

A good place to start

On Tuesday evening, Feb. 1, the Simcoe County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society held its second session of workshops at the Barrie Public Library.

Nearly 60 members and guests took part in the four workshops offered: beginners,

Ontario, Scotland, and Ireland. Participants gathered information from how to start a family tree to the difficulties of search in Ireland and how they may be overcome.

The society's library is growing, with new items being added regularly. The latest are

fourteen cemetery records from Notawasaga Township and four from Orillia Township.

Also growing is the membership list, now nearly 70.

The society's newsletter, distributed at the meeting, contains important information on some records available in Simcoe County and elsewhere.

The society's members welcome the good news that its application to the Ontario Genealogical Society to be a branch of that society has now been formally accepted.

On March 1, at 8 p.m., the Simcoe County Genealogy Society is holding a joint meeting with the Simcoe County Historical Association at the Blue Flame Room, Consumers Gas, Ferris Lane. Mrs. Gladys Train of Stayner will be speaking on practical aspects of family research.

Relative to the practical, those attending are invited to prepare short queries which may be posted. Name, address, and telephone number should be on the query. In this way, those doing related search may help each other.

Mrs. Train will be bringing to her talk some twenty years of experience in this particular field. A member of the Ontario Genealogical Society shortly after its formation in 1961, she served as genealogical director of the Simcoe County Historical Association after it reorganized in 1971, as well as the Association's Newsletter editor. Mrs. Train has been involved with the writing of Tweedsmuir histories, church histories, plus a weekly newspaper column - all areas which involved research in Simcoe County.

Travel news, views

Summer seat sale

by CAROL MERKLEY

A summer-long seat sale with discounts ranging from 44 to 59 percent on routes linking major Canadian cities has been announced by both CP Air and Air Canada. The rates will be available for six months for travel commencing May 1 through to Oct. 31/83.

ISLANDS RECOVER FROM HURRICANE
Hawaiian tourism officials say the islands of Oahu and Kauai have recovered from the effects of a hurricane in late November that caused upwards of \$200 million damage. The Poipu area on Kauai's south side and the Hanalei area on the northern side of the island were hardest hit by the hurricane. All but a few resorts are open for business. Bus and boat tours are all fully operational.

EXPO '86 ENTRIES
France has declared itself as a participant in EXPO '86. It is the 14th nation, and the first continental European country, to commit itself to the world's fair which is to be held in Vancouver from May 2 to Oct. 13. Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia will all have pavilions. The first two corporate exhibitors to join the roster were the Canadian National and Canadian Pacific.

SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN
In 1983, Six Flags Magic Mountain in Valencia, California will be introducing a waterskiing exhibition on its lake arena; evening firework displays; and new multimedia show called the "Spirit of the Olympics". The park also offers such attractions as roller coaster, a white water rafting ride, a sky diving ride and Children's World. Admission to the park is \$11.95 for adults, \$5.95 for children, three to six years old, children under three years of age are admitted free.

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Monthly report

During January, Midland police probed 15 reportable and 16 non-reportable motor-vehicle accidents, Police Chief Ernest Bates' monthly report for last month shows.

The report, tabled at Monday night's town council meeting, shows nine persons suffered injuries as a result of being involved in some of the mishaps on our town streets.

Police also investigated two sudden deaths last month. And during January they laid 30 charges under the Criminal Code of Canada, two under the Narcotics Control Act, eight under the Liquor Licence Act, 22 under local Bylaws, and three under other Provincial Statutes.

Meanwhile 106 charges were laid last month in town under the Highway Traffic Act including 69 for speeding.

And 247 tags were issued in Midland in January for parking violations, the police chief's report shows.

We're glad you asked!

Jim Lynn
Funeral Director



WHAT SHOULD A CHILD BE TOLD ABOUT DEATH?

Do you explain Grandpa's death to your child with a fairy tale? Or do you answer truthfully, and simply, so that the child may relate his grandfather's death to familiar things: flowers, for example, which live, grow, wither and finally die?

We believe the flower example can be understood by a child, because it relates to things he's seen and can grasp. "Flowers", you may explain, "don't live a long time, but we like them while we have them. Grandpa lived a long time and you and he had many good times together. But, like the flowers, he too, died. We will remember him with love, won't we?"

A child needs to understand that what has happened is a natural course of events-like the seasons and the rising and setting of the sun. He comes closer to his family through such honest involvement, maturing as he finds his own sadness is shared and understood.

Your questions and comments on this and other subjects are welcome - in private or publicly through this column.

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In the news

It's a 'no'

Midland council this week supported a public works committee report which says: no further action should be taken on a proposal to provide for a transit service to the Highway 93 area, between Yonge Street and King Street.

However in regard to a proposal for a general service extension to the King Street south area of town, it was agreed at the committee level and approved by council, that further studies should be completed with respect to ridership projections and any scheduling problems associated with that extension.

Buck agrees to sit on board

Midland Deputy-reeve Claude Buck has accepted the nomination of his colleagues to sit on the board of directors of Contact which

is marking its 10th anniversary this week. Meanwhile, Midland law-makers (Monday night) on a motion moved by Alderman Dan Herbert and seconded by Buck agreed to declare the week of Feb. 14 as Information Week as part of Contact's anniversary celebrations.

Five-year forecast

It is the opinion of Midland Public Works Committee, in view of the fact the town's storm sewer construction program has been stalled for a number of years, the matter now is reaching crisis proportions.

The topic came to light at a recent meeting of the committee while a proposed five-year forecast was being studied.

The forecast itself was given council's stamp of approval, Monday night.

As for the forecast, it places particular emphasis on storm sewer construction.

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