

OUTLOOK

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The Newsletter of THE HASTINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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1. HERITAGE DAY is being celebrated across Canada on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, and we invite our members and friends to join us that evening for a local celebration of interest. LOIS FOSTER, the well-known local historian and writer who heads up our active Building Research Committee, will give an illustrated talk on "Prominent Local Women in the Early Years of the Nineteenth Century." These women will include a tavernkeeper, a storekeeper, a worker with the Indian mission on Grape Island, and a teacher, to mention only four. One of these is pictured at the right. If you know the identity of the "mystery woman", you could be the winner of a draw. [Look for a clue later in this OUTLOOK.]



Also at our HERITAGE CELEBRATION on the 16th, you'll be brought up to date on two special projects we are beginning in '87 to further the cause of HERITAGE locally.

GEORGE SUPER will be describing our new writing program in which all of our members and friends can write (or tape) anecdotes of persons, places, things, and events of past years. And I'll be describing our "Today in History" Project and asking for some additional volunteers to prepare lists of historical events suitable for calendars, newspaper, radio, or TV:

2. If you recognize the title at the left, you must be familiar with the volume published in 1978, highlighting many of our historic buildings. Although Volume I is now a collector's item, Volume II is still available. Bring

Belleville's Heritage

\$2.50 to the next meeting to purchase your very own copy [or send \$3.50 to have a copy sent by mail.] Also available is a reprint of the 1874 Bird's-Eye View of Belleville; bring \$3.50 to the meeting or send \$5.00 for a copy sent by mail.

3. Our ANNUAL MEETING on January 20 was highlighted in several articles in the Intell, thanks to JULIA ASHBERRY. Extracts follow:

Newsmakers

Historical Society

Directors of the Hastings County Historical Society for 1987, elected Tuesday in Belleville, include Gerry Boyce, George Super, Jack Bradford, Fred Ethier, Mary McConnell, Les Lennox, Chester Hull, William Hamblen, and Janet Hoyer.

We welcome JANET HOYER as a new director, in place of ALICE DELINE, Although Alice chose to step down as a director, she will be continuing

on the executive in her capacity as head of the Genealogical Committee. The new executive meets for the first time on February 2nd, when the directors will appoint the executive and other officers.

4. The January GOOD CITIZEN AWARD went to GEORGE SUPER, our active Education Officer, for his work in arranging the various art and writing programs, as well as working on the Archives Committee and serving as Vice-President. George has been one of our most loyal and enthusiastic workers over the past five years.
5. Our ANNUAL MEETING contained a great many highlights, in addition to those featured in the Intell coverage, including:
 - . the excellent roast beef dinner served to 47 of our members and friends by the DINING ROOM STAFF of the QUINTE LIVING CENTRE
 - . the arrangements made for the meeting by BRIAN SMITH and the staff of the QUINTE LIVING CENTRE
 - . the presence of 28 other members and friends who joined the diners for the ANNUAL MEETING, making a total of 75
 - . the displays of genealogical materials, recent literature, sales material, etc., arranged by several committees
 - . reports by more than a dozen directors and committee heads on the variety of Society activities during 1986
 - . JEAN WILLIAMS' excellent "Minus One Hundred" presentation
 - . BETH GREEN's illustrated talk on the Victoria Avenue building, depicted in the last issue of OUTLOOK
 - . ADELE DIBBEN's financial report [See the next page]
 - . the introduction of CHESTER HULL as Finance Chairman and his comments on the 1987 budget

It's time again to test the younger historians Jan. 21 87

Young historians throughout Hastings County are again being invited to enter the annual historical essay and art competition' sponsored by the Hastings County Historical Society.

The contest encourages interest in the county's heritage among local elementary and secondary school students. Last year's contest attracted approximately 150 entries, says George Super, one of the society's education officials.

Super says the competition is particularly beneficial for students because it requires them to use original art designs or research in their submissions -so they aren't simply "regurgitating" the work of previous historians.

There are three categories for submissions, with prizes awarded to top entries in various divisions, from Grade 3 to Grade 13.

The art component of the contest is open to creators of three-dimensional works made with wood, clay, paper,

scraps or any combination of these materials. Two-dimensional entries may include pen, charcoal or pencil sketches, or paintings of oil, tempera, acrylics or pastels.

All art entries must relate to some aspect of Hastings County's history.

Historical essay submissions may be entered in two categories - genealogy or research essay.

Deadline for submissions in all categories is April 24, and winners will likely be announced in May. Entries must be sent to the society, care of George Super, Quinte Secondary School, 45 College St. West, Belleville.

Details of all categories should be available shortly from art and history teachers within Hastings County.

Information regarding the historical society's upcoming historical writing and recording competition for adults will be announced at the society's next meeting, in February.

- . MARY McCONNELL's report on an excellent membership picture
- . MARION FISHER's excellent minutes, bringing to life again the interesting presentations by the writers in November
- . LES LENNOX's review of GOOD CITIZEN AWARD recipients in '86
- . LOIS FOSTER's amazing list of activities undertaken by the Building Research Committee
- . FRED ETHIER's operation of the draw that saw several books donated by NICK MIKA and MIKA PUBLISHING go to winners
- . MABEL WRIGHTMAN's winning of two draws; she kindly gave her '87 membership prize to a young student
- . BETSY BOYCE's report on the Picture Archives and '87 PLANS
- . ALICE DELINE's report on Genealogical Research
- . and much, much more, including JACK BRADFORD's recognition of the Corporate Sponsors, whose financial help made possible the Archives Project in the Canadiana Room:
 - Aluminum Star Products Ltd.
 - William C. Belch Construction Ltd.
 - Belleville Public Utilities Commission
 - Campbell Monument Company
 - Corby Distilleries Limited
 - Corbyville Collectibles (Harry Ellis)
 - Corporation of the City of Belleville
 - Corporation of the County of Hastings
 - Geen's Prescription Pharmacy Ltd.
 - W & R Greenley Booksellers
 - W.T. Hawkins Limited
 - JDS Foods Ltd. (McDonald's Family Restaurant)
 - Donald E. Keller Ltd.
 - O'Connor's Jewel Box
 - O'Neil Stationery and Office Equipment Ltd.
 - Trudeau Motors Ltd.
 - Wm. J. Yeotes Insurance & Annuity Agency Inc.
- . special recognition of Mika Publishing, named as the Society's first "Patron" in 1986
- . appreciation to the Ontario Ministry of Citizenship and Culture for its substantial (though somewhat reduced) support

Even had small surplus

History society survives fund cutback

Despite a 37-per-cent cutback in government funding last year from 1985, the Hastings County Historical Society ended 1986 with a slight surplus, says society president Gerry Boyce.

The organization ended with a \$249-surplus, said Boyce at the society's annual meeting, Tuesday at Belleville's Quinte Living Centre.

Organization directors had budgeted for a 1985 provincial contribution of \$2,250, based on 1984 funding. But late last year, directors learned the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture had reduced the heritage development grant, for 1985, to \$1,417 -- a 37-per-cent decrease.

The society sent a petition and letter to the ministry, requesting a review of its 1985 funding. But Boyce said there has been no response from Citizenship and Culture Minister Lily Munro. The

ministry's current fiscal year-end is in March, so an increase in funding is still possible, he added.

Boyce said the \$249 surplus was influenced by an increase in public contributions. Following November's announcement of the funding cutback -- and subsequent cutbacks in some historical society projects -- several individuals donated funds to assist the organization.

Boyce said the donations of approximately \$2,225 from individuals and \$550 from corporations were "encouraging" for society directors.

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* Response from Ministry now received... NO CHANGE; the cut remains

NEWS IN BRIEF . . . The recent mail has brought encouraging words from many members, including SHEILA CHAPLINE, EDITH CLARE, JOHN W. ANDERSON, and several others . . . MIKA PUBLISHING has celebrated its 25th anniversary . . . The Canadian Journal of Arms Collecting published by S. James GOODING of Bloomfield also was 25 years old this winter . . . ALAN R. CAPON of Picton is looking for unusual pictures of Picton to include in a forthcoming book of pictures of the town, now celebrating its sesquicentennial . . . RODGER GREIG has stepped down as chairman of the Quinte Region Branch of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario and is succeeded by ALEX HERLOVITCH of Trenton; Rodger continues his outstanding work with the Prince Edward County Historical Society and Archives . . . for a clue to the puzzle on page 1 think "St. Andrew's Chronicles" . . . Hope to see you at our February 16th HERITAGE Event . . . If the code "87" does not appear on the address label, please renew your '87 membership as soon as possible

A. YES, I am interested in supporting the Society. The 1987 Membership Fee of _____ dollars is enclosed. [Please "X" type requested.]

TYPE	SINGLE	FAMILY	CORPORATE SPONSOR	donation of \$25 or more
REGULAR	\$10.	\$12.	WOMEN'S INSTITUTE	\$10
SENIOR	\$ 7.	\$10.		
STUDENT	\$ 7.			
LIFE	\$100. gift			

If there is any error in your mailing label data, please make the necessary correction(s) and return the label with your fee.

B. I would like to make a donation of _____ dollars to help in the general activities of the Society. Please send a receipt for Income Tax purposes. [Reg. No. 0281204-52-12]

C. I would like to make a donation of _____ dollars towards the Society's Living Trust Fund, a fund from which only the interest will be used annually for special projects.

R/S A Late Bulletin: A recent publication from the Ontario Historical Society on how to celebrate HERITAGE DAY included two references and one page on our celebration last year.

Gerry Boyce

BEST WISHES for a
 HAPPY HERITAGE DAY
 from the Directors
 of the
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 P.O. Box 1418
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 who remind you that
 HERITAGE DAY
 is MONDAY
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Come and celebrate
 with us . . .

