

Mohawk Chapel updating sent to Queen, officials

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enthusiasm of Margaret Lang.

Miss Lang, a typing teacher at Herman Fawcett Secondary School, encouraged her office practice students to maintain a bulletin board in the room with recent news articles related to the Mohawk Chapel project. She also sent a covering letter with the news items

clipped from The Tekawannake, The Brant News and the Expositor to the Queen and her representatives in Ottawa and Ontario.

In a letter dated Sept. 4 from Balmoral

Castle, a member of the royal family's staff wrote to tell Miss Lang the Queen had read the various articles and "is much looking forward to her visit to Canada at the end of this month

and, in particular, to seeing the Mohawk Chapel on Oct. 1."

Former Gov. Gen. Schreyer, in a May 2 letter, wrote that the Chapel restoration project "is indeed a

most interesting and worthwhile project and I am glad to know it is progressing well."

In her letter, Gov. Gen. Sauve also referred to the waterfront improve-

ment work Miss Lang also wrote about in her letter. "I am sure that the citizens of Brant County are rightly proud of the restoration of this Chapel, and are to be commended for their further plans for the Waterfront Project."

Lt. Gov. Aird wrote two letters, both commending Miss Lang for sending along the restoration updates.

Miss Lang has been a member of the Mohawk Chapel maintenance committee for about two years and was invited to be a member of the restoration committee in February of this year.

She sent the letters and clippings because of her enthusiasm for the Chapel project.

Having worked for two years as secretary in the office of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, England, she also knew how much public officials treasure such project reports.

Miss Lang didn't confine her promotion of the Chapel project to the Queen and her representatives in Canada. She also delivered Restoration Fund posters to libraries and museums in southwestern Ontario and was even able to pass on pamphlets to some American tourists she met on a train.

"I just wanted to help get more coverage for the project," she said.

She describes the Chapel project and the waterfront development work as "the most exciting things to happen to Brantford since I came here."

Miss Lang first became involved in church maintenance with the St. Thomas Church, a historic structure built in 1824. While a high school student she was paid 75 cents an hour to maintain the lawns and clean the church.

Later, while working in England, she got involved in the care of a church in Hunsdon in Hertfordshire. The church was voted as having the best kept grounds by the British Travel Association.

"It was only natural I'd eventually get involved with Mohawk Chapel after moving here," said Miss Lang.

Her enthusiasm for the Chapel and the waterfront projects has been passed to many of her students.

Other classes have also focussed on the Chapel project.

Jim Moore, blueprint reading teacher, and students Dennis Doig and John Barrett made two models of the Chapel now on display in the school's rotunda showcase.

Carpentry student Wayne Campbell made



RESTORATION HISTORY — Students of Herman Fawcett Secondary School have been closely watching the restoration project of the Mohawk Chapel. Above, typing teacher Margaret Lang and students Ira General and Donna Henry look at one bulletin board with news clippings and brochures of the Chapel project.