

Free Admission to Museum Is Centennial Year Feature

The Halton County Museum has a centennial gift for anyone who wants to see what life in the area was like in the last century — there is no admission charge during centennial year.

As another centennial project, the museum is asking 101 families to donate objects of historical interest. A photograph of the presentation, and a certificate — complete with red ribbon and seal — are given to the donor as a memento of the occasion.

MANY DONATIONS

Museum director Major H. J. Newman said that there have been many donations, and the donors are always pleased to receive the certificate stating that they have given something that all Halton can now enjoy.

Major Newman said that there has been an unusually high number of people visiting the museum this year. During the spring, and up till the end of June, there were about 11,000 school children — from all over Southern Ontario — visiting the museum.

"We've had an awful gang of school kids in here," he said. He added that there are larger crowds on weekends, and through the week as well, this year. An average of 1,000 people view the exhibits on weekends, he said.

The displays they see recreate everyday life from 1890 to 1900 in Halton, and include documents, household goods, handicrafts and farm equipment.

KELSO AREA

The museum, located almost in the centre of the Kelso Conservation area north of Milton was the original homestead site of a pioneer named Adam Alexander — who settled there in 1836.

The farm had remained in the same family for four generations, until it was sold in 1860 to the Halton Region Conservation Authority. Shortly after that a section including the barn, the blacksmith shop, and part of the house was leased for 99 years to the museum.

The articles on display in the main building are mostly household articles, featuring a magnificent open hearth stone fireplace. The facing stonework was formed using stones from old walls and ruins located throughout Halton.

By the Civic Holiday weekend, which started last Friday, Major Newman expects that an additional two floors of exhibits in the main building will be open for the public.

He said that there are over 7,000 articles catalogued and ready for display as soon as there is room for them. Now, there are about 1,800 articles on view, and about 2,500 articles still to be catalogued.

Blacksmith Shop

The forge and blacksmith shop should also be ready by early August. This area will contain many of the devices invented by Adam Alexander — including handmade work tools, hinges and wagon brakes — as

well as many items added by the museum.

The blacksmith shop has been preserved in its original state, including the great forge and bellows.

The craft house, which was originally the pig pen — should also be ready to open in August. Here the arts and crafts which once thrived in Halton — spinning, weaving, quilting, embroidery, needlecraft, rug making and wood carving — will be featured.

The articles donated as centennial gifts will be on display in this building till the end of the year.

By the end of September, Major Newman expects to have a new building finished, which will be situated at right angles to the barn, and just south of it.

Georgetown Witnesses Hear Of Armageddon at Convention

"Armageddon, threatening though the name may sound, does not mean the wiping out of the race of mankind. The approaching war of Armageddon is, in reality, the forerunner of the happiest time for mankind in all human history. That is why a constantly increasing 'Great Crowd' of people today is looking forward eagerly to the coming of this universal war of Armageddon," Mr. Gilbert Sallis said Sunday.

Mr. Sallis representative of the Toronto Branch of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, was speaking to an overflow audience of 7,000 persons at the Welland, "Disciple-making" assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses, Melville Taylor over-

seer of the Georgetown congregation who has just returned from a busy weekend in Welland, reported Tuesday.

He pointed to the worsening world conditions from the year 1914: nuclear arms making war more deadly, a population explosion leading to serious food problems, growing apprehension at the failure of world peace organizations to protect the lives of earth's thousands of millions. "Will mankind destroy itself before God does?" he asked. "That would occur, if as some theologians claim, 'God is dead'."

Bible dramas new to Witness assembly programs were seen Friday evening and Saturday afternoon. These one and a quarter hour dramas enacted by the Witnesses in costume, appeared for the first time at the grandstand assembly of Jehovah's Witnesses in Exhibition Park, Toronto, last year. Accurate in every detail these colourful dramas are attracting attention from members and Bible scholars alike. Their purpose on the program is not solely to entertain. The Witnesses feel the dramas are most effective in teaching and inculcating Bible principles.

An ordination ceremony Friday morning saw 94 of those who having recently made a dedication, immersed in a Font-hill Motel pool. This public ordination of new ministers involves total immersion following a pattern set by Christ Jesus

Beef Calf Club Members Tour Ontario Stockyards

On Thursday, July 28th, the Halton and Peel Senior 4-H Beef Calf Clubs toured the Toronto Livestock Yards under the direction of the Assistant Manager, Mr. Jack Riddell. While at the yards, members were given a thorough tour of the various sales rings and livestock holding areas. They were also given a run down of the history and method of operation of the Toronto Stock Yards. In 1903 the yards were built and open to the public. In 1944 the Ontario Government took over the yards which were previously operated by a private company. Of the ten public stock yards in Canada, Toronto has the largest volume market with 1 1/4 million head of cattle passing through them each year. This represents approximately 150 million dollars. There is a permanent veterinarian staff whose job it is to inspect all livestock passing through the yard. The livestock are sold by auction in one of the eight auction rings, except feeder cattle which are sold privately. The Dutch clock system of selling calves is used to speed up the process.

Roy Cock Pupils Pass Music Exams

A list of successful candidates in examinations held by the Canadian Accordion Teachers Association appeared in last week's Herald.

It was neglected to mention that all these boys and girls are pupils of a local teacher, Roy Cock, 12 Byron Street.

Receives News Brother Died at Sheffield, Eng.

Albert Dawson, 11 King St. W. received word last week of the death of his brother in England.

Alex Dawson died on July 31 at Sheffield Yorkshire. He had been ill for the past year.

The brothers last met in 1963

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when Albert visited his homeland.

Besides his brother here he leaves two sisters Mrs. Joe Brookes of Wharncliffe Side and Mrs. Nellie Eyles, Sheffield and two other brothers, Ernest and Percy, both of Sheffield.

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