

Full house sees Huronia scenes

On Feb. 7, the second annual joint meeting of the Simcoe County Historical Association and the Simcoe County Genealogy Society brought out such a number that the gallery room of the Barrie Public Library was filled.

Brian Baker, showed a series of slides which he entitled Here and There in Huronia. Baker (who, he threw in for the benefit of the genealogists present, traces his ancestors back to the Norman Conquest), emigrated from England in 1947, to take up dairy farming in

Innisfil Township, near Thornton. His hobby of touring the countryside with his camera has led to a weekly column in the Barrie Examiner. It was scenes taken on these excursions that Baker showed, often letting the picture speak for itself.

A few of the many intriguing scenes stand out for their unique character: the spring on the Hockley Road that brings people from Toronto for fresh water; the water turbine still running a mill at Glen Huron; an old anchoring post for the barges that used to go up the lakes

to Washago; a three-purpose fountain in Penetanguishene: for horses, people, and dogs; a mud block house in Bradford built 150 years ago; the second brick house ever built in Innisfil Township; the Cook House in Cookstown.

There were plaques and monuments to the area's outstanding people, such as Sir Frederick Banting, Sir William Osler, George R. Gray, Champlain. There were historic places: the Coldwater mill, Perkinsfield's Catholic Church, the site of St. Louis, Sainte-

Marie among the Hurons, Stephen Leacock's home in Orillia, the log house of "Monty" and Grace Leigh in Oro, the Scots Settlement Church in West Gwillimbury, the Monck Road, Barrie Jail dating from 1843, the Townline Church south of Thornton, Willow Creek Depot, the covered bridge.

And historic people, such as Mrs. Sadie Robertson when she was 105 years old.

Other scenes also are of the fabric of

Huronia: a marine railway, lift locks, the view across Minesing Swamp, the Bruce Trail, a maple tree in full colour, old barns, century old homes, a steam show, the Penetanguishene Historic Naval and Military Establishments, the Nottawasaga River flowing through a cow pasture.

Christian Island also was visited—its people, its sites, its crafts, especially the beadwork.

The pictures told much of Huronia, and also much of Brian Baker, who perhaps sees with a fresh outlook what has become dulled with familiarity for many. There was a zest for this country, a joy in this piece of Ontario known as Huronia.

The next meeting of the Simcoe County Historical Association will be in the Simcoe County Museum, March 20, at 8 p.m. It will be a show and tell night. Anyone with an item of

historical interest (artifact, diary, letter), is invited to share its significance.

The Simcoe County Genealogy Society's March 6 meeting will be in the Midland Public Library, 8 p.m. Gwen Patterson will speak on the Historic Naval and Military Establishments near Penetanguishene.

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings. For further information telephone 728-7147.

Twenty-nine in crib makes Giles a happy man

"A 29 hand in cribbage is really rare to get, but I got it," an excited Alan Giles of Midland told this newspaper yesterday.

A perfect 29 hand consists of three fives and the Jack of Spades in your hand and have the Five of Spades turn up," Giles noted.

Giles got his history-making 29 earlier this month while playing crib with three friends at the Waubaushene Legion.

"This is the first time I have gotten this hand of all the times I have played crib. I doubt if I'll ever get it again.

"I can tell you this...it was quite the surprise."

FLAC adds its members to SCBE committees

The area French Language Advisory Committee has appointed its members to four committees of the Simcoe County Board of Education, so that representatives of the advisory committee might attend committee and sub-committee meetings where matters affecting the education of francophones are considered.

Named to the North Regional committee are Rosita Y. Desroches, Anne Gagne, Gilles Marchildon; to the finance committee, Basil Dorion, Gilles Maurice; to the program committee, Anne Gagne, Rosita Y. Desroches; to the management committee, Claudette Paquin, Basile Dorion.



Concentration and a steady hand

Last Saturday's annual Fun Fair at Huron Park Public School provided an opportunity for children of all ages to spend a day having just plain fun. As the day progressed, there were a number of brightly painted faces wandering through the building. For the price of a fair ticket you could

have your face painted with any design. One of the artists responsible for some of the many creations was Suzanne D'Ault, shown here putting the finishing touches to another masterpiece.

—Photo by Bob Murray

From west to east

Last week, Penetanguishene police apprehended a man wanted in Vancouver on a bench warrant; this week, they arrested a man from the opposite end of the country.

Police arrested Glen MacDorman from Debert, Nova Scotia on Feb. 10 at approximately 3:15 a.m. The accused was found asleep in a running motor vehicle outside a Robert Street address. He was charged with the care and control of a motor vehicle, and refusing to give a breath sample. He was released on a \$500 cash surety and awaits an appearance in Midland court.

Feb. 25

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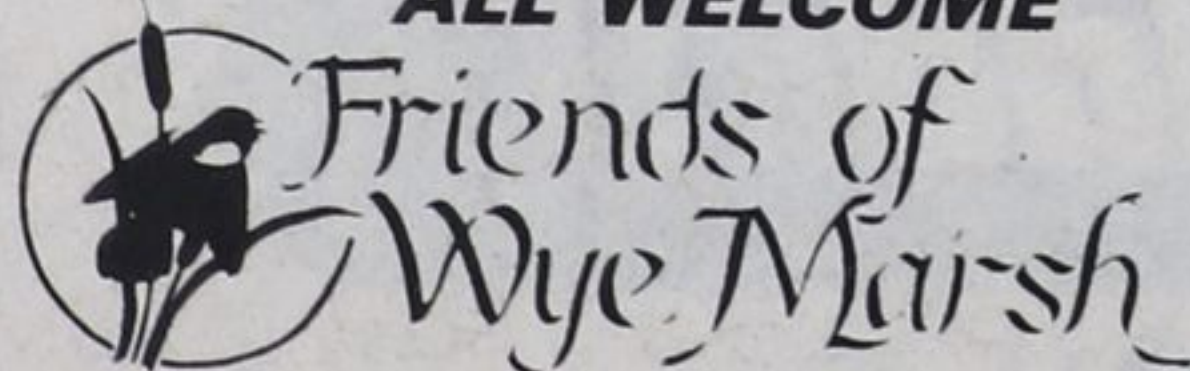


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