

Historical Society's show and tell brings out family treasures

By Norman Matthews

Twenty-three people attended the April 10 meeting of the King Township Historical Society which took place at the Public Library with Bill Poulis as chairman and Doris Winter as secretary.

Poulis reported that the original King City train station would be ideal as a historical museum but that Black Creek Pioneer Village

still want it on their property for their use. Mrs. Muriel Beatty and Peter Van Dyke volunteered to assist on a museum committee. Maida George reported that a recent newspaper article regarding six King residents who were planning to build a historical museum has proven in reality to be a log cabin built on the King Campus of Seneca College. Seneca's Historical-Natural Interpretive Services has

received a LIP grant to assist in the building of an authentic log cabin for a museum.

Accepted as members of the society were Mrs. A.E. Molnar of Schomberg, Mrs. Jeanne Baker and Mrs. Marie Rattray, both of King City.

Prior to the meeting King Mayor Margaret Britnell had given the chairman a publication entitled "A Guideline for Designation of Buildings of Architectural and Historical Importance" which outlines the possibility of any council forming a committee of not less than five persons. This group would strive to preserve heritage property within the township, Bill Poulis stated. The municipality, under the guide, would instigate a bylaw which would stop owners of properties from

renovating or demolishing anything deemed a historical structure or property without the written permission of council.

He suggested the society set up a liaison committee with council in the hope of establishing such a bylaw and committee.

Frank Upjohn gave a report on Eversley Church (Concession 3, just north of King Sideroad) which the society now cares for and is in the process of restoring. He reported that the committee has deemed painting of the historical building as first priority. The church is already booked for two weddings in July, one in August and a family reunion. He also reported that the new exterior floodlights do not seem to be working correctly.

Loydton Rebellion Day or Eversley Church Day was the choice offered as the major event of the year.

Rev. Edward Jackman (assistant priest at both Nobleton and Schomberg) said that Schomberg is apparently having its own big day this year. Mrs. Muriel Scott spoke of a festival of flowers and music held annually by a church in England, known as Darsham's Weekend Fete, "which might be a good theme for the Eversley Church Day". A show of hands by the members chose the Eversley event, almost unanimously, with a tentative date of September 13.

Mr. Upjohn and his committee now have approval to proceed with the arrangements for the festival.

Fred Colburn reported on behalf of the Toronto Carrying Place committee saying that they are now working with aerial photographs, trying to pinpoint the locations for the signs they hope to erect to mark the trail. Seven signs have been ordered and Dominion Day has been selected as the date on which they will be erected. Mayor Britnell reminded us that Dominion Day is now called "Canada Day" and suggested the society make more use of the Boy Scouts in the area to help in the work of any historical function.

Father Jackman whose role is that of a "consultant for ecumenical Christianity" gave a short talk on the historical churches of King Township,

particularly of the Nobleton and Schomberg area. As part of the society's "Show and Tell" program, the priest showed a book entitled "The Natural Resources of King Township" printed in 1830 which gives a viewpoint on the "decline of rural Ontario". Other members had brought along historical objects of interest to show us, most of which were family treasures (as opposed to purchased antiques). Among these was an early Canadian brass teapot made in Montreal about 150 years ago with its handle at right angles to the spout; a sign and registered patent of 1895 of a part for a horse hitch; and a letter written in 1896 by a snowed-in prospector.

Mr. Van Dyke displayed a 2-3000 year old "gouging tool" while someone else

showed a china figurine with a roughly scored bottom which was a match box with striking bottom. Maida George showed us two brass and copper boxes, each approximately 6" long, 1" wide, and 1" deep which she wasn't sure what they had been used for. After some discussion on these and some deciphering by Fr. Jackman, it was agreed that these boxes were possibly by Prussian soldiers in 1757, although the name of Abraham Linton was engraved on the side of one. Alden Winters showed a stone head of an Indian club and also a "skinning stone", followed immediately by his wife Doris displaying an original sheepskin deed of 1802 to their farm on lot 28 on the 10th Concession. Muriel Beatty showed a crown deed dated 1855 on parchment

material for a farm on lot 21 of Concession 11 which was originated during Queen Victoria's reign. Murray Sheardown passed around his collection of old coins including one dated 1816 and another 1891. Another historian showed a 1920 photograph of the old Nobleton hotel which no longer exists; the spot is now the site of an Esso garage. Councillor Bill Forhan showed "modern" photos of Hurricane Hazel which rampaged through the province in 1954 killing 82 people and causing some \$24,000,000 damage. Elizabeth Gillham, local historian and author, showed a forged steel crimper used for hair and petticoats and also a boot that her father wore as a boy to Nobleton Public School on Lot 9, Concession 4.

Janet says —

In loving memory

"Funeral services were held today for Timothy Jones, the grade one pupil who died last Friday on Elmgrove Avenue after being hit by a car outside Oak Ridges Public School. Timothy died in full view of several dozen horrified young children and parents. He did not have to die, and with a little more care from all of us he would still be alive."

Fortunately, Timothy never did exist. Does that shock you? Do you find the above in poor taste?

Well, consider this! In the last year and a half three young boys have been hit by vehicles on Elmgrove outside the school, two of them within the last seven months. None of the three boys was seriously hurt, but that easily might not have been the case.

Many parents and teachers feel strongly that certain things should be done to improve conditions on Elmgrove around the school. Here are some of them.

The town has promised some "No parking" signs for the north side of the street plus a reduced speed limit. At the time of writing the signs have not been installed.

The principal and staff sent a letter to all parents asking them NOT to park on the north side of Elmgrove by the school so children would not be tempted to run across the road. On the day of the last accident more than a half dozen cars were parked there in seeming indifference to the request.

Police supervision of traffic has been requested but is sporadic. Signs have been requested but nothing has happened yet. Parents have been requested to keep the road clear — they don't.

Does somebody have to get killed before everyone smartens up? I really am afraid that the answer to that question is yes. That is why I wrote this article the way I did. To shock somebody — anybody — all of us — into demanding better safety precautions around our school.

We adults are shifting the responsibility on to the children when we say, "They should watch what they're doing". It is our responsibility as parents and teachers to see that they don't have to fight the traffic. Do we expect them to always remember road safety rules when we do not? If we were perfect then there wouldn't be traffic accidents. After all it isn't the seven-year-olds who are driving the cars.

Our children are our country's real wealth. We should, we must, take better care of them.

The speed limit should be lowered to 15 mph at dismissal times. Can't the road be closed while buses load and unload and most of the pupils get clear?

"No stopping" signs (enforced during the dismissal period) on both sides of the road the length of the school property would help. A crossing guard would be another solution.

Elmgrove is used as a by-pass from Yonge to the King Sideroad and is busier than other side streets. This fact must be realized and acted upon before I am obliged to write a real obituary.

Welcome new postmaster

Oak Ridges - Lake Wilcox

I've been meaning to say this for some time now, but kept forgetting. Still, better late than never, I suppose.

A belated welcome to the New Oak Ridges Postmaster Ken MacLeod of Elmgrove Avenue, who took over his new duties March 24.

Ken worked for 14 years at Aurora Post Office and for eight years in Toronto before coming to Oak Ridges.

Minor hockey dance

A dance, sponsored by the Oak Ridges Minor Hockey Association will be held April 26 from 8 pm to 1 am in the Lions Den, Bond Lake Arena. Don Holgate will be the disc jockey. Tickets at \$6 per couple will be available at the door or by calling 773-5754. Buffet included in the admission price, bar extra.

Children's films

Four films for children of all ages will be shown at Wildwood Library April 26. They are: Devil's Toy, Johnny at the Fair, Below Zero and The Cat in the Hat.

Tickets are a must for the program and can be picked up at the library ahead of time. Get yours early for this popular monthly event!

Need articles for sale

Articles are needed for the auction sale scheduled for May 3 from 12 noon onwards at St. Paul's United Church. If you have items to donate please call Ken Blyth at 773-5832 or 773-5241.

Two licensed auctioneers will handle the proceedings.

News from the seniors

Winners of the afternoon euchre session April 17 were Audrey Boyle, William Peters and Jean Ash.

The seniors' evening euchre will be held April 28 at 7:30 pm at the Wheelhouse. Everyone welcome. \$1 admission. Prizes and refreshments included.

Spring fair

Articles are needed for the two auction sales to be held during the spring fair May 31. If you wish to donate items please call Ted Rowe at 773-4413 or Connie Bestard at 773-5881.

The planned list of attractions for this year's spring fair is almost endless. For the younger set there will be a parade, following the same route as last year, with floats, bands, decorated bicycles, etc. Sparky, the talking police car will be there as will the Cookie Monster and Nobby the Frog.

In Ozark Park there will be a Spring Fest Corral beer garden from 1 to 5 pm and then through the evening from 7:30 to 1 am. Admission to the arena includes a trip up in the Labatt's balloon, which will be there most of the day. Ronald McDonald's Burger Train will be there, too.

Lots of fun things to see and do for every age are being planned. More details next week. Don't forget May 31.

Education week

This week (April 21 to 25) is Ontario Educational week. Oak Ridges Public School extends an invitation to all parents to come and visit the classrooms on the 23rd and 24th; 9:15 to 10:15 am — kindergarten, grades 1, 2 and 3, and special education; 10:45 to 11:45 am — grades 4, 5 and 6; 1:20 to 2:20 pm — kindergarten, grades 1, 2 and 3 and special education; 2:45 to 3:25 pm — grades 4, 5 and 6.

Hockey pool winners

Here is the final list of winners for the 1974-75 season hockey pool:

\$50 — L. Drews, Noreen Oliver; \$25 — Mary Tanzos; \$10 — Marg Martin, J. Colt, J. Bend, Dorothy Crook, Loreen Stevens, K. McDonald and Randy Cook.

Tickets are still being sold for the Stanley Cup final game pool, at \$1 each. Available by calling Don Cook at 773-5273.

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