

Bruce County museum opens new wing

'Too often we take our heritage for granted; instead we should be proud, and there was one man in Southampton determined the history of Bruce County should live on, - he was Dr. J.F. Morton, Dentist, historian, writer and good citizen', so said Mayor Maurice O'Dwyer on Sunday afternoon.

In a brief ceremony, the Dr. J.F. Morton Wing of the Bruce County Museum, Southampton, was officially opened. The ribbon was cut by Bruce's Warden Alec Lamont, Saugeen, assisted by Howard and Bruce Krug, brothers of the late Wilfred C. Krug, whose generous bequest helped finance the museum addition.

Many people attended and enjoyed the perfect afternoon on the lawn and touring the new wing which is located on the site of the former Public School, and filled with pioneer items from all over the country.

Reeve George Tranter was chairman. Father Martin Brennan gave the prayer of Invocation and Rev. Jack Walsh the Prayer of Dedication.

Brief speeches were given by Reeve Lamont, Crawford Douglas, M.P. and Murray Gaunt, M.P.P.

John Sim, president of Bruce County Historical Society (and historian cum laude) praised the

efforts of our pioneers and the people now.

Rev. E. Reid, Tiverton, accepted the keys to the building from E.I. Lahtinen, architect, for Cluff and Cluff Ltd.

Mrs. J.R. Gibson, sister of the late W. Krug, assisted by Mrs. J.F. Morton, unveiled a plaque commemorating the opening of the new addition.

Praise was heaped on curator Ken Goar and his wife Gladys for their hard work and untiring efforts at the museum.

Mr. Goar has told The Reporter he hopes the museum 'will be a major attraction for the whole county'.

The addition was started some months ago at a cost of about \$375,000.

Mr. Goar has three young helpers, government sponsored, for the summer, as well as help and interest from several local and area women's groups.

Miss Nancy Preston played organ music prior to the opening.

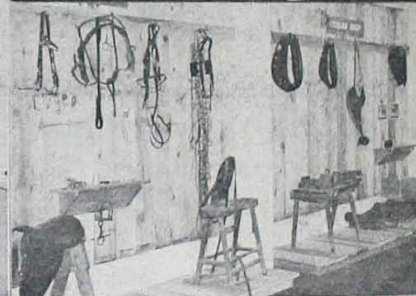
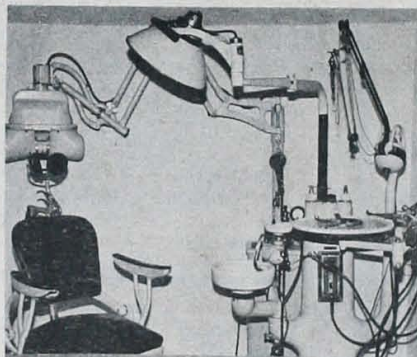
St. Paul's Anglican church women served coffee and cookies.

The Port Elgin Kinsmen Club unveiled a plaque at the millstones in front of the original museum building. Len Wallace, 1976 president, represented the Club.



Dignitaries who took part in opening ceremonies at Bruce County Museum, Sunday afternoon. Shown are Curator Ken Goar, Howard Krug, Reeve George

Tranter, Ripley, Warden Alex Lamont and Bruce Krug. A new wing at the Southampton-based Museum is now open to the public. (Staff photo)



A new addition honoring the late Dr. J.F. Morton, Southampton dentist, is now fact in Bruce County. The opening drew a large crowd of interested persons from all over the county. Shown above, equipment from Dr. Morton's office; a plaque marking the official opening with the County Tartan cover being removed by Mrs. Morton and Mrs. J.R. Gibson, sister

of Wilfred Krug whose generous bequest helped finance the new wing at the Museum. The wicket from the old 'South' Post Office is in the general store. Part of the harness and collar shop is shown. The old and the new buildings house a multitude of articles, all reminders of Bruce's glorious past. (Staff photo)

Church smorgasbord

It's so well organized by now
That our convenors tell us how
Right down to all details, I trow,
Each in her territory.

It has become established here
That there'll be Smorgasbord each year;
To our record we now adhere
For crowds to join our soiree.

With choice of meat on platters round,
Delicious salads that astound,
And pies and tarts that hold spellbound:
Of all there's inventory.

Across the way the music swells,
And casts on us nostalgic spells;
Familiar tunes like magic bells
Tell each of us a story.

Quite like a garden party scene
Our patrons feast upon the green;
Each year return to thus convene
While yet ambulatory.

by Myrtle M. Upshall,
Port Elgin.