



SPRING MEANS MUD COOKIES

Tanya LaPierre and her friends Christopher and Anita Mishak were making "mud cookies" as opposed to mud pies Sunday. The warmer weather means the mud season will soon be

here, in full force, with the accompanying joys of muddy children and muddy cats and dogs.

(Herald photo)

Tracing geneological roots among most popular hobbies

By MAGGIE HANNAH

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Geneology is the third most popular hobby in North America surpassed only by stamp and coin collecting according to the Esqueing Historical Society's guest speaker, Brian Gilchrist, a University of Toronto student.

Mr. Gilchrist told the group he began researching his own family at the age of ten and is still working on it, 12 years later. Besides the usual places to research material, like family bibles, church records and cemeteries, he reminded his audience to be innovative and check out related sources such as newspapers published in the area at the time in question, and local histories or talk to old residents of the area.

He noted that mass migrations from Europe saw whole communities uproot themselves and move to Canada in search of better circumstances. Many of these settlers petitioned the King for land when they arrived and some of these petitions contain a

wealth of information. They are available in Toronto or Ottawa.

He warned researchers not to accept one source as infallible since all births, baptisms, marriages and deaths were recorded by human beings and are therefore subject to human errors. Take whatever information is available as accurate until it is proven otherwise but don't stop looking for more information, he said.

He also warned those looking for family information to be aware of the phonetic spelling used by assessors in former times and sited Kennedys as an example often misspelled by English assessors. Most of them were Irish, Roman Catholic separate school supporters but the English assessors interpreted the name as Canada because of their accent, he said.

Another example of a source of different spelling of names occurs in the Secord family from the Niagara peninsula who have relatives in another part of the province who bear the name Secor. The different spelling apparently stemmed from a disagreement over father's will and one portion of the family moved away in anger and changed the spelling of the name to end their identification with the first portion of the family. How widespread this sort of practice was no one knows, but it can't be overlooked in an attempt to track down ancestors who should be in a certain area at a certain time but just don't appear to be.

Mr. Gilchrist said that checking government files on when various portions of the country were opened for settlement can also pinpoint when ancestors arrived in certain areas.

If a county wasn't surveyed until the 1840s and roads didn't go into it until the 1850s it's unlikely the ancestor who was supposed to have settled there in the 1830s really was there then "unless he was an Indian or was taking a break from his wife and kids for a while," he joked.

He said that large families not only named later children after deceased earlier children, they often gave them the same second name such as Thomas John and William John.

Mr. Gilchrist said that while geneologists are busy digging into their pasts they should not be overlooking future generations.

Record everything you can about yourself," he advised, "because future generations won't have the records to draw on that we have."

The use of numbers and computers will make census reports of no value to future geneologists and records will need to be kept by families and made available to others through families if family records are to continue as we know them, he said.

VERY MOBILE
Families are so mobile today that future generations won't have a hope of tracking their movements, he said, and sited an example he knows of a family who have three children, each born on a different continent.

He also pointed out the difficulties that will exist for future generations when it comes to untangling documents signed Ms. since no one will know if the lady was married, single or married

and retained her maiden name.

Mr. Gilchrist said that the earliest Ontario census available for public use is 1851 while Quebec's goes back to 1825 with odd records available to the mid 1600s. The first American census dates from 1790 while those in England and Scotland start in 1841. Irish records are only available from 1901 since a fire in a main record centre in the 1920s destroyed most of the earlier documents.

Mr. Gilchrist urged the group to give serious thought to establishing some sort of archives for Halton, either on a local level or as part of a co-operative effort for the whole county. He said that while Halton does have a museum at Milton records and artifacts are not being properly protected in it. He warned that the Ontario Archives has the power to take over, a community's records in order to preserve them, but if residents want their records to remain in the community they would do well to take action soon.

VIEWPOINT

Spring clean-up uncovers electronic bra

By Gerry Landsborough
Herald columnist

Spring - spring glorious spring and even though it appears quite the contrary spring is truly on the way.

Of course spring-fever is always the catylist for my annual nook and crannie clean-up. I attack the bookshelves during this once a year undertaking and review piles and piles of clippings, booklets, articles etc. that I have accumulated in an endless collection of miscellaneous knowledge gathering.

I always manage to come across seeds and seeds of trivia that somehow triggered my imagination and ended up in a drawer or box or file for who knows what future reference.

FACT AND FANTASY
From this vast supply of this and that come the following... I've made a list from one to five, some are fact, some are fantasy. Now you be the detective and sort out the fact from the fiction and at the end of the

column I'll give you the answers.

1) As wonderful as Canada is to Canadians their are many people who know little or nothing of her existence, a land or ice, snow and eskimos.

Are the following quotes fact or fiction? "Canada - I thought it would be in the mountains somewhere." Or... "Canada - I don't even know what street it is on".

2) Can you believe that as late as the seventeenth century - Shakespeare's time - that sophisticated and intellectual people - philosophers, royalty, etc. ate bits of preserved human flesh believing it to be a very powerful medicine and cure-all?

3) From my collection of groovy gravestones... "Here lies my wife please let her life. She's at peace and so am I".

or

"Here lies the body of Robert Gordon

Mouth Almighty and Teeth according Stranger tread lightly over this wonder For if he opens his mouth your a gonner by thunder".

or

"Remember Friends as You Pass By

As you are now once so was I As I am now so you shall be Prepare in life to follow me" ... chalked underneath was "To follow you I'd be content If I only knew which way you went".

ELECTRONIC BRA
4) A new electronic bra is available that lights up to tell the wearer the safest time to avoid pregnancy... green for go and red for danger. This ordinary looking frilly bra has a built in mini computer and heat sensors that computes body heat and then flashes the appropriate information.

5) Scientists predict that a deadly earthquake will take place before the end of this

century that will destroy San Francisco and Los Angeles and possibly dump the whole of Baja California into the ocean.

Now for the answers...

1) The quotes are correct. The first was from Marilyn Monroe and the second from none other than Al Capone.

2) The human flesh that was gobbled up at an unbelievable rate was from Egyptian mummies. In fact the demand for "mummla" was so great that it led to grotesque frauds.

Mummy factories sprang up all over Egypt where dishonest men used any dead body they could get their greedy little hands on. They filled the body cavities up with a type of asphalt material and then the bodies were tightly bound and placed in the sun. The heat of the sun and the arid Egyptian atmosphere produced a close enough replica - these poor souls would turn up as mummies in the apothecary jars of Europe.

ALL TRUE
3) All true, each and every

one.
4) Fact again the bra was developed by Mr. John Burke director of the Tenovus Research Institute in Cardiff Wales. It is described as the most sophisticated natural method of birth control ever developed.

5) True again... seismographs show that San Francisco is in a constant state of minor shakes, in 1857 and 1906 earthquakes destroyed the city. Geo-physists have traced major quakes about every fifty years. Statistics indicate that a major earthquake should have

occured in the area by 1970 at the latest. Because it did not scientists fear that even greater tensions and pressures are now building up and the result will be a quake of never before proportions. Yet no one leaves the danger zone... so much for mans faith in science or optimism.

'Til next week believe it or not...

REXWAY HOUSE FIRE

A fire of unknown origin caused \$4,000 damage at a home on Rexway Boulevard Thursday.

The house was empty during the day, fire prevention officer Larry Brassard said, and when one of the residents came home for lunch, the smoke detector was sounding, and the house was full of smoke. The fire was located in an upstairs bedroom in the house, and the fire department has not yet established the cause of the blaze.

DO YOU REALLY THINK FIRE CAN'T HAPPEN TO YOU?

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<p>SUE</p> <p>I JUST LOVE the homey feeling I get when I visit this home. The shag broadloom and warm rosewood panelling in the living room and the cosy separate dining room invite visitors to sit down for a friendly chat. As well, the bright kitchen and 4 newly decorated bedrooms make this a dream starter home I'd love to show you. Just call Sue Hamilton.</p>	<p>HERB</p> <p>I HAVE NEVER HAD A BETTER SELECTION of acreage or building lots available than right now for early spring building starts. We have plans as well as a builder available who will discuss with us your dream home. Come in or call Herb Splitter for more information.</p>	<p>VAL</p> <p>COME WITH ME TO SEE this brand new home - you will be delighted! It is a backsplit with a devastating view. You must see it. Call Val.</p>	<p>JUNE</p> <p>IF YOU WOULD LIKE to be closer to the big city lights, and would like a prestigious 2,800 sq. ft. executive home set among stately mature trees, let me introduce you to a showpiece in Bramalea, either for sale or for rent. Call June Carson.</p>	<p>MARG</p> <p>BE PREPARED FOR SUMMER FUN in the pool in your very secluded back yard. There's a walkout from the large bright kitchen, 3 bedrooms, attractive rec room. A good buy at \$62,900. Call Marg Parker.</p>	<p>MILLIE</p> <p>IF YOU ARE HAVING TROUBLE finding that perfect home, why not have your own built on this beautiful 6 1/2 acres with bush and trees just north of Georgetown. A great buy at only \$46,900. Call Millie Adams.</p>	<p>MURRAY</p> <p>WE ARE REALLY PLEASED to offer this 4 bedroom home for sale with ideal location in Acton. Truly well kept with lovely broadloom throughout. Has excellent workmanship and planning on division of basement and walkout. Open House March 24th, 2-4 p.m. at 11 Cobblehill Rd. Acton. Watch for the signs - Your Host - Murray Smith.</p>	<p>IRENE</p> <p>EVERYTHING ABOUT THIS HOME is just right from the den and family room, through the living and dining areas up to the spacious bedrooms. It's a pleasure to show so let me be your guide - call Irene Paterson.</p>	<p>DON</p> <p>HIGH ABOVE THE CROWDS and if you like country atmosphere, thirty acres with paved roads and winding trails through the bush. 592 ft. frontage on paved road with home set up high on the hill. Over 3,000 sq. ft. of finished Swedish style chalet plus 2,000 semi-finished. All only three years new. Also century log house plus barn, fenced paddock, driveway and more. For details and inspection call Don Jarvie.</p>	<p>OLGA</p> <p>"FRESH COUNTRY AIR" - Take your family for a drive this Sunday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. out to the country and let me show you a real "family home". Featuring 3 large bedrooms, huge kitchen for Mom, main floor family room with fireplace and walkout to patio and pool; a full basement with workshop for Dad. Call me for directions. \$74,900. Your Hostess - Olga Fedun.</p>

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