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Met with 30 interested people

Author Orlo Miller visits Midland

Orlo Miller, author of two books about the feuding South Western Ontario Donnelly family, came to the Midland Public Library last week and met with a group of about 30 people.

In his leisure suit, turtle-necked sweater and earth shoes, he looked very much the mod cleric, which he is. He is a comparatively recently ordained Anglican priest.

He seemed reluctant to discuss his widely read books on the Donnellys. In 1962 he published **Donnellys Must Die**, a documentary account of the 19th century vigilante slaughter of seven members of the immigrant Irish family. His most recent work on the subject is a fictionalized account, called **Death to the Donnellys**.

"In a way, I've created a monster," he said when

pressed to talk about his two most celebrated books. "I suppose I'm a poor mother. Once a book is born, I don't want to have any more to do with it."

Instead, Miller talked eloquently and knowledgeably about scholarly disciplines ("I love ethnography, but dislike archeology, which is isolated from our world."); middle America as the

crossroads of the ancient world—"The arrogance of the idea that nobody ever crossed the ocean before the age of steam drives me nuts."; Spanish conquistadores ("I love their language but hate what they did"); and the Irish ("Southern Ontario in the nineteenth century was a hot bed of Orange-ism, and this breeds an Ian Paisley type of person. The Fenians too were created by the Irish, and a more mixed-up misbegotten campaign could scarcely be imagined.")

His remarks didn't go unchallenged. When he remarked that the adjective "black" was first applied to the Donnellys by another Donnelly scribe, Thomas Kelley, a listener replied that he'd heard the term used many years before Kelley's book (**Vengeance of the Black Donnellys**) was published.

Remarks about Southern Ontario Orange-ism prompted Mary Haskell, a local historian, to note that here in Midland, Roman Catholics worshipped in the Orange Hall until their own church was built.

After constant prodding from his audience, Miller finally gave a dry resume of the Donnelly story in which the Donnelly family was exterminated by a posse of vigilantes. "Nobody paid any penalty," he said. "And that miscarriage of justice is a blot on Canadian history. The Donnellys were not as black as they have been painted. With my books I've been able to reverse the verdict of folklore."

At the conclusion of the evening, Miller read briefly from a book he has written chronicling the history of London, Ontario.

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Dancers graduate

Belly Dancing is a subject that a lot of people take it very seriously. Of that small, but growing number of people some have even gone so far as to take lessons. At a party held in the Panorama Motel, graduates of the course held there put on a performance.

Funeral held Saturday

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 29 for the late Howard Watson Leonard (Tim), of R.R. 2, Midland, who passed away at St. Andrew's Hospital, Midland on Wednesday, May 26, 1976.

Beloved husband of the late Ada King, he was in his 69th year.

Dear father of Leona (Mrs. Ron Coghill) of Sunnyside, Mrs. Donna Fleming of Elmvale, Carolyn (Mrs. John Fagan) of R.R. 2, Midland and Deanna Leonard of Barrie, he will be lovingly remembered

by 11 grandchildren and one great grandson. He was the brother of Gertrude (Mrs. L. Hart) of Midland, Clarence of Wyebridge, Clayton of Wyebridge, Albert of Dundas, Jean (Mrs. D. Wilcox) of Wyevale and the late Eldred and Roy.

Services were held from The Church of the Good Shepherd, Wyebridge after a brief resting period at the A. Barrie Chapel of the James H. Lynn Funeral Home, Midland. Interment Church of the Good Shepherd Cemetery, Wyebridge.

Assesses learning opportunities

Library report released

Georgian Bay area residents need an improved communication schedule to keep them informed of educational opportunities, a task force report has concluded.

The Georgian Task Force on the Learning Community recently completed phase two of a study prompted by The Learning Society, the report of the Commission on Post-Secondary Education in Ontario.

The southern Georgian Bay area, consisting of Simcoe, Grey, Bruce, and Dufferin counties was selected for the study as being a typical "slice of Ontario" — close to Toronto but not totally dominated by Toronto's educational and cultural life, and having a mixture of urban, small town and rural communities.

From more than 300 interviews and a comprehensive series of informal meetings and

workshops held throughout the four counties, the task force endeavoured to assess the informal learning opportunities in the area and to isolate the educational needs felt by its residents.

Essentially a pilot project in open education, the Georgian Task Force on the Learning Community has involved nearly a dozen organizations, such as the Ontario Library Association, The University of Toronto, the Georgian Bay Regional Library System and Georgian College. Meetings were held in all parts of the area under study, emphasizing the sharing of information and encouraging residents to think creatively about their learning needs and possible ways to meet them.

The task force has concluded by recom-

mending to the Minister of Culture and Recreation that a community learning consultant be employed to work in the area, providing information, organizational assistance and liaison, promotion and stimulation of learning programs. This "learning facilitator" would be administratively attached to the Georgian Bay Regional Library System.

Other proposals made by the task force to reinforce the work of the learning consultant include the introduction of a rural learning mobile which would take information on learning opportunities to fall fairs, community centres and other high-traffic spots, and the development of a learning resources inventory which would be easily available to residents of the area.

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 TV Listings for May 6th. to May 12th.

TV highlights

Wednesday May 5 9:00 p.m.
 Global's Something Special stars Paul Anka

Saturday May 8 4:30 - 8:00 p.m.
 Canadian Bursary Figure Skating Exhibition on CTW

Monday May 10 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. on CTW
 The Olympic. The African are coming documents the emergence of the African athletes as a dominant force in Olympic competition.

Sunday May 9 10:00 - 11:00 p.m. on CBC
 The Struggle for Nationalism. Canada's Prime Minister R.B. Bennett.

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"A Night of Music" presented

Friends, neighbors and parents were all very impressed and pleased with "A Night of Music" staged by the pupils of Christine Brodeur at St. John's Church in Waubushene last week.

Several of the choir members also took part in the show.

Cindy Therrien and Michelle Goulet gave their impression of "I Enjoy Being a Girl". It was a very cute comedy and everyone loved it.

At the end of the program Brodeur was presented with gifts of TV tray tables, yellow place mats and a yellow china rose with a green candle in it. The gifts were from all her students.

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