

NEWCASTLE VILLAGE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 1992
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** MONDAY, DECEMBER 7TH 1992, at 7:30, NEWCASTLE COMMUNITY HALL. **

As mentioned in our last newsletter, Ron Locke has had considerable success in copying old photographs onto ordinary present day colour print film. For our meeting of December 7th we ask that members bring old photographs, that deal with our district...Newcastle and Clarke Township...from their family collection...and Ron will copy them. We would like people to say a few words to the members present, about the subject...and the photograhns can then be taken home.

If members will write a few words on a piece of paper describing the pictures they bring, so much the better. The film from Ron's camera will be processed, and at the following meeting, we should have an interesting display of photographic copies of archival pictures...to add to our archival collection. Those who don't bring pictures WILL GET A PUNCH. Those who bring photographs will also get punch, a Christmas Punch, and Other Goodies. Remember the date!

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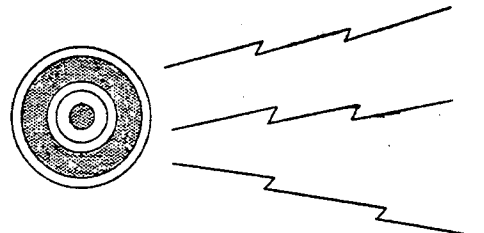
The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of THE NEWCASTLE VILLAGE AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY will be held at 7.30, January 18th 1993, at the Community Hall, Newcastle. Election of Officers will take place at that time. Anyone...that is EVERYONE...interested in helping our Society, and interested and willing to serve as an officer of the Society is asked to contact Francis Jose/987-4789, or Pat Macdonnell/987-5411 or Herb Taylor/987-5433.

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NEWCASTLE HIGH SCHOOL

THE BUZZER 1939 & '40

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Last fall Mr Coombs and five of the boys went on a weekend trip to Ottawa. They saw many places of interest. Donald Jose took several snapshots of the scenery, buildings and even one of the boys cooking breakfast. Lovekin and Millson cooked the eggs -- and burned them. (Possibly on account of the lack of grease. As there was only about 2 ins. of grease in the frying pan the boys added only 2 tablespoons of butter.)

and, as we leave it with you, ask you gently to read, kindly to judge*, our book.

The Principal.

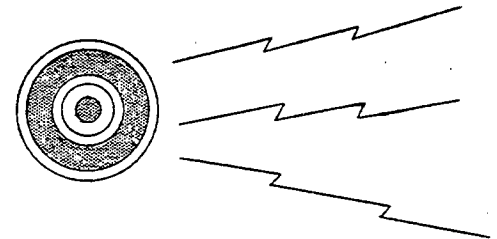
* With apologies to Shakespear.

Our Society has an autographed copy of THE BUZZER 1939 &'40. Our copy was signed by J.D.COOMBS, principal.

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x The first page of THE BUZZER gives credit to the Editorial Staff: x
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x Editor in Chief, Maurice Powell, Grade XII... x
x Business Manager, Lawrence Lillison, Grade XII... x
x Middle School Reporter, Edith Hendry, Grade XII... x
x Grade X Reporter, Laurence Morton, Grade X... x
x Grade IX Reporter, Farncomb LeGresley, Grade IX... x
x Art Editors, Doris Allin, x
x Ruby Gibson, x
x Dora Martin, all Grade X. x
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As with most young people, the students of Newcastle High School had their eyes on the future. They were aware of past & present accomplishments, and intrigued with future ambition. Some editorial comment appeared under the title:



SCHOOL FIRECRACKERS.
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NAME	CHIEF OCCUPATION	AMBITION	FATE
E.Farrow	Giggling when spoken to.	Farmerette	Matriculation
J.Gray	Getting out of work.	Saleslady	Form I again
H.Wright	Fishing	To learn to think	An orator
J.Allin	Math...4X0=?	To be a dietician	To be tall
L.Gibson	Reading	To be an orator	Farmer
F.LeGresley	Drinking milk	To be a pilot	Delivering milk
F.Hoar	Yawning	To quit school	To have to work
F.Gibson	Talking	To be a designer	Illustrating Henry
B.Allin	Sleeping	Latin prof.	Middle school
M.Pedwell	Giggling	Athletic champ	
H.Powell	Doing Latin and French.	To be a nurse	School teacher
R.Murray	Fooling in school	A second R.Horner	Running a Newstand
K.Branton	Memorising notes	Elocutionist	Magazine agent
D.Purdy	Writing to O.A.C.	Professional dancer	Farmette
L.Morton	Studying music	Classical pianist	History professor
D.Martin	Playing swing music.	Organist	Housekeeper

D.Allin	Drawing girls	Artist	Spinster with Bet.
P.Deline	Being with Morton	Singer	Hairdresser
B.Taylor	Boxing	Owning a car	Hitchhiking

D.Jose	Teacher's pet	O.A.C. Guelph	Violinist
J.Bonathan	Selling nails	Macdonald Hall	Farmer's wife
L.Millson	French Authors	Air Force	Language Specialist
M.Powell	Arguing with teachers.	To teach Virgil	Fifth Form

K.Toms	Motoring	To drive an Olds.	Short man's wife
B.Enright	Reading Love stories.	Good cook	Spinster with Dor.

M.Pedwell	Building pyramids	Teacher's pet	Algebra professor
E.Hendry	Dancing	Normal School	R.C.A.F.

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Most of our readers will know at least one or two of the above:

Lower School, 1st and 2nd form:

EILEEN FARROW, married GEORGE KNOX and now lives in Solina; JEAN GRAY, a first cousin to CHARLIE GRAY, our now retired Newcastle Postmaster; lived at one time in a little house that is now gone, between CUFFE's and EILBECK's on the west side of Mill Street down near the marina. She became Mrs RICE and lived in Hampton. HAROLD WRIGHT came from Bowmanville.

JUNE ALLIN was a sister of GLENN and ROSS ALLIN. GLENN lives beyond the underpass out of the village on North Street; LES GIBSON from the 3rd line was one of the many who attended our High School Reunion this past summer. FARNCOMBE LEGRESLEY drank enough milk to become a teacher himself at Bowmanville High School, while FRANK HOAR eventually took over his father's garage...Hoar's Garage... across the street from the Newcastle Coin Wash.

BOB ALLIN on the 3rd line, is now a retired farmer. MURIAL PEDWELL, married STAN RICKARD an older brother to BRENTON and GARNET Rickard. He was a High School teacher, is now retired and they live in Port Perry. HAZEL POWELL married JACK CRAGO and has more to do with English now than Latin and French and you can see her picture and JACK's in the NEW STATESMAN every week.

ROY MURRAY's father was a foreman at C.Anderson Smith but the family moved away from Newcastle before ROY finished High School. DOLLY PURDY's family owned and operated the Elmhurst Hotel which is now the St Francis Church. She married five times and now lives in Florida. LAURENCE MORTON, the United Church minister's son, is now the head of the Fine Arts Department at Bob Jones University, in South Carolina. DORA MARTIN, Mrs HARPER KELSEY lives on Mill Street, near St George's where the sign in the window says Sandor Ceramic Studio.

DORIS ALLIN, sister to BOB, became Mrs GEDDES and lives in Toronto. PAULINE DELINE, one of our Society members, still lives where her father had his barber shop, now does her tapdancing as Mrs STORKS, at her Bargain Plus Gifts & Things shop on King Street East. BILL TAYLOR was from Bowmanville.

Middle School, 3rd and 4th form:

DONALD JOSE, brother to FRANCIS, was Asst Director of the Department of Information at the University of Guelph, is retired now and lives in Guelph; JEAN BONATHAN, who lived on King Street where Square Boy Pizza is today, married BRENTON RICKARD, now lives on Mill Street Sth, and is Treasurer of our Society. LAWRENCE MILLSON, who lived near Newtonville and then taught school in Oshawa, died earlier this month. MAURICE POWELL, HAZEL CRAGO's older sister, married DONALD COULTER and lives near Toronto.

KAY TOMS married STANLEY POWELL and they live in the big brick house opposite the United Church on Mill Street. BETTY ENWRIGHT married HAROLD HOCKINS who worked for the O.P.P., and they live on Simcoe North in Port Perry. MAURICE PEDWELL is a brother in-law of BOB ALLIN. He married BOB's sister MARIE and also lives on the 3rd line, a semi-retired farmer, with the big dairy operation on the south side, just west of highway one-fifteen...with those big silos; EDITH HENDRY sister to ANNABELLE RICKARD, married BRUCE MURRAY a veterinarian and they live in Stirling.

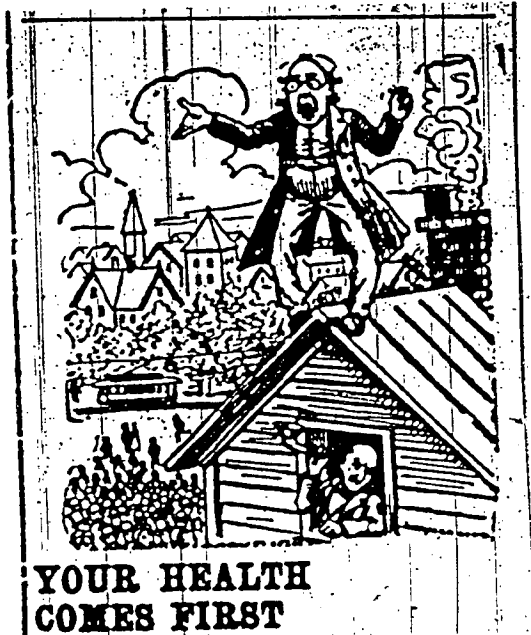
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The Newcastle High School Reunion, held this summer, was a great success. The credit for this, goes to a number of people in the village, and includes all who attended. Organizers of special note were LAURENCE MORTON, of Bob Jones University, in South Carolina, MAURICE and MARIE PEDWELL, PAULINE STORKS, HAZEL CRAGO, JEAN RICKARD and CHARLES GRAY.

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1903 CONTINUED . . .

In our last newsletter we featured the Clarke Fair and other events of September 1903. That was the year that the Butler family arrived in Newcastle from Toronto, and moved into the J.K.Allen house which later became the Catholic Church on King Street East. The ORONO NEWS in its October 15th 1903 edition announced that, "Mr Butler the present owner of Elmhurst...is having an accetylene gas plant placed in his residence. S. Bonathan has the contract of putting it in."



In October of 1903...

J.E.RICHARDS tried to lure Newcastle customers over to Bowmanville. Their pitch was...."Take no chances on the microbes that abound in well water, avoid typhoid by drinking our brewed Ginger Beer, Ginger Ale, Sarsaparilla. Lemon Sour as we keep it in all sizes from 5c up to 15c. Be sure to take one home as a stomach tonic (bottles must be returned). Fresh Roasted Pea Nuts. Don't get mixed with your Hair Cut. Come any day but Saturdays -- avoid rush. Don't forget the rush on Mondays. They are shouting the merits of our Ginger Beer & c from the house tops.

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The Lovekin and Hartwell Families of Clarke.

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Richard Lovekin set sail from Ireland in September, 1795 and arrived in Clarke Township in May of 1797. Travelling with him were his wife Sarah, son John, three daughters Mary, Eliza and Sally, and Hester Alcock, a servant. Mary Lovekin was to marry Ebenezer Hartwell, and her sister Eliza Lovekin married Ebenezer's brother John.

The following story, based on Eliza Lovekin's remarkable premonition of her husband's death in July 1828, has been sent to us by Mrs Elizabeth Lovekin Anderson. She tells us that the truth of her story is vouched for by Harriet Hartwell Doughty, granddaughter of Eliza Lovekin Hartwell, who heard it from her mother Hannah Hartwell Smith.

JOHN AND ELIZA by Elizabeth Lovekin Anderson.

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In due time each brother, Ebenezer and John, wooed and wed, the sister of his choice.

John married Eliza Lovekin and between these two existed a peculiarity. Sensitive as the harp of Erin, present or absent, her soul could hear and answer his silent call, and the bond endured.

Years passed and to the world he was a prosperous man of affairs and she was a practical housewife; both nearing the evening of life. The world would not see the bond and did not know that always he was her loyal knight and she his fair lady.

One day men came to ask his aid in a great feat of engineering for the public good and he went away to the Deep Cut in the Wellend Canal. With deep foreboding she saw him go and the weary weeks of his absence dragged slowly by.

It was nearly time for his return when her daughter heard her sobbing in the night. When asked, her mother said "I have seen your Father!" He is dying and has sent for me. He came into this room to call me and led me out into the starlite night. He beckoned and I followed until I saw his path was leading to an open grave. In agony I cried, "Come back, come back my husband! He did not heed me but while my heart stood still he disappeared down, down into the cruel grave. I ran to follow him but when I reached the spot the earth had closed above him and I was alone."

"You have been dreaming dear Mother," her daughter said.

"It was no dream, it was your father's presence. He has sent for me. He is calling and I must go."

Eliza could not be dissuaded from her purpose and at once made preparations for her journey. Then sitting by the window she spent the slowly creeping hours watching the western road. At last along the dusty highway a horseman came speeding towards their home.

"It is his messenger," she said, "and I am ready."

Mounting her horse in the gloaming she followed her guide. Riding all the night long through forest and ford she reached her husband who with the life stream ebbing, was waiting to say farewell. He knew she would hear and answer his silent call.
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