

"ONTARIO MASONS HELP SCIENTISTS FIND CURE FOR DEAFNESS"

To commemorate the upcoming 125th anniversary of Masons in Ontario at their annual communication in Toronto, 4000 delegates representing 115,000 Masons, unanimously endorsed "Project H.E.L.P." (Hearing for Every Living Person). This joint project of the Grand Lodge and The Masonic Foundation of Ontario is to immediately raise \$350,000 through the Masonic Research Foundation of Ontario to aid in the research into deafness. The money raised and invested will provide an annual income to the newly formed Ontario Deafness Research Foundation, a group of dedicated scientists who are committed to finding causes of deafness and, subsequently, restoration of related hearing loss and altered function of the ear.

This foundation is unique in that it fills a very real need in seeking knowledge about the inner ear, and the relationship to the brain. Very little pure research has previously been done in this respect and this will be the prime objective of this new foundation.

The Grand Master, Robert E. Davies, in announcing the program said, "Assuredly positive results of research into the causes of deafness and relief for those affected with loss of hearing will open new vistas to them."

A salient feature of the Masons' project is that 100% of monies raised will be applied to research activities. No donations will be applied for administration purposes.

W.M. Omer Scott of Simpson Lodge Newboro Ontario, announced that "officers and members of his lodge were supporting all Ontario Lodges in this very worthwhile cause and invite any citizen of "our town" to send a donation to Eldon Guthrie Lodge secretary. No matter how small the donation, it will be acknowledged by an official tax deductible receipt. Please make your cheques payable to "The Masonic Foundation of Ontario" and send to

Eldon Guthrie Lodge Secretary

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EARLY NEGRO SETTLEMENT
AT DELTA

I was born in the village of Delta and recall some members of the Denaut family vividly. They lived in a large stone house in Delta and came from Vermont, bringing with them a slave by name of Black Jack.

He lived on this 22 acre island with his family for many years. The island was always called Black Jack's Island. It was owned by my grandfather, Stearns Ranson, who permitted Black Jack to carry on a small amount of farming.

Following my grandfather's death in 1914, the island was left to his daughter (my mother), Mrs. Ella L. Mallory who was a widow at that time. She had married Dr. Charles N. Mallory in 1890, and he died in 1910. I was born in 1896 in Delta and I recall visiting the island many times with my grandfather to take salt licks to the sheep which he had grazing there, during the summer months.

My mother told me of the many visits she made with her father when a small child. She recalled the numerous children who hid under the bed when a boat approached the island, and was amused by the number of little black faces, all in a row, peeking out from under the bed.

The island was sold in the 1930's to an author from New York City by name of Godard. He created two summer homes on the island. I believe it has been sold again and further development has taken place.

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