

NEWSLETTER

March 23, 1984

Dear Member :

BE A PART OF IT ! Have you noticed that this is the theme for our drive for production cost funds for the "Story of Renfrew" ? It's in Don McKinnon's weekly promotion article in current Mercury issues.

Perhaps you have some ideas as to a name we should choose for this book about Renfrew.

We are now accepting orders for the book, which is still in process (a long process entailing much time-consuming work) of being edited and will be published in a few weeks time. A donation of \$25.00 would assure you of an early copy, and recognition as a supporting donor. Mrs. Helen Clark of 135 Quarry St. E will be accepting these orders.

BRIDGE AND LUNCHEON

- .. will be held at the Curling Club, Wednesday afternoon, April 4th. Time 12.30
- .. Get up a table, and phone in a reservation to Dorothy Skinner at 2-2302.
- .. Price...\$6.00 per person...good food...good prizes...and most of all, your satisfaction in having a share in the promotion of "Story of Renfrew" !

General Meeting Thursday, April 26th

- .. at this meeting we are hoping to have Dave Lemkay show his film on "The Coulonge River....meeting at the Program Centre...details later in the Mercury .

.... President Dorothy Skinner.

CLYDE KENNEDY HONOURED.

Clyde Kennedy's many friends in and around Renfrew will be pleased to see him honoured by the National Museum of Man in his appointment as Research Associate with the Museum's Archaeological Survey of Canada. He is thoroughly experienced in this work and we know he will do a good job.

Clyde is well known in Renfrew for his many activities in connection with Heritage Renfrew. He is one of our charter members and in recognition of his good work we made him an honorary member in 1978. He has addressed our meetings at various times and has often given talks at our schools. Besides being interviewed over CKOB, he has spoken several times over CBO in Ottawa.

Some of our most successful bus tours have been organized by Clyde, in which he acted as commentator throughout.

We wish Clyde well in his new work and we know he will make many valuable and lasting contributions in the field of archaeology.

.. Harry Hinchley.

Dr. George F. MacDonald, Director of the National Museum of Man, is pleased to announce the appointment of Nepean resident Clyde C. Kennedy as a Research Associate with the Museum's Archaeological Survey of Canada.

Well known for his research in the Ottawa Valley, Mr. Kennedy has specialized in the study of Laurentian Culture Indians, who date to about 5000 years ago, and pottery-making Indians of about 2000 years ago. Although non-remunerative, the position of Research Associate recognizes Mr. Kennedy's many contributions through archaeological field surveys and research on behalf of the National Museum of Man over the past 30 years.

Mr. Kennedy has written extensively on archaeology and has given numerous interviews on the Indian occupation of the Ottawa Valley. He is author of three books: The Upper Ottawa Valley, History of Renfrew County (co-author) and Atomic Energy in Canada. He established the Annual Upper Ottawa Valley Historical Symposium. During the 30 year career with Atomic Energy of Canada he specialized in the ~~pop~~ popularization of science and engineering through the production of films, exhibits and publications. Between 1955 and 1981 he was a Canadian delegate to several United Nations Conferences on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.

FORGET IT

If you see a tall fellow ahead of the crowd,
A leader of music, marching fearless and proud
And you know of a tale whose mere telling aloud
Would ~~cause~~ cause his proud head to in anguish be bowed,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away
In a closet, and guarded and kept from the day
In the dark; whose showing, whose sudden display
Would cause grief and sorrow and lifelong dismay
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a spot in the life of a friend
(We all have spots concealed, world without end)
Whose touching his heartstrings would sadden and rend
Till the shame of its showing no grieving would mend,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that will darken the joy
Of a man or a woman, a girl or a boy,
That will wipe out the smile or the least way annoy,
A fellow, or cause any gladness to cloy,
IT'S A PRETTY GOOD PLAN TO FORGET IT !

From the Typist :

Our Newsletters have not been sent out as frequently as they were before the price of stamps went up.

But in addition our one and only editor for all these past years wishes to retire from the position.... and that person could only be...you didn't even have to guess...our honorary member Harry Hinchley. He had never failed to bring interesting articles to the attention of the membership through the medium of this Newsletter.

At present, the policy of President Dorothy Skinner is to continue issuing

the Newsletter particularly because of its value for informing our members about coming events. But she also would like to see contributions in the form of articles, poems, etc from the readers of this Newsletter.

How about some humour too? Send in a yarn about yourself in your childhood, or about your most embarrassing moment, or a joke that hasn't been around for a while.

Here's one for starters:

When I was a child of five or so, back on the family farm, it was routine to have a little snack before going to bed. Mother would get the bread, butter and jam out, and Dad would spread the jam..(in case we took too much)...and he'd tease us by asking:

"Will you have bread mit chelly, or no bread mit'out chelly"??

At five years of age I had to think seriously before answering, but I'm sure he wouldn't have denied us the jelly ~~if we had chosen~~ and the bread if we had chosen unwisely.

Years later I asked my older brother where Dad might have picked up that trick. "Well, I expect it was a saying of old Carl Frederick's that he used on Dad, when as a boy of 13 just out from Ireland he was sent up to Fredericks to pick up partly burned logs and sticks, and pile them to be fired again when they were clearing land." (Carl Frederick and family had just arrived from Germany...settling next to the Andersons in Chisholm Township.)

That's mine...now let's have yours for next Newsletter. ... Les Anderson.

We have been fortunate in having Helen Clark, our Treasurer, for typing the Newsletters for some time past.

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For those who may have forgotten some of the lines:

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Outdid the waves in sparkling glee;
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company;
I gazed... and gazed... but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of the bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills
And dances with the daffodils.

.. Wordsworth

MEMORIAL SERVICE for the late George Johnston...United Church..Monday, 2 p.m.

It is with very deep regret that we announce the sudden passing of George Johnston. He did wonderful photography work for Heritage Renfrew's "Inventory of Historic Houses of Renfrew". His carvings of birds are a lasting legacy from him.

Please take note of the above time and date. (No visitations)