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Next summer check out the competition!

by President Orland French

We're a couple of months past Canada Day but the Historical Society's Checkers Pavilion must be mentioned as one of the highlights of our year. You might have missed it if you didn't get down to the fine Canada Day celebrations at West Zwicks Park, organized by the Locally Owned group. Our talented bargain hunter, Gerry Boyce, found a carload of cheap checker boards and set up a checkers competition in the Tom Gavey Pavilion. My idea for a special category for fat players (the Chubby Checkers Competition) was rejected.

Wild winds of the day sometimes threatened to blow the plastic checkers into the bay, but dozens of people came by to play. Young kids challenged their parents and grandparents, young couples sat down for a few moments of quiet contemplation while older people took time to rest and

refresh their checkered memories. Others took time to browse through the collection of historical pictures presented by Gerry and the Archives Angels.

It was a grand success. If the Canada Day celebration is repeated next year, and let's hope it will be, I am sure we will be asked to repeat our appearance. Gerry has the games stored away, just in case.

On September 10 the restored United Empire Loyalist monument will be revealed in its finest glory at a 10 a.m. ceremony. The restoration program began a couple years ago, and included a move across the Front and Dundas intersection to a new home. Four accessory plaques will also be unveiled. The Historical Society played a key role in the restoration, first by encouraging the city to save the monument rather than destroy and

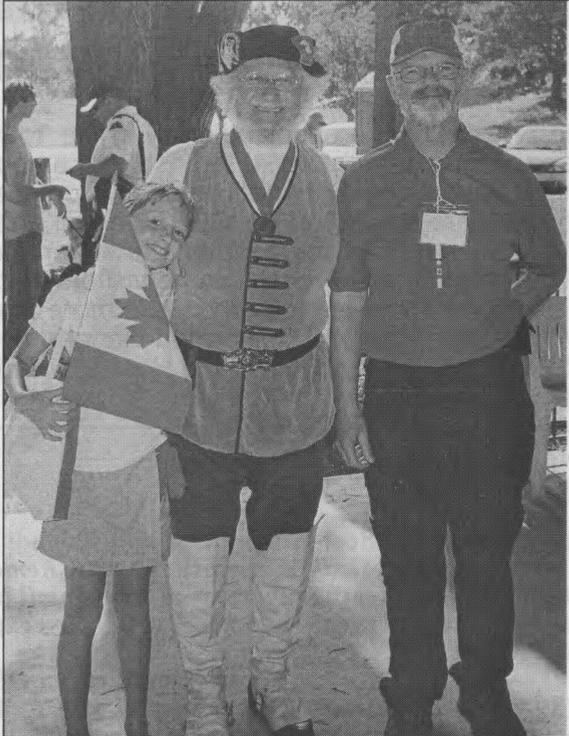
replace it, and then contributing \$1,000 toward its restoration.

Our main event of the fall will be our dinner and auction (now an annual event!) on October 29 with its World War II theme. More details are available elsewhere in this bulletin and in the special insert. An entertainment highlight will be a skit to be written by the author of this article, whenever the Muse gets back from her summer holiday.

Over the past few months we have been inching toward the development of a joint county-city-Society archives. In the meantime, the city has begun working on repairs to the old Heritage Centre to restrict access to both raindrops and bats.

Our monthly meetings begin on September 20 at the Quinte Living Centre. See you there.

Next Meeting
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20,
 2005
Speaker
Dr. Brian Osborne
Topic
The Three Worlds of Eastern Ontario
 Refreshments
 Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
 Monthly meetings are held in the Auditorium of the Quinte Living Centre
 370 Front Street, Belleville



Ferron Waite, who completed 22 checker games to win the CCCCC event is shown with Society Crier Bruce Bedell and Society volunteer Bill Kennedy. Runners-up were Michelle Waite and Alex Cross. Draw prize winners were Emily Hudson, Sharon Kennedy, Anne Rector, and Ron Silvestri (all of Belleville), Diane Adams of Consecon, and Isabel Zak of Trenton.

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Canada Day in Belleville

July 1 saw the Society host a special display in the Tom Gavey Pavilion at Zwicks Island as Belleville celebrated Canada Day in great style. Almost 20 members and friends helped set up and staff our display. The highlight was the First Annual Canadian Confederation Checkers Challenge Contest. More than 40 checker games were set up for the six-hour event and visitors of all ages dropped in for one or more games. Ontario Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman dropped in and was presented with a participation certificate by President Orland French. Some visitors helped us identify previously unidentified people in pictures from our collection. Also featured were more than 20 display panels on such topics as "Zwicks Island in the Past" and "How We Celebrated Canada (Dominion) Day in Past Years." In the photo, the Society's "Archive Angels" are shown at the Hastings Heritage Centre preparing checker boards and displays for Canada Day.

Sympathy

The sincere sympathy of the Society is extended to three of our families in connection with the deaths of Bill Hunt Jr., Fran Zandbergen, and John (Jack) Parrott.

Bill Hunt Jr. (39 years of age) was the son of historian and Society Director C.W. (Bill) and Millie Hunt. A reporter with the *Intelligencer*, he was highly regarded as a journalist and well known to Society

members and friends because of his work on the *Remember When* section of the *Intell* a few years ago and for his coverage of Society events.

Fran Zandbergen (52 years of age) was the wife of Lewis Zandbergen, a Director of our Society and editor of *Outlook*. Fran was a devoted partner, wife and mother, and often helped her husband with matters relating to the County and

Stirling historical societies.

Jack Parrott (93 years of age), husband of Bernice Parrott, was a life member of our Society and a philanthropist whose generosity can be seen in many locations throughout the Quinte region. Jack was responsible for almost all of the funds used to move and restore the 1924 U.E.L. Log Monument at the intersection of Front and Dundas streets in Belleville.



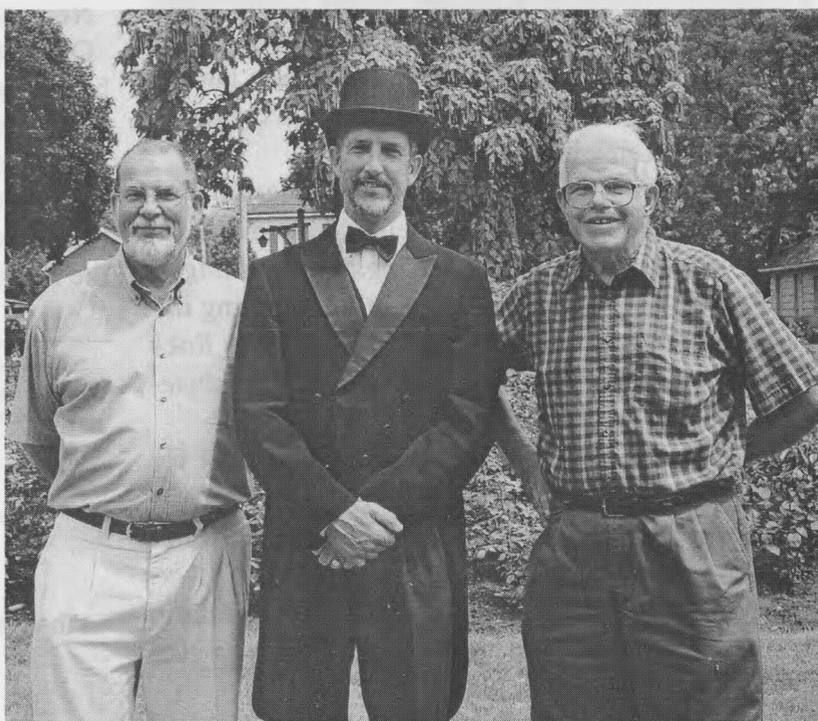
Peter Ferri (far right) and other re-enactors visited the Society's Canada Day display. Society volunteer Luella Parkhurst (far left) and display planner Allan Montgomery (third from left) were on hand to greet them.

Doors Open Belleville, etc.

Our Society was one of five organizations helping to sponsor this event on September 10 and 11. Twenty sites (including our Hastings Heritage Centre in Cannifton) participated. Watch for news of this event in the press and in the next *Outlook*. October 1 and 2 will see Doors Open Comfort Country in the Madoc/Marmora/Stirling/Tweed area. Sites will include the Grand Trunk/Canadian National Station (Stirling), the Tweed and Area Heritage Centre, and the Tweed Jailhouse (reputed to be North America's smallest).

Corby Park Centennial

Thanks to the efforts of Cindy Fort (assisted by Tim Fort, Gerry Boyce and other Society members), the community celebrated the 100th anniversary of Belleville's Corby Park on July 24. With only 27 hours to prepare the event, Cindy and her helpers arranged a fitting ceremony with music, refreshments, and greetings from Society President Orland French and Heritage Advisor Gerry Boyce. Belleville Councillors George Beer and Teresa Whitmore were in attendance, along with Parks and Recreation Department Director Doug Moses. Senator Henry Corby (aka Tim Fort), who donated the park exactly 100 years ago to the day, also was present.



Senator Henry Corby is flanked by Society President Orland French (l) and Heritage Advisor Gerry Boyce at the Corby Park Centennial Celebration on July 24.



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News from here and there

Mary McConnell Steps Down

We regret to report that Mary McConnell has announced that she will be unable to continue as a Picture Archivist with the Archive Angels. Mary has worked with the picture collection for about 20 years and has made a real contribution. We thank her for her efforts and wish her well.

The UEL Monument

As of September 10 the relocated and restored UEL monument at the intersection of Front and Dundas

streets in Belleville was rededicated in a co-operative venture in which our Society played a significant role. Without our active intervention and the generosity of Jack Parrott, the original monument would have been demolished. Watch for more news of this event in the press and in the next issue of *Outlook*.

Stirling-Rawdon Genealogy Fair

The Stirling-Rawdon Genealogy Fair was a great success on August 27. Sponsored by the Stirling-Rawdon Historical Society, the event attracted over 100 people, some from as far away as Kitchener.

About the September Speaker

Brian Osborne is Professor Emeritus of Geography at Queen's University, Kingston, where he has taught since 1967. His research areas include aboriginal history, settlement history, cultural landscapes, and the role of the "culture of communications" in the development of a Canadian sense of place.

He has published extensively on the Kingston area, his most widely read piece being the volume he wrote with Donald Swainson, *Kingston: Building on the Past* (1987) which he is currently reworking into a new edition. His most recent volume is *The Rock and the Sword: A History of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kingston* (2004).

Professor Osborne has served as a Consultant for the National Capital Commission, Heritage Canada, Parks Canada, Canada Post, and the National Film Board.

He is in his second year as President of the Ontario Historical Society and is Past President of the Kingston Historical Society.

We are fortunate to have such a distinguished scholar and speaker to begin our fall series of general meetings.

A New Home for the Archives

Negotiations are continuing between representatives of the City of Belleville, the County of Hastings, and our Society with respect to the possibility of future archives arrangement.

News from the Hastings Heritage Centre

Our Monday afternoon workshops continue to be busy. Recently the "archive angels" completed a shelf list of all catalogued printed and manuscript materials in the archives, finished a preliminary inventory of the pictures and negatives in the files of the *Quinte Weekly News* (1986-1992), and prepared the Heritage Centre for Doors Open Belleville.

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