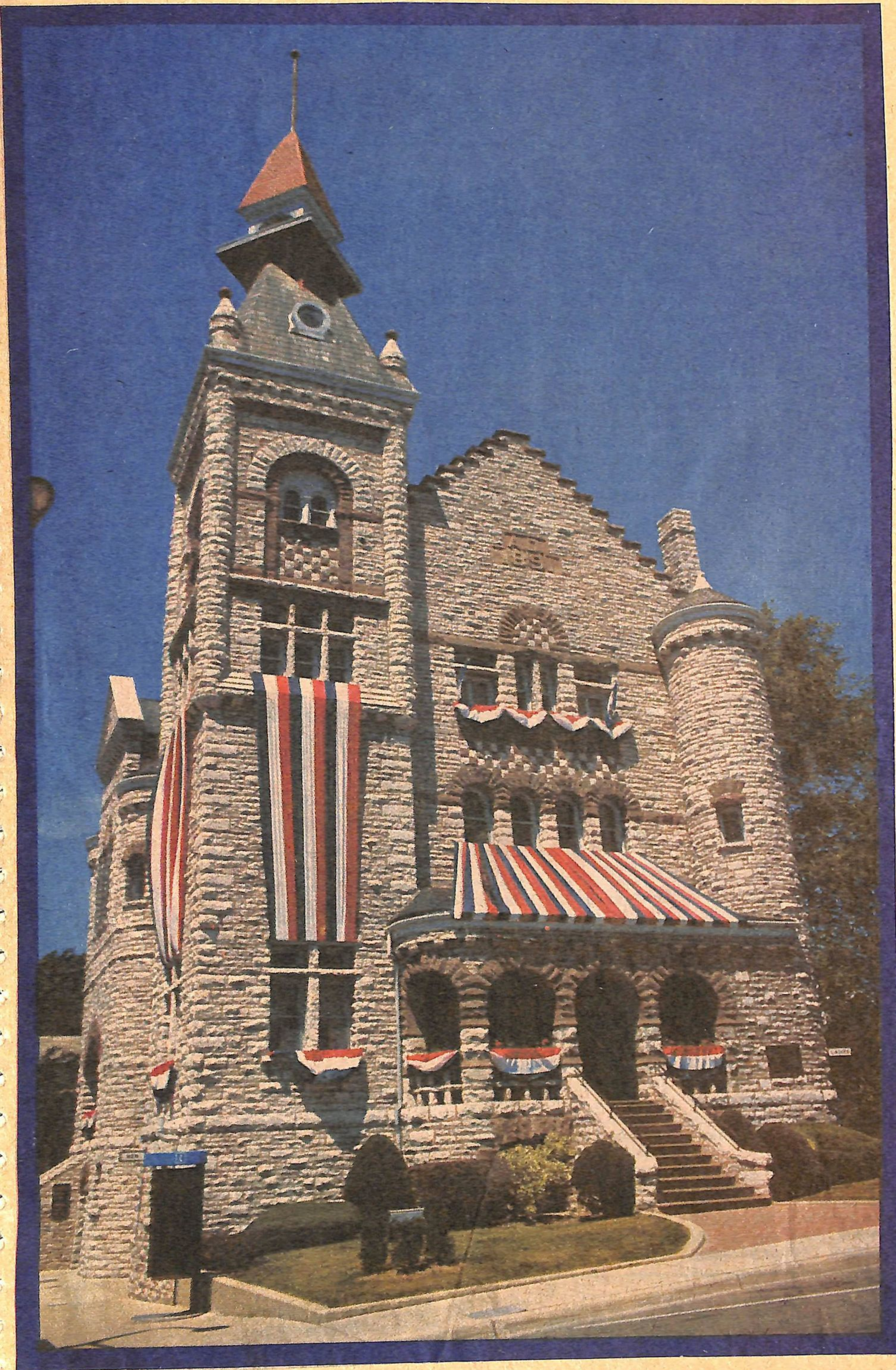


# Coloured Photograph Is Our Contribution



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On Monday communities across Canada marked Heritage Day in a variety of ways.

Here in St. Marys, several events heralded the annual day, promoted by Heritage Canada.

At the town hall, Heritage St. Marys presented a program which included a photo contest, appreciation awards and a film entitled 'Main Street.' News coverage of this event appears elsewhere.

Two local firms marked Heritage Day by closing down for the day, namely St. Marys Cement Co. and Masterfeeds of Belton.

Despite efforts by Heritage Canada and various affiliated groups across Can-

ada to have the day proclaimed a national holiday, so far the federal government has not seen fit to pass necessary legislation.

Here in St. Marys, we have only to look about us to be reminded of our heritage in architectural form. Many, in fact most, communities are not as fortunate.

The wrecking ball and bulldozer have been busy demolishing our heritage across this nation in the name of progress.

Perhaps it is time to stop and reflect. While progress is necessary and welcomed, must it be at the expense of heritage structures? Surely, with planning, heritage and progress can walk hand-in-hand, such as is seen in Europe (and here in St. Marys ie. West Ward School,

Church St. Bridge, Stone Water tower).

For your contribution to Heritage Week, stop and look around you at your heritage. Ask questions. How old? Built by whom? Built to house what?

As our contribution to Heritage Week, the St.

Marys Journal-Argus is proud to present a full-process colour reproduction of the town hall during Homecoming. This marks the first time process colour has been used at The Journal-Argus.

Do your part - bring your past alive!