light in the gallery. The former rather bright colours on the walls have been painted with more subdued colours that will give a better background to show off displays of any kinds.

A new furnace has been installed that can give controlled heating and humidity. From now on Bruce County Museum qualifies for the loan and display of any rare, valuable collection from any of the famous museums in the world.

On March 28 the Globe and Mail published a full page feature article about Canada's National Museums. It was entitled "Our National Disgrace". Unless Ottawa moves fast much of Canada's heritage is in danger of being lost. There is a rumour in Ottawa that the Minister of Communications aided by the National Capital Commission and the Dept. of Public Works will soon do something positive about untangling the National Museum's Housing mess. Its about time. The National Gallery of Canada is housed in the falling down Lorne Building on Elgin St., Ottawa. The National Museum of Science and Technology tries to cope with the handicaps of a former bakery and shares scant space with the National Museum of Man. in the creaky Victoria Memorial Museum on Metcalfe St. Old buildings, inadequate storage and humidity control, keep museum curators in a constant state of exasperation and frustration.

It appears that our local museum is in much better condition than its National counterparts.

The museum moves to regular hours in May 16 to Labour Day. The office and archives are open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and on Saturday during the summer months.

On May 7 at 8 p.m. there is a general meeting of the Friends of the Museum.

Kincardine Public Library has a book of great value to genealogists and other researchers of biographies. It is "Men of Canada" or "Success by Example" and was presented to the library by George Kay on March 1, 1899. It is a compilation of hundreds of short but good biographies of successful businessmen in all walks of life, and each one has a picture of the man described. Bruce County is well represented.

MANSEL CHRISTIE NAPPER

A member, Marjorie Y. Cullen writes from Paisley about the death of her first cousin Mansel Napper who passed away in Desten, Florida January 24, 1981 in his 74th year. He was a native of Brant Township 1 1/4 miles east of Cargill. A retired superintendent of Public Schools of Timiskaming, he made his home in Haileybury, Ontario. He is survived by his wife Myrtle Specht, formerly of Chesley, and two brothers Mervyn and Wallace, and predeceased by a brother James. His mother was Sarah Anne Christie Napper and Marjorie Cullen's mother was Fanny Christie Young.

FROM PAISLEY

On Feb. 1st about sixty friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Lily and Joe Teeple in Killarney, Manitoba, to celebrate their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

Lily Woods, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Woods was born on the ninth of Kincardine but grew up on the 18th of Greenock and attended the No. 10 school of Bruce and Greenock.

Joe, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Teeple was born on the 4th of Saugeen but was raised on the Teeple farm at Lovat and came west in 1915. They were married on Feb. 2nd, 1921 in her parents home in Paisley and came west and farmed until they sold their land and retired in the fall of 1966.

THE FILM READER

Mrs. Duncan Convey, Mrs. Roy Ellenton and Mrs. George Downey have been using the film readers in the archives at the Southampton Museum doing family research. It takes time and patience but it is a fascinating hobby and has many rewards.

In the Brant census it was found that in 1851 the Indian census was taken also. Many of the Indians had only one name which was long and usually beautiful, probably soft sounding when spoken.

The film reader is a good one and easy to use. If you wish to use it, order your reel through your local librarian who will pass on your request. You may have to wait from two weeks to two months for your particular reel to come, depending on how many others have requested it before you.

Welcome to the following new members who have joined for 1981:

Mr. and Mrs. James Gilchrist, R.R. 1, Tiverton
 Greg Barker, Barrie
 Gordon Stark, Florida
 Dale Wilson, Walkerton
 Mrs. Jacqueline Track, R.R. 5, Kincardine
 Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Reid, R.R. 3, Chelsey
 Mr. and Mrs. Burt Needham, Hamilton
 Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Neilly, Paisley
 Mr. and Mrs. Sam McGregor, Kincardine
 Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mann, Kincardine
 Mr. and Mrs. John Mann, Kincardine
 Dr. and Mrs. Gary Gurbin, Kincardine
 Rev. and Mrs. John House, Kincardine
 Miss Mary Francis Longworth, Waterloo
 Mrs. Mabel MacRae, Teeswater

Sympathy is extended to the family of the late Harvey Linklater, Kincardine, who died April 16th. Mr. Linklater was president of the Bruce Historical Society for the years 1966 and 1967. He also audited the financial reports for several years.

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BUS TRIP

The annual bus trip will be held Thursday, July 16 with destination Tobermory. If you wish you may take a boat ride to Flower Pot Island. The bus will follow the east shore road north to Lions Head and return by the west shore road to Sauble Beach. Take your box lunch for noon, and ^{we} will stop for dinner at a restaurant on the way home. Short stops will be made at interesting places along the route. If you wish to go please call your local representative (see 1980 yearbook) or call 368-7253 as soon as possible.

APRIL MEETING Mildmay

A meeting was held April 16 in the Sunday School, Mildmay, conducted by Gwen Harrison who is the South Bruce Director. Mrs. Doris Holland of Huron Tp., the South Bruce curator of the Woman's Institute Tweedsnuir Book, spoke on the purpose of the book and how librarians make use of its information. Other speakers were Mrs. Ken MacDonald, R.R. 3 Teeswater and Mrs. Godfrey Schuett. Mr. J. Heisz, who was involved in the management of the Formosa Brewery, spoke about the history of the Brewery and the importance of the spring water. He and his brother now promote the sale of bottled spring water.

On May 21 a meeting was held in the basement of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, conducted by Robert Leblanc. It opened with two songs by Danielle Martil, accompanied by herself on the autoharp. The main speaker was Dr. William Bruce of Kincardine. His great grandfather, in his father Earnest, and his son Ralph entered the profession, which puts him in a line of four generations. Only one other such line exists in Canada. He has been chairman of the Royal Dental Society and served in the Dental Corps Overseas. On his return he became his father's partner in Kincardine and for a time came to Tiverton two days a week. His subject was the history of dentistry in Canada beginning with the Indians and Eskimos, and the days of itinerant dentists. He added many amusing incidents from his own and others' experience. He was introduced by George Downey, and Mrs. Downey gave a short history of the Tiverton Churches. Slides from the Historical Society were shown of buildings of Bruce County.

AUGUST MEETING

A meeting will be held August 20 in the United Church House in Port Elgin. The guest speakers will be Murray Telford of Owen Sound and Mrs. Arlene Tew of Southampton.

IN MEMORIAM

It is with regret that we report the death of Past President Archie McKinnon, May 15. Mr. McKinnon was president for two years 1974, 1975. He is survived by his wife Florence who has been a society member since 1960.

MEMBERSHIPS

At present we have a paid up membership of 453 which leaves about 100 still unpaid. We are sorry that the yearbook will be a little late due to printers being busy. It will be sent as soon as possible to paid up members.

TARA CENTENNIAL

Tara will celebrate its one hundredth birthday this summer beginning May 23 and ending July 25.

A few of the opening events are already over but the most active period will be July 1 to July 5 with events such as a quilt display, Church supper, Old Time dance, pancake breakfast, pork barbecue, bed races, beer garden, Centennial Celebration dance.

Sunday July 5, a Church service followed by a family picnic and a school reunion.

July 25 is Rural Day with Tug of War, Baseball etc. for the athletes and for the not so active Curling, Euchre, Crokinole and Cribbage.

HANOVER MEMORY LANE HOME COMING

Five days of Fun, Friends and Family July 1st to July 5th. Registration headquarters located on 10th Street next to the Hanover Post. Information souvenirs and tickets for various events. Fee \$2.00 per family. Name badges to be worn throughout the reunion. Prizes given for name badge draws.

Each day begins with a Rotary pancake breakfast 7 to 11 a.m. Lions Bavarian Garden open each day 12 noon to 10 pm at Hanover Park pavilion

with German food and music. The Legion holds a "Memory Lane" where friends can relax and renew old acquaintances all day.

Other attractions include: Royal Ontario Museum Display, "Parade of Bands" concert, Telosat Tours, Lawn Bowling, Midway, Tours of Furniture Plant, Hospital, Chick Hatchery, Bingo, Barbecues, Quilt Contest and many others, ending with the Shirt Tail Parade Sunday at 10:30 pm.

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Note: Copies of 1972 yearbook and others may be purchased from Society Executive members, or secretary Mrs. Mary Anne Ellenton, Box 182, Tiverton, Ontario NOG 2T0. Price 1967-1979 - \$2.00
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Dinner Meeting

The Annual Dinner Meeting will be held in Port Elgin United Church House on Thursday October 15 at 6:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Nicholas Hill of Goderich who is an architect, his topic "Streetscapes of Huron County"

Non members are welcome.

On September 17 a local meeting will be held in Wiarton at 8:00 p.m. Details are unavailable at time of printing but those interested should contact Mrs. Suzanne McEachnie, tel. 534-2842.

Publications

John Reynolds Jr. of Port Elgin, a committee chairman of the Society has recently completed the publication of a book for the Society, called Driving Through Bruce County. The front cover is eye-catching with its coloured photo of sunset over Lake Huron, while the back cover is a good contrast with a black and white sketch of the Society's crest.

The format is "different" and pleasing. John describes three tours anyone could take in a day, and the book is full of pictures of historic sites and buildings to see, sketches of birds and flowers of Bruce, and maps to follow. This beautiful little book is available at book stores, libraries, and from Society Executive members.

The 1981 Yearbooks have gone out to all paid-up members. If you have not received your copy please notify the membership secretary.

The annual bus trip was held on Thursday, July 16. Two busloads of members and friends, starting from Kincardine and Hanover, met at Alvanley and drove together up the east shore road of the Bruce peninsula to Tobermory, and back down the highway later in the day, stopping at the Walker House in Southampton for dinner. A stop was made in Wiarton at the Airport where members of the staff gave talks about the Airport. A short stop was made at the Wiarton park on the shore, and then the buses went on to Lion's Head where time was taken to eat box lunches at the park there. Another stop was made beside St. Margaret's Church near Dyers Bay for a quick look at this delightful country church.

Over 40 members took a boat trip to Flower Pot Island and some said this was the highlight of their day's outing. The weather was beautiful all day, which added to the pleasure of the boat ride. Bruce Peninsula is full of places of historic significance, general interest and natural beauty, far too many to visit in one day. The Society has taken a trip once before to the Bruce and will probably return again to visit the west side and its beauty spots.

On Sunday afternoon, August 9, a group of the Historical Society executive members and friends enjoyed a walk through the Inverhuron provincial park. Martin Parker of Port Elgin guided them from one historic site to another, showing them sites of buildings built by the very early pioneers, the remains of Cook's sawmill dam on the Little Sauble River and the remains of a lime kiln used by the pioneers. He pointed out ridges of stones which had been the shoreline of the lake back a few thousand years.

The park is full of evidence of history, easily recognized by archaeologists. Indians camped and fished at Inverhuron each year and the remains of their campfires have been unearthed. Historians have been able to determine the kinds of fish and animals they cooked over their fires.

The trees and plants in the park are of special interest to naturalists and during the walk on Sunday one botanist found four new plants to add to his list of 304 different plants he has seen this year.

A short executive meeting was held in the park pavilion, followed by a pionic supper. The Year Books have been received from the printer and are now in stores throughout the county.

The Aug. 20 meeting was held in the Port Elgin United Church House. Miss Elaine Matheson of Southampton, North Bruce District Director, presided. John Carter of Kingsville, and a summer resident of Bruce, showed a series of slides of houses along the Talbot Trail, in the counties north of Lake Erie. Each house was of some special interest, historically or architecturally.

Murray Telford of Owen Sound, a former member of the Bruce Historical Society executive, gave a talk on his great-grandfather, William Pattison Telford, born 1797 in Newcastleton, Roxburghshire, Scotland. Murray has been researching this ancestor for years and has compiled a large amount of data. William Telford was a man of many talents, a school teacher, musician, poet, draftsman, woodworker and cabinetmaker.

In 1840 William Telford left Scotland and his teaching job in Newcastleton, and with his wife and three children landed in New York City. He came up to Canada by way of Albany and Buffalo to North Dumfries township, where he taught for seven years. In 1847 he came up to Annan to teach and was reputed to be a "tickler with the taws", meaning the strap.

Murray had a display of beautifully made articles made by his great-grandfather, swinging dresser mirror, egg cups and stand, trinket box, clarinet, block plane, eyeglass case, and a candle table for the bedside. He also mentioned other items, including a dining table, chairs, whimsies, Bible box, deed boxes, sugar

bowl, parlour table, musical instruments of various kinds, spinning wheel. Some items are in the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. They are all made of maple, birdseye and curly, and were made on a foot-powered lathe. Murray recently discovered a hand-written book of poems by his great-grandfather, all in the Lowland Scottish dialect.

Two girls, Elaine McGillivray of Arran Lake and Barbara Eby of Elsinore, performed several Scottish and Irish dances, dressed to suit the dances.

Mrs. Donald Tew of Southampton showed some motion picture slides of Southampton taken many years ago. An interesting supposition is that they were taken by two men who may have been spies just before World War I, and the reels have lain unnoticed since then, until found by Mrs. Tew. They are a historical treasure of Southampton.

A social time was enjoyed with lunch at the close of the meeting.

Unveiling of Ontario Heritage Foundation Plaque at Tara

On Saturday, July 4, 1981, a provincial historical plaque commemorating the Founding of Tara will be unveiled at the community centre. The ceremony, which marks the official opening of the village's centennial celebrations, will take place at approximately 2:00 p.m. at the close of the parade which is scheduled to begin at noon. Later, the plaque will be permanently installed in Tara's Centennial Park.

The plaque, one of many erected throughout the province, is being donated by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, an agency of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation. The Foundation is dedicated to fostering wider interest in local history and stimulating greater participation in the preservation of the province's historical and natural resources.

The unveiling ceremony is being sponsored by the Village of Tara whose Reeve, Mr. Arthur Speer, will act as programme chairman. Mrs. Elizabeth Cardno, a Director of the Ontario Heritage Foundation, will present the plaque and briefly outline the agency's work.

Among those invited to participate in the ceremony are: Mr. Howard Collins, Warden of Bruce County; a representative of the Tara Village Council; Mr. Eddie Sargent, M.P.P. (Grey-Bruce); Dr. Gary Gurbin, M.P. (Bruce-Grey); and Mr. Elgin Young, a former reeve. Mr. Bruce Miller, a local historian, will provide an historical background for the occasion. Following the unveiling by Mrs. Loreen Hill, Clerk of Tara, Reverend Roy Cowieson of the Tara United Church will dedicate the plaque.

The day's festivities will continue with bed races, a pork barbecue and beer garden, and a centennial celebration dance. (taken from article dated June 24/81)

History of Arran Township

Work is progressing on the history of Arran township. The historical committee involved in this research, invite any reader who might have something of interest to contribute, to send his material to Mr. Harvey Monkman, R.R. 1, Dobbinton or Mrs. Marion McGillivray, R.R. 1, Southampton.

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Miss E. Matheson.

Fees - Membership fees are now due, as the year runs from January to December. Fees are \$5. per individual or family. This covers a copy of the Year Book and four quarterly newsletters. Please make out cheques to the Society and send them to the membership secretary.

Memberships were down in 1981. We think this is probably because of forgetfulness, rather than a lack of interest. Or perhaps it was because the August fee reminders were not sent out, when the postal strike was on. Because of the increase in the postage rate we may not send out a second reminder this year.

Newsletter - The editor, Miss Margaret MacKenzie, fell and injured a bone in her leg just before Christmas. She was a patient in St. Joseph's Hospital, London, for several weeks and is making a good recovery. The newsletter was compiled this month by Mrs. Clarence McGillivray and Mrs. George Downey, of the publications committee. A group of ladies held a workbee at the home of Mrs. Maxwell MacKinnon, Kincardine, and prepared the newsletter for mailing, a task they

enjoy for every newsletter.

Dates of Meetings in 1982

April 15	Bruce East in Chesley Town Hall
May 20	Spring Meeting
June 17	Bruce West
July 15	Bus Trip
August 19	Bruce North
September 16	Bruce South
October 21	Dinner Meeting - date to be set

The Bruce Beckons - The Society has a supply of paperback copies of The Bruce Beckons, by the late Dr. Sherwood Fox. They will be available for sale shortly at a modest price.

Annual dinner meeting was held on Oct. 15, 1981 at the United Church House, Port Elgin, with about 150 persons present. President Robert Leblanc presided. An Honorary Life Membership was presented to William Cottrill of Tiverton in appreciation of his years of service to the Society as auditor.

The guest speaker was Nicholas Hill, an architect of Goderich, who gave an illustrated talk on streetscapes and houses in Huron County and Kincardine. He pointed out the historic values and beauty of older buildings, and the possible uses of them.

John Reynolds, editor of the Society's latest publication, Driving Through Bruce County, was introduced. Copies of his book may be purchased in stores throughout the county.

The 1982 slate of officers was elected.

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Copies of this 1973 Year Book may be purchased by sending \$2.00 to the Society secretary.

Marine Gallery Opening - In conjunction with the extensive environmental up-grading program undertaken by the Museum, a major overhaul of several permanent displays has been underway during the last year. The first gallery overhauled, the Industrial Gallery was completed in May of 1981. At this time, work was begun on the Marine Gallery, and therefore, the area was not open to Museum visitors during the past summer.

On Saturday, Nov. 21, the Bruce County Museum re-opened the newly renovated Marine Gallery in a special evening ceremony held at the Museum. After welcoming everyone to the Museum, Director Claus Breede introduced M.P.P. Murray Elston, who brought greetings from Queen's Park.

Also present was Mrs. Gary Gurbin, representing her husband M.P. Dr. Gary Gurbin. Mrs. Gurbin was pleased to be able to announce that the Museum had been

awarded a grant under the Canada Community Development Program for 1982 in the amount of \$ 17,200. The 1982 project will run for a total of ten months, employing two cataloguers to help prepare the Museum's collections records for possible future computerization.

Mr. Carl Thorpe and Miss Elizabeth Price from the Museums Section of the Ministry of Culture and Recreation were also on hand for the occasion, as was Mrs. Elizabeth Cardno of the Ontario Heritage Foundation. Mrs. Cardo presented the Museum with a cheque for \$ 6,500, the balance of the special funding from the Foundation which helped make the overhaul of the Marine Gallery possible.

After Mrs. Cardno pronounced the new gallery to be officially open, Mr. Breede took the guests on a special guided tour of the new displays. Judging from the positive response from the opening night guests, the new Marine Gallery should be an additional attraction for future Museum visitors.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jack Murdoch of Underwood who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Sept. 14th, 1981. For 42 years, from 1931 to 1972 Jack delivered the mail along the North Bruce and R.R. 3 routes. Jack was born on the 8th of Bruce and Mrs. Murdoch, the former Olive Riebel, was born on the Saugeen-Bruce Town Line.

Cyclone Taylor - One of our members, Mrs. Phoebe Cameron of Bellville, writes: "The historical background of Cyclone Taylor intrigued me. I didn't know he was from Tara in the Bruce. At the time of the MacKenzie and Mann spur of the G.T.R. from Pembroke to Ottawa, a hockey team came up to Beachburg (50 miles east of Pembroke) to play the local team. I don't recall how old I was at that time but I was still in public school, and my mother and brother were with me at the rink that night. And were we excited watching Cyclone Taylor skate backwards. An open air rink at that time, with a big box stove in the adjoining shack. Times change. When we got home after the game my mother excitedly told my father about the wonderful hockey player on the Renfrew team - "Why he was just like a cyclone!" (Mrs. Cameron will be 92 in March.)

Bruceites in London - Seventy-seven people attended the Teeswater-Culross pot-luck supper held at the Oakridge Presbyterian Church Hall in London on Oct. 16th, 1981.

For the second year, Roger West, formerly of C.K.N.X. Wingham was Master of Ceremonies.

Entertainment provided by Mrs. Helen Riddell at the piano and Ron Sillick added much to the gaiety of the evening.

Mrs. Margaret Donahue, whose husband Mel was a long-time post-master at Teeswater and old timers remember him as a ball player, gave a review of Teeswater in the last 50 years.

The Committee for 1981 deserve special thanks for their efforts in arranging details for an affair of this kind. Their volunteer work is appreciated.

1981 Committee as follows

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer and Jean Ross
Mrs. Anna Miller Merkley
Mrs. Jessie Kennedy Clancy
Mrs. Audrey Davidson
Mrs. Dorothy Dubeau
Mrs. Alice Ballagh White
Mrs. Brace McDonald Rhyno

(Maiden names underlined)

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Memberships

In 1981 the membership was 560. To date in 1982 the membership is 364. Thank you to all who have renewed this year.

Books Available

A few copies have been found of the book, Reminiscences of Port Elgin 1874-1974, (96 pp.) by Carmen Levie. They are available from Broad Horizons Books, Box 2259, Port Elgin NoH 2C0, at \$4.50 plus 75¢ postage.

Copies of out-of-date magazines can be valuable to interested people. Last year some copies of The Pentecostal Testimony were found and given to Malcolm Campbell, president of the Bruce County Historical Society. He realized the value of the old magazines for archives, and offered them to his neighbours, Pastor and Mrs. K.J. Reid in Walkerton. Some of the magazines filled in gaps in the church's archives of Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Some years ago, the late Mrs. Earl Ferris, first editor of the Society's Year Book, found old copies of the Baptist Church magazine and gave them to the Baptist Church archives at McMaster University.

Before destroying old magazines we should consider whether or not they might be useful.

Meetings

The first meeting of this year will be held Thursday, April 15 at 8 pm. in Chesley Town Hall. The East Bruce District Director, Mrs. Hugh McIntyre has an interesting program planned.

On Thursday, May 20, a meeting will be held in the Kincardine Presbyterian Church at 8 pm. Ted McCannel of Walkerton, a member of the Society, will be the guest speaker.

The third meeting will be held on June 17 under the direction of the new North Bruce District Director, James Coyne of Colpoy's Bay. Further details will be given in the next newsletter.

Southampton's 125th Anniversary

1983 will be Southampton's 125 anniversary of a village status. Plans are underway to make the year a very interesting and exciting one. The main home-coming week will be June 24th to July 4, with the week filled with many activities

such as a costume ball, a dance to the "big band era" with Frank Fogart, a school reunion, a period fashion show at the museum, a rural day, an antique car show and many more activities.

July 15, 16, and 17 will feature a mammoth square dance jamboree with over 1000 dancers participating.

We are attempting to contact as many former residents as possible but know that some will be missed. We would like all to visit us during this great year.

Toys on Exhibition - The Museum has recently been fortunate in acquiring six large 7'x7' display units of varying depths from the Royal Ontario Museum. These solid 3/4" walnut and plate glass cases have served the R.C.M. well for thirty years, and will, we hope, grace the Bruce County Museum for many years to come. The simplicity with which these cases are designed allows for many different modes of displaying and interpreting the artifacts contained within.

One of these cases has become the latest addition of our rank of cases on the west hall of the Main Exhibit Hall, bearing the same fluorescent light box and treated burlap backing as its fellows. The "collection of collectables" featured in this case is turn-of-the-century toys.

These designs are notable both in their ingenious design and the materials with which they were manufactured. Inexpensively produced toys over the last 50 years have continued to be of unique design and function. However, the myriad materials used in the production of these 19th century "child pleasers" such as wood, tin, zinc, porcelain, bisque, linen, and papier maché, have been replaced by a common, longwearing product: Plastic.

Machine production methods at the turn of this century were far behind the advances of the last twenty years. Labour was cheap and easily obtained. These two factors combined with a rising urban "middle class" to establish an enormous market for these cheaply produced toys. As much of the painting and lacquer finishing of toys was, of necessity, done by hand, some 60 to 80 years later we are left with a heavily mass produced product of which no two are exactly alike.

The German toy companies (Lehmann, Marx), and later the Japanese (Nagoya Invention Co.) exploited cheap labour and raw materials with a charming result which held sway in British and North American markets for forty years.

British and American game companies found no rival for wooden and pasteboard lithographed toys until the coming of the modern offset and photo-printing processes. One of the French toy companies, "Jumeau", employed fine and, for their period (1860-1910), extremely well paid artists to create the faces of their many different sorts of dolls.

Many of the applied artists at the turn of the century, employed by the toy companies for finishing, signed all their works. What was in Edwardian times a simple toy is, in the eyes of many modern collectors, now elevated to the rank of artform.

Our technology has advanced greatly in 60 years and modern toys reflect modern tastes. The collections at the Museum will grow, with time, to include the artifacts which now take the fancy of contemporary children. It is hoped that the general public will examine the toys presently displayed here at the Bruce County Museum and fondly remember the little wonders of their own childhoods.

The History Of The Dollar - The dollar has a long history of international exchange. Trade flowed smoothly among the states of Europe under the control of the Holy Roman Empire, but when the Empire broke-up into small independent states, there was economic confusion. With dozens of currencies circulating in Europe, trade was hindered by the frequent need to change money, as governments often required all money to be exchanged at their borders. The problem was solved by Bohemia early in the sixteenth century. A large silver coin was struck at the mint of Joachimstal. The silver was mined locally and the coin made from it came known as the Joachimsthaler, or thaler (pronounced "taler") Demand for this coin resulted in the minting of thalers in many countries. The German and Austrian versions were called Reichsthaler, the Dutch as Rijksdaalder and the Polish as talar.

The Spanish had already minted a coin similar to size to the German thaler commonly known as "pieces of eight." The name thaler came to be applied to it also, pronounced "dollar." It became the standard coin not only of the Spanish colonies but throughout the Americas. When the United States began to mint its own coins, it was only natural that the dollar would be the unit, since Spanish dollars has been the most common coins in circulation there. In 1794 the U.S. began to strike its own silver dollar coins.

The Spanish dollars began to be used in trade with China and Japan. The Mexican mint has a large market for its silver in the Orient. By the 1870's the U.S. mines were producing large quantities of silver. It was difficult to compete with the Mexican dollar, so the U.S. mint struck a Trade Dollar, intended wholly for international trade, not legal tender. It depicted Liberty seated on a bundle of cargo overlooking the sea with the eagle on the reverse. It resembled the eagle on the Mexican coin, which stood on a cactus.

A reaction set in against the Trade Dollar because the Chinese in US sent so much of their earnings to their relatives in China, using these coins, that they gutted the banks. Its value was depressed by over supply, while legally no one was required to accept it as payment. The legal tender US dollars had become current north of the border where coinage was generally scarce.

By 1858 when the Canadian colonies were granted their own coinage, it was logical for them to choose denominations based on the decimal divisions of the dollar.

Legislation for a Canadian silver dollar passed in 1910, but except for the rare 1911 pattern, Canada struck no dollars coins until 1935 when one was struck in commemoration of the Silver Jubilee of George V.

A few weeks ago it was reported on the news that a Canadian had sold a rare 1911 Canadian silver dollar to a Michigan collector for \$325,000. The same report stated that the only other 1911 coin known to be in existence is in England and is valued at Two Million Dollars.

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Twins Born in Area May Be Oldest Living - Owne Sound Sun Times

Bill Kincaid, the son of Elizabeth Kincaid, is very anxious to learn whether his mother and his aunt, Catherine (Mrs. Marshall Watson), are the oldest twins in Ontario. They were 92 years of age in December. They were born December 18/1889.

Elizabeth Ann and Catherine Campbell came into this world Dec. 18, 1889, the last of seven children born to the Lambs. They are now the last surviving members of the family of seven.

Both the Lamb and Taylor families came to Canada from Scotland. They first settled in Fergus and William Lamb, father of the twins, followed his older brother to Paisley. On 90 acres of land purchased from his brother, he cleared the bush and built a log house. It was in that house where the twins were born, in Greenock Township.

Both girls attended school at SS 7 Greenock. Being twins didn't ever bother them and they didn't ever play tricks on teachers or friends. Actually, Elizabeth was always a little heavier than Catherine.

It was at a house party that Catherine Campbell Lamb met Marshall Watson. When they married the move took her only two miles from her family farm. Mr. Watson drove the mail truck for 33 years, even after they retired from the farm and lived in Eden Grove. He died about 10 years ago.

Elizabeth Ann married Jack Kincaid, also from Greenock Township. She was 35 years old when she married, some 11 years after her sister.

Mrs. Watson has sons Bert of Guelph and Jack of Paisley. There are two grandchildren.

Mrs. Kincaid has one son, Bill, of Mississauga with whom she makes her home. There are no grandchildren. Her husband is also deceased.

For four years now Mrs. Watson has resided in Brucelea Haven, Wlakeron. Although the sisters didn't get together on their birthday, they celebrate Christmas together at the home of Mrs. Watson's son, Jack.

The Bus Trip

The Bruce Historical Society will hold its annual bus trip on Thursday, July 8. The main point of interest is attendance at the afternoon performances at the Blythe Theatre. The play entitled "Heads You Lose" is the story of a farmer and his troubles, and is described as humorous and entertaining. Non-members of the society are welcome. Only 80 seats are available on the buses, so please call as soon as possible to Mrs. Fraser Farrell 396-4214 or Mrs. Duncan Convay 396-8868 for reservations.

or George Cluley, Pt. Elgin

June Meeting

The June meeting will be held on Thursday, June 17, at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church in Southampton. The guest speaker is Vincent Elliott of Stokes Bay, a historian and naturalist.

August Meeting

The August meeting is in the hands of Gwen Harrison, the South Bruce director. It will be held on Thursday, August 19, at St. Luke's Anglican Church, L'Oran.

September Meeting

On Sept. 16 a meeting will be held in Wiarton Baptist Church at 8 p.m. An interesting program is being planned.

Yearbook

The Yearbook has gone to press and will be distributed to all paid-up members.

The index of the 1975 Yearbook is as follows: Wilfred Krug; Who's Who Among Our Contributors; Life and Times of Frank Carter; Ripley; My Pioneer Great Grandfathers; Pioneer Days at Point Clark and Huron Township; Hydro Charlie; The 160 Bruce Battalion; Making Maple Syrup Seventy Years Ago; The Resettlement of Bruce County; A Telegraph in Hanover in the Twenties; The History of the Stark Family; Oliphant's First Seat of Learning; MacKenzie's Toronto Weekly Magazine; The Day of the Oxen; Wiarton Railway Station; Society's Essay Contest; Centenarians; Creighton Place; Buckland Log House; Walkerton Town Hall.

Copies of any of the Yearbooks may be purchased from any of the executive members.

Essay Contest

The Bruce Historical Society is sponsoring an essay contest on log houses, four to six pages or 1,000 to 1,500 words, to be handed in to the Society by Sept. 20, 1982. Prizes will be awarded from the interest on the \$1,000 bequest from Col. John McEwing, a native of Port Elgin, who died in 1980 in Seattle, Wash. The contest is open to Bruce residents, or former Bruce residents. For further information call Mrs. Downey, 368-7253.

May Meeting

The May meeting of the Bruce Historical Society was held in Knox Presbyterian Church, Kincardine. Mrs. Edna Avery, vice president of the society, presided for a program of music, films and a talk.

The guest speaker was Ted McCannel of Walkerton, a charter member of the society,

and its first vice president when it was reorganized in 1957. Ted has resided in Bruce all of his life except for the years he served overseas in the 1939-45 World War. He has been a reporter for the Kitchener Record since 1952, reporting on the news from Bruce.

Ted remarked about Bruce being linked with the country of Grey, sometimes being called the twin counties, and the names almost always being given with Grey mentioned first. He pointed out several ways in which Bruce stands out as being unique. Then he chose to talk about its unique murders, a rather unusual subject, but as a newspaper reporter he has had opportunities to personally interview the suspects and other persons closely involved with the events.

Bruce had 16 murders in the first 13 years after 1867, the year of Confederation. One unusual murder case, with the murderer being hanged in the Walkerton jail, has been written in a story form. The Queen's Bush by Dr. W.M. Brown, gives the story, plus a mystery and a description of pioneer Bruce life. A reprint of the book was made in 1967.

Ted told of other cases and explained his contact with a few of the more recent ones. George Cluley of Port Elgin thanked him, and said that although the talk was 'gruesome' at times, it was also very interesting.

The musical portion of the program was provided by Mrs. Anita Gottschalk who gave several piano selections. Mrs. William Collins showed slides she and her husband had taken on a chartered trip which took in Singapore, Australia and other places.

The next meeting is on Thursday, June 17 at 8 p.m. in the Presbyterian Church in Southampton. Everyone is welcome.

New Members

Welcome to a new member from Australia-Mrs. Isabel Moroney, 10 Lyndhurst St., 2290 N.S.W. Her ^{was} grandmother born 1861 in Brant. In 1880 she married Hugh McKillop. Her father was born 1891. Both McKillop grandparents are buried in Chesley. A grandmother Jane Fiddes and her sister Margaret were on the teaching staff of the first school at wood.

Besides her membership she has placed orders for all the Historical Society's publications.

From the Museum Newsletter

The Bruce County Museum has on display an exhibit of 89 artifacts, "Equipment for Eternity," from the collections of the Egyptian Department of the Royal Ontario Museum, which is designed to illustrate the artistic achievements of the Men Kingdom, the imperial age of Ancient Egypt.

The artifacts are divided between ten display cases, each accompanied by a description of the artifacts and of the prevalent techniques used to produce objects of wood, metal, pottery, glass, bronze and stone. Black and white reproductions of the drawings copied from the tombs supplement the text by showing the various craftsmen at work. Colour photographs of objects from the tomb of Tutankhamun also complement each case, illustrating the work of the craftsman at its finest.

The artifacts have amazed viewers. They are splendid. Yet Egyptian craftsmen had produced such objects for 1800 years before Tutankhamun's time, and would continue their work for another 1000 years after his death.

PINE RIVER CHEESE FACTORY

Many people who travel up and down Highway 21, will be glad to hear that ^{the} Pine River Cheese Factory will be back in business soon,

It was a shock to the area when news reported last October 26th that fire had destroyed this popular dairy plant which had been in continuous operation since 1885.

Plans are to rebuild on Hwy. 21 just north of the intersection (Huron Twp.) with the concession, on which it was formerly located. The proposed building will be

206' x 115', of steel frame with insulated block walls and detailed throughout for efficient operation within and attractive appearance outside. Ceiling height in the cheese storage, and processing areas will be 20', with 15' clearance in the truck bay. There will be a second story over the office, packaging and milk and whey room which will include a glass front viewing area for the public.

Equipment not damaged in the fire will be moved to the new site; such as the 4 vats; 2 x 22000 lb; 1 x 20000 lb.; 1 x 14000 lb. milk capacity, and 3 draining tables plus presses etc. There will also be holding tanks capable of storing 220,000 lbs. of milk and others that will store the same amount of whey. It is quite possible that whey will receive more attention in the future than accorded to it in the past.

A generous variety of cheese will be manufactured including: cheddar, white, colored and marbled, plus curd; colby and brick in many flavours; farmers' brand and American mozerella.

Milk will be purchased from the Ontario Milk Board but the policy to be followed will ensure that there will always be 30 to 35 local farmer members who will constitute the main body of shippers and from whom a board of directors will be chosen. At present Mr. Gordon Patterson is President, Mr. Glen Martin is manager-cheesemaker and Mrs. Robert (Joyce) Courtney is sect-treas. The address is R.R. 4, Ripley.

Target date for opening is Sept., 82, and when Mr. Donald Martin was asked what he thought of the outlook for the future, his reply was definitely optimistic. By moving to the highway location they hope to increase their retail sales to 50% of total production and with a guarantee of reasonable quota for supply of milk at a price that will keep the farmers in business, Pine River Cheese should again become a big name in the Dairy Industry of Western Ontario.

William Rooklidge's ad for his Furniture Warerooms on Queen Street in Kincardine, in the County of Bruce 1867 Directory, ends with this quaint notation: Special Attention Given to Furnishing Funerals. COFFINS on Hand and made to order.

The beautiful old fountain, erected in Victoria Park in Kincardine in 1897, in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, has been refurbished and is running again in the summer months, after many years of inactivity. It is flanked on two sides a few yards away, by two huge black cannon. These are relics of the Crimean War period, given to the town by the Militia Department of the day. They are in beautiful condition and do nothing to detract from the peaceful atmosphere of the park or its fountain. Of course, once things were a little different - that was on the day many, many years ago when Dr. Solomon Secord (whose memorial with its Chaucerian inscription, stands beside the Police/Health Office building on Main Street) tried to end a drought by setting off the cannon. The success of his rainmaking is rather obscure. The reverberations following the blast broke so many windows in the surrounding area, particularly the town hall, that that seems to have been the outstanding news item of the day handed down through history. Luckily, Dr. Secord was a very popular man. It doesn't seem to have hurt his reputation - likely just added to another list of his antics.

The following speech was written by Lisa Esplen from Burgoyne who is a Grade 8 student at the Tara Public School.

We are indebted to Mrs. Sharon Marchman, President, Port Elgin and District Agricultural Society (832-6764) for sending us this copy.

Rebirth of Port Elgin Fair

"Where Town and Country Meet." This was the theme chosen for the 1981 Port Elgin and District Agricultural Fair.

Meetings began on December second, 1980 to decide directors, auditors and executive for the first Port Elgin Fair in fourteen years. But two years before this organizational meeting could take place, a dream was being born in the mind of Mrs. Sharon Marshman. While reading an article in the "Days Gone By" column of a local newspaper, concerning the demolition of the old Palace, which had been used for past fall fair exhibits, she began to think how nice it would be to revive this tradition that had died thirteen years previous in this area. Having had the opportunity to experience the fun of fairs herself as a child, she realized what her own children were missing. She did some research into the last fairs held, and after contacting those directors, she found no one was interested enough to go through all the "red tape" of starting the fair again. Mrs. Marshman then realized that if she wanted this bad enough, she would have to make the start herself.

After getting a few people to help her, they attended many fairs in the area. They were trying to find out if people were interested in having a Port Elgin fair again. Before going further, permission had to be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture and all the other fairs in a twenty-five mile radius. Sixty signatures were required by the Ontario Agricultural Society before any further plans could be made. They even did better than this by obtaining ninety signatures of people who would support this endeavor. This new society would get a one dollar grant for each new membership received.

Finally, after two years of hard work, the groundwork was complete and now definite plans could get underway. Twelve directors and a president had to be elected at the first general meeting held in December of 1980. Mrs. Marshman was unanimously chosen to be the President. Meeting after meeting was held to solve the many problems that arose for a first year fair. Two main problems were the location of the fair and the date. After bargaining with the town council and the school board, the site of the Saugeen District Secondary School grounds was selected.

A summer fair had to be because all Saturdays in the fall were taken up with already existing fairs. July 24th and 25th were the dates chosen for the 1981 fair. The Port Elgin Curling Club, located next door to the grounds, was available to the fair for their indoor exhibits.

Money was needed to have a fair, so the group of energetic directors and friends set about this task. A beach carnival was held for two nights which showed a sizable profit. A bingo was held at Brandon Hall in Port Elgin to help raise money. The Port Elgin Junior Farmers sponsored a dance with all proceeds going to the Fair Board. Many individuals, as well as businesses and organizations donated money also.

The picking of the "Sweetheart-of-the-Fair" is always a pleasurable event leading up to a fair. Five contestants were entertained at a dinner and here they gave their five minute speech on "Industry In Bruce County." All the girls were interviewed by three judges and later, Susan Pollard was chosen as the "Sweetheart".

On Friday, the 24th, the fairgrounds were buzzing with activity as the final preparations were being made for the big day. Friday afternoon found the judges busy placing red ribbons on many exhibits displayed.

The long awaited day arrived with beautiful sunshine and warm weather. A large parade made its way to the fairgrounds bringing with it, dignitaries and the Warden of Bruce County who officially opened the fair.

The directors had decided that there would be something for everyone at the fair. There were games such as horseshoes for the older, and a petting farm for the younger generation, as well as many other organized games. Exhibitors came from as far away as Gorrie and Goderich to show their horses in one of the largest horse shows around.

A Gymkhana was held for saddle-horse lovers. There were so many goats brought in that temporary pens had to be built. Two herds of cattle were also on display. The ones in charge of the pet show were swamped with cats and dogs and other small animals.

Mrs. Marshman was totally surprised on fair day. Her original hopes were for a fun day for town children to go and see different farm animals.

Thanks to the large turnout of visitors and exhibitors, the 1981 fair was a huge success. Plans are already underway for the 2nd annual Fair to be held on July 23 and 24.

We hope to see you at the fair!

- by Lisa Esplen

The Temple of Peace

Motorists driving through the village of Sharon, Ont., four kilometers north of Newmarket, will see a historical monument unlike any in the world, a strange looking green and white building, the Temple of Peace. Sixty square feet at the base with three tiers, lanterns on every corner, windows on every wall, and a golden globe suspended above the roof, it resembles a great wedding cake.

The temple was completed in 1831. Last July to commemorate its 150th anniversary, the York Pioneer and Historical Society, which has operated it as a museum since 1917, presented a musical festival attended by many celebrated performers. A musical festival was chosen because music was the basic reason for its creation.

Its founder, David Wilson, brought his family across Lake Ontario from New York in 1801, landing in Toronto where he obtained a deed for a farm in Simcoe County. Carrying two small two small children they went on foot up Yonge Street on a blazed road in dense forest. Wilson was tough, energetic, also a bit eccentric with an unshakeable faith in his own beliefs. He was a Quaker but was expelled from the Society of Friends because he enjoyed playing music during services, a practice of which the Quakers firmly disapproved. In retaliation he started his own sect the Children of Peace, locally called "Davidites", and with a band of followers set about building a temple. It took six years to complete.

Joyous music was part of the services with brass band and choir, and public performances were given, attracting enthusiasts from all over Upper Canada. Some musical instruments are on display, one of which is a barrel organ. About 7000 people visit Sharon each year, most of them attracted by the various story of its origin.

I had the privilege of visiting it on a trip around Lake Simcoe in 1935. One thing I remember is the twelve central pillars on the main floor placed in a circle and representing the twelve apostles.

The following week I attended an anniversary in a small country church in the Barrie area. As is a rural custom, the members of the visiting choir were entertained by the people of the church, awaiting the evening service. In the afternoon I talked with the visiting clergyman about my trip. He told me that he was born and raised near Sharon. In his youth he heard many stories about the services in the temple. They held special services at times at which the minister washed the feet of the elders as Christ did. The day before the service the wives prepared freshly washed socks for the occasion. An anecdote was told of a mischievous young lad who put lamp black into one of his father's socks. During the foot washing service next day the foot really needed washing.

The June Meeting

The Bruce County Historical Society June meeting was held in the Southampton Presbyterian Church with the West Bruce District Director, Miss Elaine Matheson, presiding.

The special speaker was Vincent Elliott of Stokes Bay, a member of the Society, and a contributor to the Society's Year Book. He is a naturalist and often takes groups of students on nature study walks. He has been an art teacher, and assisted the late Dr. Sherwood Fox with his book, *The Bruce Beckons*, by helping to illustrate the book. He is a gifted photographer, and showed slides that he had taken at the meeting.

Mr. Elliott has studied the geological history of Bruce county, and in his talk he showed slides of evidence that glaciers covered the Bruce peninsula about 12,000 years ago. At Stokes Bay is a slab of stone striated with scratches made by the glacier as it scraped over it.

Mr. Elliott's theme was changes in the Bruce and their causes. He began by telling of the seiche or tide in Lake Huron. The Big Seiche of May 5, 1952 created changes along the shoreline, and Mr. Elliott has contributed a story of it for the 1982 Year Book which has just come from the printer last week.

Bruce peninsula is noted for its many beautiful wild flowers, some of them being rare orchids. He has found new species, and made a study of others. He mentioned in particular, the Alaska Orchid. It is found in only four places in the world, one of them being the Bruce. An interesting phenomenon is that some flowers may be found for maybe up to 20 years in one spot, in abundance, and the next year they are all gone completely. They may be gone for years, perhaps ten, and then reappear in another part of the peninsula. Or a plant may disappear from some other place in the world and appear for the first time in Bruce. No explanation has been found for these strange disappearances and reappearances elsewhere.

Mr. Elliott told of other changes in The Bruce, and in most cases could explain them. His talk was fascinating, educational and witty, and much enjoyed.

The July Bus Trip

The bus trip was held July 8 with attendance at the Blyth Theatre. The first stop was at the Wingham museum, the old Post Office on main street which had been attractively renovated.

The Chairman of L.A.C.A.C. arranged a tour of the town showing the residential homes and public buildings. The Wingham Chamber of Commerce treated passengers on the bus to chocolate milk drinks. Milk was also supplied at the park during the box lunch picnic. After seeing the play "Heads You Lose" at Blyth, the buses went on to Teeswater for dinner at the Vendome Hotel.

The August Meeting

A meeting was held in the church at Lurgan with an attendance of fifty-six. Before dark there was a tour of the little church while Wm. Collins gave a talk about its history. Slides were shown in the church hall by Mr. Munn of Ripley, dealing with the progress of farming and the development of farm machinery and showing people at work.

Music was provided by Robert Courtney, his wife Joan and his sister Mrs. Carman MacLeod.

The September Meeting

The district meeting of North Bruce will be held at the Baptist Church, Wiarton, on Thursday September 16 at 8 p.m. The program will be under the direction of Jim Coyne.

Yearbooks

The 1982 Yearbooks have been printed and mailed to all paid-up members. The membership secretary would like to thank all those who have renewed their memberships.

The Archives

The Bruce County Museum issues a quarterly newsletter and the latest issue has an article of special interest to family researchers, namely, The Archives: and How to Use Them. The Bruce County Archives are in the museum building, and the archival material has been separated into the following groups: Photographic Collection, Postcards, Newspapers, Land Transfer Copy Books, Reference Materials, Historic Library, Prints and Engravings, Municipal Documents (County, Townships and Towns), Microfilm and Microfiche.

The Archives retains a collection of most county newspapers from 1963 to 1979, some of which are bound. The Historical Society continues to collect current issues, and as copies are brought in, they are given the appropriate shelf space. As of yet, there are no finding aids for this collection. However, the staff is happy to locate a given issue within the bounds described.

Hallowe'en in Huron Township

I would say that the boys from the Lewisfolk homes kept clear of the Hallowe'en tricks that took a great deal of time and effort. In their homes they were well drilled on the old axiom, "Be sure the result is worth the effort".

A few miles south of Ripley, about seventy years ago on Hallowe'en day, two farmers were ploughing in adjacent fields about one-quarter of a mile apart. Each left his plough in the field when he quit. That night some youths exchanged the ploughs. The one, a walking model, would weigh, with rolling coulter and whifflet, about one hundred-fifty pounds. It had to be carried or dragged. The other, a riding plough, could be rolled. But how did they get it over the fence? It would weigh three hundred pounds or more.

About ten years before the first story, several miles west of Ripley, in a community of mostly Irish origin, it was the Oct. 31. A farmer planned to take a wagonload of grain to the chopping mill the next day. He wanted an early start, so he had his bags all filled and on the wagon ready for morning. He didn't get his early start.

When he got up after Hallowe'en night, his load of bags and wagon were straddling the roof of the barn. He had to get two neighbours to help him get it down. That trick meant that twenty bags at about seventy-five pounds each had to be pulled up a twenty foot wall and then along the roof. The gravel box could be separated into about twelve parts. The wagon could be taken apart in front and back halves. Each half would weigh three hundred pounds. Of course that wasn't a kid's trick. That was done by a group of young men.

Sometimes a Hallowe'en trick backfired. Once, south of Ripley, a gang decided not to upset the outhouse, as was usual, but to move it. They harnessed a horse to pull it to a new place. The moving outhouse scared the horse. It got away from the person driving it. When the horse was caught, the outhouse was past fixing. A few weeks later the pieces were put through the buzz-saw for firewood. (I wonder who replaced the structure?)

Observations by a member

From Bervie United Church Centennial Book. One member tells of teaching a very lively primary class in Sunday School. During one of the lessons she tried to impress upon the listeners that God was all powerful. One little boy looked up and stated that Mighty Mouse could also do anything he wished.

One day this family was very embarrassed when their canine pet followed them into church and proceeded to the pulpit. He was finally coaxed to leave after backing one member of the congregation back into his seat. Rev. Clyde's family of cats occasionally wandered in to join in the services also.

The same lady also tells of bringing her visiting granddaughter to church. Mr. Clyde appeared that day, following the 25th anniversary of himself and Mrs. Clyde, wearing a rose in his lapel. The little visitor leaned over to her grandma, and whispered loudly, "There's Mr. Trudeau."

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Poem - Inverhuron Bay

The following poem was composed by a new cottage owner who has fallen in love with Inverhuron. By his pseudonym one would suppose he had been here from time immemorial.

Inverhuron Bay

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 ever 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.

The lime kilns are still visible,
One on the curving shore,
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
Amid 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 writers words relay
The glory of a sunset
On Inverhuron Bay.

- A.C. Gull.

The October Meeting

The annual dinner will be held Thursday October 21 at the Hartley House, Walkerton. The speaker will be Elmer Umbach of Lucknow.

Cost of dinner -- \$7.50.

Ample parking space nearby in the Supermarket parking lot.

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The Annual October Dinner

It was Walkerton's turn this year to host the annual dinner of the Bruce County Historical Society. A gathering of 132 members and friends filled the Bruce Room of the Hartley Hotel on Thursday evening October 21. A former dinner was last held in Walkerton in 1975 at Knox Presbyterian Church.

President Mac Campbell was master of ceremonies. Mayor Jim Bolden brought greetings from the Town of Walkerton and spoke briefly about the Homecoming celebrations planned for 1983. Reeve Barry Johnston representing the County of Bruce referred to the significance of the current relocation of the County offices in Walkerton. Mr. Campbell mentioned that membership in the organization was up to about 600 this year and reviewed the activities of the society during the past year including the revival of a Heritage Committee.

Peter Knechtel of Hanover brought in the report of the nominating committee and Barry Johnston presided for the election of officers for 1983, as recorded above.

Guest speaker was Elmer Umback, a pharmacist in Lucknow for 35 years who gave an interesting talk on the historical aspects of pharmacy. He described how the role of the profession has changed through the years, and stressed that he should be called a pharmacist rather than a druggist, since the latter has an unfortunate connotation.

Peter Schmaltz, history teacher in Walkerton secondary school, explained the project being carried out by a large group of local people, working on the history of Walkerton. The history is being compiled in detail, and separate chapters will be printed and sold as they are ready. Eventually a complete history will be published in book form. He mentioned the fact that the first black person to graduate from Queen's University came from Walkerton. He said in researching the County Town question, the subject of the first volume he discovered that liquor had nothing to do with the decision to locate the County seat there. Instead, it was William Sutton, a pioneer of Kincardine who was instrumental in the final decision.

Music was provided in the form of two solos by Mrs. Jerry McWaters, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Edith Waldie.

Prizes were awarded in the Log House Essay contest to Mrs. Aileen Campbell of Paisley \$100., Marcella Campbell, Hanover \$50. and Mrs. Marsha Buchanan, Inverhuron \$25.

Bruce County Historical Society meet

A very successful meeting of the Bruce County Historical Society was held on Thursday, September 16th at the Wiarton Baptist Church with members travelling from all corners of the County in attendance.

John Nadjiwon of Cape Croker held his audience captive for half an hour with his subject "Oral Traditions of our Native People" telling many of the legends of his forebears and their relationship to nature. A well documented research paper on a family history was given by Rhonda Taylor, with many highly amusing tales from the past. Mrs. Eleanor Silk, accompanied by Mrs. Betty Nixon, provided vocal entertainment for the evening. The film on the life of David Milne showed many scenes from the Bruce and their reproduction on canvas in Milne's particular style, as well as his differing life styles and the effect it had on his paintings.

Plans are being made for a Society float for the 1983 Heritage Day Parade in Southampton, celebrating the 125th Anniversary of that town. Lucknow, also celebrating its 125th Anniversary in 1983, will have a Society display on the main street.

Publications

A meeting of the Publications committee was held at the home of Mrs. Olive Hepburn of Hope Bay. Mrs. Hepburn and her husband, Gordon were curators of the Bruce County Museum at Southampton for several years. Mrs. Hepburn is a gifted writer and has written many poems and prose articles some of which have been published by the Historical Society yearbooks and pamphlets. Many samples of her artistic talent are found in articles of craft in her home especially a large collection of dolls of many varieties.

The purpose of the meeting was to make plans for future yearbooks and newsletters and to set uniform prices for publications now on sale.

Attending the meeting were Marion McGillivray, chairman, Donalda McClure, John Reynolds, Olive Hepburn, Edna Avery, Hilda Downey, and Margaret McKenzie.

Workshop

A workshop sponsored by the Ontario Historical Society and the Bruce County Historical Society was held at the G.C. Huston Elementary School in Southampton on Saturday, September 25.

The instructor was Dr. Wesley Turner from the Department of History at Brock University. He spoke on The Historical Context, and was followed by Doctor Jacques Goutor of King's College, London, who explained Research Methods and the Card File System.

A lunch was enjoyed at St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall, followed by two afternoon speakers. Peter Moran, Chief Archivist of the Simcoe County Archives, spoke on Archives and the Historian; and Andrew Armitage, Chief Librarian of the Owen Sound Public Library, described Library Resources For the Historian.

Some time was spent on the use of reference departments and archives, and how to find the necessary research reference tools that they provide.

A small group attended this workshop, and also visited the museum at the conclusion of the meeting.

District Meetings

Please note the dates of the district meetings for 1983. Localities and topics will be given later. The dates are: April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, Sept. 15. The date of the October dinner will be decided later.

In Memoriam

We ask our readers to send in to the Yearbook Editor the name and date of death of any member of our society who has passed away during the year 1982 in order that it may be recorded in the yearbook. In former years on occasion names have been overlooked.

BOOKS FOR SALE - The society has many books for sale. The following is a list.

BOOKS FOR SALE BY THE BRUCE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

HISTORY OF THE COUNTY OF BRUCE

Norman Robertson

SUGGESTED
RETAIL PRICE

\$11.00

This was first published in 1906. Mr. Robertson lived at the time and knew most of the people. It is an excellent source of Bruce County History.

HISTORY OF THE COUNTY OF BRUCE VOL. 2

Norman McLeod 1907-1968

\$11.00

This book was written at the invitation of the Bruce County Society. It is a companion book to Norman Robertson's

BRUCE BECKONS

W. Sherwood Fox

\$6.50

This is an excellent book on the Bruce Peninsula.

EXPLORING THE BRUCE

Elizabeth Price

\$3.00

This book deals with the furniture industry and points up the role played by German-speaking Ontarians in the development of the region.

DRIVING THROUGH BRUCE

John Reynolds

\$3.00

This book consists of three driving tours, and many pictures within the county.

PIONEER DAYS OF THE BRUCE PENINSULA

Jack Hilditch

\$3.00

Jack gives accounts of his experiences on the peninsula and in Wiarton.

PIONEER DAYS AT GUELPH AND THE COUNTY OF BRUCE

David Kennedy Sr.

\$3.50

First published in 1903. It contains excellent background information on the early settlements around Southampton, and the Saugeen River.

QUEEN'S BUSH

Dr. Brown

\$8.00

Interesting account of life on the Saugeen River and area.

YEAR BOOKS

Every Year Since 1967

\$3.00

If you wish to purchase any of these and cannot find them in your local book store, write, John Reynolds, Box 1589, Port Elgin, Ont. N0H 2C0.

Riversdale has the distinction of having had the only toll gate in Bruce County. This was erected in 1864 to raise money to pay for the \$3,250 debenture issued to cover the cost of the newly erected bridge over the Teeswater River.

Patrick Mahon was appointed toll keeper but the gate was so unpopular that Paul Ross, to test the legality of the toll charge, laid a charge of obstructing the Queen's Highway against the keeper, and the luckless Mahon was committed to jail in Goderich.

Never on a Sunday - From the "Trilogy" Jan. 23/75

By Law No 16 Elderslie Township Aug. 3rd, 1857. By-law to prevent the profanation of the Lord's Day in this municipality.

Whereas it is expedient to enact law against the profanation of the Lord's Day commonly called Sunday, which day ought to be duly observed and kept holy.

That from and after the passing of this By-Law it shall not be lawful for any merchant, tradesman, artificer, mechanic, workman, or labourer or any other person whatsoever within this municipality to sell or to publicly shew forth or expose or offer for sale, or to purchase any wares, merchandise goods, chattels or personal property or any real estate whatsoever, on that day nor to do or exercise any worldly labour, business, or work of their ordinary calling upon the Lord's Day (conveying travellers, or Her Majesty's mail by land or water, selling Drugs and Medicines and such other works of necessity and also works of charity only excepted).

Nor shall it be lawful for any person or persons to tipple or to allow or permit tippling in any inn, tavern, grocery, or house of public entertainment or to revel or publicly exhibit himself or herself in a state of intoxication or to brawl or use profane language in the public streets or open air, so as to create any riot or disturbance or annoyance to Her Majesty's peaceable subjects on that day, or to hold, convene, or attend any public political meeting on that day, nor shall it be lawful for any person or persons to play at skittles, ball, football, rocket or any other noisy game, or to pitch coppers or to gamble with dice or otherwise, or to run races on foot or on horseback or in carriages or in vehicles of any sort, on that day, nor shall it be lawful for any person or persons to go out fishing or hunting, or shooting in quest of or to take, kill, or destroy any deer or other game, or any wild animal, or any wild fowl or bird or fish, except as next here-in-after mentioned, or to use any dog, gun, rifle, or other engine, or any fishing rod, net, or trap, for the above mentioned purposes on the Lord's Day, except in defence of his or her property from any wolf or other beast or bird of prey. Nor shall it be lawful for any person or persons to bathe in any exposed situation in any water within the limits of this municipality, nor within view of any place of public worship or private residence on the Lord's Day.

And any person or persons violating this By-Law shall pay a fine or penalty not exceeding ten pounds nor less than five shillings, current money of this province, for said offence, together with the costs and charges attending the proceedings and convictions of such party.

Passed Aug. 3, 1857, Elderslie, Geo. C. Urquhart, Township Clerk.

John Gillies, Reeve

P.S. It is doubtful that this law has ever been repeated.

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Memberships:

Fees are still \$5.00 per year per person, or family, or organization. Thank you to all those who have already sent in their fees without a reminder. Each one has saved the Society a 32 cent stamp.

Reminders are being sent this month along with the newsletters, in order to save postage. We have 270 reminders to send, which would cost \$86.40 postage, plus the cost of the envelopes, if we mailed the reminders separately. We are looking for ways to keep down postage expenses.

Coming Events

April meeting: On April 21 in the Wiarton Baptist Church the North district will host the April meeting. Part of the program will be a slide presentation of Wiarton.

May meeting: At the public meeting to be held May 19, the film Trail of the Conastoga will be shown. The meeting will probably be held in Port Elgin because of the Pennsylvania Dutch roots there.

June meeting: On June 16 the June meeting is in the hands of the South district.

July bus trip: The committee arranging the bus trip would like to hear from the members as to where they would like to visit. Some people have expressed their desire to have a two day trip to be able to visit such places as Kingston and Upper Canada Village. Please write or phone your ideas to Mrs. Edna Avery or Mrs. Hilda Downey.

August meeting date is Aug. 18 in the East district.

September meeting date is Sept. 15 in the West district.

October dinner meeting: The date is Thurs. Oct. 13.

Other details will be supplied later.

New Books

The book "From the Scrapbooks of Jane Fyfe Yemen" a collection of writings by Jane Yemen and articles she clipped has gone to the publishers. Miss Yemen, a former school teacher, has left us a vivid description of pioneer life in the Ripley-Huron-Kincardine area. The project was sponsored by the New Horizons, Dept. of Health and Welfare and the Bruce County Historical Society. Mrs. Gladys Arnold of Ripley is chairman of the project.

1983 Essay Contest

The society is holding an essay contest again this year, with enticing cash prizes. We are interested in preserving the history of the county, and wish to encourage anyone to enter the contest. Contestants may choose a topic from the following subjects.

1. The North Branch of the Saugeen River
2. Railroad stations
3. Bridges.

Rules:

1. A minimum of 1500 words
2. Double spacing

Rules (continued)

3. Typed or hand written
4. Entry date Dept. 10, 1983
5. Non members eligible
6. Pictures encouraged
7. Essays become property of the society
8. Prizes are \$100., \$50., \$25.
9. To be handed in to Mrs. James McClure, Box 82, Chesley, Ont.
10. For further information contact
Mrs. McClure Phone 363-3342
or Mrs. Downey Phone 368-7253

Reflections of Arran

Residents of the 225 square kilometre township of Arran (population 1,492) have produced the 324 page illustrated history of the area. It was edited by Marion McGillivray of R.R. 2 Southampton, a recently retired school teacher. Evidence of its success is that two months after the printing of 2000 copies, 1500 have been sold at \$15, a copy.

Many well known people originated in Arran. This is where Clint Galbraith was born and raised and went on to become owner, driver and trainer of Niatross, the world's fastest harness horse.

Cyclone Taylor, still regarded by some as the fastest hockey player of all time was born here. The town park of Tara has a plaque commemorating his career.

Ervin Hogarth, now retired and living in Tara, helped Arran to fame in 1948 by becoming the owner of the largest apiary in the British Commonwealth with 4000 colonies of bees.

Sir William Hearst, Ontario's seventh premier was a native of Arran, born in 1864 and died in 1941.

Two members of the provincial parliament born here were Thomas Duff and John W. Sinclair.

An Arran farmer Morley Hanbidge won the world's championship for growing oats at the Royal Winter Fair in 1958.

Other stories are of events, humorous or spectacular.

Arran was first settled in 1852 by Irish settlers noted for their drinking and fighting. There were taverns at nearly every second crossroad.

There is a true story about a farmer who lost his false teeth and called in friends to help locate them. A doctor's examination proved that he had swallowed them.

The township's snowiest winter was 1946-47 when drifts derailed railway snowplows and engines and brought the township to a standstill.

Note: Contrast the winter of 1983 with the above. A teacher at Lucknow in 1947 recalls having let the boys leave school on a Friday afternoon, provided they take their shovels along to help dig out the train bound for Kincardine. Supplies of food such as bread were dropped into town from the air that week.

Culross History

Interested people in Culross have formed a Historical Committee and are arranging to publish a history of Culross and to include Teeswater, Formosa and Belmore. Chairpersons have been chosen for various topics and they are anxious that anyone with something to contribute will get in touch with Mrs. Andrew H. McTavish, Teeswater, NOG 2S0.

Kincardine is also planning to compile a history of the town. A committee which is working on it asks all who have pictures or can supply information about the past to contact John Reynolds of Port Elgin.

Bruce Nonagenarians

An oral interview with Mr. John MacMurchy of Lucknow, taped December 1982.

"I was ten when my mother died and about age 22 went to Michigan where I worked in a machine shop making mining materials. From there I went sailing, which I liked very much, starting off at \$30.00 a month plus board, which wasn't too bad. The watchman on the boat - there were two of them, taking turns - went to sleep one night and let the water in on the bilge, so the captain put me in his place there and then. I got a raise in wages to \$40.00 and got to eat at the table with the officers too.

We docked at one port where the crew went ashore for the evening and came back somewhat jovial. One fellow came to my bed with a revolver in his hand and said "There are cartridges in this revolver and the rest are empty and I am going to see if I can shoot your toes. I stayed there till he clicked it once. The second time I jumped out of bed and did I go after him! That was quite an experience but, as I afterwards found out, there wasn't a darn thing in the revolver".

Note: Mr. and Mrs. MacMurchy are both over 90 and living in Lucknow when health permits. They celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in January of this year. Best wishes to this fine couple.

Bishop Stringer

One of the important religious leaders in early Ontario history was Bishop Isaac O. Stringer, a native of Bruce County, the son of John and Ellen Stringer, born in 1866 on a farm near Kingarf in Kincardine Township. He attended a rural school near by and the Kincardine High School, after which he entered Toronto University and Wycliffe College for a course in theology.

In 1892 Dr. Wm. Day Reeve, Anglican Bishop of Mackenzie River District in the Northwest Territories gave a lecture to the students and asked for two volunteers to join his mission. Stringer went with him, was ordained the next summer and began his missionary work with the Inuit all along the coast of the Arctic Ocean and the Mackenzie Delta.

On leave from the Arctic he married and his wife joined him in his work for several years. Due to suffering from snow blindness he moved back to Ontario. In 1903 he returned to the Arctic to the diocese of Selkirk at Whitehorse. In 1905 he became bishop. He travelled widely in Canada and to Britain. In 1907 they were presented to the king, Edward VII. A journey in 1909 nearly cost him his life. He and a companion set out from the delta to Dawson City. The river they expected to use began to freeze and they had to turn back, short of food. Remembering stories of starving natives eating beaver skins, they cooked and ate their mukluks piece by piece. After 24 days of cold, fog and snow they found their way to safety.

In 1931 he was elected Archbishop of Rupert's Land and lived in Winnipeg. He still had to travel to raise funds for his church. The strain of work brought about his death in 1934 at the age of 68.

The farm boy of Bruce County had become one of the best known religious leaders of Canada. His contribution to the North is commemorated in Whitehorse where a park is named after him. His house in Dawson City where he lived from 1907 to 1931 has been restored and used as a rectory.

A biography of Isaac Stringer was written by Frank A. Peaks. It is entitled "The Bishop Who Ate His Mukluks".

Mechanic's Institute - Teeswater

The early pioneers must have had wisdom and foresight when they decided what possessions to take to a new part of the country. Some brought with them a few treasured books besides the Bible. These books were read and reread and sometimes lent to neighbours. When the village fathers met they discussed books, and finally decided to pool the books they had and find a place to meet and read.

In October, 1873 the men of the village of Teeswater met and decided to form a Mechanic's and Library Association. This was done and the organization was registered in Walkerton on Oct. 31st. Mr. Samuel Waldo, a storekeeper, offered his small library valued at \$75.00 and his store as a place to keep the books as well as a room for reading. His store was on the corner of Clinton and Union Streets where Cassidy's garage is now. Others contributed books and donations of money to buy books and periodicals.

The purpose of this group was to provide its members with the best books on Science, Art and Literature. Members were admitted on payment of a \$1.00 fee. The officers were - Samuel Waldo, John Logan, John Kennedy, J.K. McLean, John Chapman, Allan McLean, and William Robert Thompson. Every Friday night the members could meet at this store, chat, or read from 7:30 to 10:00 when the books were put back on the shelf until the next Friday night. The fees helped to pay for wood for the stove, oil for the coal oil lamp, more books, and shelves. As more books were acquired they were catalogued and rules made concerning their use. Only persons of good standing were accepted as members and by the end of 1883 there were 96 enrolled.

As more books were added and the membership grew the library moved from the store, to the Town Hall, to the Council room, to other stores, and back to the Town Hall. Although the Library was open only on Friday nights it was soon possible to take a book home for the week's reading. This made necessary some person to keep records of borrowers and a catalogue of all books. To stimulate interest the members engaged in debates and invited out-of-town lecturers. When these meetings developed into social gatherings the wives were asked to help, although up to this time only men had been involved.

The first woman board member to be elected was Miss Sharpe, a local school teacher, and soon after Miss Lizzie Braden was appointed as Librarian. In 1889 she offered to keep the books in her father's store, be the librarian, and provide a reading room, all for \$75.00. She was a strict supervisor of the books, kept silence in the reading room, and served unselfishly for nearly 30 years.

The Library board organized the celebration for the First of July in 1902 with out-of-town entertainers and showed a profit. In 1904 the board planned an Old Boy's Reunion along with the celebration for the July the first, which was a success. By the time the board realized that they needed more space for books, and hearing of the Carnegie Library grants decided to apply. The council deeded the West side of Edmond Square to the board, and having received the grant of \$10,000.00 as a donation from Andrew Carnegie the new Library building was constructed in 1914.

Thus from a small Mechanic's reading group came our present spacious Carnegie Library building, because our forefathers had vision and the will to plan.

- submitted by Mrs. Ken MacDonald, Teeswater

Yearbooks

The 1983 Yearbooks are off the press and have been mailed or delivered to all paid-up members, who at last count numbered 425.
Fees are still \$5.00.

Bus Trip

Buses are scheduled to take members and friends on July 21 to Niagara Falls and points of interest in the area. The fare of \$22. will cover the admission to museums. The cost of dinner at the Falls will be extra. Bring a box lunch for a picnic at midday. The buses are air-conditioned with bathroom facilities.

To be sure of pick-up points, please contact Edna Avery 396-7768 or Hilda Downey 368-7253 or your local representative.

District Meetings

April - The North District held a meeting on April 21 in the Wiarton Baptist Church. Jim Coyne showed a film on early days in Wiarton, and a lively discussion followed.

May - The general meeting in May took place in the District Secondary School in Port Elgin on May 19 with an attendance of over 100. The theme of the meeting was "The Trail of the Conestoga". A film was shown based on the book by Mabel Dunham. It traced the journey made by the Mennonites of Pennsylvania as they came north up the Conestoga, a branch of the Grand River into Wellington County and Kitchener, settling there in large numbers. Later some of them found their way to Port Elgin.

June - The June meeting was in the hands of the South District. It was held in Formosa on June 16 with Herbert Kuntz in charge. He gave a short history of Formosa. Freida and Bill Collins showed slides of their trip to Europe. Pharis Mathers showed old school pictures. Mrs. Kuntz had on display six of her beautiful hand made quilts. Delightful accordion music rounded out a very enjoyable meeting.

Publications

The books published by the Historical Society may be purchased at the following stores:

Inverhuron - The Beach Memory Store
Kincardine - Books and R.D.T.
Lucknow - Elmer Umbach Pharmacy
Mildmay - The Mildmay Crier
Paisley - Anderson's Pharmacy
Warton - McKenzie Pharmacy

Port Elgin - Broad Horizons
Ripley - Lynn's Hobbie and Textiles
Southampton - Plante Smoke Shop
The Pine Parlour
The Museum
Walkerton - The Fran Shop

Correspondence

We always like to receive letters from our readers for whatever reason, especially those from far away. In March we were pleased to hear from a gentleman from Ottawa, James Kraemer, not because he regretted failing to receive our January Newsletter, but because he said he binds the notes into a book for his library, and did not wish to have one missing. It is evident that our district members like to keep in touch with Bruce. Likewise we like to hear what's doing in the lives of those scattered all over Canada. Let's hear from you.

Coming Events

The August meeting in the East District will be held on August 18 at Walkerton in the board room of the Department of Agriculture Office. Walkerton is preparing for the centennial in July and is assembling a very complete history of the town. The Mayor has received the first two volumes of the history.

The September meeting date is Sept. 15. Elaine Matheson, the director, is very busy with the coming Southampton centennial.

The October dinner meeting date is Thurs. Oct. 13. Details will appear in the September Newsletter.

Southampton's Celebrations

More than a year of planning, organizing, and gathering support by the Anniversary Committee has resulted in a magnificent list of events to celebrate Southampton's 125th Anniversary.

Over 900 people attended the Wintario draw of June 9 which was held in the Coliseum. On June 13, the Bruce County Council held its regular meeting at the town hall, and during the afternoon, participated in the unveiling of a sundial on the Library Grounds. On June 24 a new fountain was unveiled at Little Lake.

At time of printing the Opening Ceremonies are planned to take place on June 24th and a historical plaque will be unveiled at the Captain John Spence House. Judge Wishart Spence of Ottawa, retired Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada, will officiate. He is a descendant of the original settler in Southampton, Captain John Spence.

Some of the many activities to be held are as follows:
Rural Day and Community Church Service on June 26, a Heritage Fashion Show at the Museum on June 28, a School Reunion on July 2, the Georgian Gentleman in Concert at the Chippewa Hill Amphitheatre on July 3, and the Lighthouse Square's Jamboree from July 15 - 17.

All in all, it appears to be a fascinating birthday party!

Going Metric

The ancient origins of some of our modern customs and usages make a fascinating study. A great deal of discussion and bitter argument have arisen of late over two systems of measurement, the English and the metric. Ironically, these two systems developed almost side by side with a narrow waterway between, in the British Isles and in France, yet are poles apart in concept.

The British, isolated on their islands, fairly free from intrusion from the continent, developed their measurements in an individualistic, romantic, haphazard way, as they found the need for them. As we often hear said of the English, "they muddled through". There came a time when land had to be measured. For the churchyards, farmyards, courtyards, they chose a unit called the yard. Lengths of cloth, etc., had long been measured by the distance from the shoulder, or nose to the end of the arm reach. But all arms are not the same. In the 13th century a definite length was decided upon, namely the length of the arm of the reigning king Henry. Smaller measures had been the length of a man's foot and the width of the thumb. It was seen that three of the foot measurements approximately fitted the yard and twelve of the thumb widths fell nicely into the foot. The name inch came from the Latin "uncia", twelfth part. Areas such as fields needed a larger measurement. These had been roughly measured for many ages by the distance a man could throw his seed grain when broadcasting it on the field. This was called a rod. The yard fitted into this not so evenly, but $5\frac{1}{2}$ times.

When Caesar's armies occupied Britain in 55 BC, the long distance marches of the foot soldiers were measured by "mille passus," a thousand paces. The Britons retained this measure calling it a mile. The foot, yard and rod fitted into the mile in terms of 5280, 1760 and 320, - beautiful numbers to struggle with in Grades 5 and 6 arithmetic! And it became more challenging still when it came to squaring these into acres and square miles. And the teacher wouldn't let us consult the backs of our scribblers to see the chart at exam time.

France was more open to the influence of many cultures, Greek, Roman, Byzantine and others. The people were more logical and practical minded, a trait which was intensified by their training in organization during the Roman occupation of Gaul. The linear unit was named the metre. To give it a logical meaning it was calculated as the ten millionth part of the distance between the equator and the north pole. It is legally the length of a platinum bar kept in Paris. No impractical numbers or fractions for them! The metre was divided into ten decimetres 100 centimetres 1000 millimetres using Latin prefixes. The multiples of the metre were given corresponding Greek prefixes, deka, hecto and kilo. The same prefixes applied to grammes and litres, units of weight and quantity.

Another feature of the metric system is the integration of the different measures. A cubic centimetre of water weighed at its greatest density of 4°C became the unit of weight, the gramme. A cube 10 centimetres to the side, that is, 1000 cc's became the unit of quantity, the litre. Thus a litre of water weighs 1000 grams.

In winter when the surface water of the lake chills to 4°C it sinks to the bottom. This process continues until all the water is 4°C . Only then does the surface turn to ice, expands one tenth of its volume and pushes up on the shore.

A calorie is the unit of heat measure. It is the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 gram of water 1 centigrade degree. This is sometimes called the small calorie. The large calorie (the one we have to watch for in food intake) will raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water 1°C.

Temperature, as distinct from quantity of heat is measured by the degree. Again, on the centigrade scale the easily calculated 100 measures the distance between freezing and boiling points. It takes 36 calories (small) to change a gram of ice to water at 0°C. This heat is provided by your finger when you touch a piece of ice, making it sometimes painfully cold. To change a gram of water to steam at 100°C requires more than 500 calories. That is why it takes so long for the kettle to boil.

Those who like to pronounce kilometre to rhyme with thermometer or barometer should note that the latter two are instruments, not measurement units. All the metric units have the accent on the first syllable of the prefix.

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Happiness Is

The fathers of the American constitution may have given unwise advice to their people when they put "the pursuit of happiness" on a par with "life and liberty".

One of their most famous writers, Nathaniel Hawthorne, admonishes them thus:-

"Happiness is a butterfly
which when pursued
is just beyond your grasp,
but if you will sit down quietly,
it may light upon you".



Annual Dinner

Tiverton will be host to the annual dinner on Thursday October 13 in the Tiverton Community Centre. The ladies of the Knox Presbyterian Church will be in charge. The name of the speaker will be announced later in local newspapers. Non members will be welcomed.

The Bus Trip

Two busloads of members and friends of the Bruce County Historical Society went to the Niagara Peninsula area Thursday, July 21. They visited the 1813 battlefield and museum at Stoney Creek, Fort George and museum at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Queenston Heights, and Niagara Falls.

The box lunches were eaten in the buses during a short rain shower, and dinner was held at a restaurant in Niagara Falls. At the restaurant was another bus with 25 persons from Germany, touring America. The bus came over by boat and its passengers came over by plane to meet in New York. The bus was equipped with sleeping bunks and facilities to prepare breakfast and lunch each day. The trip cost each person 5,000 marks.

The August Meeting

The East District held a meeting in Walkerton in the Ontario Department of Agriculture Office. Peter Schmaltz was the speaker. Slides were shown regarding the question of the location of the county town, which is the subject of one of his volumes of the history of Walkerton. There was a ten year struggle 1856-66 to decide the location of the county seat. Linda Smith played guitar and sang. Mac Campbell showed slides of the town. It is a little known fact the first black graduate from an Ontario University was born in Walkerton. His name was Sutherland.

Bruce County Celebrations

Three Bruce County Communities chose Canada Day Weekend for Homecoming festivities.

Walkerton - Walkerton Homecoming '83 brought folks home from New Zealand, Yukon, B.C., California, Arizona and Texas.

At the opening ceremonies the ribbon was cut by Lieutenant Governor John A. Aird. The Saturdays Parade was led by Supreme Court Justice Campbell Grant. The 75 floats and bands covered a mile and a half. On Sunday the Antique Auto parade, sponsored by the Saugeen Classics Car Club, brought in 111 autos from the 1904 Cadillac to the Mustang Convertible of the 60's. The gala opening dance at the Community Centre on Thursday with the Swinging Brass, was the first of many dances. The school held reunions and the seven churches special homecoming services. Sports events, games and contests were spread over the 4 day period;- Horse Pull, Rooster Crowing, Pizza Eating, Heritage Shoot, Fish Derby, Raft Race, as well as Tennis and other games. Multitudes were fed by the Kinettes and Kinsmen at the Community Centre. There was a lobster dinner, chicken barbecue, beef dinner,

pancake and sausage breakfasts.

Large audiences attended Munroe Murgatroyd's "Dirty Work at the Cross-roads" staged for three nights by the County Towne Players.

The Lieut. Gov. opened the Canoe Dock and County Buildings and visited Brucelea Haven where he honoured Isabel Brocklebank aged 103.

Southampton - Southampton is celebrating its 125th birthday with six months of activities, May to October '83, the highlight being the Homecoming of July 1 week. Saturday's gigantic parade drew thousands of spectators to watch pass nearly 100 entries along with the town's civic leaders dressed in their heritage best. The opening ceremonies were conducted by James Watton, a retired archbishop of the Anglican Church of Canada and native of Southampton. He gave a prayer in Ojibway, the first language of the area. Weshart Spence, a retired Supreme Court Justice and great nephew of the town's first settler, John Spence, unveiled a plaque before Capt. Spence's home. The Bruce County Historical Society supplied the plaque. Church Services included the United Church 75th anniversary.

Rural days at Jubilee Park attracted many of the area's finest (?) - log sawyers, log rollers, rooster crowsers, hen cluckers.

Arran won over Saugeen in the tug-of war.

A reunion of employees of Saugeen Memorial Hospital was held at Dr. Tom Earl's farm in Burgoyne.

The late Norman MacLeod, a native of Chesley who had a summer home in Southampton compiled Volume II of the History of Bruce in 1967. Jock MacLeod is the president of the Clan MacLeod in Canada, which has recently presented 3 paintings to the Public Library.

In recognition of her volunteer work at the Memorial Hospital, Clara Dotzenroth, aged 92 was presented with the Ontario Medal for citizenship by the Lieutenant Governor at a ceremony June 30 in Toronto.

Lucknow - The Lucknow Jamboree '83 was a 4 day celebration of their 125th birthday beginning June 30 after 18 months of preparation. Thursday was given to preliminaries, a Beauty Contest, Beard Contest and family style dance. At the official opening at Caledonia Park on Friday, Reeve George Joynt cut the ribbon, Al Hamilton welcomed the visitors as chairman of the Jamboree Committee. The Master of Ceremonies, Charles Webster was introduced by Jim Reid of Dungannon, CTV journalist, seen on W5. There followed a Ball Game, Barn Dance, Fashion Show ending with Giant Fireworks. Pancake breakfast began the next two days. Saturday morning was back to school, at noon there was a mammoth Midway Parade, and at night entertainment by several country music groups.

After Church services on Sunday there was Open House at Old Light Lodge. In the afternoon the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 309 held a Drum Head Service at the park. Lucknow was honoured by the attendance of the famous Ontario Legion Massed Pipes and Drums to lead the parade. The address was given by Rev. Douglas MacDonald whose father was Presbyterian minister in Lucknow for many years. Sunday ended with a ham supper, a sing-along and the inevitable "shirt-tail parade."

It was estimated that about 5000 came home. The long parade of 175 floats and 7 bands drew packed crowds all along the route.

It was a time for family reunions, notably the well-known Chin family that brought hockey fame to the town in the 40's. The Sentinel shows a picture of 20 family members grouped about grandmother Rose, aged 80, described as a "doll".

The Sentinel sums it all up fittingly with "Wasn't It A Party?"

The Legion Massed Band

The Ontario Legion Massed Pipes and Drums Band is very well-known to Legion members but many others may be unaware of its origin and renown. It was a vision brought to reality in 1974 by Senior Piple Major Ross Baxter of Collingwood Legion Band. He pictured a band of ambassadors representing Canada, travelling to far places. Since its beginning the tall figure of Drum Major Bill McCutcheon has led the band. He is a retired Toronto Police Sergeant who led the Toronto Police Pipe Band. Following the band are twenty Royal Canadian Legion Veterans, the Colour Party, carrying flags of Canada, Ontario, Legion Branches and flags presented to them in Mexico, Florida, California and Scotland.

The band has performed in every major parade and Highland Games in Ontario. The first trip outside Canada was to the King Orange Parade in Miami on Dec. 31, 1974, again in 1976. Numerous invitations followed. They went to the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena California Jan. 2, 1978, the oldest and most prestigious parade in U.S., 5½ miles long, viewed by 1,500,000 spectators and by 100 million on television. During that trip they went on to Tijuana, Mexico where the day was declared a holiday to let people see this unique band. They attended the Parade of Carnations in San Francisco Sept. 24, 1978.

They finally accepted all the invitations coming from Scotland and did a Grand 18 Day Tour at the home of the bagpipes Aug. 16 to Sept. 3, 1979. They started as the Feature Band at the Edinburgh Festival Cavalcade down Princess Street (the dream of every piper). The tour ended at the Royal Highland Gathering at Braemar. Between times they performed at Glasgow, Aberdeen, Dundee, Perth and Ayr.

Again it was the Rose Parade 1980, from there to Disneyland and again to Tijuana. This time about 650 people were in the group. Lorne Greene was Rose Parade Marshall and 4 Canadian floats were entered.

On January 4, 1983 almost 100 paraders and 300 supporters left aboard a Wardair plane to Honolulu for a Hawaii-Canada Friendship Tour for 5 days on the island where the Mayor proclaimed Friendship Week. During 9 days in Waikiki the Governor of Hawaii proclaimed Friendship Week in their honour. A concert was held in the Iolani Palace grounds with the Royal Hawaiian Band.

The next trip will be to Scotland in 1984. Anyone wishing to accompany them may apply to Lucknow Legion for details.

Publications

The treasurer has given us a record of sales of books from Jan. '83, as follows - Queen's Bush 100, Exploring Bruce 33, Pioneer Days Bruce Peninsula 48, Bruce Beckons 30, Pioneer Days Guelph and Bruce 35, Robertson History 46, MacLeod's History 44, Driving Through Bruce 127, Yearbooks', 1982 - 31, 1983 - 136, Others 2.

John Reynolds of Port Elgin may be consulted regarding books. Phone 832-9851.



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The Executive 1984

At the Annual Meeting the following executive was elected for this year:

Past President	Malcolm Campbell of Walkerton
President	Edna Avery, R.R. 5, Kincardine
First Vice President	Marion McGillivray, Southampton
Second Vice President	John Reynolds, Port Elgin
Secretary	Iris Coyne, R.R. 6, Warton
Treasurer	Muriel McIntosh, Tiverton
Yearbook Editor	Marion McGillivray
Newsletter Editor	Margaret Mac Kenzie, Inverhuron
Membership Secretary	Hilda Downey, Tiverton
Social Secretary	Jessie Conway

Directors are as follows:

North Bruce, Jim Coyne; West Bruce, Fran Nowak; East Bruce, Margaret McIntyre; South Bruce, Herb Kuntz.

The Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting October 13, 1983 more than 180 members and friends enjoyed a beef dinner provided by the ladies of Knox Presbyterian Church, Tiverton, in the Community Centre.

James McClure of Chesley reported that the society had received \$9 415, a New Horizons grant to purchase equipment for the archives.

A motion was passed to increase the membership rate from \$5 to \$8 in 1985. Life membership will rise to \$40.

Winners of the society's essay contest were: Ann Shildroth of Port Elgin, Mary McConkey of Port Elgin and Martha Buchanan of Inverhuron.

Mrs. Gladys Pickell of Teeswater entertained with Irish Music in recognition of the fact that the guest speaker, Rev. Thomas of Glamis, minister of Tiverton and Glamis Baptist Churches, is a native of Ireland and has recently returned from a visit to his homeland.

He spun an interesting tale around Irish heritage and immigration.

He said we are all immigrants and are all on a pilgrimage through life. Immigration is as old as the Bible, in fact, our first parents (Adam and Eve) were immigrants. Back in Biblical times, Mesopotamia was the cradle of civilization and people all spoke one language. However, God scattered the tribes - as far away as Ireland.

The long history of immigration has something to do with our interest in our roots said Thomas. Moving 3,000 years ahead to the Christian era, Thomas said the Celts lived in North Galatia and were referred to as the Galli by the Romans. They were also called barbarians by the Romans,

because they were not Christians.

The Celts moved across Europe to Ireland, took it over and imposed their language (Gaelic) on the people already there.

From reading Paul's letter to the Galatians, Thomas concluded the Galatians were no fools.

The interesting thing about Ireland is, that contrary to what many people think, the country has never been united. In early times, there were five Celtic Kingdoms. The religious problems stem back to the 11th century during the time of the Anglo-Norman conquest. The conquest was complete in Scotland and Wales but not in Ireland. Ireland has never to this day accepted the Anglo-Normans.

An Irishman himself, Thomas also related how two families from his home territory, the Gowans and the Buttles, immigrated to Canada over 130 years ago.

Thomas concluded by saying his pilgrimage brought him to Bruce where he now feels he is one of us.

Fees

Membership fees are due as of Jan. 1. Notices will go out in a few weeks if a reminder is necessary. Hilda Downey, R.R. 1, Tiverton is membership secretary.

Bruce Township History

The committee compiling the History of Bruce Township is making satisfactory progress. As this newsletter goes far afield we appeal to former residents of Bruce who might contribute interesting recollections concerning the township. Write to Ann Judd, R.R. 1, Port Elgin or Margaret MacKenzie, R.R. 2, Tiverton.

Publication

We recommend for very enjoyable reading the recently published Scrapbook, a compilation of writings of Jane Yeman to a Kincardine newspaper. It is a collection of historical and geneological data of S.W. Bruce Co. printed by a New Horizon Committee. It sells for \$15 and may be purchased at Kincardine Book Store, Lucknow Drugstore or by contacting Gladys Arnold, Ripley.

Historical Plaque

On Sunday October 30 at 11:30 am a plaque was unveiled commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Church of the Immaculate Conception at Formosa. Five members of the Historical Society from Tiverton attended, Mr. & Mrs. Norman McIntosh, Mr. & Mrs. Duncan Convay, and Margaret MacKenzie, also Mac Campbell of Walkerton. Plans had been made to hold an out-door service but as the weather was too cool, a short dedication took place at the end of the regular service.

Historical Plaque - continued

Greetings were brought from the Heritage Foundation by Director Dr. Lynn De Stepano. She thought Formosa was a friendly place because it was the only place she could buy gas on her way from London. The Government of Ontario was represented by Murray Elston who said that he once sang at a wedding in that church and had felt great awe at its magnificence.

Fr. Frank Dentinger a former priest of the church now retired, was guest speaker, giving the historical background. The old church was built in 1857, the new one begun in 1875, finished in 1883. It was constructed over the old church, where services went on during the process. The old church was taken out through the door piece by piece by volunteer labour. The wall printings were done in 1904, the interior renovated in 1975.

Fr. Michael Bennett gave the dedication and he and Fr. Dentinger unveiled the plaque. It is the only one in Ontario worded in English and German. A stand had been erected ready to receive it in front of the church.

The Chatauqua From a book "Chatauqua in Canada" by Sheilagh Jamieson, received in the Globe and Mail.

John and Nola Erickson, an American couple, were the first below the border to see this county as a exploitable entertainment market long before radio, Hollywood, paperbacks and television made the question a political issue. They imported the highly successful Chatauqua tent shows into Canada in 1917 and for the next 18 years brought to the isolated towns of western Canada their first intimations of culture. There was no thought then of the American culture effect on Canadian identity. The main thing was that the shows brought diversion, moral uplift, culture and education to audiences starved for these things.

It began in U.S. on the shores of Lake Chatauqua near Buffalo in 1874 and immediately attained great success, fulfilling two dominant needs, desire for self improvement and craving for entertainment.

The greatest boost to success was the introduction in 1904 of tents which made the shows portable. The huge brown tent - brown was used to avoid confusion with the white tnet used by circuses - became a symbol of the Chatauqua.

The Ericksons established a base in Calgary and signed up 249 towns for a summer circuit. At first they depended on railway schedules, - no problem as the railway era was at it's peak. In the mid-twenties automobiles gave more flexibility. They had no financial risk. Leading citizens of the town had to guarantee to cover any deficit. Any profit after the Ericksons took their fee, usually went to charity.

The success depended on the advance agents, almost all of whom were young women, as Nola Erickson, who acted as one of them, found to be most successful. They would go to a strange town, seek out the mayor, bank manager, newspaper editor, and other leading citizens to support the show. They stayed on to arrange complex details that made the show run smoothly. The young women handled this responsibility well. Strict moral standards were applied to all aspects of the operation. In those days it was unusual for unaccompanied young ladies to travel

The Chatauqua - continued

on trains and live in hotels, but none of the 80 or so who did so seems to have encountered any trouble.

The show would be in town 6 days with a new act each afternoon and evening. There were bell-ringers, Italian tenors, Hawaiian quartets, black singers, yodellers, a Schubert quartet, elocutionists, travelogues, inspirational lectures, plays and small symphony orchestra. Among the lecturers were Mrs. Pankhurst, the suffragette, and the explorer Stefanson.

It expanded into eastern Canada later with smaller impact than in the west. The movement was killed by the Depression (and ended in 1935), by the advent of movies and radio, and by the automobile.

The Chatauqua came to Kincardine in 1920, when I was in my last year of high school. Mr. Nelson, our principal realized the cultural values to his students and dismissed school on suitable afternoons. I lived in a dream world that week of beautiful warm spring weather. I saw my first Shakespearian play "The Comedy of Errors", not one of the great plays but it brought to life the bare Shakespearian stage, the strange costumes and speech of another age. A modern play of the time "Seven Keys to Baldpate" was a mystery thriller. Baldpate was a winter resort on an isolated mountain top. Seven people were given keys to a forbidding looking house. Soon weird and scary events took place, which no doubt would be laughable to the modern viewers of midnight shows.

One afternoon we were to hear a lecturer. The noon train was late, we waited patiently. His opening remark was "When God made creeping things, he made the Grand Trunk". The subject of one lecture was "Acres of Diamonds", an 'inspirational' theme. It was illustrated by an Arabian tale of an ambitious young man who left home to seek his fortune looking for a diamond mine. He came home defeated, to find that diamonds had been found by someone else in his own back yard.

One musical evening was given by the well known tenor from Lucknow, Cameron Geddes, who was on the circuit that summer.

The fact that I can remember so much after 60 years attests to the fact that the Chatauqua must have made a good impression on many a young mind.



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The April Meeting

The location for the April 12 meeting is the Women's Institute Rooms in Tiverton, the program in charge of the West District Director, Fran Nowak. The guest speaker, Audrey Underwood, will deal with the subject of Genealogy. Shirley Woodason will discuss the progress being made toward the publication of the Bruce Township History. A light lunch will be served.

The May Meeting

The general spring meeting will take place on May 14 in the activity room of the County Museum at Southampton. Claus Breede will give a slide presentation dealing with the project in which he is working with a Hamilton area group. The project is the raising of a boat, the "Scourge" which sank during the War of 1812-14.

The June Meeting

The June Meeting will be held at Wiarton June 14. It will be in charge of the North District Director, James Coyne.

The July Bus Trip

The July Bus Trip on July 12. Plans under discussion by the executive will be announced later.

Note the change of address. Correspondence dealing with membership, newsletter, accounts to the treasurer go to Box 282, Tiverton, Ont., other correspondence to the Secretary, Mrs. James Coyne, Wiarton, Ont. Membership fees are \$5 for 1984 and \$8 for 1985.

New Members who have joined in 1984 -

Mr. & Mrs. Ham Collins, Kincardine
Mrs. Florence Long, Penhold, Alberta
Mrs. Dorothy Farquharson, Waterdown, Ont.
Mr. & Mrs. Alan MacLean, Toronto
Roy Ellenton, Kincardine
Lillian Tanner, Port Eglin
Mrs. Jessie Shelton, Kincardine
Mrs. K.M. Scott, Don Mills
Call McDougall, Tiverton
Harold J. MacKay, Tonawanda, New York
J. Murray Morton, Toronto

The following members died in 1984 - William Walsh, Kincardine, William Dobson, Walkerton, Walter Bentley, R/R. 1 Kincardine, Orah Crawford, Ripley, Mrs. Jean (McClure) McPhedrain, Petrolia.

Bruce Histories

Kincardine historical book is to be entitled "Kincardine 1848 to 1984."

The pictures and information are at the printers. It will be ready for sale late in November, in time for Christmas. Since the books are to be numbered, you can place your order at the Town Clerk's Office for your copy. The price is \$20.

Bruce Township History will be entitled "Bruce Township Tales and Trails".

The Historical Society is working in conjunction with the Township Council to declare July 1 as Bicentennial Weekend, the celebrations to be termed "Ceilidh in Bruce". There will be a variety concert Friday night and a school reunion at the Central School all day Saturday. Orders will be taken for the history book. Spoons and lapel pins will be on sale displaying the logo which was designed by an art student of the school.

Mildmay Homecoming

Mildmay-Carrick Seventh Homecoming committee have set the date for Saturday July 21, 1984 (10 am - 9 pm) and Sunday July 22 (11 am - 5 pm).

The brochure reminds visitors of their picturesque "Lamplighter Village" with its artesian water fountains, scenic parks, main street floral decorations, cobblestone walks and lamplight fixtures.

Overnight camping facilities are available. An interesting feature will be an Antique and Craft Fair to be held at the Recreation Complex where there is ample parking.

Correspondence

Regular editing may sometimes seem a chore but it is always lightened by encouraging letters such as the following:-

Mary E. Adamthwaite of Eglinton Ave., Toronto writes:- "I've just received my Bruce County Historical Notes. I've enjoyed it all, especially the history of "Chatauqua". I hope to receive my 1984 yearbook soon."

And this from Donalda (Reid) Brown of Parry Sound, Ont.:-

"The Bruce County Historical Notes arrived today and made very interesting reading. I was particularly pleased to read the account on Chatauqua, whose origins for me were lost in the mists of time. But I clearly remember the large crowds and wonderful entertainment provided under the "brown" tent on those balmy summer evenings in Chesley. To childish and teenage eyes those concerts opened up a whole new and beckoning world to the uninitiated. Looking back, the glamour and cultural values of those concerts still remain with me."

Museum Board Meeting - Dec. 1983

The New Horizons Group of the Bruce County Historical Society is the Bruce County Historical Research Group. They were given a grant of \$9000 to help augment the resources of the Bruce County Archives housed in the Bruce County Museum, Southampton.

This grant has supplied the Archives with two map cabinets for the stacks room. It has also helped to fund finding aids for the photograph collection.

Much of the grant has been used to make the public reading room useful to

researchers. A large glass fronted storage cabinet, handcrafted by Murray Yungblut has been installed and will house an assortment of microfilms and books.

Census reels of Bruce, Huron, Grey and Wellington counties were purchased from the Public Archives of Canada and are in use now.

Bruce County W.I. Tweedsmuir Histories on microfilm are on order from the Ontario Archives as are reels of the early Tara Leader and Wiarton Echo. Other Bruce County newspaper microfilms have yet to be ordered.

A number of reference books, local histories, Ontario births, deaths, and marriages; records of Huguenots, Palatines, Loyalists, Scot, Irish, German, English and Irish settlers will be in the reading room.

The most valuable acquisition is Wm. Filby's Passenger and Immigration Lists Index. Three basic volumes and the first supplement list persons arriving in North America - giving name, age, debarkation place and date, and source of the original list.

It is hoped that these resources will be of help to the many researchers expected during our provincial centennial.

(Mr. Breede, Director of the Museum, has announced that a registration system will be instituted for users of the Archives and that each user, upon registration will be issued an identification card and that no material will be removed by a staff member from the Archives until the researcher has filled out a slip requesting the material).

From a report by Mrs. M. Bogers in the Wiarton Echo Feb. 29, 1984

"Living Stones"

When complete renovations were made to the Central United Church in Lion's Head in 1965, it was decided to erect a stone panel at the front of the church, reaching from the floor to the ceiling. A call went out to the members of the congregation to bring stones of their own choice to occupy a place in the panel. Most of the stones brought were glacial stones created by the forces of nature of the Bruce Peninsula. Mr. & Mrs. Howard Bruin brought slab stones from the Ottawa area and Ronnie Dodds brought stone from the coal mines of Durham County, England. All were assembled by stone masons to form the panel.

The dedication of this panel was conducted by Rev. R.H. Stevenson, President of Hamilton Conference. The sermon that evening (in 1965) was by Rev. W.E. Nelson. He developed a symbolism for the "Living Stones" in the panel. The greater number of split stones could speak of the activity and contribution of the local congregation. The slab stones from Ottawa area, placed at random throughout the panel represent the national identity of the United Church of Canada, the stones from England, at the top of the column represent the world outreach of the Church. The symbolism is enhanced further by a cross of local cedar superimposed on the panel.

Recently an historical sketch entitled "Living Stones" has been compiled and edited by Maitland and Frances Warden. It was dedicated and released in a ceremony at Central United Church, Lion's Head at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 19, 1984. It deals with the history of the Church (1970-1983) and its founding communions, Knox Presbyterian Church (1881-1925), Lion's Head Methodist Church (1875-1925) Centreville Methodist Church (1909-1925), Lion's Head United Church (1925-1970).

It conveys by text and photo a panoramic view of the contribution of the congregation to the local, national and world outreach, as developed in the sermon by Rev. Nelson in 1965.

This poem was given to the Society by Cliff Cox of Kincardine. It was written in 1883 and often sung by his mother to him and his brother.

The Schooner Carter

It was last year in November
On a very pleasant day
A schooner called The Carter
On Thessalon river lay.
The captain cheerily said my men
Prepare to go to sea
If the weather is fine, we soon
Shall in Kincardine harbour be.

Up up the masts the sails were drawn
On that lumber laden boat;
And of't I heard those sailors say
She was the girl could float.
Then turned they to their friends on shore
Good-bye to them did say,
And away sped the schooner Carter
To cross the Georgian Bay.

There was mirth on board that vessel too
As she sailed her usual speed,
And to the captain's orders
The sailors gave good heed;
For they were glad of the prospects
When that last trip was o'er,
To be at home from the stormy sea
For five long months or more.

But oh, how quickly changed the sea,
A cloud stood in the west.
Say, what those clouds do really mean
Sea faring men know best.
The sky grew cloudy over head,
Soon all around was so;
The wind was brisk, the curl on the waves
Did soon much larger grow.

The snow and sleet flew thick and fast,
It was a dreadful place;
Anxiety, fear, and alarm
Were written on every face;
The tempest in it's mighty arm
That vessel seemed to shake;
It was one of the awfulest hurricanes
That ever swept the lake.

As day by day they laboured hard
On that wild raging sea;
Methinks they thought of one who stilled
The waves of Gallilea.
At length they near Kincardine got,
But fortune still did frown,
For they were driven on shore one night
A mile south of the town.

At break of day through all the town
 The tidings then did float;
 And many people thronged the shore
 Just opposite the boat.
 Then two brave men from that fair town
 Who feared no wind nor wave,
 Into a lifeboat quickly got
 Their fellow men to save.

Quickly, safely, to the shore
 The crew all taken were;
 And they unto their homes were brought
 Where they received good care;
 Another question now is asked
 By one quite ill at ease
 Is how to get that vessel off
 Before the lake would freeze.

Diamond, Gentiles and Walker
 Into a bargain went;
 These last few names I mentioned
 For a tug boat quickly sent;
 The tug boat came, but oh how sad
 A trial for those poor men:
 For some of them back to their homes
 Did ne'er return again.

One day while striving hard to take
 That vessel off the rock,
 When steam was high and pressure great
 There came an awful shock;
 The people all around did look,
 And asked to know it's cause:
 But a smoke that o'er the lake did rise
 Soon told them what it was.

The boiler burst, the tug was strewn
 In fragments o'er the sea;
 And four brave souls that day were hurled
 Into eternity.
 They tried again, but all in vain
 That vessel off to bring
 And now she is on her icebound coast,
 And awaits the voice of Spring.



The June Meeting

Come North! Summer is here and the weather just right for a trip to the "Gateway to the Peninsula". And an invitation is extended to you to visit Wiarton Baptist Church on Monday, June 21, at 8 p.m. The Northern Director, James Coyne, has prepared a program in keeping with the nautical atmosphere of the town. Retired Captain Wilf Lemcke will speak about shipping on the Great Lakes, past and present. A short film will follow, the content of which has not been divulged. Surprise!

The July Bus Trip

An enjoyable trip has been arranged through the efforts of Fran Nowak, to take place Thursday, July 12. The tour will take you to the Lambton County Museum, Uncle Tom's Cabin and the Petroleum Oil Discovery. The usual box lunch will be taken along for mid-day refreshment and a suitable place to dine will be arranged for the evening. The fare is \$22.00. For other details please contact your district representative. See 1983 Yearbook, Page 11.

April Meeting

The West District meeting, held at Tiverton, April 12, was poorly attended due to other events in the area. The guest speaker, Shirley Woodason, described the work done by the committee of the Bruce Township Historical Society for the publication of "Bruce Township, Tales and Trails". She began with a quiz about important personalities, places and events in the township and related interesting anecdotes which turned up in the research. A discussion followed, directed to the Tiverton, Inverhuron area and the now vanished settlements of Malta and Port Bruce.

So much excellent information has been received that some had to be regretfully omitted.

May Meeting

The Southampton Museum was the scene of the general meeting of members and friends on Thursday, May 17. A crowd of 77 assembled and the atmosphere was that of thorough enjoyment. Some toured the museum before the meeting, others later. Any who had not visited it for some time were delighted with the spaciousness and lighting. The crowd was too large for the activity room as planned; the meeting was held in the open area near the entrance. It proved perfect for viewing the large screen placed above.

Claus Breede spoke on the work of the group with which he is associated in the raising of the "Scourge", a boat that sank during the War of 1812. He illustrated his talk with a series of pictures, many of them taken of the wreckage under water. The interest of the audience was evident during a discussion which followed and extended through lunch time.

The museum was also used for the monthly meeting of the Executive May 8. The New Horizons Group, headed by Bill Collins, took charge of the afternoon session, to acquaint the Executive of the progress of the Archives due to the work of Gwen Harrison and her helpers (as reported in the April issue). Mr. Breede was helpful in explaining the organization. Following that session the members went to the Walker House, where a dinner was arranged by John Reynolds, after which the regular business was discussed at the tables, under the leadership of the president, Edna Avery.

Bruce Histories

What 1984 activity is common to many municipalities in Bruce?

The Answer - the writing of history.

The Amabel Township history is nearing completion. The books will be offered for sale in July. A launching date has been set for July 8.

The Culross history is scheduled for publication later in July and a gala launching date is being planned for late July or early August.

Saugeen has its book well on the way to completion with the manuscript now at the printers. Publication date is set for late September or early October.

These histories are all quite comprehensive dealing with subjects as variable as Lake Huron Sunsets and Teeswater Fall Fair.

Books compiled by Bruce Township, Huron Township, Kincardine town and Walkerton will all appear in 1984 or early 1985.

The enthusiasm has caught on in the schools also. Both Bruce Township Central School and the Kincardine Township Tiverton School have included skits and programs with historical themes in their spring variety shows.

Ripley Historical News

Ripley people who are descendants of the 109 families from the Island of Lewis who settled there in 1852, spent a memorable evening, May 23, when a visitor from Stornoway, Bill Lawson, showed slides of Lewis, Harris, Uist and Barra, with humorous and informative commentaries.

He has made a hobby of collecting data on all the families who emigrated from the Outer Hebrides. He now has material for a publication on the Lewis settlement of Sherbrooke, Quebec, and if he finds enough information, will honour the Ripley area also.

A few remarks were exchanged in Gaelic - for a touch of nostalgia.

Mrs. Picot, who is aged 96 presented him with the Jane Yeman Memorial Book. He also visited Belle Henry of Lucknow age 101.

The visit was arranged by Mrs. Gladys Arnold who had attended a seminar in Mississauga where Bill Lawson was guest speaker.

Memberships

If your membership has not been renewed for 1984 you will find a reminder enclosed with this issue - to save postage. There are at present 280 paid-up members.

Two of our long-standing members have passed away since the last issue

John Scott of Hamiltom

Chris Hansen of Rutland, Vermont.

Chris has spent many vacations in Bruce and one year attended Inverhuron School. He married Flora Hughes, a former teacher of the school. The family of Flora's late brother George have presented a cheque for \$100 to the society as a memorial to Chris. It was accompanied by the following letter in which mention is made of his grandparents, who were Donald D. Mackay and his wife Margaret MacLean.

To Bruce County Historical Society

Dear Members;

Please accept the enclosed cheque as a memorial donation in remembrance of Christian Donald Hansen of Rutland, Vermont. The donation is from his nieces and nephew, Margaret, Marion, Kathleen and Tom Hughes.

Uncle Chris was very proud of his Inverhuron roots, and enjoyed coming back to Bruce County. His grandparents are buried in Inverhuron Cemetery.

Sincerely,
Marion Hughes
438 Huron Street
Woodstock, Ont

A Bruce County centenarian, Wallace Blakely, formerly of Tiverton celebrated his 104th birthday on April 22. He is still in good health and enjoying life at the Lynhaven Home in St. Catharines. For several years his name has been heard on the C.B.C. Radio program "Fresh Air" on Sunday 6 a.m. to 8:30. His good friend Rev. Robert Sinclair, son of Rev. N.R.D. Sinclair, former minister of Knox Church Tiverton, sends his name in to the "Over Ninety Birthday Club."

Bruce Township will present "Tales and Trails" during Bicentennial Celebration July 1 weekend.

June 29 - 8 p.m. a variety concert at Central School

Crowning of King and Queen. Presentation of book.

June 30 (Sat) School Reunion 10 a.m. Registration

11:30 - 12 Greetings from educational dignitaries

Rev. G. Bellerly will reminisce about his teaching of Bible Studies in the schools.

1:30 Greetings from political dignitaries

Dedication of Township Crest.

Presentation of a white pine to commemorate Bicentennial.

Greetings from Anne Judd, editor of Tales and Trails.

2:00 Pioneer games organized by Junior Farmers.

Display of antique cars etc. spinning and rope making.

Noon catering groups' booths on grounds

4:30 - 6:30 Roast pork prepared on grounds by Tiverton Lions Club.

9 p.m. Bruce Township "Ceilidh" dance with Norm Dunsmore and band.

July 1 (Sun) Worship Service in Community Centre

Our report on the Lion's Head Church "Living Stones" brought an appreciative note from Mrs. Ruth M. Burney of Walkerton, who also enjoyed the poem submitted by Cliff Cox. She passes the "Boiler" on her way to Bruce Beach.

It also prompted Vera C. Fraser of Mar, Ont. to send us the following article about Pike Bay Church, for which we thank her.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF PIKE BAY UNITED CHURCH
Compiled by Geraldine G. Bould.

The first records I have been able to find concerning PIKE BAY is from the Owen Sound District of the Methodist Church in 1875. It is recorded that Pike Bay, along with 11 other communities that year, constituted the WIARTON MISSION FIELD (Methodist). Can you imagine one missionary getting around in those days to serve 12 settlements?

It was eased a little when in 1878 a new mission was formed and called LION'S HEAD MISSION. It was composed of five settlements - Lion's Head, Pike Bay, Scott's, Hope Bay and Waugh's.

In Pike Bay there was as yet no church building and no record of where the services were being held. Then a big step was taken when Mr. & Mrs. (Robert and Jean) McMaster gave a half acre of land from their farm for a church site. The "Abstract of Title" still in the possession of the Sutter family shows the date of this transaction as January 6, 1883. It was a surprise to note from this document that the deed was given into the care of the BETHEL CONGREGATION of the Methodist Church of Canada.

The missionaries serving this area write in 1883-84 of the "extreme financial depression in the locality." In 1884-85 "The roads are rough and long, settlers thinly scattered, and in most cases struggling with the hardships incident to a new settlement." "A strong man is yet needed for this area", writes the missionary to the Christian Guardian in 1885.

Because of the poverty, the trustees used the donated land as collateral against a loan of \$400 from the London Loan Company of Canada, the transaction taking place on July 15, 1889, in order to pay for the church that had finally been built. The opening ceremony took place on Sunday, July 21, 1889 at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Robert Carson was the minister at this historic time. He lived in Lion's Head and walked or rode a donkey to Pike Bay for services. A ten month old baby, Pearl Hayward (later Mrs. Monck) was baptized that day.

In 1896-97 the Pike Bay church debt was cancelled. 1897-98 a Sabbath School was organized. I chuckle with this entry, "The Ladies Aid has been useful." A driving shed has been built. By 1903 services were every Sunday with increasing attendance.

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The Annual Dinner

Elmwood will be the meeting place for the annual dinner on October 25 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Centre. The program is in the hands of Mrs. Margaret McIntyre.

Rev. Douglas Stewart of Inverhuron will be the guest speaker.

Bus Tour Greatly Enjoyed

The annual bus trip of the Bruce County Historical Society took 38 members on a most enjoyable trip on Thursday, July 12. The first stop was at Lambton Heritage Museum at Grand Bend. Many had never been there and were pleasantly surprised to see how big it was, and how many articles were on display.

A picnic lunch was enjoyed at picnic tables and benches arranged around the lawn at the back of the main exhibit centre. Many flowers and trees made a perfect setting. When all the buildings had been visited, the bus carried on to Dresden and stopped at Uncle Tom's Cabin Museum. What had been to most a childhood story was brought to reality by the houses and exhibits displayed.

From the cabin the group enjoyed hearing about the Petrolia Discovery at Petrolia. A film was presented showing the finding of oil and what followed. A guide led the party to all the working parts, and explained the development.

Before the trip home, dinner was eaten at a restaurant in Petrolia, suitably called The Oil Rig. The tour guide on the bus helped to make what all declared to be one of the best tours.

The district meetings have been poorly attended this year due to members' involvement in bicentennial activities and the township histories. For this reason the August and September meetings have been cancelled.

Members have responded well to the fee reminders mailed with the last issue. However, we hope that more will renew their memberships.

Herb Kuntz of Formosa, a long-time faithful member, contributed these words of wisdom with his renewal:-

"Your historical notes most interesting. Too bad it is so hard to shake out of people many most interesting events of the past. When young and able no one seems to give a darn. When we

get old and tired we don't seem to have the umph to contribute as we should so rightfully do."

Our treasurer, Murial McIntosh with her husband Norman joined the tour bus from Hanover to visit the Highland Games at Glengarry, the largest of its kind in the world. Accomodation was arranged for two nights at the Holiday Inn at Cornwall. They report a most delightful experience. People wore cards showing where they came from and they communicated in a friendly spirit. One lady, spotting the name Tiverton, spoke to Muriel. She proved to be one of our members, Mrs. Cluley, formerly a Matheson from this area.

She said she awaits eagerly the Society's publications.

Culross History Book Arrives with a Flourish

A long awaited dream of the Culross Historical Society and many former and present citizens of the community became a reality on August 11 with the arrival of "All Our Yesterdays", a history of the township from 1854 to 1984.

The books arrived by stagecoach at the bicentennial celebration being held at the Teeswater fairgrounds at 4:00 p.m. Saturday. A number of the book committee members, dressed in period costume, joined editor Marion McGillivray of Arran Township and printer Nelson Maker of Stan Brown Printers Ltd. of Owen Sound to escort the books to the fairgrounds. The stagecoach was owned and driven by Don Scott and Frank Murray of Culross. This was followed by a Surrey-With-a-Fringe on Top driven by Bob Meyer of Teeswater and Lana McKague of Belmore. Antique cars were driven by Barry McPherson accompanied by son Greg, Clarence Sutcliffe, accompanied by Gordon Dickison, James McBurney and Dr. Donald Ewing.

The book took over eighteen months to compile. In August of 1983, the New Horizons Committee, under chairman A. H. McTavish, applied for and received a generous grant of \$12,500 from the Government of Canada under the New Horizons Program.

The attractive coloured bookjacket is a scene taken from a painting of the Teeswater River in Culross. The book itself contains 432 pages and 848 pictures and is the largest one of its type in this area. It is the culmination of a great number of hours of volunteer work on the part of many people and is available from the Culross Township Clerk's office or from the directors.

"Tales and Trails" is Presented

The presentation of the Bruce Township history was a gala affair, coupled as it was with the Bicentennial Ceilidh at the Underwood Central School.

The festivities began on June 29 with a variety concert in the school auditorium. It was a lively reunion as many talented home-comers joined the local entertainers for a fun program, recalling highly amusing happenings of long ago.

During the concert a special ceremony was devoted to the presentation of the book. A model of the dust jacket cover set up on the stage, draped with the Bruce County Tartan, was unveiled by Dr. Gary Gurbin, M.P. He was introduced by the committee president, Eva McTeer.

The Editor, Anne Judd spoke about the contents of the book, and the work done by the committee of directors, all of whom she introduced on stage.

The auditorium was crowded to capacity. A voluntary contribution brought nearly \$500. The area has also responded well to the presale. This money is needed to make the second payment of the book on delivery.

November 3 has been chosen as the date for distribution of books and end of the presale. In the afternoon people may attend a social tea, and a costume dance at night will celebrate the final accomplishment.

Memorial to Inverhuron School

In 1854 a log school was built at Inverhuron, the first in Bruce Township. The section included part of Kincardine Township and was named Union School Section No. 1. In 1875 it was replaced by a brick building which was closed in 1953.

The Ontario Hydro, which now owns the property, tore down the building.

Last fall, using some of the bricks, they erected a cairn in McIntyre Park as a memorial, incorporating the name plate USS No. 1 on the side. The rest was left to the Ratepayers Association of Inverhuron and District, who obtained a plaque for the other side on which is a sketch of the school and details of its history. They also arranged a ceremony for its dedication which was held in the park at the conclusion of their annual meeting on the morning of August 4.

The memorial, draped in the Bruce County Tartan, was unveiled by a former teacher of the school, Katie Urquhart.

The weather was perfect, sunny and pleasantly warm, engendering a festive spirit. A large crowd attended, of ratepayers, visitors, former teachers and pupils of the school, and they enjoyed a social coffee party afterwards.

The service was conducted by Rev. Douglas Stewart who spends his summers at his residence nearby. Here are the thoughts he left with us:-

"Since the time when Abraham, the obedient servant of God, erected an altar at Bethel until this present, it has been the desire and delight of men and women in all ages to erect altars,

monuments and memorials to commemorate the mighty acts of Divine Providence, the achievements of men and women of valour and intellectual leading and to honour the noble services of common folk in pioneering their land and institutions.

"Today we pause to dedicate this cairn in grateful appreciation of the devotion of those educators who, in the course of 100 years, from 1854-1953, taught with meagre supplies and comforts in the Inverhuron School. Their good example and high precepts have influenced the lives of scores who, in their turn, have gone forth into various vocations and disciplines in the service of mankind."

Donation

It was reported in the last issue that the Historical Society had received a donation from the Hughes family as a memorial to Chris Hansen who received his elementary education in Inverhuron School. The executive thought it fitting that the donation should be given to the Ratepayers Association to be used in the purchase of the plaque.

The Tall Ships

Most of us felt that pictures in newspapers and views on television would be all we would see of the tall ships, but our county was honoured by a visit from two of them on August 15 and 16. People along the shore had a better view of them than many who had travelled a long way to the cities. By a quirk of fate, those along Inverhuron Bay had a special treat. About 4 p.m. on August 15 a stately ship appeared full sail from the south. To our surprise it entered the bay, stopped, lowered its sails and dropped anchor a few metres from shore. We discovered later that it had run aground on the shoal that crosses part of the bay. Its location is evident in winter by a mountain range of ice that builds up on it.

The ship's misfortune was a boon to the observers who brought out cameras and binoculars, and small sail boats put out from shore to circle and view it and the crew at close range. We could see that the name was the Inca and that it flew a navy blue flag with the Union Jack in the corner.

Unable to leave the shoal, it called for help to the Norfolk Rebel which was in Kincardine harbour. This ship though large for our bay, was but half the length and height of the Inca. We watched it pull alongside, then go forward as a tow-line came taut between them.

It was late evening when it was slowly towed away. Even in its helplessness it still "stood tall". Perhaps that is the fascination of the tall ships.

Sunset

If you have a sense of configuration, you can look at the map of Bruce County and conjure up a tall stately lady with an elaborate coiffeur, a slim waist, wearing a long formal gown. There she stands facing the west toward the sunset. May we imagine some symbolism here, as the little church located on her "shoulder" read into her "living stones"? Was it not the lure of the West that called away so many Bruce youth in the past to help build this great nation? And is it not the lure of the beautiful Lake Huron sunsets that calls vacationers and tourists to her many fine beaches?

It was once stated in the National Geographic magazine that no finer sunsets can be seen in the world than at Goderich Ontario. We may read that to mean at any spot along the Lake Huron shoreline.

Any summer evening people can be seen at the beaches, gazing at the ever-changing panorama, until the sun sinks out of sight and the lake or bay becomes a golden pond in afterglow. When a breeze blows up ripples on the darkening water, they slowly leave the scene as patrons leave a theatre at the end of a great drama.

Many artists have tried to reproduce the sunset on canvas. The most brilliant of the great masterpieces was done by the English painter J. M. W. Turner entitled "Temeraire". The Temeraire (Fearless), also celebrated in Tennyson's poem "The Fighting Temeraire" was a battleship that was destroyed by fire in the Battle of Trafalgar. Turner painted it in flames against the background of a flaming sunset, still standing defiantly erect its upright masts silhouetted starkly amid the brilliance, going down in glory with the sinking sun.

John Ruskin, great writer and poet, a contemporary of Turner was his good friend and most valued critic. Ruskin claimed that no artist could really depict the sunset be it with brush or with words. To prove his point he painted a word picture:-

"Nature has a thousand ways and means of rising above herself, but incomparably the noblest manifestations of her capability of colour are in the sunsets among the high clouds. There is then no limit to the multitude and no check to the intensity of the hues assumed. The whole sky from the zenith to the horizon becomes one molten, mantling mass of colour and fire; every black bar turns to massy gold, every ripple and wave into unsullied, shadowless crimson, and purple, and scarlet, and colours for which there are no words in language and no ideas in the mind - things which can be conceived only while they are visible".

