



DELTA MILL SOCIETY

In October the Society made a proposal to set up a Job Development Program to train four women with post-secondary education as Museum Assistants. This was in response to an advertisement by Employment and Immigration Canada announcing its Job Strategy Program. The proposal involved the Bastard and South Burgess Township allowing the use of the upper floor of the Delta Community Hall, to supplement the Old Stone Mill, hiring trainers, and providing practical experience in all aspects of Museum operation. The training period is from early January to mid-October 1987. On December 24, 1986, the Society was informed that its proposal had been accepted and that \$65,335 would be available to fund the program. The first trainee selected was Susan Noakes of Black Church Gardens, Soperton, and she also acts as Coordinator. She started on January 12. Victoria Lewis of Junestown, Susan Warren of Chaffey's Locks, and Louise Smith of Frankville started on January 19. The training will make it more probable that the participants will find employment. The project also provides benefits to the area by the expenditures on trainees' wages, payments to instructors, and purchase of materials. Furthermore the program should result in a significant improvement in displays and an increase in attendance at the Delta Mill in this and following years. The Mill had 3075 visitors in 1986, which establishes it as one of the leading tourist attractions of the area. The Mill will be open during the Delta Maple Syrup Festival and then open for the summer starting at the Victoria Day weekend.

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Thirteen members and two visitors were at the U.C.W. meeting on December 10, 1986, which was held at Mrs. Edna Willard's festively decorated home. President Irma chant opened with prayer and the purpose was repeated. Roll call was answered with a verse pertaining to Christmas and thirteen home and five hospital calls were made.

Nellie French opened her devotional with Christmas readings and led in the singing of carols. The offering was received and dedicated. Minutes of the last meeting and Treasurer's report were read. A Committee was formed to set up the U.C.W.'s 25th Anniversary Church Service on January 11, 1987. Joen Stewart recited "The Christmas Story" in great detail. Nellie then closed her program with an appropriate Christmas pray.

A tasty lunch was then enjoyed by all!

On January 11, 1987 the U.C.W. took full charge of the church service, it being their 25th Anniversary. A brief history of the past and present was well-given, together with a list of deceased, former and present members. Before the candle-lighting ceremonies, the Choir rendered a message in song. In all, it proved to be a very inspirational service and we thank the people for attending it so well.

A pleasant winter's day found 12 members attending their meeting on January 14, 1987 at the Lakeshore home of Irene Goodsell. President Irma welcomed all and read a New Year's Poem, followed by the Purpose.

Joy Wilson led in the singing of "Take Time to be Holy" and read the Scripture lesson, taken from Psalm 90:9-12. A "Time" poem was read, followed with prayer. Being our first meeting in 1987, Joy read a list of Resolutions that should be kept. Offering was then received. Christmas letters, together with thank you notes for gifts received, were read. Irene read a Stewardship quotation.

"I'm a Guest in My Own Home" was the title of an Indian Story of Survival. This Indian woman told what occurred when they intermarried with the white man. They lose their status and are unable to obtain any help from the courts. To conclude her program on Indians, Joy read the 23rd Psalm, which was translated to English from Mohawk - it was interesting to hear their version of it.

Lunch was served. Our next meeting will be held at the Manse. See you there!

DELTA FIREMEN'S TABLOID

The Christmas Season was a busy time for the members of the Fire Department and Ladies Auxiliary. On Sunday, December 14, the fire hall was filled to capacity as 175 children and adults were in attendance for the annual Children's Party. Master of Ceremonies Millard Goodsell introduced Deputy Reeve Joe Raison and Fire Chief Paul Ostrom, who expressed seasonal greetings and best wishes. The events were put into motion with Hazel Wykes singing carols accompanied by Len Morris. This was followed by two Christmas cartoons and a magician. At this time, the raffle for \$100.00 was conducted with Rhena Pratt of Delta winning. Committee Chairman William Morris then made a presentation of a fruit basket to Gary Hanna of Portland for his help. Gary was the top salesman for the raffle as he sold in excess of \$100.00. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus were then introduced by the M.C. Each child received a bag of candy while the adults enjoyed coffee, donuts and cheese. Committee Chairman William Morris would like to thank everyone who helped make the party another great success.

The firemen held their annual Christmas Turkey Bingo on December 19 with 75 players in attendance. Turkeys were won by Mrs. Linda Smith, Mr. Ab Shire and Miss Cheryl Halladay, while the Winner Take All turker was won by Mrs. Isabel Ashby of Lyndhurst.

The 50/50 draw was won by Florence Pratt of Delta. Five one-pound Christmas cakes were given out as door prizes.

On Sunday December 21 the firemen and Ladies Auxiliary conducted their annual recognition evening. The event commenced with a social hour and then a delicious pot luck dinner which was enjoyed by 58 members.

Following the meal, Master of Ceremonies William Morris introduced and recognized 14 Ladies Auxiliary members. L.A. broaches were presented with the assistance of Dennis Halladay.

A recognition award was then presented to Chief Fire Prevention Officer Edward A. LeBlanc for his outstanding work in 1986 with the fire prevention week.

William Morris then introduced newly-elected Fire Chief Paul S. Ostrom. The fire chief thanked everyone for coming and the ladies for their endless efforts. He then presented firefighter Millard Goodsell with a clock and plaque in recognition of his efforts as fire chief for the last

two years. The fire department will be conducting their election of officers and members on January 26.

As Christmas approached, the fire department hit the streets once more delivering Christmas fruit baskets and candy to senior citizens and shut-ins. The department also recognized with fruit baskets the fire emergency telephone operators, who are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Chant, Mr. Ronald Raison, Mrs. Mildred Aimer and Miss Pearl Aimer, Bill and Marlene Stearry, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Morris.

Pearl Aimer, Bill and Marlene Stearry, and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Morris. These devoted people often go without recognition, yet they perform one of the most important jobs. Thank you.

The new year brought with it a considerable work load for the Constitution Committee.

Chairman Edward LeBlanc, Secretary William Morris, and members Dennis Halladay and Brian Banks spent several hours revising and making additions to the existing by-law. The committee felt that this was required and that the revision will enable the firemen to serve the community in their fullest capacity.

We, as citizens, are very fortunate to have such dedicated firefighters. Whether they be Fire Prevention Officers, Executives, Firemen, or Ladies Auxiliary Members, their main purpose is serving you! Please take time to recognize their efforts. Have a Safe and Happy New Year from the DELTA FIRE DEPARTMENT and LADIES AUXILIARY.

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