

OUTLOOK

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

MAY 2, 1981

1. STUPENDOUS . . . TERRIFIC . . . FANTASTIC . . . Those were some of the words used to describe the events of Tuesday, April 28. First there was the 20 page HERITAGE SUPPLEMENT published by the INTELL, from material prepared by our HISTORIC STRUCTURES COMMITTEE under ELAINE PRESTON. Then DR. MALCOLM THURLBY gave an excellent talk on OUR ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE to 90 members and friends of the Society, who crowded the Main Gallery of the Corby Library. Dr. Thurlby is a gifted, articulate lecturer, whose descriptions of the architectural styles that have influenced us in Ontario and the Quinte area were much appreciated. Thanks too for his sense of humour and excellent slide collection.

2. Instead of a separate Historical Society meeting in May, we are supporting the BELLEVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY in its series of programs to recognize Canadian authors, during the week of the NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL, May 11-17. Several of the events will have special significance for members and friends of this Society.

a. MAY 11 - AUTHORS ON FILM is the theme. Beginning at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. there will be screenings of films showing the life and works of various Canadian authors.

b. MAY 12 - At 7:30 p.m. on TUESDAY authors who reside in the local area will be available in the gallery to autograph and discuss their books. W.R. Greenley Booksellers and the James Texts will have copies of the books for sale during their regular business hours. [No books will be sold at the library.] Those who attend the Tuesday evening AUTHORS' PARTY will have the chance to meet such authors as:

LEONA AUSTIN	CLAUDETTE BELANGER	ROY BONNISTEEL
GERRY BOYCE	AL CAPON	JANE BENNETT GODDARD
JOHN MELADY	NICK & HELMA MIKA	JUDIE (CARTY) PRENCH
ELAINE PRESTON	FRAN NEWMAN	REV. W. SELIGMANN
LEO SIMPSON	and perhaps other local authors	

The two book stores will supply light refreshments and the Hastings County Historical Society will provide coffee. PLAN TO ATTEND ON THE 12th AND MEET AND SUPPORT LOCAL AUTHORS, several of whom are known for their interest in local history.

c. MAY 14 - On Thursday two editors will participate in a panel discussion which will focus on the question of how a manuscript is published - FRANK EDWARDS of Harrowsmith and Professor Fox of Queen's Quarterly.

d. MAY 15 - At 8 p.m. GERRY BOYCE will discuss the advantages, problems, and steps in WRITING LOCAL HISTORY. Hopefully the element of humour will be present as the speaker unveils suggestions for topics that should be researched. [Coffee will be available to help keep the gathering awake.]

e. MAY 16 - At 2 p.m. on Saturday, a showing of the newly released documentary IN SEARCH OF FARLEY MOWAT.

DAVID WEISMILLER and the Library Staff are to be congratulated for arranging this program and the Hastings County Historical Society is proud to be supporting and participating in the NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL. P.S. Free lapel buttons to the first 900 attending the program. The name of the local celebration is MAINLY AUTHORS.

3. Speaking of the writing of local history, B.C. offered a somewhat irreverent comment:





AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE
 from the executive of
 the HASTINGS COUNTY
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY,
 P.O. BOX 1418
 BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO

with a reminder that
 MAY 11-17 is
 NATIONAL BOOK FESTIVAL



4. Winners of the reproduction of the 1874 Bird's Eye View of Belleville at the General Meeting were DON AND DOROTHY ASHTON. "Give Heritage a Break" buttons went to 10 lucky people, and NICK MIKA won a copy of Belleville's Heritage to add to his library. Thanks to Nick for presenting a copy of Belleville: The Good Old Days to our guest speaker, Dr. Thurlby.
5. Our Good Citizen Award for May has to go to ELAINE PRESTON, who headed the team who put together the Heritage Supplement. Well done, Elaine, and a tip of the hat to your helpers, particularly SHIRLEY BIRCHARD, LOIS FOSTER, BETH GREEN, MARY HALL, MARY McCONNELL, CHARLOTTE KUNTZE, and PATRICIA BENNETT, together with the INTELL and its staff.
6. Members who live out of town and would like to receive a copy of the April 28 HERITAGE SUPPLEMENT can have one sent by mail. Please send 35 cents to cover postage & handling to the Hastings County Historical Society, P.O. Box 1418, Belleville.
7. Our thanks to the CENTRAL COLUNTEER BUREAU and the CORBY LIBRARY STAFF for assistance in the IMAGES OF THE PAST program at the Library on May 1-2. We are still looking for more early pictures of local scenes and citizens.
8. A vote of thanks again to the CENTRAL VOLUNTEER BUREAU for its recognition of the Society's volunteers on April 27, as a part of COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WEEK. Congratulations to WARREN HENDRICKS and his staff for recognizing and encouraging groups such as ours.
9. WANTED: SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE SPEAKERS. Contact Gerry at 966-5023. WARNING: We don't guarantee every speaker a full-page ad, as we arranged for our last meeting.
10. Director GREGG GORDON spoke to a large and attentive audience on the 15th when his topic at the Library's Brown Bag Lunch was "Conservation: an Alternative". Our Society and LACAC are fortunate to have Gregg's expert advice and assistance on such matters.
11. To answer last month's question: "Which local town had a debating society before 1846?" The Intelligencer of April 28, 1846, had this to say: "We are glad to hear that a Debating Society has been established at the River Trent[Trenton], during the two past Winters, where no small degree of talent & research has been exhibited. We earnestly recommend such meetings to be formed elsewhere as they are not only a source of great amusement, but a medium of instruction to the rising youth of our Country. We understand that it is the intention of the Trent Society to give a challenge to any similar community within a convenient distance of meeting each other. Now ye men of Belleville prick up your ears." Belleville may have been slow to answer the challenge, but we did have a society operating in Belleville by 1857.
12. The April bulletin of the MADOC HISTORICAL SOCIETY notes that the society has been incorporated as the MADOC HISTORICAL FOUNDATION INC. ALLAN DANFORD succeeds BRENDA HUDSON as president. Brenda is active as secretary, genealogical researcher, author, etc. Other officers are ANNETTE TAYLOR, PENNY HARROP, and GORDON PIGDEN.
13. MUSEUM REMINDERS:
 MAY 1-11 Belleville Weavers Guild - Juried Show and Sale
 MAY 24 VICTORIA DAY CELEBRATION - Open House, Free Admission, and Band Concert by the Trenton Citizens' Band (at the noon)
 JUNE 24 FLEECE TO SHAWL - Demonstration by Belleville Weavers' Guild
 JUNE 30 STRAWBERRY LAWN SOCIAL & FASHIONS OF YESTERYEAR
14. MUSEUM SUCCESS: IDENTIFICATION CLINIC - with Mrs. L. Lisk - a real success - look for this as an annual attraction; and last Saturday's Volunteer Workshop attracted 30 potential volunteers for museum work.

WATCH FOR ANOTHER ISSUE, BEFORE THE SUMMER.

PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING IN MEMBERSHIP FEES if there's a Red Mark here

AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY ON MAY 12, 15, etc.

Gerry Boyce
 PRESIDENT