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Barnum House Museum, located west of Grafton on County Road 2, closes for the season August 31.

Thanks to student staffers, the museum has been open this summer on a Wednesday-through-Sunday basis, following the summer of 2002 when it did not open on a regular basis.

That summer, according to board member Greg Hancock — as quoted in a story in the Cobourg Daily Star — grants had not been available to hire student docents, as was the customary practice.

This year, a portion of the funding to hire the three university students came from a private donation. As well, the Ontario Heritage Foundation was able to secure a student-wage subsidy from Sir Sandford Fleming College.

Built by Eliakim Barnum between 1817 and 1820, the grand residence was home to the Barnum family for a century. It passed to the Prentice family in 1917. It was bought and restored in 1939 as a house museum by the Architectural Conservancy of Ontario.

It was operated as a museum by the Township of Haldimand from 1958 to 1989, though the Ontario Heritage Foundation had acquired ownership in 1982. In 1989, they entered into a partnership with the County of Northumberland for the museum's development.

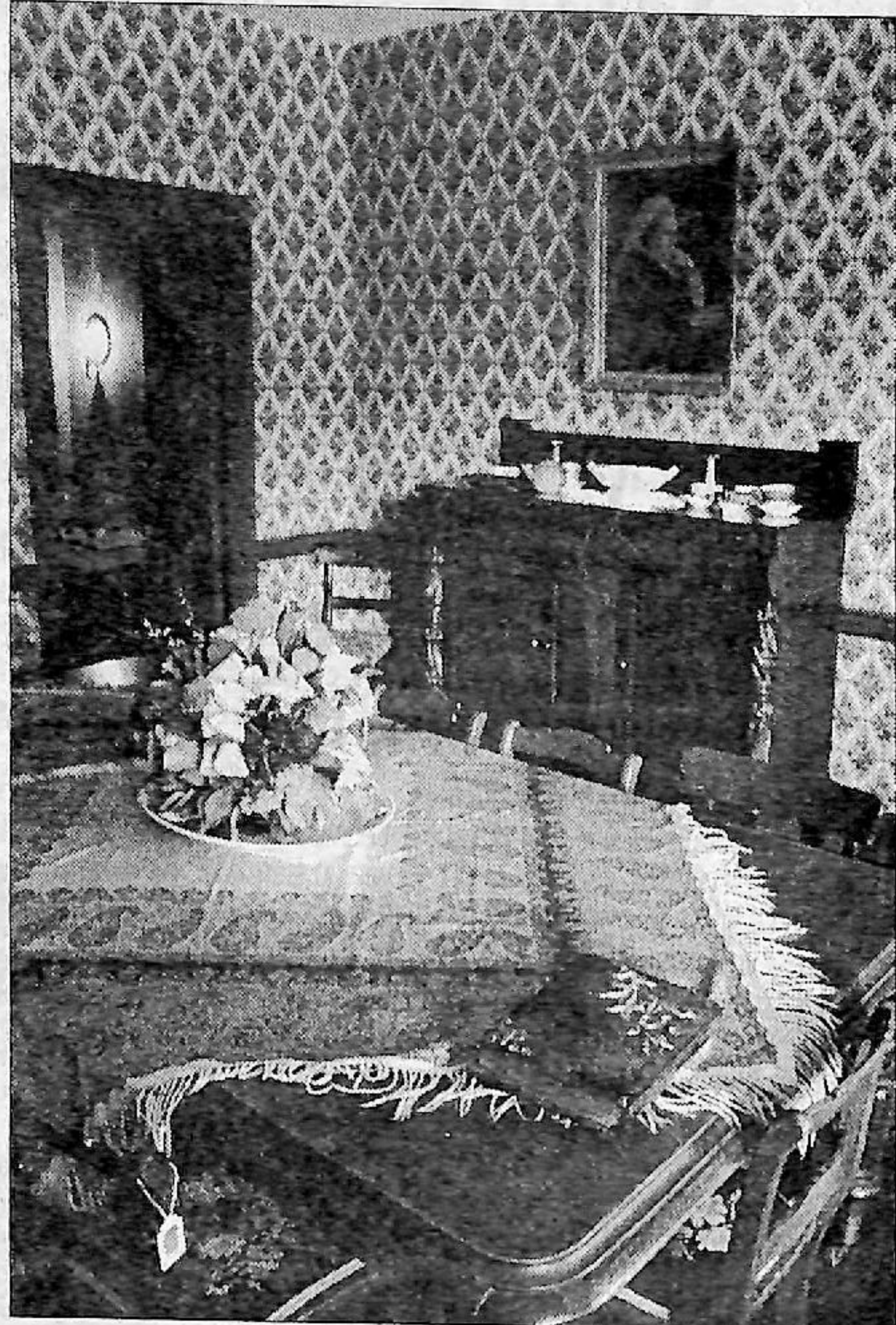


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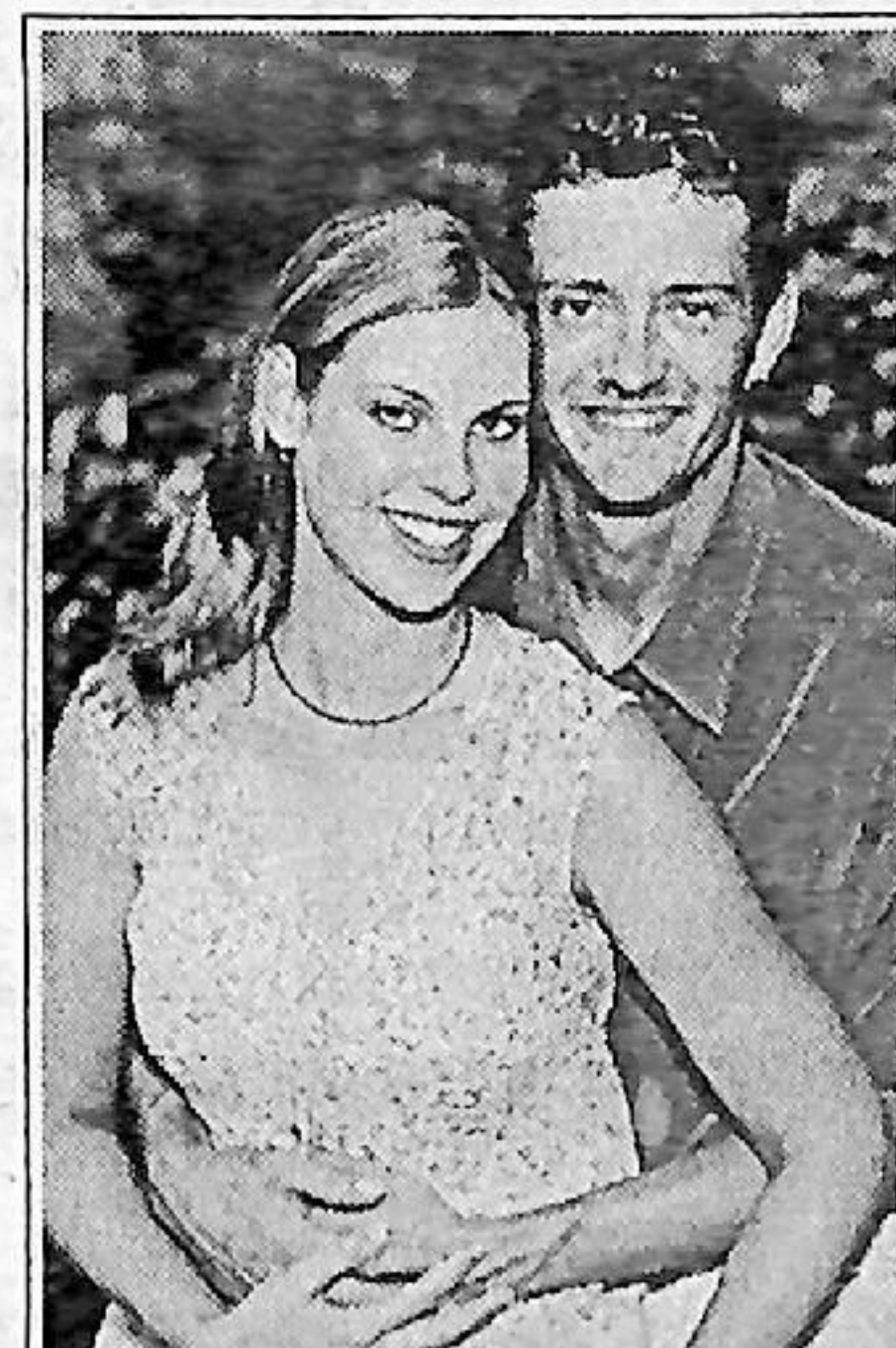
A portrait of Queen Victoria hangs over the sideboard in the formal dining room.

Eliakim Barnum arrived in Upper Canada early in the 1800s from Vermont. From these origins, he became a prosperous and influential businessman, whose house is now one of the more outstanding examples of early 19th-century Ontario domestic architecture — specifically, the Neo-Classical style in timber frame and wood detailing.

The summer staffers welcomed visitors from as far away as British Columbia, Texas and Germany. Kathy Dickson of the Ontario Heritage Federation says statistics are being gathered on attendance over this summer, and they will be reviewed over the coming weeks.

Meanwhile, you can still view this heritage home daily from noon to 4 p.m. until Sunday.

MARRIAGES



Whaley - Pike Wedding

Roger and Jane Whaley of Colborne are pleased to announce the upcoming wedding of their son Douglas Robert Whaley to Jennifer Diane Pike, daughter of Valerie Smith of Castleton. Wedding will take place September 6, 2003 at Golden Beach Resort. The couple will reside in Oshawa.

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Happy 90th Birthday

The family of Ivy Maskell (formerly of Colborne now residing in Kingston) wish her a very happy 90th birthday on September 1, 2003.

Love from George, Kathi, Erin, Brooke, Lindsay & Kaitlyn and Reg, Elaine, Brent, Jessica & Tyler.

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EOLL, GEORGE KENNETH

Peacefully, after a brief illness at the Northumberland Health Care Centre on Wednesday, August 20th, 2003 in his 82nd year. Beloved husband of the late Daphne Seaman. Loving father of Penny and her husband Douglas Numbers of Dorion, the late Christopher Eoll and his wife Caroline of Charlotte, North Carolina and foster father of Matthew James Sullivan of Hamilton. Dear grandfather of Deborah (Eoll) Diplock, Catherine (Eoll) Smith, George Eoll and Scott Sullivan. Great grandfather of Tyler, Kyle and Ryan Diplock, Dylan, Caitlin and Jenna Smith, Drake and Liam Eoll. Brother of Freda Harrington of Alberta and the late Doris Wilkins. Friends called at the MacCoubrey Funeral Home, 11 King St. W., Colborne on Monday, August 25th from 12 noon-2pm., followed by a funeral service at 2pm. Friends and family met at the Parish Hall of the Colborne United Church after the service. Cremation with interment of ashes in Mountain View Cemetery, Thunder Bay. If desired donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or Canadian Diabetes Association. (Cheques Only Please). Condolences received at www.maccoubrey.com

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