

OUTLOOK

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

MARCH 6, 1981

1. GREETINGS again from your still-wet-behind-the-ears 1981 Executive. This edition of OUTLOOK brings news of several activities to which members and friends of the Society are invited, as well as material of interest to those of our readers who are unable to take part in our public meetings.

2. UNDERWATER ARCHAEOLOGY will be the topic at the Society's General Meeting to be held on

TUESDAY EVENING
MARCH 17, 1981
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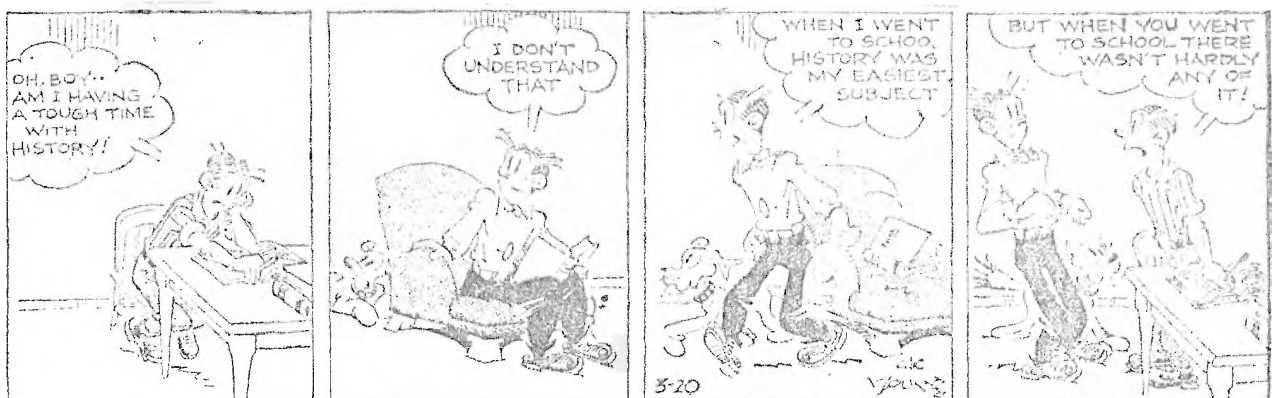
Tea and coffee will be available shortly after 7:30 p.m. for early arrivals who come to chat and view the displays and the meeting will begin promptly at 8 p.m. (The location is the Main Gallery)

We are pleased to announce that KEN FEIGELMAN, director of the Underwater Historical Society, will show slides relating to underwater exploration on Lake Champlain, where archaeologists sought the remains of military vessels from the War of 1812. There will be a display of sample artifacts recovered during this search. Also, JOE SHIELDS, the founder of the Underwater Historical Society, will explain how archaeologists are working in the waters of the Bay of Quinte and Lake Ontario and conduct a question and answer session. This promises to be an interesting and rewarding evening.

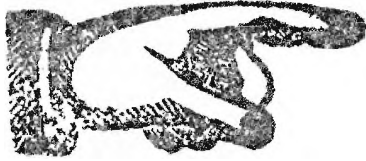
3. *Good News* . . . Here's a special offer to all those who attend the March 17 meeting and are (or become) members of the Hastings County Historical Society. Copies of Belleville Heritage and The Covered Bridge at Trenton will be sold for only fifty cents each. These Society publications normally sell for one dollar. This fifty per cent saving is the Society's way of saying "thank you" to all those who have taken out membership for 1981.

4. Members of the Society have another treat in store for March. On MARCH 25, a Wednesday, we have the opportunity to hear ARTHUR DUNN of Ottawa speak on THE MARMORA IRON WORKS. Last summer Mr. Dunn worked with the Marmora Heritage Foundation in excavating the old iron works and researching their mining history. He believes that this iron works in the 1820s was perhaps the most advanced iron works in North America. The meeting will take place at St. John's Anglican Church Hall in Madoc at 7:30 p.m. and we are the guests of the Madoc Historical Society. [For those planning to attend, we may be able to pool transportation; arrangements can be made at our meeting on the 17th. or by contacting me afterwards at 963-5023 if you need a ride or can drive others to Madoc.] Our thanks to BRENDA HUDSON for the invitation to join with the Madoc group on the 25th.

5. In the last OUTLOOK we asked "How many historical societies are there in Hastings County?" For those who were unable to attend the meeting we are pleased to answer the question on the reverse side.



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And here they are, arranged from south to north:

1. Hastings County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1418, Belleville
2. Trent Port Historical Society, P.O. Box 696, Trenton
3. Madoc Historical Society, 170 St. Lawrence West, Madoc
4. Marmora Historical Foundation, c/o Gordon Bennett, Marmora
5. Bancroft Historical Society, Station Street, Bancroft.

Do you know of any others in Hastings County? If so, share the details with us. [Incidentally, one of these societies was named incorrectly on the first page; can you spot the error?]

5. Because we are a COUNTY historical society, we are pleased to give publicity the other groups within Hastings. In that connection, Trenton area residents should note that the Trent Port Historical Society meets on April 1. Further details will be available at our March 17 meeting or from Eva Baker at 392-4122.

Because the Royal Ontario Museum is undergoing a major expansion program at its Bloor-Queen's Park site in Toronto, several displays are featured at the Hastings County Museum:

Now to March 14 . . . "Newfoundland Photographs"

March 16 to April 16 "Equipment for Eternity" (artifacts from the Egyptian Collection).

'Liquid Gold' is in the news these days. It was also in the news more than a century ago when the Hastings Chronicle of Belleville noted on October 3, 1866, that oil speculators were on the verge of major discoveries in Sidney Township. Some 2000 acres were leased and drilling was underway on Mr. McLaughlin's farm, situated on the Stirling Road about three miles beyond Smithville [Foxboro].

6. Can you guess which party was being described in this description of an election in East Hastings in 1867? "...by the free use of money, the lavish distribution of whiskey, and the most unscrupulous canvassers, who secretly went around 'pouring poison into the ears of the Electors', they have carried the day..." The answer on March 17, when we meet at the Corby Library.

7. Our February meeting was a real success. More than 50 members and friends heard JOHN MELADY's excellent talk on the Trenton Explosion in 1918. The evening was further highlighted by several eyewitnesses who related their experiences. Thanks also to LINTON READ for his thanks, GREGG GORDON for his report on the Station Street Stone Structure, ELAINE PRESTON for her report on the Historic Structures Committee, LOIS POSTER for her detective work on Billa Flint's house, FRABEL WRIGHT and PAT BENNETT for enrolling the many members, ELAINE PRESTON, ALICE DELINE, AND BEV BOYCE for arranging for the tea, and all those who helped to make the evening such a success.

8. Our GOOD CITIZEN AWARD for this month goes to Mr. W.L. McMaster for his time and energy in looking after the original Taylor Burial Ground, one of the most historic sites in East Belleville (Taylor's Hill). It's a pleasure to see what an individual can do to show respect for the memory of our pioneers.

9. The congregation of the Church of the Redeemer (Presbyterian) in Deseronto has published a 72 page history of the congregation to mark the centennial. Copies are available for \$6.65 (including postage) on application to Don Lindsay, P.O. Box 174, Deseronto.

10. QUERY - Frank Dunbar of Toronto is seeking information on regimental colours laid up in churches and public buildings. Contact Gerry at 368-5023 if you have any information.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE MEETING ON THE 17th... ARCHAEOLOGY

Gerry Boyce