

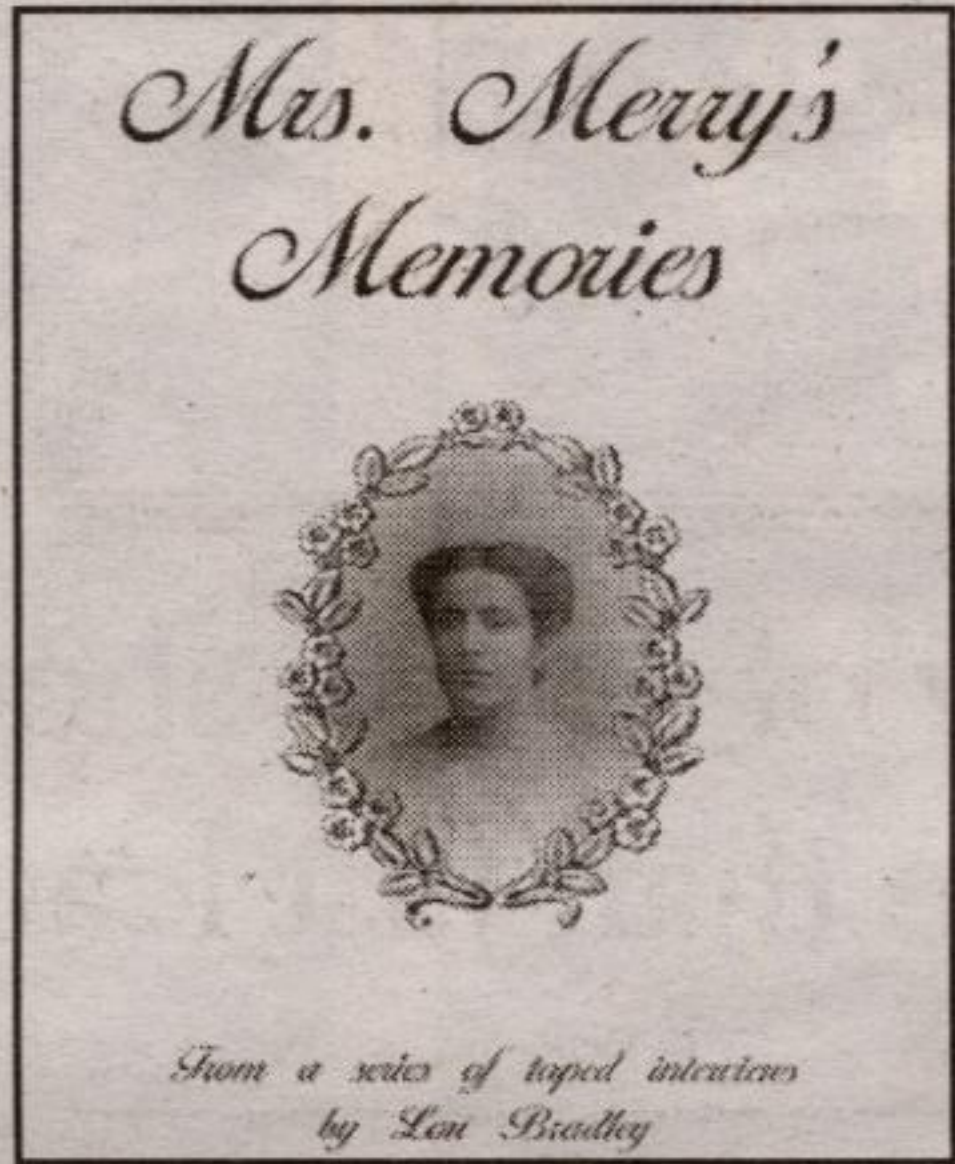
# Another piece of history preserved

The Milton Historical Society (MHS) is pleased to announce the launch of two new books on May 4 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Coles in the Milton Mall.

As part of a promotion to "Discover Milton's Heritage," the MHS is promoting all of the books they have published on local history, as well as *Time Capsules* by Jim Dills, recently released and reviewed in the April issue of *The Compass*, and the newest release, *Mrs. Merry's Memories*, edited by Deborah Quaille.

"The material in this book was derived from a series of six cassettes of taped conversations with Amy Lolita (Howes) Merry, made in 1976 by Lou Bradley," says Mrs. Quaille. "Thankfully, she had the foresight to visit with Mrs. Merry once a week during that winter and delve into the past, and gain a personal perspective on rural life in the Hornby area during the late 1800s and early 1900s."

Amy Howes Merry, a life-long resident of the Drumquin area, was born December 12, 1888 to Joseph and Isabella Howes in a frame house on the land which her great-



grandfather settled. Jonathan Howes came from Norfolk, England in 1819 with his wife Hannah Watt and their children. They purchased 200 acres of Crown Land in the new Trafalgar Survey, a tract of land now bounded by Trafalgar Road and the Sixth Line, and the centre lot between Derry and Britannia Roads.

After receiving her beginning education at the local rural school S.S. No. 7, Amy eventually attended Hamilton Normal School and later taught in several local schools, including SAE Hornby and her home school S.S. No. 7.

Mrs. Quaille, Arts Editor and writer for *The North Halton*

*Compass*, was researching historic stories and found the wealth of material from Mrs. Bradley's interviews made an excellent local history book.

"I remember Mrs. Merry as a warm-hearted woman from my years attending Bethel United Church in Drumquin, which was also her house of worship. I attended Percy W. Merry Public School and the Merrys were well regarded in our area. Throughout the transcription, I tried to preserve Mrs. Merry's homey phrases and inflection, although her words have been edited for clarity and rearranged categorically."

Lois McDougall, Amy Merry's daughter, and Keith Merry, her son, assisted with the research and provided photos from family albums. Lou Bradley, now a Milton resident, guided the process to help create this special remembrance.

The book will be issued with a CD to provide some of the original interview segments of Mrs. Bradley with Mrs. Merry. Proceeds from Mrs. Merry's *Memories* will go toward the restoration of the Waldie Blacksmith Shop in Milton.

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## Donna Danielli's Just Kidding Around

Spring is in the air. All around us birds are singing, trees are budding and the flowers blooming. Hope you and your family find time to enjoy the season with some of the following events.

Join a **Frog Watcher's Hike** at Mountsberg on May 4 from 7 - 9 p.m. Watch as secretive songsters and slippery sliders take over the swamp before you join staff for a fun hands-on and informative evening to listen to and search for Ontario's amphibians. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$7 for kids. Find out more by calling 905-854-2276.

Take a **Wild Flower Walk** for Mom on May 12 from 1 - 3 p.m. at Crawford Lake. Celebrate with an introductory spring slideshow followed by a guided wildflower walk and a serving of nature's tea. Regular admission costs apply. Call

905-854-0234 to find out more.

Upstairs At Loblaws Cooking School has a few activities scheduled this month. Kids aged six and up are invited to join Amy Smith for **Kid's Crafts for Mother's Day**, 10 a.m. - noon on May 4. All participants take home a personalized picture frame with picture, bouquet of tissue flowers and a special card for a cost of \$15 per child. Also for the six and up set is the **Mother Daughter Day** on May 4 from 2 - 4 p.m. Come prepare to make scones, tea sandwiches, coconut lemon tarts, fresh fruit salad and special sugar cookies. Cost is \$15/mother and daughter. There is a **Mother's Day Class** for kids age three to five and a parent or caregiver. Bake some sweet spring treats and then break out the glitter to make beautiful presents for mom. This class costs \$7 per parent and child. Find out more about any of these activities by calling 905-875-6871.

The Town of Halton Hills will be offering **Golf Lessons** beginning this month. Youth age eight to 14 will take lessons from 6-7 p.m. while youth age 15 and up will take lessons from 7- 8 p.m. Lessons take place at Top of the Tee Golf Centre on Mondays from May 6 to June 17. Cost for the eight to 14 year olds is \$72 while cost for those 15 and up is \$100. **In Line Skating Lessons** are also being offered to youth of all ages. All participants must wear a CSA approved helmet and hand, elbow and knee pads. These lessons take place at the Civic Centre Parking Lot from May 15 to June 19, 7-8 p.m. Cost is \$45. For more information call 905-873-2601, ext 2262.

Well that's it for another month. Hope everyone gets a chance to get out, enjoy the fresh air and have some fun. I'll be back again next month with more family fun events.

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## Brookville Bengal's Beat

by Paula Gomes

Lookout Broadway, Annie is coming to town!

The drama club at Brookville Public School has been busy putting the finishing touches on their production of Annie. Be sure to catch one of the three performances, being held at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, and 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 2.

Thank you to Mrs. Bates, Mrs. Wheatley, Madame Froemmel, Miss Lauzon, Miss Munro and Mrs. Kistner for their dedication, creative talents and many hours spent working with the students to prepare for this. Congratulations also to all of the students involved for their hard work and preparation.

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