

# OUR FALL BUS TRIP

TO THE NEW (unfinished) MUSEUM <sup>pg 1</sup>  
AND TO KINGSMERE IN THE  
GATINEAU

IS ON FRIDAY.... Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

Departure from the Bus Station is at  
0800 hrs

BRING A {BOX} LUNCH  
{BAG}

\$12<sup>00</sup> per person covers return fare,  
admission, and tour fee.

Reserve your place at the bus depot. There  
will be just one bus....first come,  
first served.

This is a real bargain...actual cost is  
greater. As in other years, Heritage  
Renfrew subsidizes the cost and opens the  
trip to all.



## COME, SEE THE COLOURS !!!!!

THE RENFREW FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION celebrates its 60th birthday this year. It too has a long history of concern for our environment.

On Thursday 22 June, 1939, a group of concerned citizens met in the Agricultural Office to consider forming a club. Father Jones of Calabogie was elected Chairman of the meeting and Frank Dench secretary. Ottawa Fish and Game Executive were present to offer advice. Hugh Ferguson moved that a Fish and Game Association be formed. Jim Clarke seconded the motion. C. Imbleau moved, seconded by Cliff McManus, that the association be known as Renfrew Fish and Game Association. H. Ferguson moved - seconded by R. Bigham - that the nominating committee be made up of C. Imbleau, C. McManus, J. Clarke, J. McGregor and Frank Dench.

On 4 July 1939, in Frank Dench's office, M.J. O'Brien Jr., and P.J. Gordon were named Honorary Presidents and the first slate of officers was presented and elected.

President H.D. Ferguson, Vice Frank Dench, Sec'y-Treas J.N. Clarke, and Executive Committee: CJ Jones, C. McManus, J. McGregor, C. Imbleau.

Directors at large were many: George Stevenson, Sam Williams, Walter Beall, H. Letang, M. Stewart, S. Kobus, H. Lora, R. Burke, R. Bigham, H. Smart, H. Millar, H. Eady, H. Elliott, Sam Shields, P. Fishenden, C. Moore, Rev. L. Fowler, Geo Eady, R. McGarvey, Dr. W. Burwell, Ray Imbleau and Rev. C.J. Jones. Membership was 50 cents.

The Association's main concern was fish stocking of lakes and rivers - a back-breaking task in the days before air drops. In the 50's, Executive members who were, coincidentally, teachers at RCI, initiated programs that were later taken over by the Fish and Game Association. These included the Junior Conservation Club, the Sporting Rifle Club and Hunter Safety (which was taught at RCI long before it became mandatory legislation.) In the 60's the cadet pistol club and the town senior rifle club (which had a long history going back to the '30's) were handed over to interested Fish and Game Directors. In the early '60's Renfrew's directors were also involved in Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters work. It was at this time that the constitution was amended to involve a Fish and Game Club (of non-federated members). The Renfrew Fish and Game Association won the Austin Peter's Trophy for being the best club in the Ottawa and St. Lawrence Valleys and it narrowly lost to Sarnia in the Provincial contest for the Mary Pickford Trophy. That same year Prime Minister Deifenbaker crowned our Renfrew Club's entrant Miss Outdoor Girl of Canada. The Association has had many accomplishments, none was prettier than Miss Isobel Gould.

In recent years the acquisition and development of association property on Pucker Street marked the beginning of a new era.

Heritage Renfrew congratulates the Renfrew Fish and Game Club on 60 years of accomplishment. May your future be as glorious as your past!

Dave Lorente



for a job well done!!

- to Baron Bob Amaron and his entourage: Doug and Gladys Sidock, Marge Lindsay and Judy Anderson

- to the Channel 12 TV crew - especially Janie Wannamaker and Brad Proctor - for taping two pre-Festival shows and editing four hours of Heritage Renfrew video for same day viewing.

-to Terry Irish for rallying the gang of grand old cars and drivers



- to Heritage Renfrew's Executive for doing so much leg-work in contacting merchants and such a wonderful job on research and cultural input.

- to the Renfrew and District Historical Society and Museum staff for their unstinting effort and cooperation.

- to all who dressed up, displayed artifacts and just got involved.

- to Marge Lindsay who single-handedly orchestrated the

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Baron's schedule, did most of the research on the Barnet family and Golf Club history, acted as Elsie Cox, Mr. Barnet's secretary and prompter, found a change of vintage costume for all occasions - even a swim suit, scripted and conducted two pre-Festival TV shows....and did it all with panache and a winning smile!

- And special congratulations to Bob Amaron who really WAS Alex Barnet, and the various committees in town who made our first Lumber Baron Festival such a success.

DON McCUAIG'S PASSING has saddened every person who knew him. Don, especially in his role as editor and publisher, has been a backbone of Heritage Renfrew from the beginning. He loved the Valley and its people. He was a dedicated conservationist and outdoorsman. He was an artist with camera, brush and word. As the bard said: "His life was gentle, and the elements so mixed in him, that Nature might stand up and say to all the world - This was a man!"

We extend sincere sympathy to Carol and the children.

#### DIDJ'A KNOW...

- Heritage Renfrew's new TV committee has been given the task of making a video tape of every street in Renfrew. The tapes will be kept in our archives. If we repeat the project a few years down the line we'll have a graphic contrast of just how our town is changing.
- Original tapes of all events in which Heritage Renfrew is involved are put in our archives.
- The Arnprior Historical Society is hosting a workshop on Cemeteries on October 14th.
- Genealogists from the Valley met in Pembroke in mid-September to take the first steps in forming Valley societies. Officials from the Ottawa organization who helped set up the two-day workshop were properly aghast that Renfrew's archival material was not kept in the town library as it is in most communities.
- Our archival material is stored in several places and will not be available to the public until (we hope) we find a home for it next spring.
- An exception to the above is the Mercury microfilm tape collection and readers purchased by Heritage Renfrew. These are still in the library.

FIRST ANNUAL LUMBER BARON FESTIVAL, AUGUST 2 - 7, 1989

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In early July, the Committee which had been organizing since January asked Heritage Renfrew to provide historical input as a unifying theme for the Festival programs. A budget was also established. The lumber baron to be honoured was Alexander Barnet to be portrayed by Bob Amaron.

Heritage Renfrew had decided at its June meeting to approach the Museum Committee to join with us to do a major window display on the Main Street featuring Barnet artifacts and photographs. Many thanks to McPhail and Perkins Furniture Store for the large window facing Low Square, and to the many contributors to the display. It was enjoyed by many people. It was also a great pleasure to work closely with the Museum Committee to assemble the display.

In cooperation with Channel 12 Cablevision we agreed to script one hour of history concerning the Barnets and lumbering and a second program (also one hour) on the 60th anniversary of the Renfrew Golf Club. Both shows have been shown several times on local TV.

Other tasks which Heritage Renfrew undertook to help the Festival along were:

1. to assemble another window display at Scott Hardware featuring wash stands, jugs and bowls. Thanks to Doris Humphries, Jean Woods, Mary Lester, Judy Anderson, Dorothy Skinner and Marge Lindsay.
2. to visit all the merchants on Main Street and Renfrew Mall to discuss ideas for window displays and encourage heritage dress during the Festival.
3. to co-ordinate a daily schedule for the Lumber Baron and to advertise it.
4. to organize a small group in costume to accompany Mr. Barnet at all times. Gladie and Doug Sidock, Judy Anderson, Val Brown, Jim SLavin, Marge Lindsay. A great job!
5. to arrange for a photographer to accompany the lumber baron and party at all times. Gus Handford, alias Dave Lorente - a super job! We enjoyed your two and a half hour program on Channel 12.

Highlights of the week - besides mainstreeting - were visits to Calabogie to the Barnet Cottage where we were met by Reeve JR Easton, Father Rice and others.....to Arnprior Museum to consult with Mrs Dan McLachlin (Miss Norma Hall, a descendant) - the meeting was coordinated by Muriel Saunders....and attendance at the Lumber Baron's Ball at which 30 people, ladies in ball gowns and men in evening dress, arrived in an elegant horse drawn carriage and

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antique cars and were piped in to their places.

Finally, there was the Burnstown Boat Race Day, Doctor Bill Burwell's Steamboat (Little Toot???), Jack Lockwood's cannon and more costumes, Terry Irish's coordination of the antique cars all week, and often on short notice.

Congratulations and thanks to all.

Plans are being made already for next year. James Carswell is to be honoured as the lumber baron. The festival dates are August 1 - 6, 1990.

"Y'all come, now!"

Marge Lindsay

#### HERITAGE RENFREW AND THE CANADA WORLD YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Sixteen young men and women, ranging in age from 18 to 21, arrived in Renfrew for a 10 week stay starting Sunday September 17. Eight are from Costa Rica; 8 are Canadians from Newfoundland, Quebec, Ontario, Winnipeg and Alberta. This is the second year in a row that the exchange program has come to Renfrew.

On Monday morning Dorothy Skinner and Marge Lindsay conducted a walking tour for the group. They visited St. Joseph's High School, Centreside Dairy for ice-cream (Dot's treat), the Police Station, Town Office, Fire Station (lot's of fun sliding down the brass pole), Public Library, banks, Post Office and some stores.

After a three-day stay at the Lutheran Church the young people move to their homes to begin their 10 weeks of volunteer work in the community. We wish them every success and hope to have them involved soon in a Heritage Renfrew archives project.

Marge Lindsay

„DIDJ'A KNOW?.....

- Research on genealogy costs about \$14.00 and hour. Of course, no one can promise that an hour's work - even 10 - will produce desired results. Just another good reason for doing it yourself...and the best place to start is with the insert in this newsletter and a trip to the Archives on Wellington Street in Ottawa. Once you have a pass, it's open to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.....and it's free, free, free!

- that Heritage Renfrew provides suggestions for names to the Municipality for the naming of streets so that they have some historical significance.

# PEDIGREE CHART

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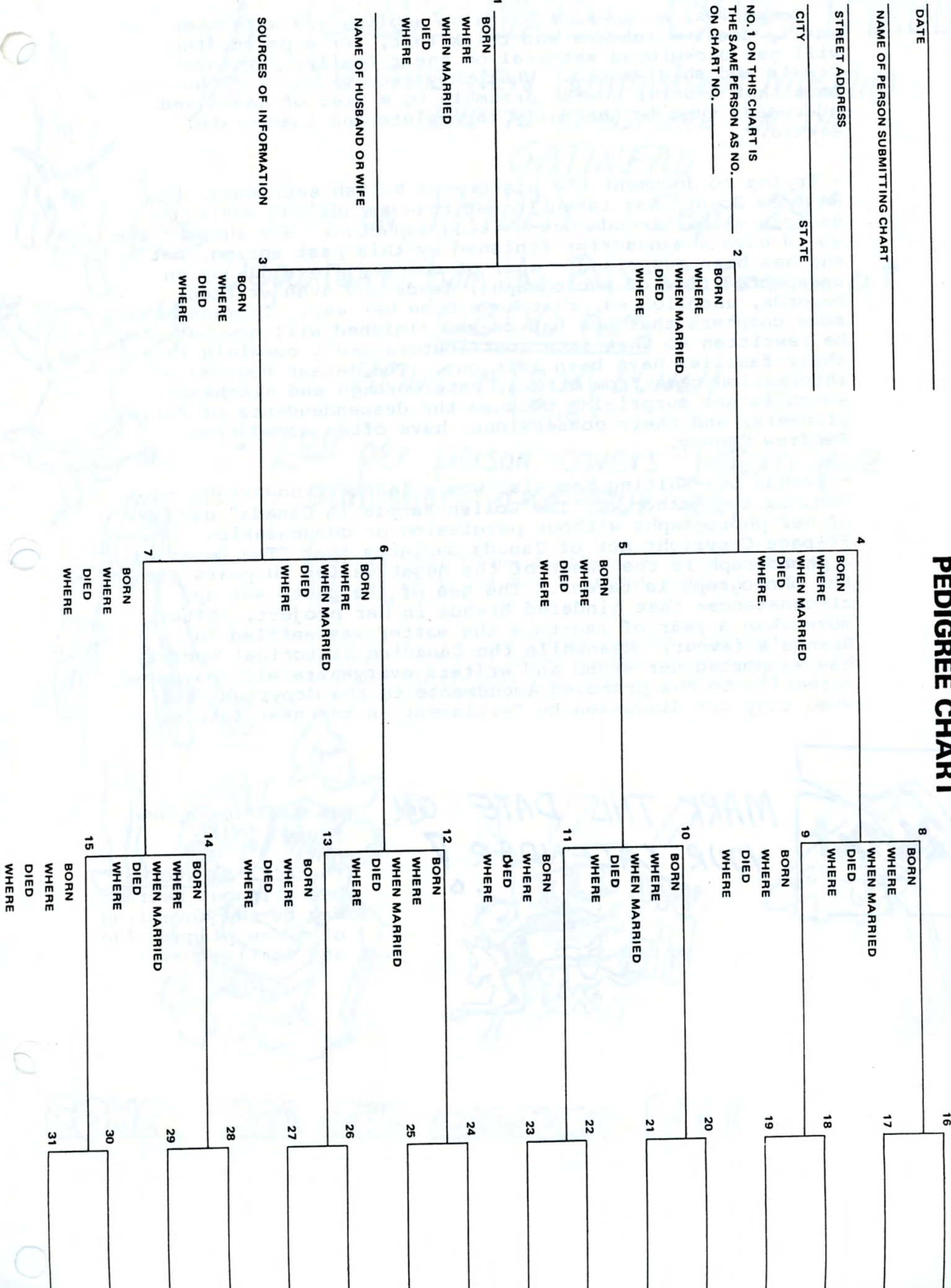
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION



DIDJ'A KNOW?.....

- Companies, such as Halberts's, publish ads which tend to easily deceive readers who think that, for a price, they will get background material on their family, pertinent crests and shields etc. What they receive is often nothing more than a brief how-to preamble to a list of names and addresses that is generally incomplete and inaccurate. Beware.

- Trying to document the history of Polish settlement in Renfrew County has taken longer than author and Heritage Renfrew member Brenda Lee-Whiting expected. She thought she would have a manuscript finished by this past spring, but she has been surprised - and, of course, pleased - by an unexpected flow of photographs, leads and even written records, unsolicited, that have come her way. It means that some chapters that she had deemed finished will now have to be rewritten so that late contributors can't complain that their families have been left out. The latest sources of information came from Ottawa, Peterborough and Kitchener, which is not surprising because the descendendants of Polish pioneers, and their possessions, have often moved from Renfrew County.

- Brenda Lee-Whiting has also won a landmark copyright case because the author of "The Polish People in Canada" used one of her photographs without permission or compensation. The 56-page Copyright Act of Canada declares that "The owner of a photograph is the owner of the negative for 50 years after the photograph is taken". The use of the photo set up circumstances that hindered Brenda in her project. After more than a year of red-tape the matter was settled in Brenda's favour. Meanwhile the Canadian Historical Society has supported her stand and writers everywhere will pay more attention to the proposed Amendments to the Copyright Act when they are discussed by Parliament in the near future.



MARK THIS DATE ON  
YOUR CALENDAR!



(We don't care how  
you do it!)

There'll be another  
bus trip out Dacre  
way to the unveiling  
of a new plaque, fun  
and festivities.