

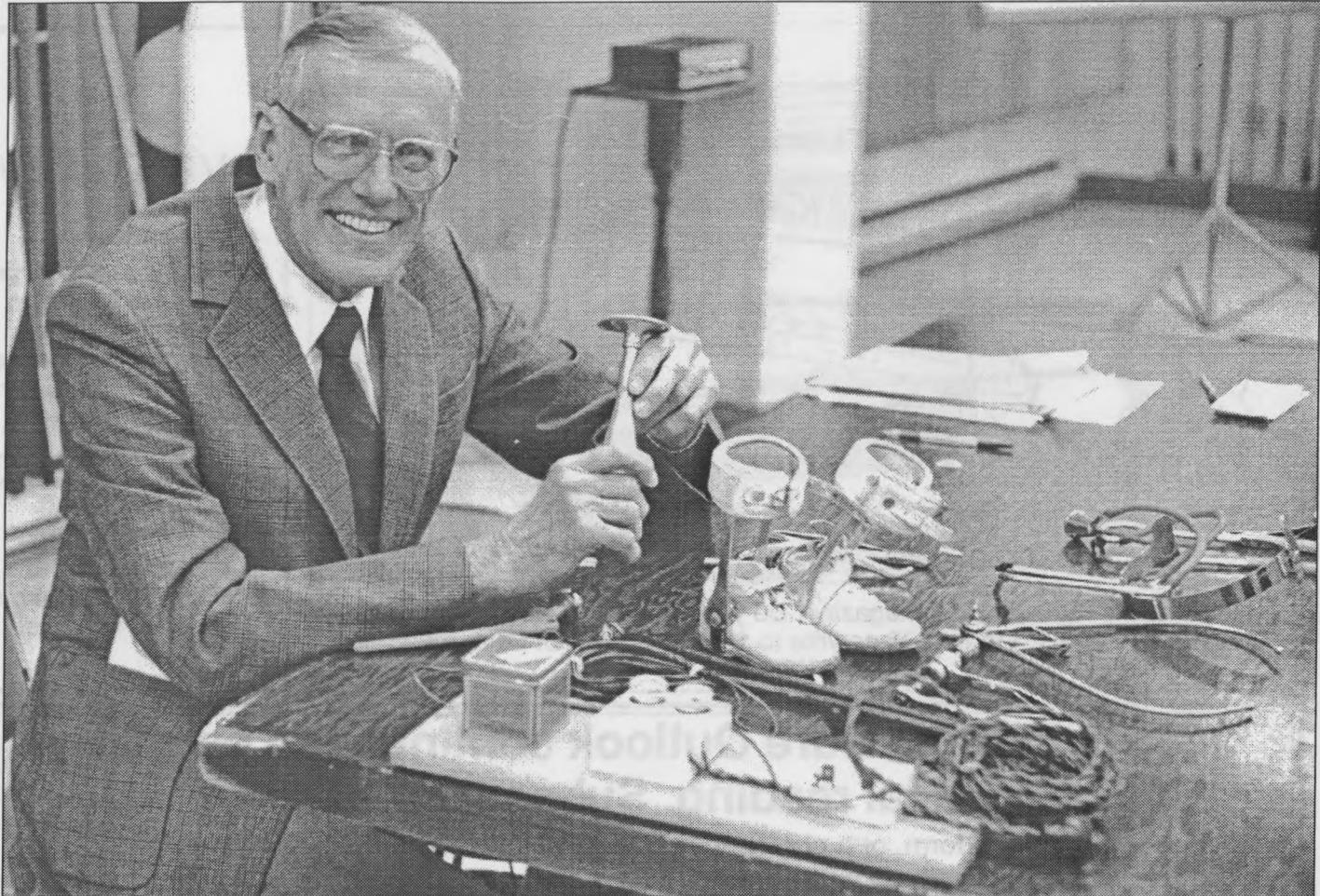
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Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2000

Guest Speaker

Wilma Alexander
History with a Mystery

with emphasis on her book *Run for your Life* which deals with the Trenton munitions plant explosion of 1918

Ms. Alexander is the award-winning author of several children's books.

Refreshments at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting begins at 8 p.m.

A picture really is worth 1,000 words—especially when your absentminded editor/reporter/photographer/writer misplaces his notes. Doctor Jim Birchard provided an excellent presentation of medical instruments from the past at the last general meeting for 1999 on Tuesday, November 16. Here Dr. Birchard holds a fore-runner to the stethoscope while in front of him on the table are various medical tools. The item in the foreground is an early "defibrillator" which was "invented" locally; the two slender rods, just between the baby "boots" and the fuse holder, were applied to the heart and the knife switch was thrown which caused electric current to "restart" the heart. The only trouble was once the medical application had been made, the electrician would have to be called because the instrument invariably caused a power failure in the hospital whenever it was used. The baby boots with their braces are a grim reminder of the polio epidemic which occurred in the 1950s. Dr. Birchard also showed slides pertaining to the history and development of the Belleville General Hospital; many of the items displayed both photographically and physically are part of the Belleville General Hospital Museum.

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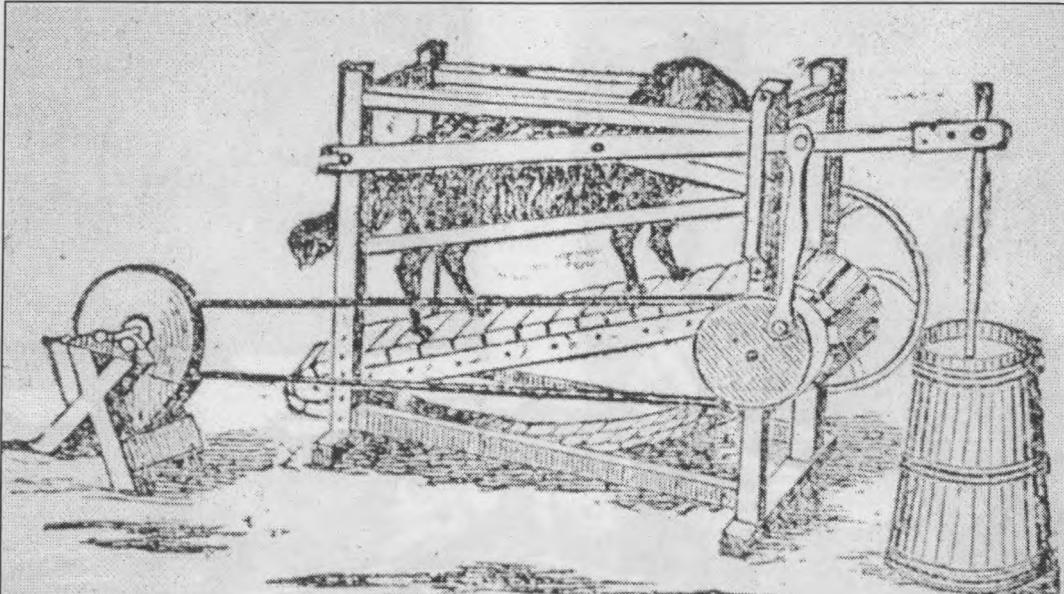
by Gerry Boyce

Welcome to the year 2000 - Hopefully the Y2K bug has not interfered with this printing or distribution of this issue. Cer-

tainly the arrival of the new year has been observed in great style with a sold-out gala for 2,000 celebrants in the Wally

Dever Arena in Belleville and many other successful events. We wonder how our residents will celebrate the arrival of the year 2001, considered by purists (including many of our members) as the true beginning of the next millennium. After all, if a decade consisting of 10 years is not over until the end of the tenth year, and

a century of 100 years is not over until the end of the 100th year, then a millennium of 1,000 years should not be over until the end of the 1,000th year. To put it another way, one does not celebrate a 100th birthday until the end of 100 years. Oh well, perhaps we can look forward to another round of celebrations on December 31, 2000, as we en-



This picture is from an 1853 magazine. Do you know what it shows? Contact Gerry Boyce at (613) 968-5023 or write to 173 Bridge Street East, Belleville, Ontario K8N 1N3.

Our sympathy

Sympathy is extended to the George Zegouras family in the loss of Diane Zegouras. Diane was an active supporter of our Society and served as secretary.

Sympathy is also extended to the family of Ruth Gaw, a long-time member.

2000 is here! Ensure Outlook continues to be part of your historical reading. Subscribe or renew now!

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ter the third millennium. In any event, **Happy 2000** to one and all.

Books, books and more books

- In the last issue you read about new publications relating to two of Hastings County's most famous citizens: Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Susanna Moodie; namely Betsy Boyce's cartoon-filled booklet *Mackenzie Bowell's Government and the Manitoba Schools* (\$6 at our meetings) and Professor Michael Peterman's *Susanna Moodie: A Life* (\$14.95 at W&R Greenley Booksellers and other leading bookstores). You also heard about Charlotte Gray's *Sisters in the Wilderness*. Well, on December 2, 1999, Charlotte delivered an entertaining talk in the Corby Library Gallery on the Strickland sisters. She painted a picture of Catharine Traill as the optimist and peacemaker, while Susanna Moodie "told it like it was" in her famous *Roughing it in the Bush*. *The Toronto Star* and *The Intelligencer* have reviewed the book most favourably. Cer-

the picture on page 156, you could win a toonie. Call me at (613) 968-5023 or write to 173 Bridge Street East, Belleville, Ontario K8N 1N3. Incidentally, Charlotte is no stranger to the Belleville area; her father-in-law was the late Dr. Reg Anderson.

A toonie for Beth - Beth Green of Belleville received the prize offered in the last issue. She knew that the plaque to Mackenzie Bowell (erected by Parks Canada at the Belleville Cemetery) was in error because he was not Belleville's first representative in the House of Commons in 1867. Bowell was elected in Hastings North and represented the citizens of the Madoc-Marmora area, although he lived on William Street in Belleville. Six others also spotted the error. Congratulations.

At last - As of January 1, Belleville Cemetery is in Belleville. The privately owned cemetery was part of the land transferred by Quinte

schools; 213 copies of *Belleville City Hall*, the official history of that building published in 1998, have been distributed *gratis* to 32 schools. This was made possible through the assistance of the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, the Corporation of the City of Belleville and the author.

So long - Bruce and Nan Morgan have left Belleville to take up residence in London, Ontario. They are long-time members and supporters of the Society, having hosted the pool party in 1973 that followed the official opening of the "new" Hastings County Museum in Glanmore. Bruce was the founder of the Belleville General Hospital Medical Museum and a speaker to the Society. We wish them well.

Applause please - Congratulations go to:

1. artist William McGee for his Millennium Calendar which features pen and ink drawings of Belleville's architecture (in-

cluding students, staff, and board members who made or are making remarkable contributions to Canadian society, including Mackenzie Bowell, Lyle Vanclief, Roy Bonisteel, "Stevie" Cameron, Marlene Brant Castellano, Dr. "Bert" Collip (member of the insulin discovery team), Bobby Hull, Clay Ives, Manly MacDonald, Farley Mowatt, "Adam" Sioui, The Wilkinsons of country music fame, and Kerry Stratton. Christine Zaporzan (formerly of Glanmore) played a major role in preparing the calendar.

4. Don Edwards and the "performers" (including Roy Bonisteel, C.W. Hunt, Lee Jourard, Bob Ross and Stan Wiggins) who prepared *Quintessentially Quinte*, an audio portrait of the Bay of Quinte region. It can be previewed on the Internet at <www.quinte.on.ca>, the Bay of Quinte Country official website.

5. Floyd Patterson of CKWS and the local historians (including C.W. Hunt and yours truly) who appear on *Millennium Watch: A History of Southeastern Ontario*, a commemorative one-hour video.

6. Trent Port Historical Society members who continue to work on the restoration of the old Town Hall. I had the pleasure of touring the facility during a pre-Christmas open house.

7. Evan Morton and the Tweed Heritage Centre, where fund raising continues along with various projects such as the indexing of old copies of the *Tweed News*.

8. The Tweed and Area Historical Society for its sponsorship of Tweed's Millennium 2000 New Year's Party.

9. *The Bancroft Times* for its historical articles by Barney Moorhouse and others.

10. David Taylor, president of the Prince Edward Historical Society, who was presented with a 1999 Heritage Community Program Award by the Ontario Heritage Foundation. David, who has been active with the Prince Edward Historical Society since the mid-1960s and has spoken to our Society, also received a framed certificate from Prince Edward County Council.



This plaque was erected at Eldorado in 1958 to commemorate Ontario's first gold rush. Can any reader help identify the participants in that ceremony?

tainly, Charlotte is an excellent writer and her book brings mid-19th century Belleville to life. A "must read" for anyone interested in local history and the spiritualist movement, it is highly accurate historically, although there are one or two errors. For example, if you can identify the mistake relating to

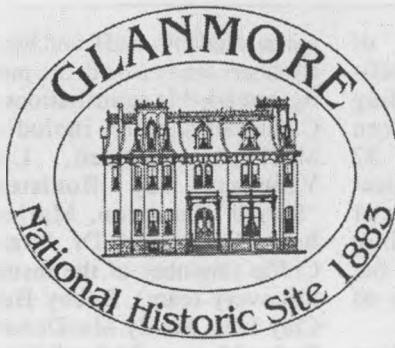
West to Belleville. Hastings Manor is also now in Belleville. Mapmakers must be in seventh heaven given the continuing changes in political boundaries and more yet to come.

The HCHS - Your society has made a significant contribution to history programs in local

cluding the magnificent tower of City Hall)

2. Louis Demczna for preparing a calendar of pen and ink drawings of schools (past and present) in Hastings and Prince Edward Counties

3. The Hastings and Prince Edward District School Board for publishing a calendar hon-



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Request for information



Staff and volunteers are often asked about servants at Glanmore. Visitors want to know what servants did and where and how they lived. We are planning an exhibit for next year on the lives of late 19th century domestic servants in general and servants at Glanmore in particular. Anyone having any information about Glanmore's servants please contact Rona Rustige by phone at 962-2329 or E-mail at <ronarustige@suckercreek.on.ca>.

Heritage Day

Heritage Day is Tuesday, February 15, 2000. We will celebrate this important date in our usual fashion with an open house from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Staff and volunteers will be on hand and refreshments will be served. Tours of the artifact storage area will be available. If you haven't been to your museum lately, come and see our collections and exhibits.

Volunteer appreciation

On Monday, January 24, museum staff will host the annual volunteer appreciation lunch. It is the staff's opportunity to do something for the volunteers who do so much for us during the year.

New additions to the museum's library

The museum acquires books throughout

the year through the National Library Book Exchange, donations and occasionally through purchases. We recently purchased 16 Bobbie Kalman books from

her new Historic Communities series. These children's books cover topics such as 19th century games, toys, clothing, crafts, chores and customs. They will be very useful in developing future educational programmes here at Glanmore.

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