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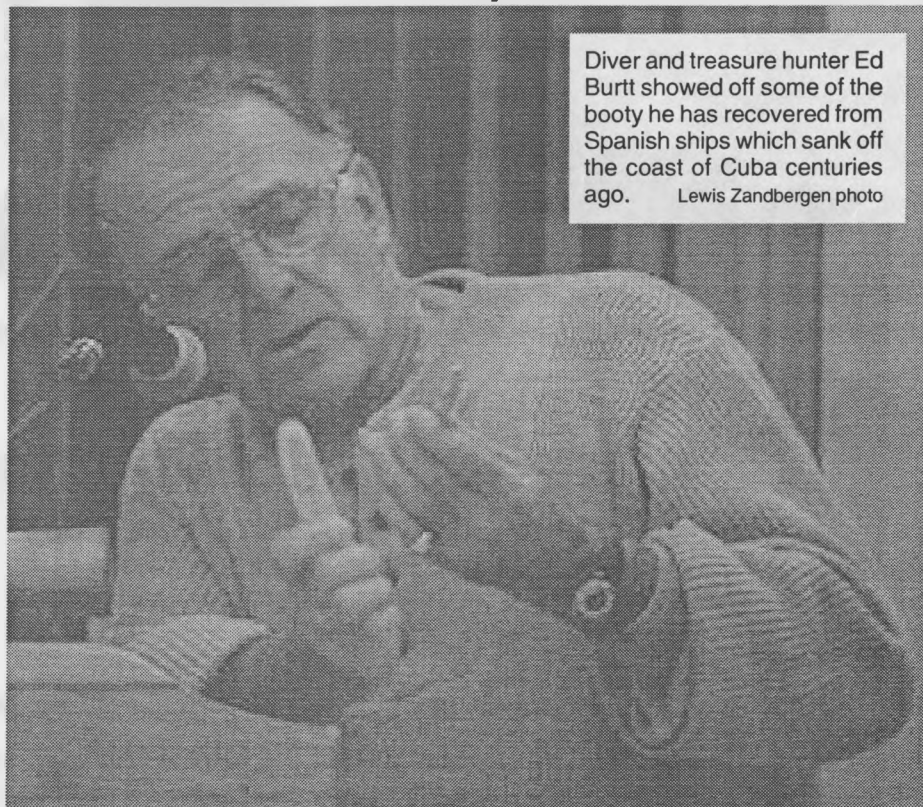
by Lewis Zandbergen

Who among us has not dreamed of discovering buried treasure? And I venture to guess it's a desire most of us never completely grow out of. In the child's mind in all of us is a desire to uncover fabulous wealth—enough to set us up for life.

The guest speaker at the regular monthly meeting of the Hastings County Historical Society for October has dreamed those dreams. But Ed Burttt went on to not only uncover but also recover some of the millions in gold, silver and jewels the Spanish loaded onto ships and bound for the coffers of Spain. These ships sank not far off the coast of Cuba and spilled untold millions in bullion into the waters of the Caribbean.

"X never marks the spot," according to Mr. Burttt. Most of the knowledge gained in the search for treasure laden ships comes from tracing the routes of the ship, hours of poring over ancient ship's manifests in dusty Spanish libraries and the hard work of physically diving the supposed sites of the shipwrecks.

Then too there is the government of the day in places like Cuba, which must be part of the salvage operation. Mr. Burttt told of meetings with Cuban President Fidel Castro and of the share of the booty to which he



Diver and treasure hunter Ed Burttt showed off some of the booty he has recovered from Spanish ships which sank off the coast of Cuba centuries ago. Lewis Zandbergen photo

laid claim. Suffice it to say that not all pirates sail the seven seas.

Throughout the showing of a video highlighting his career in what were euphemistically termed "salvage" operations, Mr.

Burttt entertained and informed us as to the ins and out of the treasure recovery business. He brought along some examples of the types of treasure he has recovered to dazzle the audience.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, November 20,
2001

Guest Speaker

Paul Adamthwaite

Topic

Shipping in Prince Edward County

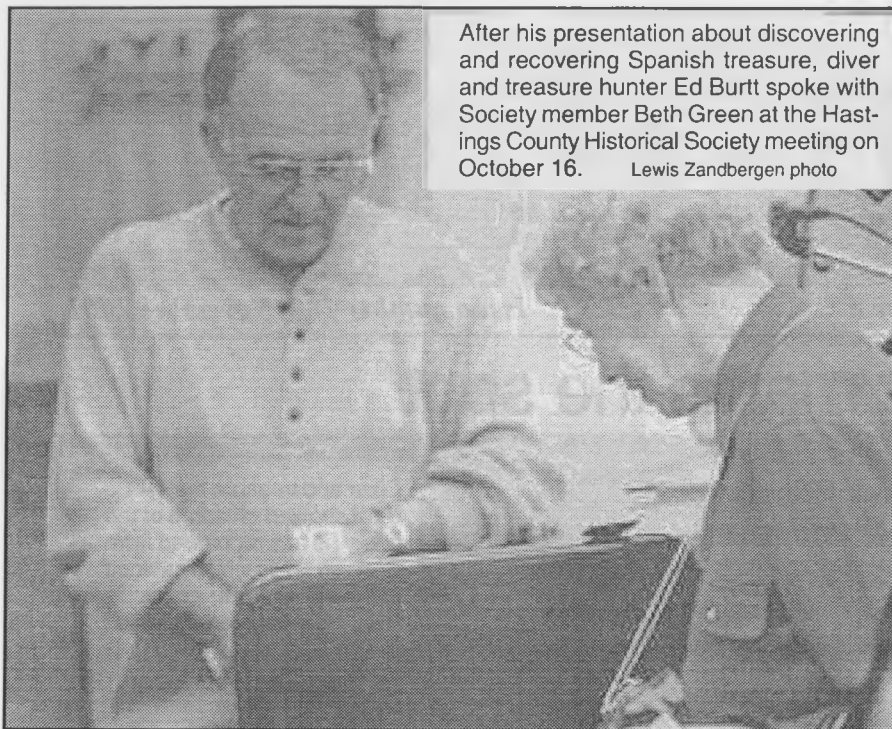
Refreshments at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting begins at 8 p.m.

Your Society needs you!

Another year is about to close on the Society's activities. In the new year we will hold an election of officers. Several seats on the Board of Directors will become available. But we need some new blood to assist in the Society's endeavours. Please consider standing for nomination or nominate someone you think will be an asset to the Hastings County Historical Society. No experience is necessary. Contact President Hazel Shaw at 969-1900 for more information.

The Hastings County Historical Society, General Delivery, Cannifton, Ontario K0K 1K0



After his presentation about discovering and recovering Spanish treasure, diver and treasure hunter Ed Burt spoke with Society member Beth Green at the Hastings County Historical Society meeting on October 16. Lewis Zandbergen photo

Wanted

An early Christmas present.

The Hastings County Historical Society is busy trying to record the past. To assist in this work, the Society would appreciate the donation of working full-size cassette recorder. If you have such an article and are willing to part with it, please call Gerry Boyce at 968-5023.



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"2-Minute Wave of Silence" a capsule history of a time-honoured tradition

On Remembrance Day, November 11, the Royal Canadian Legion is asking all Canadians to pause in silence for two minutes at 11:00 a.m. The Legion is asking people to stop whatever they are doing, wherever they are, and quietly reflect on war, and peace, and those who gave up everything for us. The silence will begin in Newfoundland, and sweep across the country like a wave as the clock strikes 11:00 a.m. in each time zone.

The "2-Minute Wave of Silence" will do two things: it will serve as an eloquent tribute to the 116,000 young men and women who died defending our

loved ones, but for the outcome of the war. As losses mounted, the Mayor of Capetown, Sir Harry Hands, made a general appeal to citizens to observe a special silence. On May 14, the noon cannon sounded, followed by a bugler playing the "Last Post", and then "Reveille" to signal the end of the silence. This was repeated every day until the Armistice was signed at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, 1918.

A local correspondent described the scene as the town fell quiet, "It was a most solemn and inspiring function, the effect was magical. There was always a great crowd in Adderly Street at midday, but the observance seems even more striking in the less frequented streets."

A Reuters correspondent in

Capetown cabled a description of the event back to London, and from there word spread to Canada and Australia. Within a few weeks reports were being received in London that the silence was being observed in towns across the Commonwealth. At the conclusion of World War I, the two-minute silence became the accepted form of remembrance.

As there are fewer and fewer surviving veterans, this seems like a fitting way to pass the torch. The formal ceremonies will continue, in fact they have been growing over the past few years, but this Remembrance Day it would be heartwarming to see as many Canadians as possible take part.

It is hoped the 2-Minute Wave of Silence will help them do that.



country during the 20th Century. It will also help to bring remembrance back to its roots, back to everyday people—especially those who are not able to attend a ceremony at a local cenotaph, or watch the national broadcast on television.

The tradition of observing two minutes of silence began far from large formal ceremonies. It sprang from a heartfelt need to do something to honour those who had given so much. In fact, until the 1950s, a two-minute silence was commonplace throughout most of Canada.

There have been several accounts of the origin of the two-minute silence, but most agree that it began in South Africa before the end of World War I.

In April, 1918, the German offensive on the western front was still in full force, and there was fear, not only for

Canadians everywhere are being asked to pause for two minutes at 11:00 a.m. on November 11, as a special tribute to those who died defending Canada.

In our hectic society, silence is both rare and dramatic.

The "2-Minute Wave of Silence" will bring a change in the way Remembrance Day is observed, especially for those who are unable to attend a local ceremony, or watch the national broadcast on television. The Wave will be an opportunity for all Canadians to participate, to stop whatever they are doing for a few moments, without any special ceremonial or religious overtones.

The campaign is central to an important mandate of the Legion, the perpetuation of Remembrance. There are very few remaining survivors of World War I, and the veterans of World War II are dying at the rate of almost 100 per day. If the horrors of this Century are not to be repeated, they must be remembered. As the number of eyewitnesses declines, it is up to all of us to make sure that their legacy is honoured.

Canada is one of only a few countries that has never fought a war of aggression. But during this century, over 1.4 million young Canadians volunteered to serve in the military and merchant navy,

and 116,000 of them never made it home.

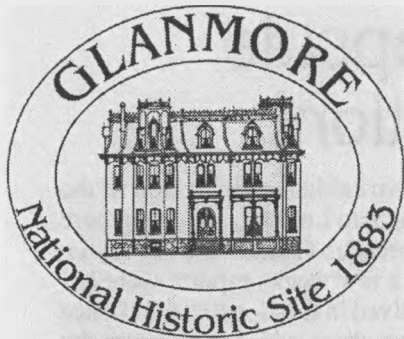
The Wave of Silence campaign is being carried out at the community level. With almost a half-million Legion members talking to neighbours and local business people, civic and church leaders the message about the Wave is reaching people.

And there is national support. Legion executive contacted 5,000 businesses, thousands of associations, municipalities, and school boards, as well as the major media. Support among Canadians appears high. In an Environics poll commissioned by the Legion, 87 per cent of Canadians said that they would most likely observe the 2-Minute Wave of Silence on November 11.



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Holiday Activities at Glanmore

Adult Craft Workshop

Sunday, December 2, 2001, 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Create a beautiful Victorian-style kissing ball to hang for Christmas in this adult craft workshop. All materials including greenery and ribbons provided. Cost: \$25. Pre-registration required.

Children's Christmas Celebration

Sunday, December 9, 2001, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. - Ages 5 to 10

Children will enjoy stories, visit with Father Christmas, play Victorian parlour games, and make a simple gift for a very special someone. Cost: \$3 per child. Pre-registration required, spaces are limited.

Yuletide Candlelight Tours

Friday, December 14, 2001 - 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, December 18, 2001 - 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a tour of Glanmore by candlelight, as the historic house is beautifully decorated for the holidays. Traditional Christmas refreshments will be served. A special visit from Father Christmas will delight both young and young at heart. Adults - \$5, Children - \$2.50.

Pre-registration required.

Call Melissa A. Wakeling,

Education & Marketing Coordinator (613) 962-2329

Veranda Reconstruction Update

The final phase of Glanmore's exterior restoration project, the reconstruction of the historic veranda, is nearing completion. The cast-iron cresting across the top of the veranda is the final element to be added. The cresting was fabricated in Merrickville, ON and should be in place on the veranda shortly. The ornamental veranda has received a base coat of paint. The decorative three-colour paint scheme, to match the rest of the house, will be added next year.

Recent letters from Sheila Chapline (the sister of Phillippa Faulkner - the last family member to own Glanmore) have provided a brief history of the ornamental veranda. Sheila tells us that she does not recall any furniture on the veranda, nor does she recall accessing the veranda through the windows in the reception room. Sheila also says that she played jacks on the veranda as a child and remembers it being removed when she was 12 years old in 1930.

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