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Cultural Celebrations in Ontario

Cultural Celebrations in Ontario takes place on Friday, September 22 and Saturday, September 23 at the Brockville Museum. If you want to learn more about the origins and history of the customs, traditions and celebrations of friends, neighbours and the community, and get some great ideas and suggestions you can use to research, interpret and present these celebrations in your museum, historical society, school, youth group, church, community and family, then plan to be at this seminar in Brockville.

Nora Bothwell, Executive Director of the Ogemawahj Tribal Council, is the keynote speaker on Friday evening, discussing

"First Nations Celebrations and Revitalization", with samples of First Nations fare.

On Saturday, Jeanne Hughes, former Curator of Black Creek Pioneer Village explores the origins and history of some other Canadian celebrations in "Old World Beginnings". Dr. Jean Burnet, author of *"Coming Canadians": An Introduction to the History of Canada's Peoples* takes a look at the customs and traditions brought by the newcomers to Ontario in her session, "Celebrations of the Newcomers in the 19th and 20th Centuries". Local author and historian, Dr. Glenn Lockwood, examines where and how to research celebrations in "Cultural Celebrations Research Tips". Dorothy Duncan, Executive Director of the OHS, leads you on an exploration of "Ontario's Changing Food Traditions and Customs", and introduces the many different cuisines you will discover at the International Lunch.

You are invited to bring a description of a celebration important to you or your family, and share it with the other participants in a workshop where you will develop the skills for designing new programmes.

The registration fee is \$25.00 for members of the OHS or the Brockville Museum and \$40.00 for non-members, and includes a kit of resource materials, Friday evening tastes and the International Lunch.

Copies of *My Cultural Handbook* will be available at a discount at the seminar. This collection of papers explores the wealth of celebrations that take place in Ontario, from their origins and history to how to research and present programmes based on these customs. *My Cultural Handbook* is presented in a looseleaf binder so that further information can be added and revisions to current material can be made. The binder regularly sells for \$10.00 (\$13.00 by mail), but is available at the seminar only for \$5.00.

For further information on Cultural Celebrations in Ontario, please contact Rob Levery or Lorraine Lowry at the OHS, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011, fax (416) 226-2740 or Bonnie Burke at the Brockville Museum, 5 Henry Street, Brockville, Ontario K6V 6M4, (613) 342-4397.

Seminars also take place October 27 and 28 in Thunder Bay, November 17 and 18 in Midland and in Metropolitan Toronto early next year.



Welcome Marilyn Mushinski and Naomi Alboim

The Honourable Marilyn Mushinski, (left) recently elected to the Ontario Legislature in June, has been appointed Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation by Premier Mike Harris.

Before entering politics on the provincial level, the MPP for Scarborough-Ellesmere was active in municipal politics,

serving as alderman and councillor for Scarborough's Ward 5 from 1982 to 1994. She held positions on a number of committees including planning, building and parks and culture. She also served on the Scarborough Museum Board, as the representative from City Council from 1985 to 1991.

The new Deputy Minister is

Naomi Alboim, who was the former Deputy of Citizenship. Before Citizenship, she held positions at the Ontario Women's Directorate.

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes the new Minister and Deputy Minister, and looks forward to continuing a long partnership of preserving Ontario's heritage.

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Success in North Bay

By Pam Handley, former Curator, North Bay Area Museum

The Ontario Historical Society, the Voyageur Heritage Network and the North Bay Area Museum recently put on a workshop to end all workshops in North Bay. Cultural Celebrations in Ontario was truly an outstanding success with excellent speakers, invigorating music, delicious food and an enthusiastic audience.

Randy Sawyer opened with First Nations Celebrations and the importance of the Circle, which has no beginning and no end, and all in the Circle are equal. Therese Callahan, President, La Société historique du Nipissing et

Héritage Musical outlined the objectives of the Society, then led the choir in some delightful renditions of French songs, both old and new. Dorothy Duncan of the OHS brought Ontario's Changing Food Traditions to life with wonderful stories about various foods and the people who ate them. Lunch consisted of dishes representing all the various cultures on the agenda. Dorothy served sweet treats, while the Davedi Male Choir entertained with Italian and English serenades.

Dr. Gabriele Scardellato of the Multicultural History Society of Ontario said we are a growing and developing nation as we continue to speak to each other through our celebrations. Rick Stow, Broadcaster and Labour

Historian, spoke on Celebrations of the Workers in Northern Ontario noting that many picnics and parades that are held are a reinforcement of identity for many labour groups. A panel discussion featured the Finnish community with Professor Oiva Saranen of Laurentian University in Sudbury, the Italian community with Bruno Zano of the Davedi Club in North Bay and Dr. Tim Begin, representing the Ukrainian community.

Participants came together to form a circle (referring to Randy Sawyer's talk), which proved helpful in encouraging even the shyest to voice their thoughts and personal stories about celebrations in 20th century Ontario.

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Executive Director's report

By Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

How Much Has It Cost?

On July 10, 1995, the heritage community in Ontario marked the ninth anniversary of the attempts by the Province of Ontario (through its various Ministries of Culture) to develop a new Ontario Heritage Act.

As you, our members know, there is now another draft being circulated. If you do not have a copy of *A New Ontario Heritage Act: A Draft for Discussion*, call Allen Tyyska at (416) 314-7164 and request one. Read it with care for there are still errors, omissions and some very strange suggestions concerning Ontario's heritage.

The OHS also believes that Regulations are a must for this

Act. Send your comments to the Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, The Honourable Marilyn Mushinski, with a copy to the OHS and we will highlight your concerns at upcoming meetings with Ministry staff.

Coach House Restoration

The restoration of the dairy and stable on the John McKenzie property is finished, and those two little buildings are looking very chipper indeed. The volunteer gardening committee has met several times since my last report to compare and exchange research notes, plants, seeds and ideas. They have also held some working sessions and, as a result, several of our flower beds are a riot of colour. The restoration of the coach house is about to begin and it is our hope that it will be

completed by the end of the year. Then, the final plantings and landscaping will be completed.

Fundraising for this final phase is going ahead apace, with two successful book sales, Tea on the Verandah, the sale of lucky draw tickets for the artifacts donated by Mary Lou Fox, and plans for the Coach House Auction of Antiques and Collectibles later this year. Our thanks go out to everyone who has made a donation, or is planning to make one, to this project.

To Ottawa in 1996

The Coalition of Heritage Organizations of Ottawa (CHOO) extended an invitation to the OHS to bring the 1996 Annual Conference to Ottawa and revisit the topic of the history of food and beverage traditions in this area

that is known today as Ontario.

The Board of Directors of the OHS accepted the invitation, and so May 2, 3 and 4 will find us at the Radisson Hotel Ottawa Centre exploring **Consuming Passions II: Feeding the Multitudes**. We will feature speakers, site visits, publications and programmes that look at the care and feeding of large groups of people. Special anniversaries of the First Nations, the meals in lumber, mining and

railway camps, banquets and grand dinners, pot luck suppers, the Depression years, farmer's markets, airline meals and more will be highlighted.

Frits Marechal, the Executive Chef of the Radisson, will not only be a speaker, but will also open his kitchens for tours. This promises to be a great conference so reserve May 2, 3 and 4, 1996 for a visit to Ottawa and an exciting culinary experience.

Thank you to the OHS

When the John Graves Simcoe Association amalgamated with the OHS in 1992, we continued to award medals to the outstanding students at the high schools in Ontario named after Simcoe.

At the end of this academic year, our Treasurer James Clemens presented Dwayne Stresman of Governor Simcoe Secondary School in St. Catharines with the John Graves Simcoe Award of

Excellence. Dwayne has sent the OHS a letter of thanks.

Dear Mrs. Duncan:

Thank you for your support of graduating high school students. This year I was privileged to win the John Graves Simcoe Award of Excellence. For me, it was a very special honor and an excellent way for me to end my five years at Governor Simcoe

Secondary School. I was proud to receive this award as I know that there were very many excellent students considered for it, and I am thankful that the selection committee chose me to be the recipient. Truly, I appreciate your support and recognition. Thank you once again.

Sincerely,
Dwayne Stresman

Information wanted

Sir John Johnson

The Sir John Johnson Research Committee is interested in receiving any written or oral history on the Sir John Johnson House located in Williamstown, Ontario.

On May 19, 1995, the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada unveiled a plaque commemorating the national architectural significance of this house owned by the first Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs. Within the centre of this structure is one of the oldest buildings standing in Ontario. The original five-bay Georgian section was built between 1784 and 1792 as part of a mill site developed by Sir John Johnson to encourage Loyalists to resettle along the St. Lawrence River after the American Revolution. Hugh McGillis, wintering partner of the North West Company, purchased the house around 1817 and retired to the area. It is believed that the current two-bay western addition was constructed during his ownership. John McGillis Q.C. inherited the property upon his uncle's death in 1848. During the 1860's, a gothic revival wing was added to the east side.

An oil painting of Sir John Johnson, which hung in the house, was donated to a museum. The specific details of the transaction, however, remain unknown.

If you can assist the Committee, please contact Box 217, Williamstown, Ontario K0C 2J0, or telephone (613) 347-3397.

Prisoner of War Camp

The Todmorden Mills Museum is conducting research

into a prisoner of war internment camp that was located on its site (67 Pottery Road in East York) during World War II. The camp was composed of four huts or barracks and was destroyed by fire in March of 1946, only a few months after it was vacated. Possibly as many as 100 German prisoners were housed at the site and sent to work at the Don Valley Brick Works.

Todmorden Mills has found the topic a challenge to research. Some former area residents

remember the Don Valley camp and newspaper records confirm its existence, but the site, probably a branch camp of a larger institution, does not appear in official lists of major POW camps or detention centres.

If you have information in any form about this camp, or know someone who does, please contact Susan Hughes, Todmorden Mills Museum, 850 Coxwell Avenue, East York, Ontario M4C 5R1, (416) 396-2819.



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Across the Province

By Jane Errington, Chair, Local Societies and Dorothy Duncan, OHS Executive Director

Members of the **Toronto and York Division of the Canadian Railroad Historical Association** are looking forward to the Fall Foliage Excursion on September 30, when they will travel to Bath, New York to ride the Champagne Train through the Finger Lakes District. Information: (416) 368-3760.

The Thunder Bay Museum Society is gearing up for the second annual Antique Show and Sale at the Victoria Inn on Friday, October 13 and Saturday, October 14. This is an important fundraiser as the renovations for the Museum on Donald Street continue apace. For information about the show or to make a donation: 219 May Street, Thunder Bay P7E 1B5, (807) 623-0801.

Oakville Historical Society members have been at work renovating the cottage at 108 King Street, adjacent to their splendid new quarters opened last year. An opening date for this addition has not been chosen as we go to press.

The Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill announces that the Village Festival will be kicked off on Thursday, September 14 at the Historic Heintzman House with "Murder in the Conservatory". Information? (905) 731-1678. The Festival will be held on September 16, and either Dave Rawcliffe, (905) 881-3952 or Bill Wylie, (905) 889-0192 will provide further information.

North Toronto Historical Society is planning a Blythwood Road Walk on October 1. Contact (416) 481-0428 for details.

The Pass Lake Historical Society is appealing for articles about Danes and Danish organizations across Canada for the 1996 Nanaimo Conference book and subsequent issues of the newsletter. Contact Pass Lake Historical Society, Pass Lake POT 2MO for details.

Old Fort Niagara has two new fundraising initiatives for the conservation of the 1813 flag purchased recently in Scotland. These include the sale of modern flags and a partnership with McDonalds. For more information about these and other

innovative fundraising initiatives that have made up the "Campaign for the Colours" contact: Old Fort Niagara, Box 169, Youngstown, New York, 14174-0169.

From the **Newcastle Village and District Historical Society** comes a reminder that the heritage centre in the Community Hall is open Tuesday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30, and by appointment. For further information, call (905) 987-5411 or write the Newcastle and District Historical Society, Box 15, Unit # 3, 20 King Street West, Newcastle L1B 1H7.

Do you have information about Richard Pierpoint? Born about 1744 in Bondou (now part of Senegal), Africa, served with Captain Runchey's Corps of Coloured Men during the War of 1812 and land owner in Garafraxa, Pierpoint is to be honoured with a plaque. If you can assist, contact Peter Meyler, 1365 Goldgate Crescent, Orangeville L9W 4C3.

The Orillia Opera House celebrates its 100th birthday this year. It was constructed for \$25,000.00 with the ground floor housing a market, while the second floor consisted of a 905 seat auditorium with gallery and stage.

Our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of the late Eugenie Rose Allen, an active member of the **Canadian Negro Women's Association** and Board Member of the **Ontario Black History Society** and to the friends and colleagues of the late Norma Heakes, well-known teacher and educator at the **Royal Ontario Museum**.

The **Clarke Museum** will be 25 years old on Saturday, September 2, and a celebration is planned for 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. that afternoon. Call (905) 983-9243 for details.

Several historical organizations are co-operating to produce a calendar to commemorate **200 Years Yonge**. Contact Box 381, Sharon LOG 1VO for cost and availability.

Volunteers at the **Hutchison House Museum** in Peterborough have completed one of their major fundraising projects for 1995 - a stunning copy of a fan-pattern quilt in the museum collection. The lucky draw will be held on Hogmany, January 1, 1996. Tickets: (705) 743-9710.

Grimsby Historical Society will launch the fall season with a

Pie Social at the Andrew's Parish Hall, September 30 at 7:30 p.m. Commander R. J. Williamson will tell the "Untold Story of the War of 1812".

West Lincoln Historical Society has purchased the Smithville Railway Station and plans to have a local information and heritage resource centre located there. If you have family, church or local history records that could be included, contact Pauline Young, R.R. #1, St. Anns LOR 1YO.

The 17th Annual Niagara Peninsula History Conference will be held at Brock University on September 23 and 24 with the topic, "The Niagara Peninsula and World War II". Contact (905) 688-5550, extension 3264 for details.

Helen Rutherford-Wilcox, a member of the **Smith Township Historical Society** is writing the history of Bridgenorth and needs your help! If you have memories or memorabilia relating to the village's history, call (705) 292-9791.

Congratulations to Bill Lesurf well known Smiths Falls resident and former town councillor, local chairman of the Rideau Canal's 150th Anniversary Celebrations, and President of the Smiths Falls Railway Museum on receiving the Parks Canada Award for 1995. This prestigious award was presented to Bill on Parks Day (July 15) at La Mauricie National Park in Quebec.

Our congratulations as well go to Ian Wilson, Archivist of Ontario, on becoming President of the Champlain Society.

The Friends of Homewood officially dissolved on April 12 of this year after many discussions with The Ontario Heritage Foundation, owner of Homewood near Prescott, to re-open the site as a community museum. Despite the Friends' offer to fundraise to cover the salary of a curator for the site, the Foundation would still not ensure that it could cover other costs for operating Homewood as a museum. The Board of the Friends of Homewood voted to transfer all assets to the Grenville County Historical Society. The GCHS has since moved its resource centre to a new location on the second floor of Crane House, 439 Edward Street in Prescott. For further information, please contact (613) 925-0489.

President's message

By Judy McGonigal, OHS President

In today's times of restraint and retrenchment, the efforts of volunteers in heritage preservation activities are increasingly important. We may well be in need of more neighbourhood and community involvement reminiscent of that expressed at the pioneer barn raising and threshing bees. In those times, neighbours banded together to share their skills and knowledge; they donated these, along with their labour so that the community could prosper.

During my first month as President, I represented the Society as the fruits of two such collaborations were unveiled, both in northern Ontario. In Prince Township, the Conway homestead, a pioneer log building, had been painstakingly dismantled and moved to the site of the municipal office. There, the logs sat for nearly three years until the Prince Pioneer Society gathered the resources for reconstruction.

On Manitoulin Island, the Kagawong Historical Society proudly dedicated their Post Office Museum, which already had attracted donations of postal and other communications artifacts from community residents. Both of these projects were made possible by volunteers who donated their time

and their squared-timber construction expertise.

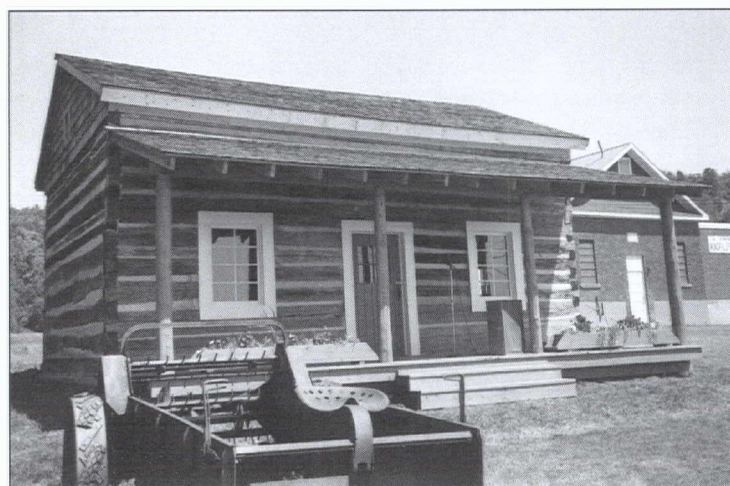
At the Timber Village Museum in Blind River, staff and volunteers are saving dollars by joining forces to apply the primer coat to newly-constructed exhibit and meeting space.

Further south in Willowdale, at the John McKenzie House, the Society's new home, painting, wallpapering and floorcovering bees have brightened interior spaces. Volunteers with an interest in gardening are gathering information about the original plantings on the site, are delivering perennials from their own gardens and laying plans for future landscaping.

Coincidentally, as I write this message, our community museum in Sault Ste. Marie hosts a travelling exhibit presented by The Multicultural History Society Of Ontario, entitled "Con le mani ed i Cuori" (With their hands and their hearts). The exhibit portrays the development and charitable activities of The Order Sons of Italy of Ontario, a mutual benefit society.

May we continue to experience similar mutual benefits when volunteers and heritage organizations work together to protect, preserve and explore Ontario's history.

Where there's a will, there's a way!



The Prince Pioneer Society recently saw the fruits of its fundraising labours realized when the Conway Homestead became part of the Prince Township Museum, located just west of Sault Ste. Marie. Three years ago, the log building was carefully dismantled and moved to the site near the municipal office. The Society worked hard to find the necessary resources for its reconstruction. (Photo courtesy of Judy McGonigal.)

Don't miss our lucky draw!



A pair of fur-trimmed and lined leather moccasins is one of the prizes in the OHS' upcoming lucky draw to be held December 3. If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, contact the OHS office at (416) 226-9011. (Photo courtesy of Cathy Febraro.)

The Ontario Historical Society invites you to enter the **Be a Partner in Parkview Lucky Draw**. Mary Lou Fox, Director of the Ojibwe Cultural Foundation, West Bay First Nation on Manitoulin Island, has generously donated to the OHS four items from her personal collection, which we are able to offer as the prizes.

First prize is a double-size star pattern quilt; second prize is a circular leather shield; third is a large dream catcher and fourth prize is a pair of fur-lined and trimmed moccasins (in the photo above). Proceeds from the raffle go towards the restoration of the

coach house, gardens and grounds on the John McKenzie property, headquarters of the OHS.

Don't miss your opportunity to win one of these beautiful prizes. Enter our draw today. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00, and are available at our events or you can order them through the mail. Please send your payment (payable to The Ontario Historical Society) to our office at 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2. The draw will take place at Cook Book Caper on Sunday, December 3, 1995. Good luck!

Can you help the Girl Guides?

In July of 1996, Hamilton Area Girl Guides are sponsoring a trip for 12 Guides and 3 Guiders to England. Guides are always trading crests, pins and crafts which represent their province and Canada. Candace Gaudet of Hamilton has been attempting to locate the Ontario Provincial Tartan. She currently has a small swatch of the fabric, but is interested in purchasing more. If you can help, please contact Candace at 208 Cumberland Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario L8M 1Z7.

Upcoming Events

September: The Ontario Society for Industrial Archaeology and the Toronto Field Naturalists are presenting a number of **free walking tours** in Toronto throughout the month. On the 2nd, explore railway, natural and industrial history of the former Parkdale railway yards in the tour, “Travelling Around the Horn”. Meet at 1:30 p.m. outside the Gladstone Hotel, corner of Gladstone Avenue and Queen Street West. On the 7th, discover how an area has been revitalized on the tour of the former Liberty Street Railway, once part of Garrison Common. Meet at the southeast corner of King Street West and Dufferin at noon. On the 9th, take a walking tour of the Don Valley via Thomas Helliwell’s “Don Mills Road”. Meet at Riverdale Farm at 3:00 p.m. On the 23rd, meet at Logan Avenue and Dundas Street East at 1:30 p.m. for a tour of Toronto’s Great Railway Viaduct (Part I). This tour is co-sponsored by the Canadian Railroad Historical Association, Toronto and York Division. Contact the Toronto Field Naturalists, (416) 968-6255.

September: On the 2nd, 3rd and 4th, visit the Ontario Agricultural Museum for a **Harvest Celebration**. Autumn is celebrated throughout the site with a variety of activities and seasonal demonstrations to see and do. Christmas comes early with **Christmas Craft Fair** from the 23rd to the 24th. This provincially-acclaimed show attracts those early shoppers who enjoy a variety of gift items from the practical to the classical. Contact the Museum in Milton, (905) 878-8151.

September-October: Black Creek Pioneer Village in Metropolitan Toronto presents a number of family-fun events. On September 16, enjoy the **39th Annual Pioneer Festival**, featuring Mennonite and Pennsylvania-German foods and an auction of handmade quilts. Visit the OHS’ exhibit for some fun activities. On the 17th, the **Village Fall Fair** boasts an old-time agricultural fair with baked goods, preserves, farm animals and more. From September 30 to October 1, don’t miss Toronto’s biggest apple pie contest at the Village’s **Bake It With Apples Contest**. October 21 and 22 and 28 and 29 are special times for young people at the **Pumpkin Party for Kids**. Celebrate Hallowe’en, wear your costume, carve a pumpkin and join in some fun games. Contact the Village at Jane Street and Steeles Avenue West, (416) 736-1733.

September-October: From September 2 to Thanksgiving, the Muskoka Lakes Museum in Port Carling opens the exhibit, **A Collection of Muskoka Quilts**.

On the 16th and 17th, the Museum presents a **Heritage Festival** where you can see demonstrations of rug hooking, spinning, quilting, cornshelling and grinding and more. On October 7 and 8, taste some warm apple cider and pumpkin muffins at **Thanksgiving Festival**. Contact the Museum, (705) 765-5367.

September-October: On September 9, tour the John R. Park Homestead in Harrow by candlelight. You might also meet some personalities from the past. On October 1, celebrate autumn at the **Harvest Festival** by pressing cider, making sausage, corn husk crafts and more. Return on the 29th for the **Pumpkin Party**, when you can pick a pumpkin from the field and enter the carving contest. Contact Janet Cobban at the Homestead, (519) 738-2029.

September-October: Visit Lang Pioneer Village this autumn for a number of special events. On September 3, enjoy the **Heritage Craft Festival and Book Sale**, where over 40 craft demonstrations take place throughout the village, along with a giant book sale. On the 17th, return for **Pioneer Applefest**. Savour the aroma of fresh apple cider and other apple dishes. September 24 features **Pioneer Children’s Craft Day** with many craft activities for young people. On October 1, take in **Smith Township Heritage Day**. On the 8th, experience an old-fashioned Thanksgiving at **Thanksgiving Harvest Festival**. On October 15, the Village closes for the season. Contact Lang Pioneer Village southeast of Peterborough on County Road 34, (705) 295-6694.

September 4: The Ontario Heritage Foundation unveils a plaque commemorating the **Windsor Ford Strike 1945** at Holy Rosary Church in Windsor. 1995 marks the 50th anniversary of the strike and subsequent car blockade which resulted in the “Rand Formula” recommendation, a gain for the labour movement. Contact Paul Litt at the Foundation, (416) 314-4913.

September 17: The Oakville Museum announces that its **Walking Tours of Old Oakville** are back. Join guide Dick Marshall at 2:00 p.m. and again on October 15. Tickets are \$10.00 per person with proceeds going to The Erchless Restoration Fund. Contact the Museum at 8 Navy Street, (905) 845-3541.

September 22-24: The Ministry of Natural Resources together with partners from the First Nations present **Moving Forward, Together**, a First Nations awareness workshop for educators at the Frost Centre in Dorset. Sessions cover ways to

better understand the First Nations, their cultures and relationships to the earth; ideas, opportunities and resources for educating students; and environmental protection and resource conservation. Contact Barrie Martin, (705) 766-0567.

September 23: History buffs, antique lovers and anyone wanting to enjoy a pleasant day in the country is invited to participate in the **Historical House Tour** presented by the Loyalist Cultural Centre in Adolphustown. The tour takes place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. throughout the Townships of Adolphustown and South Fredericksburgh. Day passes are \$20.00 per person. Contact the Cultural Centre, (613) 373-2196.

September 23: Community Heritage Ontario presents the regional LACAC seminar, **Community-Based Natural Heritage Conservation trees, trails, trusts, tours...** at the Backus Conservation Area near Simcoe. Contact Palmier Stevenson-Young, (905) 937-1875.

September 23 and 24: Experience the fun, flavour and folklore of **Apple Days** at The Gibson House in North York. Savour the inviting aromas and tastes as authentic apple recipes are prepared over the hearth. Lend a hand as apples are preserved for the winter months. Learn how apples were used to make home remedies long ago, and much more. Contact the House at 5172 Yonge Street, (416) 395-7432.

September 30: Come to **Norfolklore ‘95**, the 19th annual Genealogy Fair presented by the

Eva Brook Donly Museum in Simcoe. This popular event includes close to 30 exhibitors from southern Ontario displaying books and supplies for family history, and hundreds of family history researchers ready to assist you with computer and video genealogy. Admission is \$4.00 per person. Contact the Eva Brook Donly Museum at 109 Norfolk Street South, (519) 426-1583.

September 30-October 1: Don’t miss the living history excitement of Heritage Days at **The Faire at the Forks** taking place at Thamesgrove Conservation Area east of Chatham. A host of activities highlight this fun weekend, including 19th century crafts-people, a pioneer school, theatre, music, food, War of 1812 battle re-enactments, the Thirsty Miller Tavern and more. Contact Jim and Lisa Gilbert, (519) 351-2058.

September 30-October 1: Dundurn Castle in Hamilton hosts its eighth annual **Harvest Home**, featuring a baking and preserving contest. Contact the Castle at (905) 546-2872 for a list of rules and regulations, then get cooking!

October 1: The Etobicoke Dreamcatchers is a group of current and former elementary school teachers and librarians who are reviving the art of storytelling. The group meets at Montgomery’s Inn to tell stories to children of pre-school age to grade four. Tickets are \$2.00 per child and \$3.00 per adult. Return to the Inn on October 15 for the annual **Harvest Home** celebration where you can enter the pie and preserves contest, browse and buy perennials for autumn plant-

ing, see carpentry demonstrations and more. Contact the Inn at 4709 Dundas Street West in Etobicoke, (416) 394-8113.

October 13: Learn the secrets of successful relationships at **Partnerships: Working Together, Sharing Resources**, presented by the Ontario Section of Interpretation Canada at the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre near Midland. Sessions deal with developing relationships with the media, partnerships with other sites and organizations, government grants and a whole lot more. Contact the Centre at (705) 526-7809 or Steve Bowen in Hamilton, (905) 527-7962.

October 13-15: Thunder Bay is the location of the 1995 Ontario Archaeological Society symposium. The conference focuses on the archaeology of the southwestern Canadian shield examining the Palaeo-Indian, Archaic, Laurel and Late Woodland cultures. Contact the OAS at 126 Willowdale Avenue, North York M2N 4Y2, (416) 730-0797.

October 15: Join the County of Grey Owen Sound Museum for **Pratie Oaten**, the potato harvest celebration from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Treat yourself to potato-oat cakes, potato and cheese biscuits, potato soup and baked potatoes with homemade butter. Celtic music and dancing are also featured. Contact the Museum at 975 6th Street East in Owen Sound, (519) 376-3690.

October 29: For a ghost of a good time, celebrate a **Scottish Hallowe’en** at Hutchison House in Peterborough. Contact the House at 270 Brock Street, (705) 743-9710.

Upcoming OHS Workshops and Seminars

| DATE | WORKSHOP | LOCATION |
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| August 26 | Discover Your Community! | Haileybury |
| September 16 | The Golden Age of Gardens | Oshawa |
| September 22, 23 | Cultural Celebrations in Ontario | Brockville |
| October 14 | Discover Your Community! | Kirby |
| October 24 | Preparing for a Victorian Christmas in the 19th Century | Simcoe |
| October 27, 28 | Cultural Celebrations in Ontario | Thunder Bay |
| October 30 | Discover Your Community! | Keewatin |
| November 17, 18 | Cultural Celebrations in Ontario | Midland |
| November 18 | Making it Look Good: Displays, Graphics and Labels | Ottawa |
| For further information on these training programmes and others in the planning stages, please contact Lorraine Lowry, Workshop Co-ordinator, The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011 or fax (416) 226-2740. | | |



The Trent Port Historical Society is raising money to restore Trenton's old town hall. Earlier this year, the cupola and bell were raised to the roof, and the bell rang out for the first time in 40 years. (Photo courtesy of Lorraine Lowry.)

Trenton Town Hall gets facelift

Earlier this year, members of the Trent Port Historical Society watched as a newly-built cupola holding the old bell was raised to the roof of Trenton's old Town Hall. The bell rang out for the first time in 40 years.

The restoration of the former Town Hall, clerk's office and police station, originally constructed in 1861, was underway. Since its construction, the building has been used as council chambers, court and meeting place. In 1984, the police moved to new headquarters and the Trent Port Historical Society began its efforts to preserve the building.

On Heritage Day 1994, City Council gave approval to proceed with the restoration. Work commenced under the supervision of Ken Darby, who formerly worked on the Marie Dressler House project in Cobourg.

Community co-operation and fundraising efforts will transform this building, creating a gallery for live theatre, arts, crafts, exhibitions and meetings.

For further information and to make your contribution, please contact Wendy Ouellette, President, Trent Port Historical Society, 344 Dufferin Avenue, Trenton, Ontario K8V 5G9.

Ontario History - the September issue

By Jean Burnet, Editor

Three articles in the September issue of *Ontario History* focus on women. The journals of Anne Langton, an upper-class woman who settled in the Peterborough area with her brother, John Langton, is the basis of an article by Helen Smith of Lakehead University and Lisa M. Sullivan of Harvey Mudd

College in California.

Bert den Boggende, who had an article on the Wesleyan Female College and the project of a women's university in the June 1993 issue, has an article on the female department of Cobourg's Upper Canada Academy.

Heather Menzies, author of the recent book, *By the Labour of Their Hands, the Story of*

Ontario Cheddar, has an article on women cheese-makers in Oxford County about 1860.

In addition, David Bain has contributed an article on the founding of one of Toronto's first parks, the Horticultural Grounds, now known as Allan Gardens after George William Allan, the donor of the grounds. There are also the usual lively and informative book reviews.

Congratulations Jean Burnet

Ontario History editor, Jean Burnet, was honoured by the University of Guelph at its Spring convocation earlier this year. She was presented with an honorary doctor of laws degree in recognition of her accomplishments in the field of sociology.

Dr. Burnet is recognized as one of the founders of sociology in Canada. She has published extensively in the area of ethnicity and multiculturalism, and in 1990, received the "Outstanding Contribution Award" from the

Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Association. Jean's expertise has been in demand in the area of public policy, as well. She chaired the Canadian Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee on Multiculturalism for the Secretary of State, and has served as a consultant for UNESCO on international projects. An Order of Canada recipient, Jean's contributions to The Ontario Historical Society have been invaluable, particularly as a featured speaker at our Cultural Celebrations in



Ontario seminars currently taking place across the province.

Our congratulations go to Jean Burnet for this worthy honour.

Celebrate Canadian architectural heritage

The works of Canadian architect, William Thomas (1799 to 1860), will be the subject of the upcoming publication *William Thomas Architect, 1799-1860*. Thomas' projects number over 100 buildings erected between 1843 and 1860, and include such well-known examples as Toronto's St. Lawrence Hall and Don Jail, and Brock's Monument in Queenston. An exhibition of Thomas' works is scheduled to open at the Art Gallery of

Hamilton in the Fall of 1996.

You can participate in the publication of the book and the exhibition in one of three ways: purchase a limited-run, first-edition 200 page monograph with over 250 illustrations for \$60.00 hardcover or \$40.00 softcover (plus \$12.95 for shipping and taxes); donate \$500.00 or more and receive a hardcover edition

and a tax receipt; or donate any amount you choose towards the project.

For further information, and to order, please contact the Art Gallery of Hamilton, 123 King Street West, Hamilton, Ontario L8P 4S8, (905) 527-6610 or fax (905) 577-6940. Please make your cheques payable to Art Gallery of Hamilton.

Niagara College offers new programme

A new Cultural Resources Management post-diploma programme has recently been developed by Niagara College in Welland. The one-year course will offer graduates career opportunities in museums, art galleries, archives

and other education, government, heritage and conservation institutions.

For further information about the course, please contact Niagara College's Marketing and Communications Department at (905) 735-2211.

Welcome new members

The Ontario Historical Society welcomes new members:

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Bracebridge: Ken Thurston

Brantford: Tom Hill

Burford: Naomi Chosen

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By James Clemens, Chair, New Home Task Force

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Museum News

Don't wait - advocate!

By Bruce Richard, Chair,
OHS Museums Committee

Now is the time for museums and heritage sites to reach out to our new MPP's and invite them to understand and appreciate the role we play within our communities. Rather than condemn unmade decisions or protest policies which have not been tabled, we should be working to educate our local representatives about our role in the community. We need to take advantage of our importance as a local resource to illustrate to MPP's the role we

play in influencing the heritage, culture, personality and economy of our communities.

The realities of politics and economics dictate the decisions being made by any modern government. This fact has clearly been the case even over the last five years. We must come to terms with these realities and assume the responsibility for promoting and defending our role as an important element. Given the renewed importance faced by politicians to represent their constituents over "toeing the party line", we should work hard to

show our politicians the work we do, giving them a clear picture of the importance of maintaining the little funding that is left to sustain our sites and programmes.

While these are by no means the halcyon days for the cultural sector, members of the heritage field must rely on our value as institutions of our communities to sustain a voice for government support. Inherent in this action is the onus of continued advocacy and promotion of our role in meeting the needs of the public and continued work in serving new and existing clientele.

Make connections at the OMA conference

The Ontario Museum Association is holding its annual conference, **Connections**, October 18 to 22 at the Senator Hotel in Timmins. The Cochrane-Temiskaming Museums and Galleries Association is presenting the conference and has invited the OHS to participate in three workshop sessions.

On Friday, October 20, Chuck Truax, Partner of Technology Solutions, Toronto, will discuss **Are You Ready for**

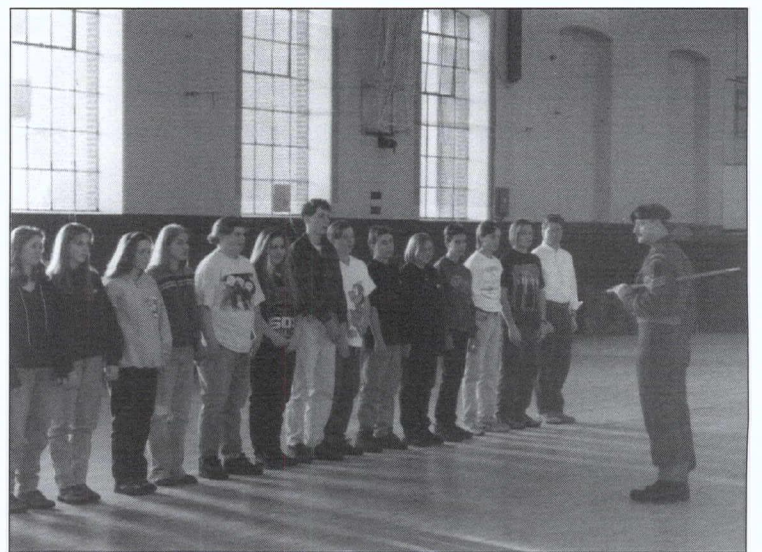
Office Automation?, and will introduce you to the good and bad news about computers, fax machines, voice mail and a number of other 'labour-saving' devices.

OHS Museums Committee Chair, Bruce Richard, will present **Schools and Museums: Curriculum for the 21st Century** on Saturday, October 21. This session will focus on the role and responsibility museums have in the educational system.

On Sunday, October 22, Dorothy Duncan, Executive

Director of the OHS, will explore tips on finding, training and keeping volunteers to meet the challenges of operating a museum on a daily basis in **Volunteers = Value Added to Your Museum Programmes**.

For further information on these workshops and all the other aspects of the conference, please contact the OMA, George Brown House, 50 Baldwin Street, Toronto, Ontario M5T 1L4, (416) 348-8672.



Some Grade 10 students from Hillcrest High School in Thunder Bay got a taste of life in the army when they visited the Thunder Bay Military Museum and Armoury. Sergeant Barbani put the students through an introductory drill lesson. The Museum, located at 317 Park Avenue, has developed some educational programmes and recently opened a new World War I Room. (Photo courtesy of Myles Penny.)

Oshawa Museum hosts Laura Ingalls Wilder exhibit

From September 30 to October 30, the Oshawa Sydenham Museum will host a travelling exhibition from the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum and Home in Mansfield, Missouri. The Oshawa Sydenham Museum is the first Canadian site to present the display.

The exhibit contains photographs and personal artifacts of Ingalls Wilder, who was the author of the popular *Little House* series of novels that chronicle her

family's life in the American midwest. The books were the basis of the television series, "Little House on the Prairie".

In conjunction with this exhibit, the museum will be presenting special educational programmes involving readings from the novels and activities related to early settler life.

For further information, please contact the museum at 1450 Simcoe Street South in Oshawa, (905) 436-7624.

Holland Marsh museum proposed

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Tourism Committee and the Bradford West Gwillimbury Historical Association are currently conducting extensive research into the possibility of opening a Holland Marsh Interpretive Centre/Agricultural Museum. They are interested in obtaining any information relevant to this important project, including research material and corporate sponsorship. If you can help, please contact the Bradford West Gwillimbury Parks and Recreation Department, 125 Simcoe Street, Box 251, Bradford, Ontario L3Z 2A8, (905) 775-5359.



Guards at Toronto's Historic Fort York will sport new uniforms, weapons and equipment this year thanks to a \$15,000.00 cash gift from Royal Insurance Canada. Royal Insurance Group Chief Executive, Richard Gamble (left) and Robert Gunn, President of Royal Insurance Canada (right) presented the cheque to William Archer, chair of the Toronto Historical Board's Museums Committee. Members of the Fort York guard, Doug Fyfe (left) and Richard Haynes (right) look on. The insurance company celebrates its 150th anniversary this year. (Photo courtesy of Royal Insurance Canada.)

Ganaraska adventure takes you down some country lanes

Once every year the farm and garden gates of the Ganaraska swing open for a two-day celebration of rural life, where you can explore all that the picturesque Ganaraska area has to offer. In 1995, the event takes place August 26 and 27, each day from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

At the Great Ganaraska

Countryside Adventure, you will find everything from heritage tractors to smoked trout, from vegetable and flower gardens, to dairy and deer farms. A total of 68 farms and gardens will open their gates for visitors over the course of the weekend.

Tickets for the event are available for \$10.00 for adults and

\$5.00 for children for both days of the tour. Proceeds go to the Clarke Museum and Archives, Dorothy's House Museum and SAGA (Save the Ganaraska Again). For further information and to purchase your tickets, please contact the Clarke Museum and Archives, 7086 Old Kirby School Road, Kirby, Ontario L0B 1M0, (905) 983-9243.

Congratulations Guelph Museums

Guelph Museums has been awarded the Canadian Museum Association's 1995 Award for Outstanding Achievement in the category of Museum Management.

The CMA's Awards Committee unanimously selected the Guelph Museums as award winners for their *Policy Manual* project, completed as a team effort by the staff with full board

approval. The CMA noted that the manual meets the requirements of excellence in spirit of leadership, usefulness as an example, creativity and efficient use of resources.

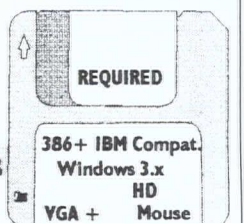
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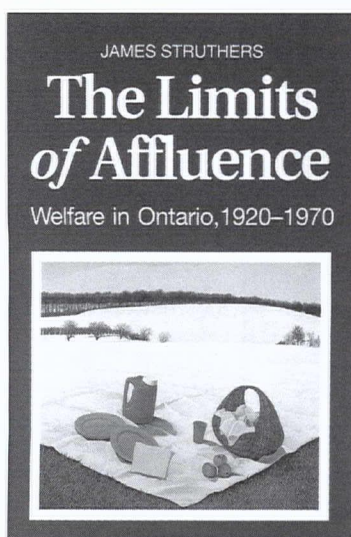
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From the Bookshelf

By Pat and Chris Raible,
Editors



Poverty

The Limits of Affluence: Welfare in Ontario, 1920-1970. By James Struthers. University of Toronto Press. 401 pages. \$24.95 paper.

Ontario is so often seen as a rich and powerful province, the fat child at the federal table. It may have been the hub of Canada's most dramatic economic growth throughout the 20th century, but it has also been home to one-quarter of its poor. This is a thoughtful study of Ontario's response to poverty and need during a formative 50-year period.

Women's Work

Changing Roles of Women within the Christian Church in Canada. Edited by Elizabeth Gillan Muir and Marilyn Färdig Whiteley. University of Toronto Press. 391 pages. \$24.95 paper.

This welcome collection of 17 articles traces the role of women in Canadian Roman Catholic, Anglican and Protestant traditions from early days through the 1960's, helping to fill a regrettable gap in written church history. Sections cover: Women within religious communities; Missionary enterprise at home and abroad; Pastoral ministry and professional status; and From Christian benevolence to social transformation.

Working Women

Toronto's Girl Problem: the Perils and Pleasures of the City, 1880-1930. By Carolyn Strange. University of Toronto Press. 299 pages. Illustrations. \$22.95 paper.

During the 50-year period around the turn of the century, "working girls" poured into the city. Eschewing domestic labour, they took up work in department stores and factories. Their seemingly independent outlook and lifestyle — as well as their sheer numbers — forced economic and social change upon Toronto's staid society. This scholarly study presents a fascinating look at their trials and tribulations — and their triumphs.

Writing Woman

Haven't any News: Ruby's Letters from the 50s. By Ruby Cress, edited by Edna Staebler. Wilfrid Laurier University Press. 165 pages. \$18.95 paper.

Before E-mail and fax and easy use of the long-distance telephone, people wrote letters to their families and friends, filled with chatty, cheery "unimportant" details. This is a compilation of one woman's correspondence, noting her everyday thoughts and activities. In

reading her letters of 40 years ago, we get a heart-warming review of small-town Ontario life "back then".

Memorable History

Growing up in Grey North: A Canadian Story. By William Airth-Kindree. A. & A. Airth-Kindree. 373 pages. Illustrations. \$15.95 paper.

This reminiscence of life on Georgian Bay during the Depression and the Second World War is dedicated to the author's father. Airth-Kindree does not claim this to be an "historical document, but rather a sentimental visit to the far reaches of the attic of my mind."

Drunk as a Boiled Owl: The Life and Times of James Shields. By James A. Anderson Forrester. Information Research Services. 54 pages. Illustrations. \$7.95 paper.

In 1892, at age 13, Shields went to sea in a wooden sailing ship. He joined Great Lakes seamen in 1905, and by the 1920's, he was a diver in Toronto. Retirement took him to the shores of Georgian Bay. Beloved as a raconteur, his tales and memories make bright reading.

The Stretcher Bearers. By David A. Gordon. Pacesetter Press. 127 pages. Illustrations. \$14.95 paper.

Through personal reminiscences, reports and photos, Gordon tells the story of the heroic young men of the Royal Canadian Army Corps who carried and cared for their wounded comrades in arms.

Logging On

Loggers, Settlers and Lumbermen: An Oral History of Early Life in the Port Loring Area. By Lana Fleming. Argyle Horticultural Society. 120 pages. Illustrations.

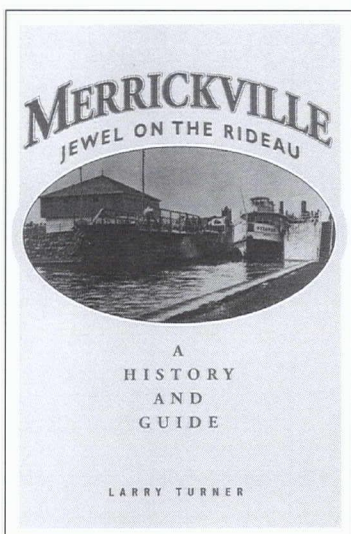
Recorded memories, old photographs, maps and sketches all profusely illustrate the history of a district of northern Ontario. Anyone interested in "pioneer" history, or in the development of lumbering in the province, will find this volume well worth reading. Especially helpful is a glossary of logging terms.

Historic Movement

Breaking Loose. By Ruth Ann Shadd. 174 pages. Illustrations.

This work is both a tribute to, and history of, Black dance, an art form which originated in Africa and survived slavery to flourish in both the United States and Canada.

Shadd concerns herself primarily with music, musicians and dancers during the first half of this century in southwestern Ontario, with a transition from the square dance to a freer modern style. In all, she captures the joy, exuberance and richness in this form of cultural heritage.



Past is Present

Merrickville: Jewel on the Rideau. By Larry Turner. Petherwin Heritage. 160 pages. Illustrations.

As a lock and stopping place on the Rideau Canal, Merrick's Mills developed into a modestly important industrial centre for woolen manufacturing and for iron casting. Today, Merrickville is a charming community attracting many tourists, especially those with an eye for architecture and heart for history. This nicely illustrated book neatly combines two purposes: it sketches the story of the area's history and it guides the visitor to the canal lands and industrial sites and to each of the town's many heritage buildings.

Fashionable History

Amy Carr & Lady Taschereau. By Jennifer Hargreaves. Historical Society of Ottawa. 15 pages. Illustrations.

These biographical notes, dealing with examples of Ottawa's society during the Victorian and Edwardian eras, were compiled for an exhibition, "Capital Fashions", at the Bytown Museum.

Attention Archaeologists

There are a number of archaeological publications which are available from the Ontario Heritage Foundation, including

the **Annual Archaeological Report (new series)**, volume 2 for 1990, \$5.00; volume 3 for 1991, \$10.00; volume 4 for 1992, \$10.00; and volume 5 for 1993, \$12.00. Also **Avocation Archaeologist: Roles, Needs and Responsibilities**, a summary of a 1991 workshop, \$5.00; **Huron Paleoethnobotany**, by Stephen G. Monckton, a study of four 17th century Huron sites, \$15.00; and **The Cummins Site Complex**, by Patrick Julig, an overview of a site in the Lakehead area of northern Ontario, \$20.00.

Research Sources

Directory of Archives in Ontario 1995. Archives Association of Ontario. \$20.00 paper.

There are at least 240 archives in the province — governmental, religious, medical, business, educational, and more — whose records are available to serious researchers. This indispensable

guide provides the location and summarizes the holdings of each of them.

On This Rock

Ignace Emmanuel Church: a Loving History. By Henry Bawden, edited by Betty Dyck. Singing Shield Productions. Illustrations. 124 pages. \$17.00 paper.

The congregation of Emmanuel Anglican church was established in 1903, the year the northwestern town of Ignace became part of a three-point charge that included Dinorwic and Wabigoon. Bawden traces the history of the congregation and of the church building. In 1976, the Anglican Diocese of Keewatin and the United Church's Cambrian Presbytery formulated a plan for joint ministry and Emmanuel became one of the few integrated Anglican and United congregations in Canada.

History Noted

Since our last issue of *From the Bookshelf*, we have received these flyers and notices describing publications of interest:

The Battle for Berlin Ontario: An Historical Drama. By W. R. Chadwick. Wilfrid Laurier University Press. \$16.95 paper.

The turmoil of a peace-loving German-Canadian community during the emotional years of World War I.

From Pennsylvania to Waterloo: Pennsylvania German Folk Culture in Transition. Edited by Susan M. Murke and Matthew H. Hill. Wilfrid Laurier University Press. Illustrations. \$29.95 paper.

An exploration of the development of a distinctive Germanic lifestyle in Canada and the United States, illustrated with objects from the folklife exhibition *Changes in Latitudes*.

Broad Gauge in the Ottawa Valley: the Building of the Brockville and Ottawa Railway. By Wayne Tasse. Smiths Falls Railway Museum. Illustrations. \$9.95.

A history of the first railway through Smiths Falls from its charter in 1853 to its merger

with the Canada Central Railway in 1878.

The Battle of Queenston Heights. By Robert Malcomson. Friends of Fort George. Illustrations. \$8.95 paper.

A narrative of Isaac Brock's last battle on October 13, 1812, produced to enhance the programmes offered at Fort George.

Milton Remembers World War II. By Ken Lamb. Milton Historical Society. Illustrations. \$19.95.

The impact of the war on one Ontario town, traced through reminiscences of veterans who fought, including some who spent years in prison camp.

A Track Through Time: History of the Township of McMurrich, Parry Sound District, Ontario: A Celebration of 100 Years Since Incorporation 1891 to 1991. By Janice Madill. Township of McMurrich. Illustrations. \$30.00.

Genealogical tables of some 80 Euro-Canadian families, plus chapters on the geology, early settlement, colonization roads, railway and the Finnish community.

Directory of Publishers

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Our Ugly Duckling Becomes a Swan! The 1915 stable on the John McKenzie property underwent a revitalization earlier this year, and is now an important addition to the OHS' ongoing successful restoration project. For their skill and craftsmanship, our thanks go to Patrick Doyle of Eire Stone Masonry Ltd. of Courtice and his crew, Protective Roofing Products Ltd. of Stoney Creek for the cedar shingles and the Tartan Painters. Phase III of the project will begin soon as the 1918 coach house undergoes a transformation to become a fully-serviced programme area. (Photo courtesy of Robert Leverty.)

Reprint of 1815 *Times*

The Victoria School Museum in Carleton Place has obtained an original copy of the June 22, 1815 London *Times* newspaper. The museum has been making facsimile copies of the paper and selling them

for \$1.00 each.

The newspaper is of historic importance because it contains, among others, the original dispatch concerning the Battle of Waterloo and also carries advertisements of the day.

For further information and to purchase your copy of the *Times*, please contact the Victoria School Museum, 267 Edmund Street, Carleton Place, Ontario K7C 3E8, (613) 253-7013.

Explore gardens of the golden age

Plan to attend **The Golden Age of Gardens**, a workshop presented by The Ontario Historical Society and the Parkwood Estate in Oshawa on Saturday, September 16. Take a rare look at some of the magnificent gardens of the late 19th and early 20th centuries that were created by the rich and famous to complement their palatial residences.

Parkwood, the estate of the late Colonel R. S. McLaughlin and his wife, Adelaide, includes a 55-room house, completed in 1917, surrounded by acres of breathtakingly beautiful grounds that contain a sunken garden, Canadian and European statuary, fountains and ornamental pools.

The workshop will explore the new and changing ideas about nature and landscaping at this period, how to maintain such glorious gardens today, give suggestions on developing your own modest glorious garden and examine a case study of researching and restoring a palatial garden at Spadina House in Toronto.

Speakers will include George Kapelos, designer, urbanist and author on architecture and landscape, and curator of the exhibition, "Interpretations of Nature" at the McMichael Art Gallery, for which he won the Canadian Museums Association's Award for Outstanding Achievement in June. Joining George are Wendy Woodworth,

Senior Horticulturist for the Toronto Historical Board; Colin Beckingham with Bellevue House National Historic Site in Kingston; Marvin Belfour and Christine Gill of the Oshawa Garden Club and Sophie Drakich, Curator at the Parkwood Estate.

The registration fee for The Golden Age of Gardens is \$25.00 for members of a co-sponsor and \$40.00 for non-members. The fee includes lunch at the Parkwood Garden Teahouse and *Garden of Dreams* by Edwinna von Baeyer, published by Dundurn Press, Toronto.

For further information, please contact the OHS at (416) 226-9011 or Parkwood Estate at (905) 433-4311.

Cemetery news

By Marjorie Stuart, Toronto Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society and OHS Member

Congratulations to:

- The late Del Dupre of Etobicoke who placed a replica of his family's gravestone beside the original stone in the Parks-Shewman Cemetery, in the Hay Bay area. The new stone records the original information that is now almost illegible. Del and his wife added information about their respective families whom they found after many years of genealogical research. Del was a descendant of Louis Hebert, the first farmer in New France. Hebert came to Quebec City in 1617 with Samuel de Champlain and settled on what later became known as the Plains of Abraham.

- The York Chapter of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society for their continued interest in preserving cemeteries. This organization donated funds towards the restoration of Townline Cemetery at Black Creek Pioneer Village two years ago. This year, they have donated funds for the restoration of the Dead House located within Richmond Hill Cemetery. This Dead House was built in 1863 and was used to store the caskets of those who died during the winter. It is one of the few remaining examples of this type of structure.

We wish Lloyd Lamport of Stephen Township, Huron County, good luck in his efforts to have the site of Bethesda Church and cemetery preserved.

The cemetery has much local historical significance because among those buried there is Jacob Dorsey, a runaway slave who became a lay preacher. Stephen Township does maintain two other abandoned cemeteries and Mr. Lamport would like to see this cemetery preserved in the same manner.

Les MacKinnon of the Old Durham Road Pioneer Cemetery Committee in Priceville continues in his efforts to raise funds to restore this cemetery. His extensive research has revealed interesting information relating to the earliest black settlers, not only in Grey County but in western Ontario. The mission statement of the committee is, "If you Know the Past, you Understand the Present, and Preserve the Future".

The Leeds and Grenville Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, reports that Cornell Cemetery in Kitley Township, Leeds County, is menaced by the opening of a farm gravel pit. Excavations for the production of road building material have reached the edge of the burying ground of the Asa Cornell family. Prompt measures are needed to protect the cemetery as it is in danger of collapse. Under the Cemeteries Act, municipalities are responsible for the care and maintenance of abandoned cemeteries. There are many small cemeteries in the county that are abandoned and neglected. We hope that those making representations to the various municipalities will be successful.

Calling all cook book enthusiasts!

Cook Book Caper, the OHS' annual sale of recipe and food-related books, is set to go on Sunday, December 3 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The sale will take place at our headquarters, the John McKenzie House, 34 Parkview Avenue in Willowdale.

Cook Book Caper is your one-stop shopping experience for that hard to please person on your holiday list. We will have cook books of all descriptions, both new and used, modern and historical. Food, cooking and nutrition-related books will also be in abundance. Enter the free lucky draw taking place every half hour for the OHS' publication, *Consuming Passions*:

Eating and Drinking Traditions in Ontario. Bring the children along so that they can write a letter to Santa while you shop.

Do you have appropriate publications you would like to donate to Cook Book Caper? Call our office to arrange for a pick-up or delivery. All proceeds go to the restoration of the 1918 coach house, gardens and grounds of the John McKenzie property.

Doors open at 1:00 p.m. sharp so be here for the best selection. For further information, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 34 Parkview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario M2N 3Y2, (416) 226-9011.

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