

New role for an old landmark

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Plans are under way to update the Limehouse Memorial Hall so that it can again become an active part of the village and surrounding area.

Sitting in the middle of the village, the hall was built in 1876 and used as a Methodist church until September, 1921 when Mr. William Goudy of Acton purchased it. He was for many years a resident of Limehouse.

It was originally built by the late George Grant, a United Empire Loyalist. He was ably assisted by various members of the congregation and the Reverend John Lynch, at that time, minister of the village church.

In June, 1945, after a great deal of discussion, Mr. Goudy consented to sell the stone church and property to the Limehouse Women's Institute. They purchased it as a memorial to the local boys and girls who had served in the European wars. Papers were duly signed and it was renamed Limehouse Memorial Hall.

Constructed from materials and wood from

nearby quarries, the one story hall remains to this day in good condition.

Since purchasing it in 1945, the Limehouse Women's Institute have maintained it, but have found it financially impossible to make the major and costly renovations on their own.

At a community meet-

ing in November of 1996, it was decided to elect a board of three community members and three Women's Institute members and proceed with necessary renovations to make the Hall more functional and user-friendly.

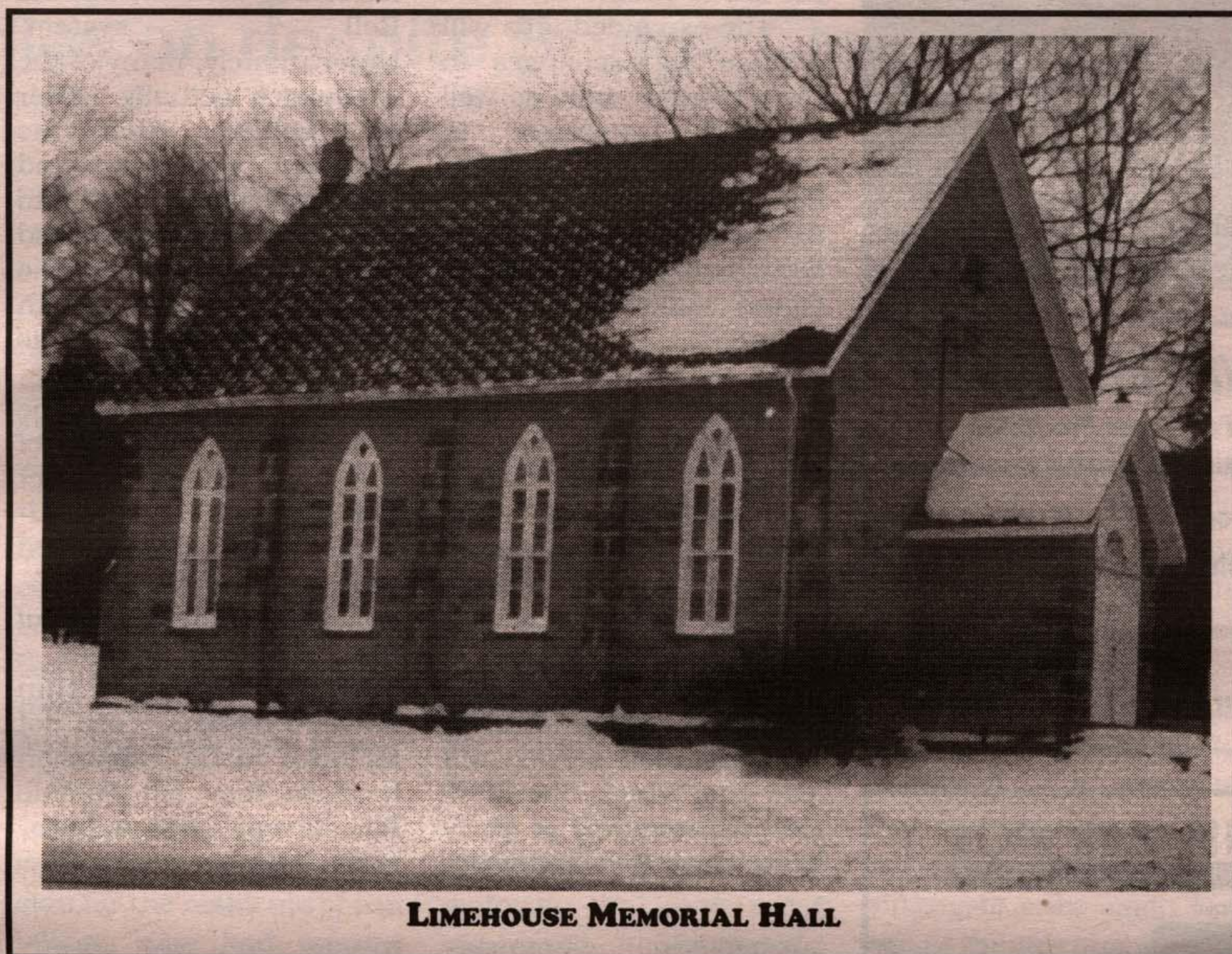
After a successful community canvas and financial support from the

Georgetown Kiwanis Club, a new well has been drilled and a septic system installed. Plans are in the final stages for renovation inside, namely installing washrooms and updating the kitchen. Much of the work will be done by volunteers from the community.

By donating to this project, people feel a part

of the community in keeping this historical building an integral part of the neighbourhood.

The Limehouse community has opened their hearts and pocketbooks in a most overwhelming way. Interest outside the village is growing and any extra financial support is greatly appreciated.



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APOLROD to the rescue!

BY BETTY BROWNRIDGE
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The Association for the Preservation of Ontario Land Registry Office Documents (APOLROD) was formed in January, 1997 in response to the planned destruction of pre-1955 Ontario Land records.

The reason for this action is the lack of space required to store the quantity of paper records. The actual documents themselves are considered redundant now because the government has declared that microfilm is legal copy. Pre - 1868 documents have already been sent to the Ontario Archives.

Heritage groups are concerned that some of the microfilm is of poor quality and has not copied well. Some records leave out pieces of information that are pertinent to historians and genealogists.

Land Registry documents are a record of how people of Ontario divided, bought, sold, mortgaged and willed their land. Documents involved the transfer of ownership of a property which can include indenture, bargain and sales, mortgages, quit claim, deeds, memorials, notices of claims, wills and more interesting informa-

tion. These various types of documents are referred to as instruments.

It is therefore believed that an inventory of 1808 - 1955 documents stored at Land Registry Offices will:

- allow all interested parties a better appraisal of the diversity of records to be found in our LRO's.
- provide the heritage community with an outline of the space requirements for local preservation.
- provide a complete provincial record of the final dispersing of these records to local heritage groups/repositories.
- insure that these vital documents are preserved for future generations.

It is the mandate of APOLROD to work in conjunction with the heritage communities, the Ministry of Consumer Affairs and Commercial Relations, the Archives of Ontario, Land Registry Offices, interested individuals and local heritage groups to safeguard and inventory pre-1955 documents stored in Ontario's Land Registry Offices. Placement of the documents and records is dependent upon the local heritage community.

The inventory for Halton County has been completed. Teams of two to four people worked together describing file

drawers according to number series, type of documents and measurements each category would require for preservation.

Physical inventory of all registers, abstract books, other books (wills) and measurement of books. The outside letter and titles were recorded with date begun and ended and overall condition of the records. More specific information was recorded for the years 1868, 1895 and 1935 as periods of change in municipal life. A comparison of randomly selected documents and microfilm images for completeness and quality of filming was also done.


Any individual genealogists or heritage groups wanting more information are welcome to contact APOLROD at 905-640-7391

4H Kickoff Nite

BY BETTY BROWNRIDGE
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A large crowd of 4H members, leaders and parents gathered in Hillcrest Church Hall on March 11, 1998. They were at the Trafalgar Road location to sign up for 4H Clubs which will be starting this month.

Austin Carpenter, Halton 4H Co-ordinator called on Annette Winter to



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address the group. She welcomed everyone and commented on the large attendance.

Annette went on to explain the rules and regulations for membership and added that new leaders would be appreciated.

Mr. Carpenter drew the group's attention to the Achievement Day dates. There are 16 clubs and include new ones such as Citizenship, Forestry,

Fitting Livestock for Showing and Maple Syrup.

The total number of club members this year will be over one hundred.

For more information concerning the 4H Program in Esquesing Township call:

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