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## NEXT MEETING

TUESDAY, 16th JANUARY, 1990

ANNUAL DINNER at 6:00 p.m.  
ANNUAL MEETING at 7:15 p.m.

PLACE: Quinte Living Centre  
370 Front St. (enter by North Door)  
Belleville

A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the ANNUAL DINNER in the Dining Room of the Quinte Living Centre. Due to its popularity last year, the menu again features Quiche Lorraine with juice, assorted salads, vegetable, hot apple crisp and beverage. The cost is only \$10.60 per person including tax. Please complete the reservation slip in this issue of OUTLOOK and mail in promptly with your cheque for receipt prior to January 9th.

We will be gathering in the Auditorium prior to dinner for a short social period and then will proceed to the dining room led by a kilted bag piper. All members are invited to the Annual Dinner, always a most enjoyable social occasion.

THE ANNUAL MEETING will be held immediately after dinner, commencing at 7:15 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Quinte Living Centre. Even if you are unable to come to dinner, do plan to attend the Annual Meeting anyway. All members are expected. You will receive a copy of the Society's Annual Report for the year 1989. Chester Hull will be presenting the proposed budget for 1990 for your approval. The Nominating Committee will introduce the proposed new Board of Directors and we will be saluting the directors who are retiring from the Board. Reports will be brief.

There will be displays and draw prizes. One of our members will be making a special short presentation on a topic which should be of interest to all. See you there.

## PROGRAMME FOR THE COMING MONTHS

SUNDAY, 18 FEBRUARY - OPEN HOUSE AT

GLANMORE - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Display of student entries (Grades 4-8) in the program called "Explore a Cemetery in Hastings County". Prizes are to be awarded by the Education Committee of the Historical Society. The public is invited to attend in celebration of Heritage Week - February 18-24.

MONDAY, 19 FEBRUARY - Heritage Day celebration at the monthly meeting in the Quinte Living Centre. Lois Foster, Chairman of the Building Research Committee, will be the featured speaker. Meeting starts at 8:00 p.m. with coffee and displays from 7:30 p.m. TUESDAY, 20 MARCH - Heather McKillop of Northeastern Archaeological Associates of Port Hope will be speaking on the recent dig at the St. Thomas Anglican Church Cemetery, Belleville. The meeting is to be at the Quinte Living Centre.

TUESDAY, 17 APRIL - "A Salute to Sidney Township" featuring Past President Gerry Boyce. Gerry is collaborating with June Sine (a descendent of John W. Myers) and Kathy Karkut in writing an illustrated history of Sidney. Over 50 meetings have been held since the spring to complete the research required. Publication of the book is expected in April in time for the Bicentennial celebration.

Jack Arthur will be assisting Gerry in the presentation at our meeting which will be held in the Sidney Township Hall at Tucker's Corners.

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING

by Theresa Burns

At the regular meeting of the Society held on Tuesday, November 21 at the Quinte Living Centre in Belleville, there was an excellent turnout to hear Mr. Arie Korteweg lecture on the "History of Albert College".

John Anderson welcomed everyone and started off the evening by informing the attendees that the Society had just received word from Hugh O'Neill, M.P.P., regarding the Heritage Organizational Development grant. The Society will be getting \$2,250, which is roughly one third of the total revenue for one year. Sincere appreciation is extended to the Ministry of Culture and Communications.

At this time also, Mr. Anderson presented a cheque in the amount of \$500 to the residents of the Quinte Living Centre for their generosity in letting the Society use their

facilities for most of the monthly meetings. Mr. Stan Woods accepted the cheque on behalf of the residents and the monies will be put towards the purchase of a photocopy machine for the Centre.

Mrs. Marion Fisher read the minutes of the last meeting, followed by "MINUS 100" which was presented by Beth Green.

At this point, Mrs. Hilma Moyer introduced the speaker of the evening - Mr. Arie Korteweg, director of Development for Albert College. Mr. Korteweg proceeded to present his dissertation entitled: "The History of Albert College - an Overview". Mr. Korteweg has been working on the history of Albert College for the past eight years.

Albert College was founded in 1857 and was named after the Prince Consort, Queen Victoria's husband. It was and still is a co-ed residential school offering college preparatory courses with a home away from home atmosphere which helps to develop community spirit. Even though the College went through a tough time during the Depression along with everyone else, it survived and still thrives to this day. The classes are deliberately kept small with a student/teacher ratio of 10 to 1 to help the students advance at an accelerated pace. Mr. Korteweg showed a very informative slide presentation which displayed old school photos, some of the past headmasters & students, and the beautiful stained glass windows which are to be found in the chapel. A videotape was also shown depicting the college from the students point of view - what it can offer prospective students. This was all extremely interesting material which was followed by a question and answer period.

A number of Albert affiliates were present including Mr. Taylor Franklin, an HCHS member and former Administrator of the College, who provided some interesting anecdotes during the brief discussion period which followed Mr. Korteweg's presentation. Mr. Jack Arthur subsequently presented a gift to Mr. Korteweg upon the completion of his presentation along with the Society's thanks.

Two draws were made at the end of the evening for those who attended. The winners were: 1st draw - Mr. Arie Korteweg

2nd draw - Eva Barlow

Coffee was served at the end of the evening.

## IN APPRECIATION

Our year end thanks are expressed to *Jennifer Read* for the good coverage of our meetings in *The Intelligencer*.

Appreciation is also expressed for the advance publicity for our meetings which has also been carried over the years by *The Intelligencer*, *The Quinte Weekly News*, *The Trentonian* and *Tri-County Advisor*, *The Tweed News*, *The Stirling Community Press* and other fine newspapers of Hastings County.

The office of the Hon. Hugh O'Neill, MPP has advised that the Society will be receiving a Heritage Organization Development Grant in 1989 for \$2,250.00. Our application for the grant had been prepared in the spring by Chester Hull, Finance Chairman. Our approved Budget for 1989 included this amount under Revenue. It represents about one-third of the total Revenue.

So while we anticipated receiving this grant to facilitate the Society's operations, it was never "a sure thing". Our sincere appreciation is expressed to the "Ontario Ministry of Culture and Communications, to the Hon. Hugh O'Neill and to Diana Koechlin - Manager of the Ministry's Belleville Office.

## 1990 MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE

That time of year is here again for membership renewal. A form is enclosed for your convenience. Please fill it in and mail it promptly with your cheque to:

THE HASTINGS COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

P.O. BOX 1418

BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO K8N 5J1

Remember! Membership in your Historical Society provides you with.....

- Monthly Meetings to hear interesting presentations on topics of local historical importance.
- **OUTLOOK**, this lively monthly Newsletter to keep you up-to-date with Society happenings as well as the activities of other local heritage groups. **OUTLOOK** is delivered free to all schools in Hastings County to assist in the teaching of local history.
- Free Admission to Glanmore, the Hastings County Museum which was formed by the Society and is supported by it.

Your Historical Society provides many other services to the community at large.....

- Archives - historical documents and pictures relating to the history of Hastings County are housed in the Canadiana Room of the Belleville (Corby) Public Library, Glanmore and at Sir James Whitney School. These are available for historical and genealogical research.
- Contests for students - an opportunity to research topics of local historical importance and submit the results in written or art form and be recognized.
- Assistance in Genealogical Research through displays of resources and help to those being at a distance. Our efforts are coordinated with those of the Quinte

Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society.

- Educational Kits - available on loan including such topics as "Loyalist Years" and "Rebellion in Hastings".
- Media Material - articles and pictures of local historical interest are provided to the newspapers and local journals.

Your participation in the Historical Society can be scholarly or practical, ongoing or occasional.

We look forward to your membership renewal!

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Each year at this time, a Nominating Committee is appointed and its purpose is to prepare a slate of nine directors for consideration at the Annual Meeting. Present directors are approached to determine if they are prepared to continue to serve on the Board in 1990. The number of new directors required is then determined and the Committee proceeds to seek out suitable candidates from the membership.

At the general meeting on Nov. 21st, the following three members were appointed as the Nominating Committee:

**Jack Bradford (966-7239)**

**Beth Green (966-5678)**

**Janet Hoyer (968-5609)**

Any member desiring to serve as a director in 1990 - a challenging and satisfying assignment - is asked to contact one of the committee. Likewise, a member may nominate another member whom they consider to be a suitable candidate and who is willing to serve; again, please contact one of the Nominating Committee.

## GIFT TO Q.L.C.

Each year, the Hastings County Historical Society makes a gift to the Quinte Living Centre in appreciation for the use of the excellent facilities here for our monthly meetings. At the Nov. 21st meeting, a cheque for \$500.00 was presented to be used toward the purchase of a new photo-copy machine to replace the older ailing unit at the Centre. Mr. Stanley Wilson of "Seniors in Action" accepted the donation on behalf of the residents and management of the Q.L.C.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

For several years, the Hastings County Historical Society has donated prizes to the outstanding students in the Local Studies (History) course conducted by Gerry Boyce at Belleville Collegiate Institute.

At the recent graduation exercises, Gerry presented on our behalf, prizes of suitable books and Historical Society memberships to the following honoured students: Gloria Nelson, Paul Howard, Denise Pennell.

## MANY FRENCH CANADIAN NAMES AROUND TWEED

(Fourth in a series on Hastings County History)

by *Joanne Courneya*

Often people stopping in Tweed are surpris-

ed to see many family names of French Canadian origin in the community. This may seem illogical considering Tweed was named after the Tweed River in Scotland by its founder James Jamieson. But you don't have to look back very far to find the French Canadian influence on the community.

Many of the French Canadian families in the Tweed-Hungerford area can trace their roots back to the mid-1800's when their ancestors' farms near Sorel, Quebec were destroyed in a great flood of the St. Lawrence River. With nothing but promised land grants, these families traveled to Hungerford Township to start over.

When the families arrived, the bulk of their land grants were found in the northwest portion of Hungerford Township (R.R. 3, Tweed), in what is now known as the French Settlement Road area. The land was less than ideal, so many families supplemented farming by having the men of the house travel to logging camps in winter.

While the settlers were French Canadians, many of the businessmen in Tweed were of Scot and United Empire Loyalist descent. As well, the French Canadian Catholic settlers were ministered to by Irish Catholic priests. From these circumstances, many traditionally French Canadian family names have been Anglicized, so that in some cases, the original spelling can hardly be guessed at. For example, Rageot has become Rashotte, Allard has become Allore, Gouin is now O'Coin and Chamberlain at one time was spelled Shamberlaw. The name Cournoyer has gone through many changes, and today in Tweed is found spelled Courneya, Courneyea, Couronyea and Cournyea.

So when you pass by a rural mailbox and see a name that might have its roots in Quebec but "isn't spelled right", just remember that the reason behind the names is all part of the unique local history of the formation of our community.

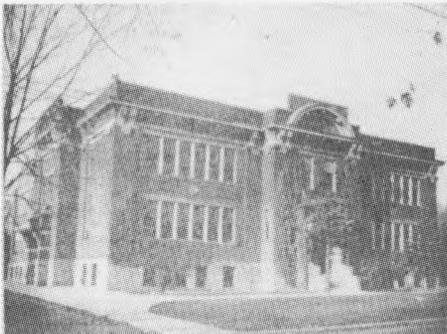
*Courtesy of The Tweed News)*

## FEATURE REMINISCENCE

(fifth in a series)

This reminiscence was done for the Hastings County Historical Society in 1987 by Fan Finkle, 252 Bridge St. East., Belleville, Ont. 962-0474.

Did you know that in November, 1938, Belleville had a Book Fair? It was organized by the new found Home and School Club of Ann Street School (photo below). They thought to promote books and an extra interest in reading to be a worthwhile project for a Homeland school club.



In 1938 the Governor General of Canada was Lord Tweedsmuir. Both Lord and Lady Tweedsmuir were well-known authors, so we were bold enough to write to Lady Tweedsmuir inviting her to come to Belleville and open our book fair. Much to our surprise, she accepted the invitation.

In 1938 Belleville was a very small city and when the wife of the Governor General consented to come, it created a great deal of interest.

The members of our club knew nothing about organizing a book fair but we did our best. The leading book store at that time was Sills Book Store. They provided a display of books. The staff at the Library and the Women's Canadian Club cooperated with us. They collected and arranged an interesting display of historical objects. We included the other public schools in the city in an essay contest. It was won by Elinor Finkle, grade VIII of Ann Street School. Her prize was a book; "Ann of Green Gables" by L.M. Montgomery and was autographed by the author. The day of the opening arrived. Lady Tweedsmuir, with her lady-in-waiting and her aide-de camp were met by Charles A. Cameron, M.P. and by me as president of the club. She was taken directly to Ann Street School where the staff and students had been assembled by Mr. Anderson, the principal to greet her, then on to Belleville Collegiate which at that time was the only collegiate in Belleville. She was enthusiastically welcomed by a packed auditorium. She was officially welcomed by Richard Arnott, M.P.P. who was also a club member. On the platform the executive of the Home and School Club was accompanied by members of the Board of Education and by Mac Haig representing the Mayor.

In declaring the book fair open, Lady Tweedsmuir said "Book Fairs are a shop window for literature where one could examine

books before adding them to ones library." At the conclusion of her address, she toured the exhibit and graciously ordered two books. The party then retired to a private room where tea was served and a reception was held. Members of the Home and School Club and other dignitaries were presented to Her Excellency. Following which Lady Tweedsmuir returned by private car back to Ottawa.

This was the beginning of a three day fair. Each day was made most interesting by the presence of some well-known personality in the world of literature. One day it was L.M. Montgomery, author of "Anne of Green Gables". A very modest woman who spoke of her life-long interest in writing and as a young girl, her difficulty in obtaining paper. How amazed she would be at the great popularity of her books today. The next day, our guest was Ned Pratt of Victoria University whose book of poems of his native Newfoundland were well and favourably known.

And so our book fair came to an end and in spite of the expressed wish of many, it has never been repeated.

## IN APPRECIATION

I should like to express my sincere appreciation to each of the Directors and members of the Executive for their committed and responsible participation in directing the affairs of the Historical Society over the past two years.

I have appreciated the opportunity, the challenge and the honour of serving as President during 1988 and 1989. It's been an exhilarating and a satisfying experience for me. I've learned much not only about local history but more importantly about the fine people who made this society function so effectively.

While I'm now retiring from the Board, I will of course continue as a member of the society as will Mardi. During the coming year, I hope to put more of my time toward the restoration of my antique automobile - a long range project.

Thank you all.

John W. Anderson



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Your editor had the opportunity to express congratulations on behalf of the HCHS at the opening of the new Ontario Business College on January 25th. Shown above, is the Hunt-Stewart House at 16 East Moira, on the left, the home which has become part of the new OBC Campus. On the right is the Bleecker-Ross House built in 1867. In the background on the right is Albert College. A more recent photo and a description of the house as published in Belleville's Heritage Vol. 1, published in 1878 is reproduced below.



## HUNT-STEWART HOUSE

16 East Moira Street

An article entitled "Editor's Walk" in the Hastings Chronicle for August 5th, 1863 states "a large two storey house near Groves Mills commenced by the late Burleigh Hunt has been roofed with slate by Mr. Boswell. The total cost of the house is \$1600." Mr Hunt, an American carpenter, came to

# Concern Expressed Over Proposed New Cemeteries Act

By Dorothy Duncan

In July of this year, The Ontario Historical Society learned, quite by accident, about Bill 31; An Act to Amend the Ontario Cemeteries Act. The Bill had already had second reading and was referred to the Standing Committee on Resources Development for review. The proposed new Act contained many definitions that were incomplete or confusing and many clauses that reflect the lack of awareness of cemeteries as a vital asset to the heritage community. For instance, grave markers, if they are deemed to be unsafe to the public, may be tested, laid down or even removed altogether, thus limiting public access to this important source of information. Such action would spell disaster for anyone who depends on this information for historical and genealogical research or for educational purposes. In addition, the existing Cemeteries Act defines damages and vandalism as a criminal offence, while the new Act does not. Also, the new Cemeteries Act contains a clause stating that it prevails over the Ontario Heritage Act!

We contacted many heritage groups in Ontario and found that they, like us, were surprised and alarmed by the speed with which this legislation was being developed. For example, the Ontario Archaeological Society had learned in August of 1988 that the new legislation was proposed, however the Ministry of Consumer and Commercial

Relations assured them they would be consulted. However, the OAS never heard from that ministry again!

The Ontario Historical Society presented a brief to the Standing Committee on Resources Development at Queen's Park on September 28, 1989. The brief brought to the attention of the Committee that the issue of cemeteries as an historical resource, had not been addressed. The Committee took the Brief very seriously, and discussed the possibility of delaying the Bill so that consultation with the heritage community could be undertaken. However, the Committee finally decided to invite the Ministry of Culture and Communications to appear on October 2 to clarify the consultation that had gone on between the two ministries and with the heritage community. The Ministry of Culture and Communications confirmed that indeed there had been consultation, that they had no problems with the proposed Act and that, in their opinion, everything would be looked after in the Regulations.

With these assurances, the Committee proceeded to finalize their hearings and allowed the Bill to go to Third reading on October 16, 1989.

The Ontario Historical Society and many other national and provincial heritage groups are not reassured and have continued to lobby both the Minister of Culture and Communications, The Honourable Christine E. Hart, and the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, The Honourable Gregory Sobara about this important piece of legislation.

In our opinion, grave sites and cemeteries are equivalent sources of information that can be accessed, analyzed and understood just like a library of books, an archives of original documents or a museum of historic artifacts. Grave sites and cemeteries are

physical manifestations of people who have lived a very rich life and through their life and death have contributed to Ontario's heritage. New legislation affecting such a priceless resource should have been developed with care, sympathy and understanding so that the peoples of Ontario may continue to benefit from this aspect of our common history.

If you are interested in obtaining a copy of The Ontario Historical Society's brief or would like further information, please contact The Ontario Historical Society, 5151 Yonge Street, Willowdale, Ontario, M2N 5P5 (416) 226-9011.

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Find the names of celebrated places and people that are part of Ontario's Heritage.



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