



NEWCASTLE VILLAGE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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NEWSLETTER - JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1988

GENERAL MEETING - Monday, January 18, 1988, 7:30 p.m., Centennial Room, Community Hall. Sid Rutherford of Kirby, co-author with Helen Schmid of "Out of the Mists", is going to share with us his knowledge of local history. On December 24, the Oshawa Times carried a delightful article of Sid's "Memories of a Northern Ontario Christmas". We look forward to seeing you at this informal gathering and discussion.

EXECUTIVE MEETING - Monday, February 1st, 7:30 p.m., at Pat Macdonnell's.

GENERAL MEETING - Monday, March 21, 1988 (same time and place). Hugh McMillan, Liason Officer for the Ontario Archives, will advise us of the new and expanded role of this important archival collection.

WE NEED HELP!!! -

Herb Taylor has started work on a short guide book for Newcastle and Bond Head villages. His working title is A WALKING GUIDE TO NEWCASTLE, and members are asked to help by submitting information, comments and historical anecdotes. We would like to hear stories about people, houses, shops and streets. Who can tell us about the baker, the tailor or the blacksmith, and point out where their shops used to stand? Who were the carpenters and builders. Where are there special trees or wildflowers? Which families had the best gardens in days gone by? Who have the best gardens now? Tell us about the last horse deliveries, and about the horses! If it is a good story, please let us hear it! Please pass on your information and suggestions to Herb, or his wife Florence at 987-5433, or to any member of the executive.

MASSEY-FERGUSON ARCHIVES - The historical records of one of Canada's oldest and foremost farm machinery companies found a new and permanent home last May when the Ontario Agricultural Museum received the archives of Massey-Ferguson Limited. The records were formally handed over by Victor Rice, chairman and chief executive officer of Varity Corporation, to Agriculture and Food Minister, Jack Riddell, in a ceremony at the Museum in Milton on May 21. Varity Corporation is the first company in the agricultural machinery area to take a step in formally preserving its heritage. The archival resources of the museum offer the researcher a depth and breadth of information unique in Canada. All of the major agricultural implement companies are well represented. Documents relating to the numerous small, local agricultural implement makers, the basis of 19th-century manufacturing in general, are accessible within the extensive machinery catalogue collection.

(Information from the Ontario Historical Society Bulletin - Summer 1987)

Pride in Yesterday - Pride Today - A Proud Tomorrow

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FROM THE BOWMANVILLE MUSEUM NEWSLETTER - "C.B.C. To Film at Museum in February" - The Bowmanville Museum's interior (Master bedroom and Parlour) and portions of the exterior are going to be used in scenes from The Private Capital, a three-hour period drama, the most ambitious C.B.C. production for 1988. This film is an adaptation from Sandra Gwyn's award winning book (1984) of the same title, which chronicles Ottawa society in the age of Laurier and MacDonald. This production focuses on the Boer-War period from 1899-1901.

FROM THE 1861 TREMAINE MAP - Around its' border are sketches of buildings and lists of local businesses. A few from Newcastle are: C. Allin, Cabinet-maker; W. R. Bradley, Express agent, livery stables; T. S. Brant, Blacksmith and Wagon maker; J. Bravis, General merchant; J. Brock, General merchant; W. T. Boate, County Superintendent of Education; Rev. Henry Brent, Rector, St. George's Anglican Church; R. Fairbairn, General merchant; F. Farncomb, Collector of Customs, Port Newcastle; H. Foster, Gentleman.

More in the next issue!

THE DUES ARE DUE!! - Please make your payment to Mrs. Lynda Willsher, 323 Church Street, Newcastle.

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