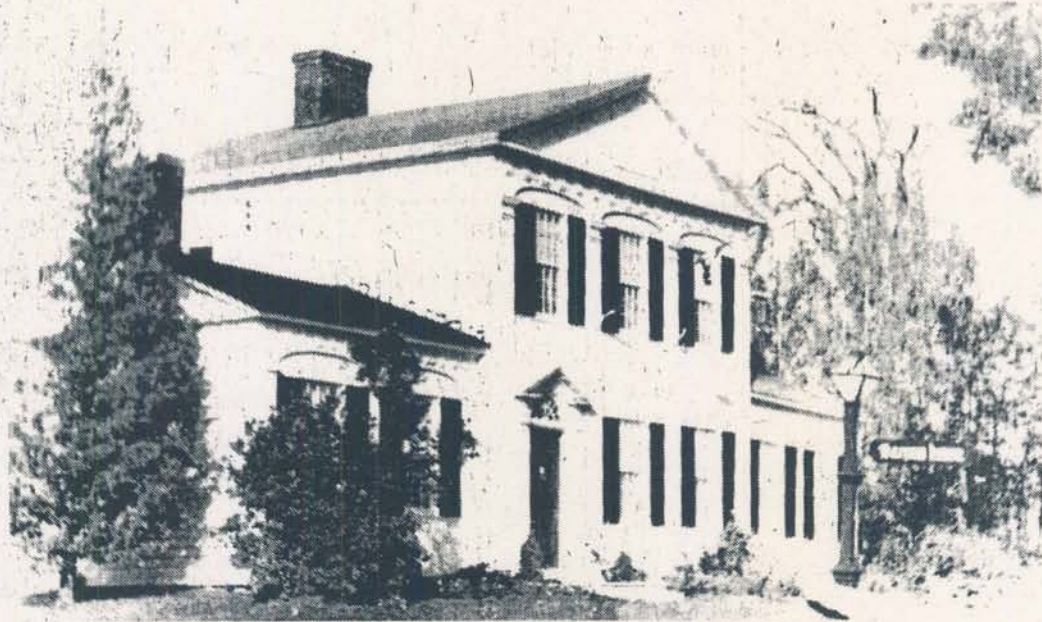


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Outstanding Barnum House season



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Barnum House Museum, Grafton, has had one of its best visiting years, curator Mrs. Gorman Young told the Sentinel-Star yesterday.

Over 3,000 visitors went through the fine old home during the season. The museum was open daily during July and August and on Sundays during May, June, September, October.

"And it's not over yet," said Mrs. Young, "we have a group of school children from Toronto this weekend."

She takes tours by ap-

pointment during the off-seasons.

The Barnum House committee is planning its annual old-time Christmas party for December 12, this year, Mrs. Young said. Two times will be given for members to attend, from four to seven, and from eight to eleven.

Membership, as of yesterday went to 287 -- up over last year's 150.

"We've never had so many members," she said.

Asked the reason, she felt it was aided by a story last year in the Sentinel-Star which told about the

Christmas party. So many people wanted to come, and they all bought memberships.

The committee is busy doing some maintenance work before winter, caulking windows and cracks of the old house. Chairman Doug Johnston and Mr. Young have gone over much of the house, looking for repairs to be undertaken before winter.

"Basically, the old home is in excellent shape," says Mrs. Young.

It is one of Ontario's best-known architectural landmarks.

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