

# 'Loyal She Remains'

Dreaming the impossible dream, and then seeing its accomplishment in a book "they" said could not be done was the theme of Mrs. Rhea Green's talk on the book "Loyal She Remains".

Mrs. Green of Stayner was speaking at the September meeting of the Simcoe County

Historical Association. A member of the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Ontario, which published the book, she traces her ancestry to the Six Nation Indians who, in loyalty to Britain, left the U.S. to settle in Canada on the reserve at Brantford. Her marriage to Kelly Green (Irish) was

celebrated in the historic chapel on that reserve.

The book is the realization of a dream of Charles Humber, president of the U.E.L. Association. Though told that what he had in mind "could not be done", he proceeded to work toward its accomplishment - the book on Ontario in

celebration of the Bicentennial.

Thirty authors, each a specialist in his own field, wrote the text. Their manuscripts were then edited and arranged with suitable pictures selected from boxloads of contributions. After all was put together, the publishers refused the

book. So Humber went to 103 small business. Each paid \$1,000 to have its story included (the last section). And the book was published, clear of debt.

Sales have set records with 100,000 copies expected to be sold by the end of the year.

The popularity of the book is based on a number of factors. Not scholarly, but yet informative, it is a history of Ontario all put together very well indeed - a book for every

Ontario home. And it is an heirloom book, one that will not be produced in such a way again.

The story of the book, so enthusiastically related by Mrs. Green, proves that the spirit of courage and enterprise which brought the Loyalists into the wilderness of Upper Canada is still alive and well in present day Ontario.

The next meeting of the Association will reveal another aspect of

that pioneer spirit. Richard Partridge will be talking on "The Farmers' Revolt", when the farmers, rebelling against the capitalists, organized co-operatives and political parties, and took over the governments of Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan. The public is invited to hear about this intriguing section of Canadian history at 8 p.m., Oct. 16, at the Simcoe County Museum (east door).

## Four seasons on slides at next SCACA meeting

A general meeting of the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association will be held in the Green Room of the Orillia Opera House on Oct. 22 at 7:30 p.m. Paul Orser will be presenting his selections of slides depicting the four seasons in Orillia and surrounding area. Members are invited to bring craft items for a show and tell table. Articles to be made at

future SCACA workshops will be displayed, and information of special interest to craftspeople will be available. Everyone is welcome to attend, admission is free, and refreshments will be served.

Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association members recently presented another highly successful Gift Fair in the Simcoe

County Museum in Midhurst. Visitors to this event found unique and well-crafted items for sale, and as well got an opportunity to view and purchase patterns designed by the late Ada B. Torrance, and the late Thor Hansen.

Members are beginning to work at Christmas crafts. The following workshops are being planned:

Folk art on a

Christmas ornament, paint supplied and other material available, learn the basics of folk art. Nov. 10, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Simcoe County Museum. Cost \$12 for SCACA members, \$15 for non-members.

Smocked Christmas ball, materials supplied in the cost. Nov. 24, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Simcoe County Museum. Cost \$17 for members, \$22 for non-members.

## Paperbacks

Piers Anthony is a long-time writer of fantasy and science fiction with a new series Incarnations of Immortality. If the first in this series, *On A Pale Horse*, is an indication, Anthony has complete control over the line between fantasy and reality, creating believable characters in believable, yet fantastic, situations. To start off the series, the setting is a marvelous shop in which magic stones are sold. Zane thinks about buying a lovestone (which zeroes in on the best romance for you), a wealthstone (which finds money), or a deathstone (which foretells that Zane will die within the hour). All this leads to the kick-off point in the novel when Zane pulls a pistol on Death and kills

him. From this moment, Zane assumes the office of Death, and is in charge of souls which need some help in deciding their destination. Zane, as Death, has a personal touch. He saves some from dying, and helps others, such as a terminally-ill woman, die more quickly. The nightly reports on Purgatory television are full of the antics of bad-boy Death. Death wrestles with the force of Satan, as the novel reaches its conclusion, pitting all his intelligence against the devious Satan. Throw in a love story, lots of philosophizing on the nature of life and death, and you've got a terrific read (Ballantine, \$3.75).

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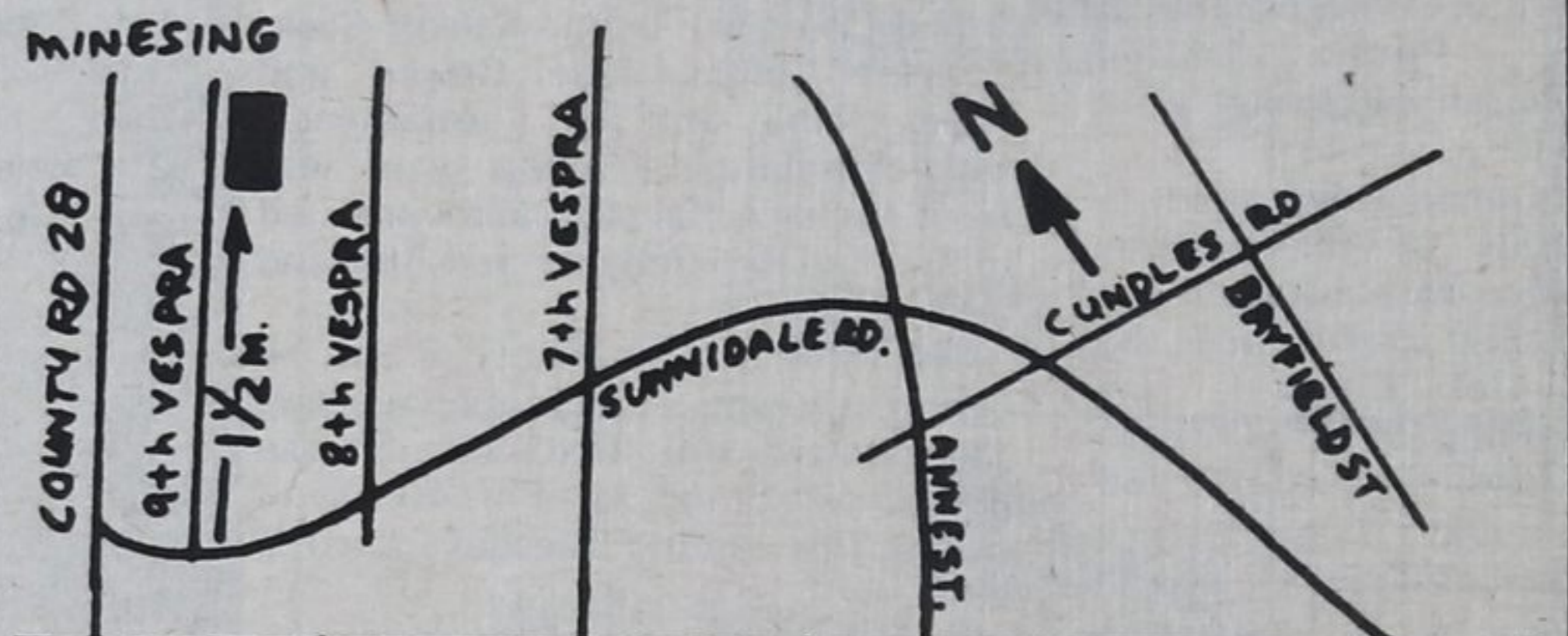


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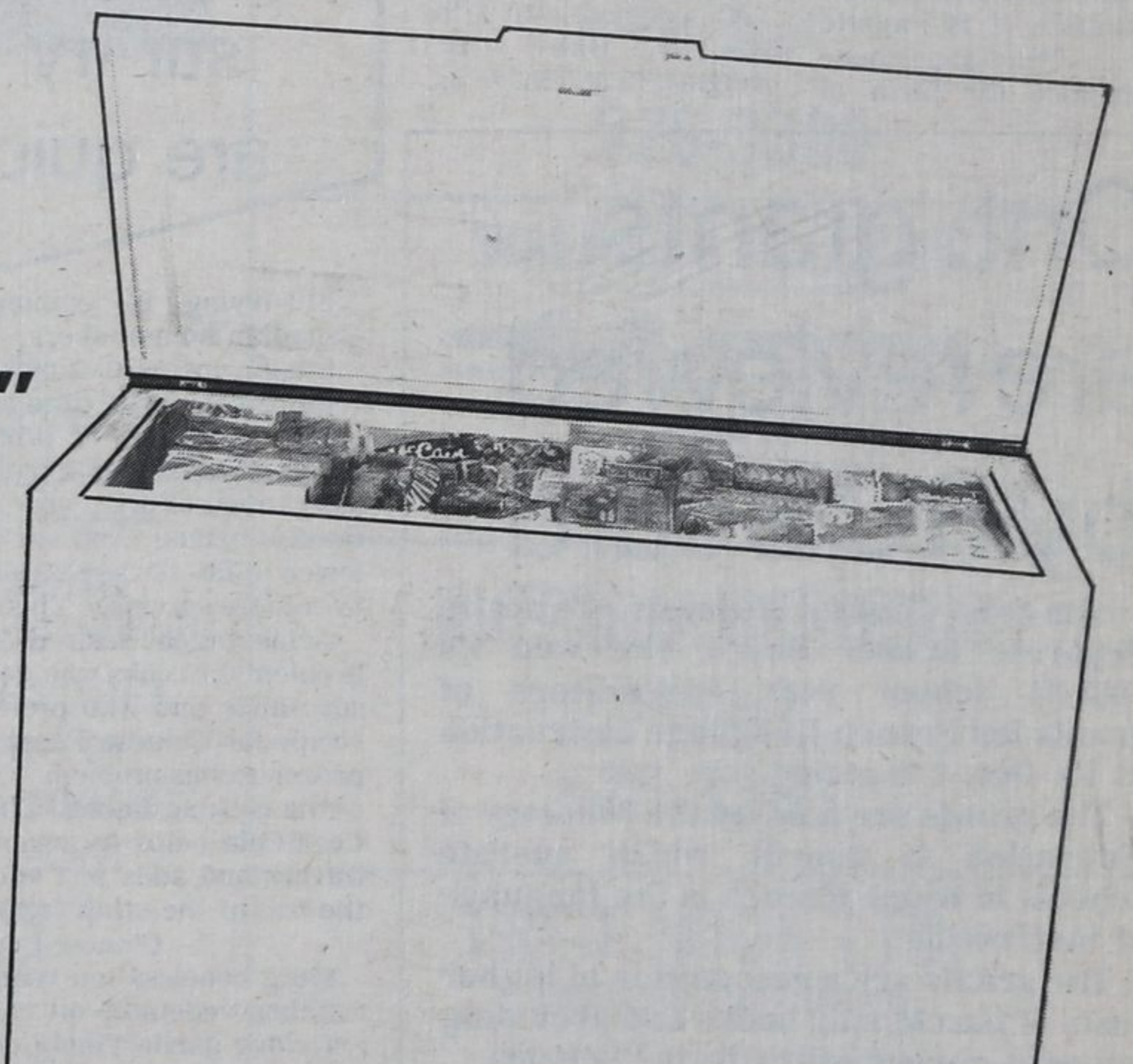
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