

Late tailor's research is preserved

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Cassocks, Doublets, and Deerskins, is the title of a special book under production at Redwin Graphics of Midland.

The book preserves the research of the late Nancy Penny, Sainte-Marie among the Hurons's tailor for about seven years, ending in 1983. She died at age 39, of multiple sclerosis, in February, 1986.

Family and close friends donated money to make the book possible, to the Nancy Penny Memorial Fund.

Apart from a paper on the clothing of the donnes (the servants of the Jesuit missionaries), completed in 1983, most of her extensive research, until recently, remained in the form of notes, and files containing references and other information taken from published works, archival material, and personal com-

munications with experts in a variety of fields related to 17th century costume.

Patrick Folkes, an historian who has worked for Huronia Historical Parks, turned the material into a manuscript. He is co-author of Cassocks, Doublets, and Deerskins.

Her husband, Burke, HHP manager, resource development department, and her father-in-law, Harry Penny, at the time the director of the Centre

of Continuing Education at McMaster University, had the idea for the book.

Twenty-five people donated \$4,200. A \$5,000 grant was obtained.

Cassocks, Doublets, and Deerskins, will be published in April and copies will be sold in the Sainte-Marie store. Copies will be distributed to universities. Profit will be used to support the costume program at Sainte-Marie.

In manuscript the text

was titled, Religious and Secular Costume on the Mission Frontier of New France in the First Half of the Seventeenth Century.

Drawings from the period will be used as illustrations.

Nancy Penny sewed and repaired costumes, researched and designed patterns, did research on fabrics, and located suppliers for appropriate material.

She produced costume kits for Destination:

Sainte-Marie, the group who paddled from Quebec City to Sainte-Marie in the early 1970s.

She appeared on TV programs around Ontario talking about the costumes at Sainte-Marie.

The book has two parts: Social History introduces the social and technical setting of French costume in the 17th century.

A description of the roles that clothing played in the many and varied

activities and relationships of both the French and Native inhabitants in Huronia are described.

The second part, Technical History, is Nancy Penny's paper, describing in more detail clerical dress, including vestments, and the clothing of the donnes.

Randy Brown, head of the art department at Ecole Secondaire Penetanguishene Secondary School, designed the book's cover.

Power failure

Insulator the cause

A broken insulator the size of two fists was the reason for a local power failure last Thursday.

Power was off in Waubaushene, Victoria Harbour, Port McNicoll, Tay Township and part of Midland, between 11:11 a.m. and 11:44 a.m.

Power was restored in the Honey Harbour area by 2 p.m.

The broken insulator was on the 44,000 volt hydro line near the Honey Harbour Road.

When the lights went out during a meeting of Tay Township council, township deputy treasurer and tax collector Shelley Gonneau was heard loudly expressing her frustration that the work of nearly an entire morning of six people on the township's computers had disappeared with the lights.

Vandalism is the usual explanation for a broken insulator, Ron Vance, Ontario Hydro Penetanguishene office manager, said.

Power was cut in the Honey Harbour area on Feb. 15 for the same reason, Vance said: a broken insulator.

The Feb. 15 and March 9 broken insulators were one-quarter mile apart.

"We're starting to get concerned," Vance said.

Hydro employees could not find evidence on the ground last Thursday that a person with a shotgun or rifle had been there. The insulators are 50 feet above the ground on poles.

Examination of the insulator at Hydro's research lab will indicate if it was broken by a bullet or shotgun pellets, Vance said.

The lab report on the insulator which broke on Feb. 15 has not been received. Several chips on it suggested it had

been struck by shotgun pellets, Vance said. That insulator broke early in the day.

The insulator which broke last Thursday split cleanly, which isn't natural, he said.

Insulators struck by a bullet or pellets don't always break immediately. Water collects in the cracked porcelain and freezes. The insulator breaks weeks or months later.

Hydro makes a point of checking insulators between the fall hunting season and the start of winter, Vance said.



Wedding

Laurie Joan Reynolds, daughter of Willis and Theora Reynolds and David Alexander McKeeman, son of Donald McKeeman of Kin-cardine, were married Oct. 15 in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Wyebridge.



Posted

Lisa McKelvie has been accepted by the Ontario Provincial Police and presently is posted to the Maxville Detachment. She completed her orientation training at the OPP College in Aylmer last October. She attended the course in Toronto in February through the forensic sciences on the operation of breathalyzer equipment. Lisa is a graduate of Midland Secondary School and earned her BSC from the University of Waterloo.



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F.G. Flood, Clerk
Town of Midland

Two youths charged

Two young offenders face charges, including uttering a death threat, following a March 7 incident in Wasaga Beach.

The charges arose after a 16-year-old male was assaulted in front of the Wasaga IGA Tuesday afternoon. He suffered bruises in the attack.

Charges of uttering a death threat and assault were laid against a 17-year-old male while a 15-year-old male faces counts of uttering a death threat and breach of probation.

The two accused were held in custody Tuesday night and appeared in Collingwood Provincial Court last Wednesday. The 17-year-old was released on bail and will appear in court March 20 in Collingwood. The second youth was remanded in custody and will next appear in court March 16.

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