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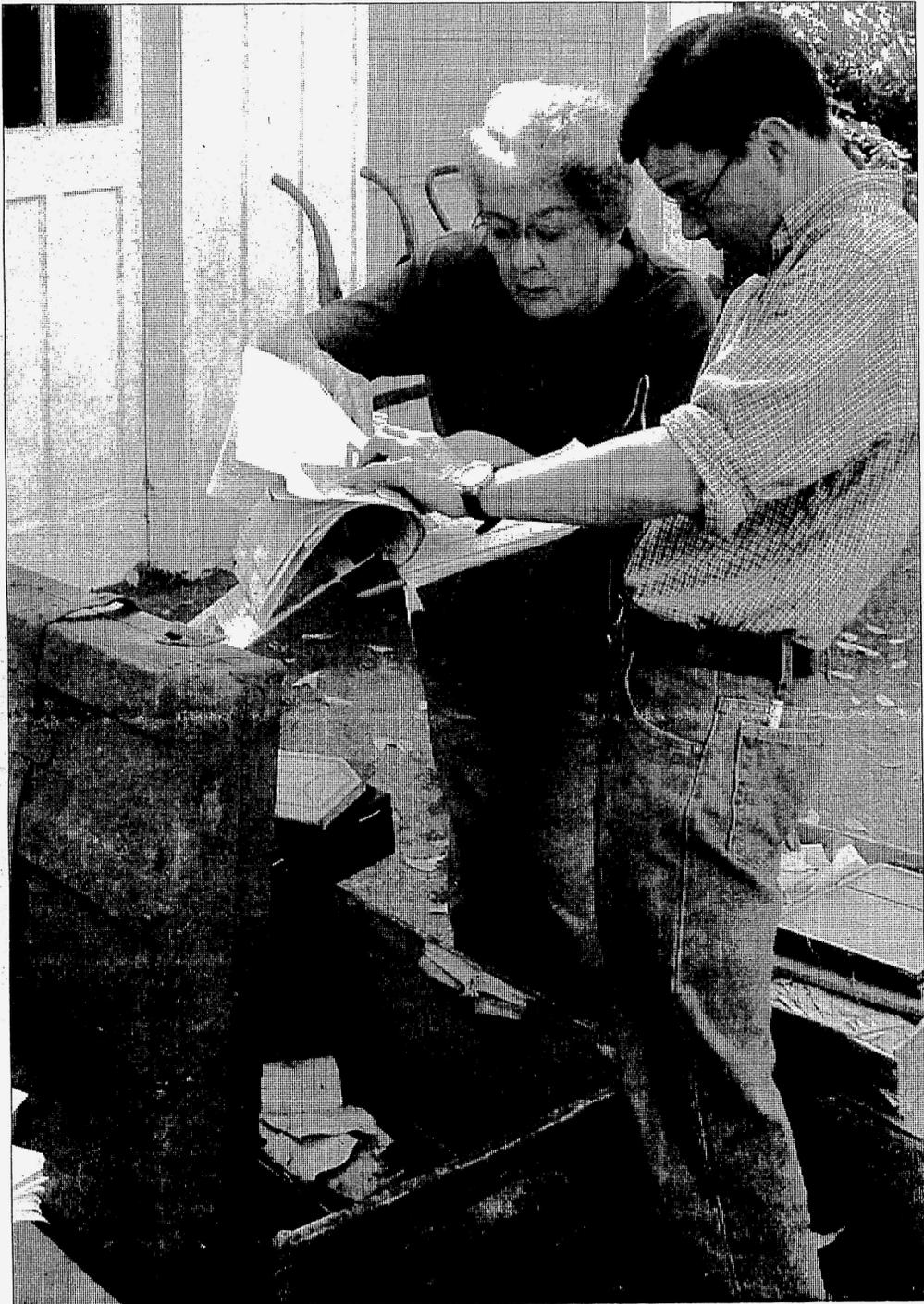
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Clarington Museum nets unique collection



Museum Curator Charles Taws and Janet Rice examine a collection of invoices and bills from the turn of the century, left in one of six trunks turned over to the museum by the Rice family.

Police Raid Hells Angels' Illegal Bar Again

For the second time in five months an illegal bar was raided early Saturday morning when a team of officers from the Durham Regional Police executed a Provincial Offences Act search warrant at the Hells Angels' Clubhouse in Oshawa.

On Saturday October 11th, 2003 at approximately 3:45 a.m. members of the Tactical Support Unit, Provincial Biker Enforcement Unit and Intelligence Branch entered the Hells Angels property on Ortono Avenue in Oshawa.

The allegation is that the Oshawa Chapter of the Hells Angels routinely hosts "bar nights" at its unlicensed property. Several people were found in the facility engaged in the selling, consumption and purchasing of alcohol.

A quantity of alcohol, alcohol-related property in excess of \$2,000, money and an amount of drugs were seized. The drugs, including cocaine and marihuana, had a street value of \$1,000. Over 12 charges were filed under the Liquor Licence Act and the

Controlled Drugs and Substances Act.

Investigators consulted members of the provincial prosecutors office and the Alcohol and Gaming Commission as part of this ongoing investigation.

Anyone with information or concerns regarding illegal activity in a residential neighbourhood is asked to contact their local Community Police Office or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 and the information will be forwarded to the appropriate authorities.

Charles Taws has just had an experience many museum curators only dream about.

A set of trunks packed in 1912 and left with the Rice family of 67 Concession Street Bowmanville were turned over to the Clarington Museum Saturday afternoon.

Frank Kydd aged 38 at the time, left the trunks at his uncle Harry Rice's Hardware Store on King Street, Bowmanville when he went to join the rest of his family in Cuba.

Frank's father John Kydd, manager of the Dominion Piano and Organ Company in Bowmanville, along with his wife, Clara, and two children Fred and Winnie, pulled up stakes in 1903 and went to Cuba to manage a fruit plantation and formed the Cuba Development Corporation.

Frank, aged 26, did not accompany his family when they left Canada in 1903. From a document found in one of the trunks, Frank's official title was a Piano Regulator. He did continue to work for the Dominion Organ and Piano Company after his family left, but it is as yet unknown in what capacity.

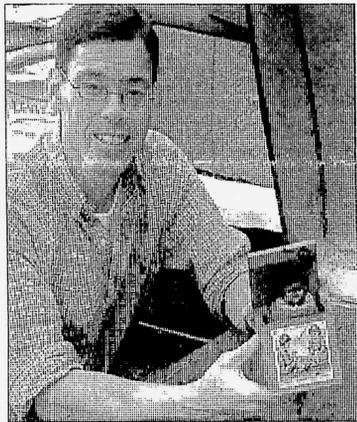
The trunks with Frank's earthly possessions were moved from the hardware store to the garage of the Rice family home in 1943 after Harry Rice died and the hardware store was liquidated. Janet Rice speculates that Frank wanted his belongings stored in case things didn't work out in Cuba.

After spending several hours rooting through trunks Taws said, "How many people have trunks of this vintage, variety and the circumstances to arrive here?"

The museum is planning to set up a permanent Dominion Organ and Piano Company exhibit in the former Bowmanville Library building. "The tools and related items will go to that exhibit,

and the personal effects will go to the museum house, as they are from the exact time period we're interpreting in the museum." One of the trunks was a tool chest containing what Taws described as one complete set of tools for a craftsman circa 1900. A rare find in his estimation.

Items in the other trunks that piqued Taws interest was a scrap book full of trade cards, new year's cards and other greeting cards, catalogues, personal papers, about six one year leather bound monogrammed personal diaries, Frank's winter clothes, documents from the local IOOF of which Frank



The jack-in-the-box—an example of the diverse contents of the trunks.

was a member, his school certificates, a box of coffee beans, a pack of what is believed to be gold leaf, a few toys from his childhood, boxes of nails and other hardware, medallions, mirrors, piano parts,

clamps, his shaving equipment, some bicycle parts, chinese lanterns, intact 1902 calendars from the Dominion Organ and Piano company, "a real treasure trove," said Taws.

One box inside a trunk contained the instruction

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