

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 1994

Auditorium of the Quinte Living Centre

7:30 Brief reports of 1993 activities

GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Maurice McLeod
Bridge Street United Church

You are invited to bring a family heirloom to be identified and/or to describe for the audience its historical significance. A watch! A dish! A diary! A piece of jewellery! etc. etc.

A pie social follow the presentations!

Members and guests are very welcome!



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The Hastings County Historical Society

An Early Christmas

Christmas came early for members of the Hastings County Historical Society at their meeting on November 16, 1993. Tom Kuglin, curator of Macauley Heritage park in Picton, gave a presentation on Christmas traditions in the 19th century.

Using slides of old photographs, drawings and Christmas cards, he illustrated the advent of Christmas trees and Santa Claus. The earliest Christmas tree was seen in the 1500's, with apples hanging from its boughs. The oldest record of a decorated tree occurred in 1605. By the 18th century edible decorations had become popular.

Tradition has it that Prince Albert introduced the Christmas tree to England, but in reality he just popularized its use. The first Christmas tree noted in North America was in 1747. By 1850 trees stood on the floor with Christmas gifts around them, an idea unique to North America. In that same year the first glass ornaments were used. The first electrically lighted tree appeared in 1882.

Mr. Kuglin traced the advent of Santa Claus to St. Nicholas who lived in Asia Minor in the 4th century A.D. and left sweets for the children. In Britain he was

known as



Father Christmas and as Sinterklaas in Holland. The Dutch brought the

tradition to North America when they settled in New York. He then became Santa Claus, although still wearing Dutch dress.

In 1882 Clement Moore wrote his famous poem "A Visit from S. Nicholas" now generally known as "The Night Before Christmas." It was this poem that began the notion of Santa's reindeer.

During a question period Mr. Kuglin noted that the first Christmas card appeared in 1841 in London England and by the 1880's cards had become very sentimental.

Tom Kuglin was introduced by Jean Williams and thanked by Maurice McLeod.

County News

By Gerry Boyce

AN ENCOURAGING THOUGHT — WE MAY HAVE LOST a few heritage buildings in 1994, but several thousand buildings have aged another year.

A SOBERING THOUGHT — How long will it be before heritage groups are fighting to preserve a McDonald's Restaurant? A vinyl-sided bungalow? A row of parking meters?

A HAUNTING THOUGHT — Why is the Stirling Historical Society's Hallowe'en Haunted House "at the spooky old station" always such a success?

A JOLLY THOUGHT — Why does Santa Claus always show up at the Santa Claus Parade sponsored by the Stirling His-

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Senior Family	\$15.00 ()	Senior Family	\$10.00 ()
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Glanmore

Your County Museum

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CHRISTMAS SPECIAL EVENTS AT GLANMORE

ANNUAL WREATH-MAKING

Sunday, December 5
10 am, 1 & 3 pm
Pre-registration required

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Sunday, December 12
1 - 4:30 pm

YULETIDE AT HOME

Sunday, December 19
1 - 4:30 pm

TREE OF LIGHTS CEREMONY AND CAROLLING

Wednesday, December 15
6:45 - 8 pm
Leaving from the front
steps of Glanmore

YULETIDE SEASON HOURS

GLANMORE IS FESTIVELY DECORATED FOR THE
HOLIDAY SEASON. BE SURE TO VISIT THE MUSEUM
FOR A RELAXING HOLIDAY BREAK!

MONDAY DECEMBER 20	.....	CLOSED
TUESDAY DECEMBER 21	.....	1 - 4:30
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 22	.....	1 - 4:30
THURSDAY DECEMBER 23	.....	1 - 4:30
FRIDAY DECEMBER 24	.....	CLOSED
SATURDAY DECEMBER 25	.....	CLOSED
SUNDAY DECEMBER 26	.....	CLOSED
MONDAY DECEMBER 27	.....	CLOSED
TUESDAY DECEMBER 28	.....	1 - 4:30
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29	.....	1 - 4:30
THURSDAY DECEMBER 30	.....	1 - 4:30
FRIDAY DECEMBER 31	.....	CLOSED
SATURDAY JANUARY 1	CLOSED
SUNDAY JANUARY 2	1 - 4:30
MONDAY JANUARY 3	CLOSED

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torical Society? Here's hoping the parade on December 11 isn't snowed out this year.

AN ONGOING THOUGHT — Will the Trent Port Historical Society be able to save the old town hall and market building? In January, President Wendy Ouellette expects to present city council with a detailed report supporting the restoration.

AN IMAGINATIVE THOUGHT — How would an audience today regard the Rev. J. Wild, Professor of Hebrew at Belleville's Albert College, who spoke at Madoc for an hour and a half in October 1869. His topic: "What will the world come to?" Wild predicted that in "the new earth" there would be only one language, "the English for commercial purposes, and Hebrew for devotional." He was loudly applauded.

A GRATIFYING THOUGHT — The Quinte Construction Association is ready to begin the task of stabilizing the old stone building on the Meyers' Mill site in Belleville.

AN ANGELIC THOUGHT — Why don't more heritage groups have members like the late Marilyn Adams of the Rednersville Road? With funds provided by her estate, the Seventh Town Historical Society is erecting a \$150,000 historical society/genealogical research centre at Ameliasburgh.

AN ELEVATED THOUGHT — A \$436,000 contract on renovations to the new RCAF



Memorial Museum in Sidney Township has been awarded to Mirtren Contractors of Trenton. Opening day is planned for April 1, 1994.

A SPORTING THOUGHT — The Rev. Glen Goodhand is writing a history of the Eastern Professional Hockey League (1911), which had teams in Trenton, Port Hope, Belleville, and Picton. He seeks a photo of the Picton arena. Can you help?

A SECOND THOUGHT — Following last month's repeated request for information on George Ackermann (local artist and teacher in the 1860s and 70s) there was an important response. Shirley (Chisholm) Sutherland of Gloucester phoned to say that she was aware of a picture of the Campbell House at Roslin. She faxed a copy, which has now gone to Ted Fraser in Charlottetown. Many thanks to Shirley, a native of Roslin and my former pupil at Moira, a few years ago.

AN APPROPRIATE THOUGHT — Merry Christmas.

A FINAL THOUGHT — Best wishes for '94.

Have a joyous holiday!



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