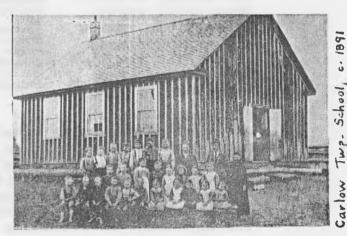


## The Newsletter of THE HASTINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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1. A cordial invitation to our members and friends to join in saluting some young artists, genealogists, and historical researchers. On TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 19th, we'll be announcing the results of our competitions open to all elementary and secondary students in Hastings County. We'll have the chance to meet several of the young people and to see outstanding examples of their work. This meeting is a highpoint of our



year, with respect to attractive displays and interesting presentations. Our three education officers - GEORGE SUPER, BILL HAMBLEN, and JANET HOYER - report that this year's entries are great in number and quality. A panel of judges is working to evaluate the entries and our meeting night will see many colourful displays. There'll be a social half-hour at 7:30 P.M. followed by the meeting at 8:00 P.M. The location will be the Main Auditorium of the QUINTE LIVING CENTRE at 370 Front Street, Belleville. Plan to attend; you'll be glad you did.

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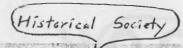
Speaking of students, this view of the O'Hara Mill School reminds us of the excellent presentation by DAVID KING at our April meeting. The general manager/ secretary-treasurer of the Moira River Conservation Authority, David gave us a concise, illustrated history of the O'Hara complex and called attention to some of the future possibilities.

To help mark the 40th anniversary of the authority and to say "thanks" for its work in developing the O'Hara property, our Society presented the MRCA with a Good Citizen award. We also honoured LOIS WISHART, one of the most dedicated workers on the MRCA Museum Management Board.

3. Also at our April meeting we presented a Good Citizen award to the Tweed News, now celebrating its centennial [watch for a special supplementary edition to come out the first week of July, with historical pictures and reminiscences] and a Good Citizen award to CLYDE BELL, recently retired after 22 years as copublisher and news editor of the <u>Tweed News</u>. We saluted Clyde for his work in journalism (both written and radio, since he was heard over CJBQ for many years) and for his encouragement of historical groups, such as our Society. For example, Clyde arranged our meeting on April 26, 1965, held in Tweed. To quote the Tweed News:

## Good luck M

- 4. Winner of the draw at the April event for identifying the white pine as our official provincial tree was KATHARINE MILLS.
- 5. Good news at the meeting . . . the receipt of the previously-refused provincial grant. The article is 100 per cent correct, except for the gremlin-inspired



## Museum gets its grant

The provincial Ministry of Citizenship and Culture has reversed its decision to cut back 1986 funding to the Hastings County Historical Socie-

ty.
The local historical organization received a government operating grant of \$1,400 last year -- 37 per cent less than the organization had anticipated, based on the previous year's grant.

Society members requested a review of the cutback and were informed in February, by Minister of Citizenship and Culture Lily Munro, that the lesser grant would remain unchanged unchanged.

But the organization has been notified the ministry has approved the additional 1986 funding. And directors have since received a cheque for \$832 - to boost the 1986 havitage grant to more than \$2.00

que for `\$832 - to boost the 1986 heritage grant to more than \$2,200.
Society president Gerry Boyce said Tuesday organization members are "delighted" with the minister's recent decision. He credits the efforts of Industry, Trade and Technology Minister Hugh O'Neil, who wrote to Munro commending the work of the society, as being a "major" influence on the decision to increase the grant.
Boyce said most of the funds will be used to improve the society's picture

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- 6. Also announced at the meeting was an agreement between the Society's board of directors and the building research committee that sees the committee devote its energies to clearing up research that has been begun. The committee will be unable to undertake any new research or to represent the Society in presenting heritage causes before public bodies. [A copy of the text of the agreement is available on request.] ROY TURNER, vicepresident of the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, Inc. paid tribute to committee members LOIS FOSTER, SHIRLEY BIRCHARD, BETH GREEN, KATHARINE MILLS, and ELAINE PRESTON, for their outstanding work over the years.
- 7. LEONA HENDRY presented a fascinating "Minus One Hundred" in April. Did you know that in 1887 "Free Trade" was an issue, there was discussion over funding of separate schools, the National Library was beginning, that the Post Office was operating at a deficit, and the spring [the season] was lost?
- 8. Although our Society will not be holding a June tour, Trent Port Historical Society has invited our members to participate in a tour to Toronto on Saturday, June 6. Tour members will visit the Royal Ontario Museum to view the "Eye of the Beholder" display (featuring objects for personal adornment) and the Gardiner Ceramic Museum. The 44-seat activity bus leaves the Dufferin Centre in Trenton at 8:30 A.M. and returns about 5:45 P.M. There'll be rest stops coming and going. The cost (including bus <u>and</u> admissions) is \$20. For further information and tickets contact WENDY OUELLETTE at 392-0600 before May 20.
- 9. The Madoc Historical Foundation is pleased to present JOHN and JANET FOSTER, well known Canadian husband and wife conservation team, in "Encounters with Wildlife". This is a film and music view of travels and wildlife in Ontario, at 8 P.M. on MAY 23, in the Centre Hastings Secondary School, Madoc. Adults are \$5 and students \$3. This is the Madoc Historical Foundation's first major fund-raising event. Incidentally, RODGER GREIG is undertaking a photo survey of the village, the Foundation is considering the future of the old railway station, and two local churches are undertaking major restoration projects.

A reminder from the HASTINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY P.O. Box 1418 Belleville, Ontario, K&N 5J1

Mato join us on APRIL 19th when we salute some very talented young HISTORICAL RESEARCHERS. GENEALOGISTS, & ARTISTS

Gerry Boyo

See you on the 19th

