



Restoration of St. James on the Line continues with provincial funds

Restoration of historic St. James on the Line Anglican Church can proceed as planned, thanks to a grant of \$24,000 from the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture through the Ontario Heritage Foundation.

This special Bicentennial project was assisted through the Ontario Government's Board of Industrial Leadership and Development (BILD).

Built in 1836, St. James on the Line is one of the oldest churches in Ontario. It needs major structural repairs to both interior and exterior to preserve it.

The church has been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act as an historic site.

"On the Line" refers to the fact that the church was located on the road between the Naval and Military Establishments and the settlement at Penetanguishene, now Church Street.

Brian Murrant, secretary of Heritage Penetanguishene, calls the restoration of St. James "a very important and worthy project" and is pleased that the Town of Penetanguishene has also supported the project, with two grants

of \$2,000 each, under the BRIC program (Building Rehabilitation Improvement Campaign).

"Heritage Penetanguishene is very pleased that St. James has been able to acquire funding from the province, as we feel that the renovation project is of great benefit not only to Penetanguishene but to Simcoe County and the entire province," said Murrant.

Ontario Heritage Foundation project officer Richard Moorehouse said the congregation of St. James had applied for assistance some time

ago, but there were no funds available for the project until recently. The Minister of Citizenship and Culture announced the grant at a press conference in Toronto on Feb. 20.

"It's a fine church, certainly one that the O.H.F. is pleased to be involved with," said Moorehouse this week.

The Hon. George Taylor, member for Simcoe Centre, said, "I am delighted at the commitment of the Government of Ontario to assisting in retaining our heritage, especially in the year we are celebrating our Bicentennial."

Water Street project announced

The Town of Penetanguishene plans to begin the long-awaited reconstruction of Water Street as soon as weather permits,

announced Public Works Chairman Ray Baker this week.

The project will cost an estimated \$388,000

and will take about 10 weeks to complete.

Reconstruction of Water Street from Main Street to the Curling Rink will

include replacement of the entire sanitary and storm sewer systems as well as new curbs and sidewalks and relandscaping.

The elevation of the road will be lowered by 10 to 12 inches, which will give many residents easier access to their driveways, said Councillor Baker. Parking will be improved on both sides of the street, he added.

The date of a public meeting with residents of Water Street will soon be announced. The town's consultant engineer, the Public Works superintendent, the Town Clerk and Councillor Baker will be present to answer

any questions residents may have about the project.

"We've been promising this reconstruction for 10 years," said Councillor Baker, "but we were never in the financial position to undertake it before. Now we are, so there's no point in delaying." The Town hopes to finish the project by June, so as to avoid the summer traffic.

"We apologize for the inconvenience to residents, and ask them

to bear with us," said Councillor Baker.

He pointed out an interesting fact about Water Street. It got its name back in the early days of Penetanguishene because it was right on the shore of the lake. All the land down the hill from Water Street used to be under water, he explained.

Indians would bring their furs by water to a trading post located where Jason's store is now, said Councillor Baker.

School songs recorded for Rollinson's television series

Local high schools have recorded their school songs on video tape as part of Paul Rollinson's "400 Years of Georgian Bay in Poetry and Song" project.

Rollinson, owner of the Odd Copy Bookstore, has been working on a television series as well as writing a book, recording what he calls "little snatches of song or poetry" which

would otherwise probably be lost to the public.

He discovered while recording the high school song segment of his series that Midland Secondary School is the only one without a school song.

He allowed each school to present its own song in its own way, and enjoyed the differences in the presentations, he said.

"St. Theresa's came into the studio and did a riotous thing, with lots of enthusiasm, cheers, throwing their hats in the air," he said. "P.S.S. brought in a recording of the school band playing the song and are taping visuals to go with the music. At Ecole Le Caron, the teachers and pupils did the song together."

Rollinson is currently working on finishing the

segment, talking to the music teachers at the schools to find out about the history of the songs, and so on. He hopes the segment will be aired on Cable 12 in three or four weeks.

Split egg transplant calves first in County

Monipero Farms in Lafontaine proudly announce the arrival of a very special set of twin calves, Phoebe and Pheephee, who were born on Feb. 26 as the result of an embryo transplant.

In this process, a fertilized egg is flushed out of the uterus of a donor cow and transplanted in a recipient cow, who carries the calf to term. This may sound like science fiction to anyone unfamiliar with modern cattle-breeding techniques, but Phoebe and Pheephee were

created by an even more unusual procedure.

They are the product of a split egg process, in which the egg taken from the donor cow is artificially divided to produce twins and then transplanted. The calves at Monipero Farms are the first twins made from this process ever to be born in Simcoe County; there are only 30 sets in all of Canada.

The donor cow was Downiedale Phoenix, classified very good, owned by Max Spence of Elmvale. The recipient

cow gets no credit at all for her efforts over the past nine months.

Pierre Paul Maurice of Monipero Farms says the transplant was done by the Mackintosh Embryo Transplant company. The process can cost several thousand dollars, the price depending on the value of the donor cow, and doesn't always work, he said.

Phoebe and Pheephee join the herd of 45 Holsteins owned by Montcalm Maurice and sons Pierre Paul and Robert Maurice of Lafontaine.



Transplant twins

Pierre Paul Maurice, left, and his brother Robert Maurice of Monipero Farms in Lafontaine proudly display the twin calves, Phoebe and Pheephee, who were created by an unusual process of

embryo transplantation using a fertilized egg which is split to form twins. They are the first of their kind in Simcoe County.