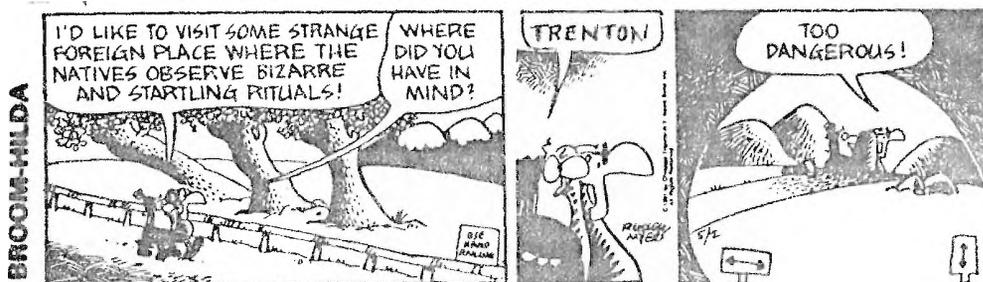


# OUTLOOK

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE HASTINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, PO BOX 1418, BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO.

JUNE 15, 1981

1. This will be the last issue of OUTLOOK before the summer sets in and there are lots of happenings - past, present, and future - to bring to your attention.
2. On Wednesday, June 24, the Belleville Weavers Guild is presenting FLEECE TO SHAWL, a demonstration of carding, spinning, and weaving. The presentation will be at the Hastings County Museum from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Weather permitting, the event will be held outside the museum. Picnic tables are available and you are invited to bring a lunch. Free admission.
3. CANADA WEEK is being celebrated from June 25 to July 1 and members and friends of the Society are invited and encouraged to take part in the many events that are being planned in Belleville and elsewhere in the county. Two events are of special interest to you.
4. CANADA WEEK activities for Saturday, June 27, will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel and will include a craft show and a QUINTE AREA AUTHORS' BOOK PROMOTION AND AUTOGRAPH SESSION between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. This will be an opportunity to meet several local authors, purchase their books, and have them <sup>for the book</sup> autographed. Actually, this event is billed as a LITERARY WALK.
5. Also on Saturday, June 27, and again on Monday, June 29, the Belleville Transit Commission and the Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee are arranging bus tours of parks and other points of interest in the city. Elaine Preston will be one of the guides who will point out buildings of special historical or architectural significance. Reservations for the tours can be made through the Canada Week Office in the quarters loaned by the Belleville Chamber of Commerce (reached by phone through City Hall at 968-6481).
6. Instead of a regular meeting during June, your Society is going back to a custom begun several years ago when we operated the Hastings County Museum. We are suggesting that our members celebrate CANADA WEEK by attending an OLD-FASHIONED STRAWBERRY LAWN SOCIAL at Glanmore on Tuesday, June 30, between the hours of 4 and 7 p.m. In addition to refreshments there will be free museum admission, "Fashions of Yesterday" (courtesy of Marlene Shields), an exhibition of paintings of local historical scenes by the Rev. Bowen P. Squire, and a display "If I were a child in the Nineteenth Century". Tickets are two dollars for adults and one dollar for children. Advance tickets can be purchased from the Hastings County Museum, the Old Cheese Factory at Foxboro, the Canada Week Office, the Belleville Chamber of Commerce, and Jewel-Brenmore at 136 Victoria Avenue. Join with other members of your Society as we enjoy this taste of nineteenth century life.
7. Speaking of the Museum and food, did you know that the Museum is serving Victoria Cream Tea each weekend in June from 2 to 4 p.m. and each day (except Monday) during July and August from 2 to 4 p.m. This is a great way to entertain visitors from out-of-town. AND keep in mind that your membership card in the Hastings County Historical Society will get you V.I.P. treatment at the Museum. Show it and be admitted free and receive a ten per cent discount on books purchased there.



8. And still speaking of food, being a member of the executive of this Society has its rewards. When the directors met on June 2 at Don Wilson's residence near West Huntingdon, we were treated to an exceptionally fine rhubarb cake. The recipe was handed down from Susan Esther Bell Barlow, Don's grandmother, and Elsa Wilson kindly made it available to our readers. [In addition to enjoying the cake at the directors' meeting, two directors have made it subsequently and report excellent results.]

Rhubarb Cake

$\frac{1}{2}$  cup shortening  
 $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups white sugar (can be combined with brown sugar)  
 1 egg beaten  
 1 tsp. vanilla  
 1 cup sour milk (or 1 cup sweet milk & 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. soda)  
 1 tsp. baking soda  
 2 cups flour  
 2 cups raw rhubarb cut fine

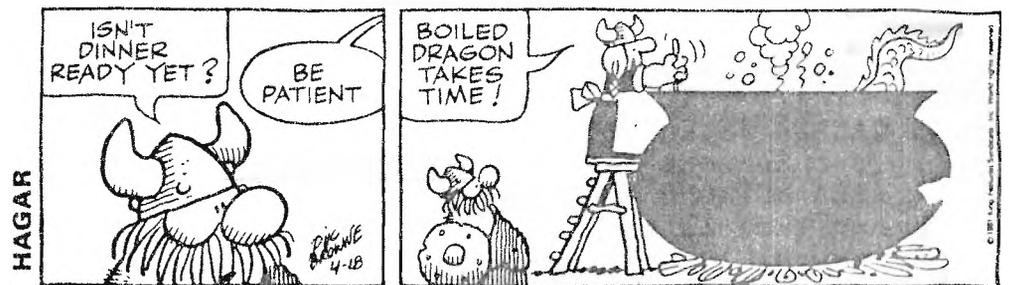
Topping - mix together  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup brown sugar, 1 tsp. cinnamon, butter size of an egg.

Bake for 40-45 minutes at 350 degrees

Note - If you add cloves, cinnamon, salt, nutmeg, and take away  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar, you can replace the rhubarb with diced apples.

NO!

The Hagar strip does NOT relate to the above recipe.



9. The AUTOGRAPH PARTY at the Corby Library on May 12 was highly successful. Our thanks go to Chief Librarian David Weismiller, the Library Board, and the Library Staff for carrying off this and other events so well. It was a pleasure to meet so many local authors, especially those whose writings relate to the history of this area. In addition to the thirteen writers listed in the last OUTLOOK, at least three others were on hand - Brenda Hudson, Alma Moorcroft, and Laura Simpson.
10. My talk at the Corby Library on May 15 on WRITING LOCAL HISTORY led to considerable discussion on various topics that could be and should be researched. It was somewhat embarrassing to discover that one of the "Two and Twenty Timely Topics" I suggested for research IS being researched and HAS been researched for the past ten years. James Allan Smith of Trenton has been working on Camps Mohawk and Rathbun, air-training bases near Deseronto during the First World War. Allan has discovered more than 150 pictures of the bases and their operations, has interviewed many people who were stationed there, and has drafted two chapters for his manuscript His main interest<sup>15</sup> in the research and he would welcome collaboration from a writer who could help him prepare the material for publication

Would you believe that there are at least 11 other manuscripts in preparation?

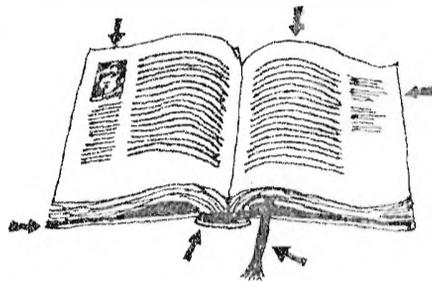
1. John Melady is beginning work on the Film Industry at Trenton shortly after World War I. This was the beginning of the film industry in Canada. (Motion Picture)
2. Brenda Hudson has prepared a paper on the Madoc Gold Rush.
3. Brenda is preparing a work on the families of Prince Edward County.
4. The Trenton Centennial Committee is completing financial arrangements for a well-illustrated book on Trentonians-at-Play, recreations of past days.
5. Ed Buckley is completing plans to publish his 400 page book on the history of St. Michael's Parish, Belleville.
6. Nick Mika is planning a book on the Belleville-Prince Edward Bridge.
7. Gerry Boyce is labouring with the history of Belleville City Ha



8. Arthur Dunn of Ottawa is continuing work on the history of the Marmora Iron Works, the most advanced iron works in North America (and perhaps in the Western World) in the 1820s.
9. Arie Korteweg is working on a history of Albert College.
10. A history of Corby's has been begun. I'm uncertain as to its present status.
11. CFB Trenton is spending \$75,000 this summer on the production of a book on the history of the base during its first 50 years. It should be ready for sale by September 1.

Chances are that there are several other volumes being planned as well. If you're aware of any, please give me a call at 968-5023 or drop a card to the Society at Box 1418, Belleville.

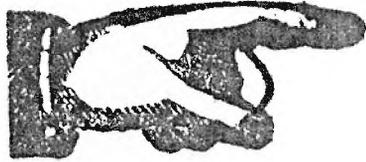
11. A writer who is well-known to many Society members is Mary Beacock Fryer. A former speaker to our Society and a writer of skill and clarity, Mary has just published King's Men: The Soldier Founders of Ontario (Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1981) 392 pages, \$25.00, available from leading local bookstores. Mary's well-researched book deals with the four full strength corps serving in Canada by 1783: Royal Highland Emigrants, King's Royal Regiment of New York, Butler's Rangers, Loyal Rangers, plus the King's Rangers. She is the author of Loyalist Spy, the story of Capt. John W. Meyers, and escape: adventures of a loyalist family.



12. Writers depend on archives and libraries for much of their research materials. Your Society has an excellent collection of archival materials in the Canadiana Room of the Corby Public Library. However, there is more material to be added to these files and we urgently require a few volunteers to assist in the filing and cross-indexing. Call Pat Bennett (962-6583) or me (968-5023). *(Work would begin in the summer.)*
13. Thanks to Virginia Keast for assistance in indexing some new archival material during our Images of the Past session at the library. Materials included an index to the Wesleyan Methodist Cemetery at Frankford, a fire insurance survey of all municipally-owned properties in Belleville in 1938 (including city hall, fire stations, exhibition grounds buildings, bathing houses, etc.), and an article by James Owen Herity on "The Old Red School House" on S.S. 4, Huntingdon Township.
14. Pat Bennett, Alice Deline, and the other workers on our Genealogy Committee continue to receive many requests for information. They urgently require helpers to assist in answering queries from across Canada and the U.S.A. A training course will be given later this summer or early in the fall. If interested call Pat at 962-6583.
15. CITIZEN OF THE MONTH AWARDS for June and July go to MARGARET POSTER of Tweed for her years of careful research in compiling the Tweedsmuir History of the Tweed-Hungerford area for the Chapman's Women's Institute [copies are available in the Canadiana Room of the Corby Library, Belleville, and in the Tweed Library; and BEV BEALS, who has volunteered his services as an electrician to help rough in the wiring and electrical services for the Old Stone Building on Station Street, thereby demonstrating his genuine interest in preserving a part of our heritage.
16. Our HERITAGE SUPPLEMENT continues to attract interest. In The Intelligencer of May 16 one real estate company offered for sale the "Fine Old Church, Queensboro", noting that it was pictured in the Heritage Supplement we prepared.
17. Membership in the Society has passed the 250 mark. The 250th member for 1981, who will be honoured at the September meeting, is LAURA ANNE SIMPSON of Belleville, the author of Belleville - City By the Bay, a collection of poetry printed by Mika Publishing in 1977. Congratulations to Laura Simpson and thanks to all who have joined this year.

an important message  
 from the executive of the  
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18. Not only has the Society's membership climbed over 260 for 1981, but its geographical coverage has expanded. Although 70 per cent of the members live in Belleville or within five miles of the county seat, we have members in many other areas, including:
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| Trenton area . . . 5   | Prince Edward County . . . 16 |
| Deseronto area . . . 5 | Carrying Place area . . . 4   |
| Foxboro area . . . 3   | Smithfield . . . 1            |
| Plainfield, Roslin 3   | Campbellford . . . 3          |
| Stirling area . . . 8  | Peterborough area . . . 2     |
| Madoc area . . . 7     | Lennox & Addington . . . 4    |
| Tweed area . . . 4     | Frontenac County . . . 1      |
| Toronto area . . . 8   | Province of Quebec . . . 3    |
| Ottawa area . . . 2    | Nova Scotia . . . 1           |
|                        | U.S.A. . . . 1                |

19. All of the above members receive OUTLOOK, which also goes to local political leaders, including county M.P.s and M.P.P.s, newspapers, and all six historical societies active within Hastings County.

20. Hats off to Mary Simonds and the board and staff of the Hastings County Museum, who arranged the special MAY 24 CELEBRATION, as advertised at right. The ice cream and orange drinks were great. Sorry I didn't have time to try croquet. Incidentally, it was good to see the Union Jack flying (appropriately) for the day and to have the red, white, and blue bunting festooning the entrance. Queen Victoria was present by means of the pictures and special displays. It was fitting to have Ted Snider and the band on hand.

**COMING EVENTS**

HASTINGS COUNTY MUSEUM  
 Invites You To  
 A QUEEN VICTORIA  
 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION  
 Sunday - May 24th  
 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
 OPEN HOUSE  
 FREE ADMISSION  
 AFTERNOON PROGRAMME  
 Includes - Band Concert  
 courtesy  
 THE TRENTON  
 CITIZENS BAND  
 Croquet and 5<sup>c</sup> Ice cream cones  
 For The Children  
 COMMEMORATIVE DISPLAYS  
 OF THE VICTORIAN ERA  
 THROUGHOUT THE MUSEUM  
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21. WANTED: Information on location of early Belleville market facilities. Contact Gerry Boyce at 968-5023. Humorous anecdotes would be appreciated as well as pictures & drawing

22. Those members acquainted with genealogical records in the Society's collections will be familiar with the Earl W. VanBlaricom papers. We regret to report, belatedly, this account printed in the Feb. 7 Intell.

**EARL WINFIELD  
 VAN BLARICOM**  
 Kelowna

A memorial service for the late Earl Winfield Van Blaricom, QC, was held Nov. 29 in Kelowna, B.C. Terry Mulligan of the Unitarian Fellowship officiated. The death of the former Tisdale resident occurred Nov. 23.

Mr. Van Blaricom is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Trevor Pickering (Verna) of Kelowna and one son Dr. Lawrence Van Blaricom of Ashville, North Caroline, nine grandchildren and four great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, the former Kathleen Vanderwater in 1973.

The late Mr. Van Blaricom was born near Belleville on

May 13, 1890. After serving in the First World War with the 52nd battery of the Canadian Field Artillery he took up residence in Tisdale where he established a law practise in 1919. He was joined in that practise by a military comrade H.D.H. Hamilton, QC, and they practiced together for many years.

Prior to moving to Kelowna 20 years ago, Mr. Van

Blaricom was active in community affairs. He served as a mayor, chairman of the board of trustee of Tisdale School District, president of the Tisdale branch of the Royal Canadian Legion and as past master of the Tisdale Masonic Lodge.

He was a member of the Saskatchewan Consistory of the Scottish Rite.

23. HAVE A GOOD SUMMER. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE STRAWBERRY SOCIAL ON THE 30th. SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS. LOOK FOR THE SEPTEMBER OUTLOOK FOR NEWS OF FALL MEETINGS, ETC.



*Gerry Boyce*  
 PRESIDENT