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JAN 96

HERITAGE RENFREW'S ANNUAL MEETING AND OVTOS MUSIC CONCERT

ON JAN 21st Heritage Renfrew will hold its Annual Meeting at the O'Brien Theatre at 1.30 pm. Many thanks to Murray Adolph for the use of the beautifully restored building. Following the business meeting and the election of officers to the Board of Directors for 1996, the Ottawa Valley Theatre Organ Society will present a musical and information session concerning their very ambitious project of installing a theatre organ in "The O'Brien".

The OVTOS is a registered non-profit organization #0820019-22. Jan. 21st will be its third concert in Renfrew using their portable Baldwin Cinema II electric organ. There will be no admission charge but donations will be accepted and all monies raised will be given to the OVTOS. Receipts will be issued as required and membership in the Society available.

Why donate? Why a theatre organ? Primarily because it will be a major asset to Renfrew. It will give the town "destination status" for concerts, local and touring musicians, fashion shows, music festivals, religious gatherings, community choirs, charity auctions, etc. As well as the foregoing, it is hoped that teaching the organ will become part of the local music curriculum. Renfrew will be in the enviable position of having the only theatre in Canada with an operating theatre organ and, besides that, it will have two consoles (duet capabilities)!

Heritage Renfrew believes this to be a worthy project and invites all members and their friends to attend the Jan. 21st meeting. We would also ask our members to actively promote the cause by informing members of other organizations to which they belong about the O'Brien Theatre project.

COMMEMORATION OF 100 YRS. IN RENFREW

The following were recognized at Renfrew's Centennial celebration of incorporation on Friday, October 20, 1995:-

- 1853-Renfrew Agricultural Society-Doug Humphries
- 1859-Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons #122-Graham Jameison
- 1874-Independent Order of Oddfellows-Gordon Boal
- 1874-The Renfrew Curling Club-Doris Handford
- 1895-Royal Arch Masons, Bonnechers Lodge #114-Gordon Cross
- 1895-Harriet Rebekah Lodge #44-Marjorie Johnson
- 1895-Renfrew Hydro Electric Commission-Tom Freemark

- 1871-The Renfrew Mercury-Elaine Dick
- 1895-Chown and Crosby-Bill Chown

- 1868-McPhail and Perkins Furniture Ltd.-John Steele
- 1892-Frasers Clothes Shop-Doug Fraser
- 1895-Coolican Hardware-Bill Coolican
- 1895-Scott's Shoe Store-Ian Scott
- 1895-George H. & Sons-Allan Froats

- 1867-H. Imbleau & Sons-Lucy Imbleau

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The Voice of Heritage Renfrew - Saving Yesterday for Tomorrow - Jan 1996

Dear Member,

Compliments of the season and best wishes for '96!

It's that time of year again...time to look back and ahead at the same time as did two-headed Janus, the Roman god of the gate after whom January (and janitors) are called.



Janus tells us that you should mark your calendar for January 21 (our Annual Meeting with a difference), February 19 (our Heritage Luncheon), and perhaps April 28 (our Annual Reunion for Home Children and their descendants which will be held in Toronto this year. (Better mark that last one in pencil because our plans are not *firmed up* yet.) Of course, you reserve a week in July for Lumber Baron Festivities.

In this issue, meanwhile, we look back with satisfaction and pride on a busy schedule in '95. A peek inside will show that

- President Irene Trobridge sums up the year's activities.
- Marge Lindsay recalls highlights of Renfrew 100 Day and paints a word picture of the O'Brien Theatre's Bijou Orchestra.
- We list some recent acquisitions to whet the appetite of family historians and...
...also toss in some highlights of the Home Children Committee's work.
- Of course, there's a tribute to Robertson Davies, the renowned Canadian and one-time Renfrewite who once allowed - tongue in cheek, we hope - that when he went to school here "parents sewed their offspring into their underwear in the fall and didn't let them out until spring."
- There's a note too about the vintage theatre organ that is to be installed in the O'Brien Theatre. You'll hear more about that at the Annual Meeting.
- Finally, we did our duty in reviewing the constitution as we were required to do this year. We draw your attention to the Notice of Motion re amending the Constitution and Bylaws. This motion will be voted on at the Annual Meeting at the O'Brien Theatre on Sunday 21, January.

A SPECIAL VOTE OF THANKS TO THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES OF CANADA STAFF is richly deserved by everyone, including BOB ARMSTRONG, who heads the plant, MARTIN MUNHALL and his commissionaires (BUD, LEN, RON, EAR etc), the custodial staff, and JOHN SMITH who keeps supplying those delightful FREE research aids you will find in our facility.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The highlights of our 1995 Heritage Renfrew activities are many:

- Our Annual Meeting featured the first public presentation by Chief Whiteduck and his team on the First Nations of Golden Lake (Algonquin) Land claim. It was significant enough for several other communities to carry the televised version.
- A follow-up featuring the federal and provincial negotiators was another public first.
- Our members were not only involved with the International Plowing Match (which set a record for attendance, by the way), we were also around to be part of the parade that marked the transfer of the site to Waterloo County for the next event.
- Our continuing fight to retain Victoria Park for the town after the Renfrew County Board of Education tried to claim it and sell it, culminated (for now) in a very public sign being posted on the property setting out details the Board had chosen to overlook.
- Our Heritage Luncheon again brought members and friends from far and wide to reminisce over soup and sandwiches - food for thought and tummy.
- During Heritage Week Doris Humphries sponsored a Contest for all Elementary School children in the area.
- Heritage Renfrew commissioned the carving of THE SHANTYMAN statue that now stands in the Town Square. SHANTYMAN is the embodiment of Lumbering in Renfrew.
- We again provided research, the Lumber Baron (Con Hunt), the strolling players and window display for the Town's week-long Lumber Baron Festival.
- Two of our directors, Marge Lindsay and Gordon Cross, masterminded the Renfrew 100 Day celebrations which were ably hosted by our kilted 'Earl of Lindsay'.
- We also set up a display for the occasion.
- We sponsored an afternoon of reading at the O'Brien Theatre with Renfrew's gift to the CBC - author and radio personality MARY COOK.
- We staffed our archives and take this occasion to thank the Archives of Canada and to Bob Armstrong and Martin Munhall and his commissionaires for their help.
- We sponsored two INFORMATION NIGHTS - one on the Archival Collection and the other on How to Use our Facilities to do Family Research.
- Our members also made presentations in the schools and even hosted several classes of students at the Archives.
- We were involved with local employment and education authorities in the training of adult students in archival research.
- Our archives were used by.....visitors in 1995.
- Our Home Children Committee - as you will see elsewhere - also made a significant contribution.
- Some directors continue to be involved in promoting the area by producing TV shows, conducting guided tours up the Opeongo and 'liaising' with other groups.

I congratulate my fellow Board of Directors and Heritage Renfrew members for their involvement in preserving yesterday for tomorrow. I wish them and the 1996 Board continued success.

Irene Trobridge

HERITAGE RENFREW HOME CHILDREN COMMITTEE activities in 1995

- Our Annual Reunion for Home Children and descendants was held in Belleville in September. Collette Bradford, Head of After Care of Barnardos in England, was guest speaker and she brought greetings from her President, Princess Diana.
- Collette crossed the Atlantic to be with our Committee during the Ontario Genealogical Conference in Chatham. She also attended our special Reunion in Stratford.
- The Committee also made presentations in Edmonton to the Alberta Genealogical Conference, to the Almonte Hospital group that concerns itself with Seniors, to the Arnprior Historical Society, the British Isles Family History Society Conference at City Hall in Ottawa, and to several schools.
- We also conducted a week-long Elderhostel on Home Children in Orillia at the National YMCA Headquarters. (We will be conducting another this coming March.)
- We contacted the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales who agreed to take action on our request that they gather all Roman Catholic Home Children records and put them on a database. Rosemary Keenan and her group in the UK have already started work.
- The Anglican Church in England's Children's Society (formerly The Waifs and Strays Society) has also agreed to start their database in 1996.
- We asked Sarge Bampton of Richmond, Quebec, to search for the missing Anglican Home Children records in Canada because we suspected they were in his area. Sarge quickly succeeded in finding the list of 3,000 boys who went through Gibb's Home in Sherbrooke. These records will be given to the National Archives after they are microfilmed by the Church of the Latter Day Saints so that they can be available to anyone. Copies of the two volumes will be sent to the Anglican Church in England (which does not have a copy) and to the Anglican Dioceses of Quebec and Ottawa as well as to Canadian Archives. Heritage Renfrew already has a copy.
- Doug Fry, custodian of the Fegan records in Canada, has also consented to have his records microfilmed. He also has kindly given our Archives an index.
- Over 2,000 Researcher's Kits have been handed out to date.
- 780 requests for help were answered in 1995.
- The Lorente's were invited to the Gala in England celebrating the 150th anniversary of Barnardo's birth. 3,000 Home Children attended. In recognition of the role our Home Child Committee plays in helping Home Children and their descendants, Kay was asked to represent Canada in the religious ceremony and Dave was made an honorary Home Boy during the closing ceremonies.
- The Post Office acknowledged receipt of petitions we sent in to have some 1996 issue stamps commemorate Home Children. Their choice of 'worthy subjects' last year included comic book heroes, bridges and farm implements, and the Monarch butterfly. We await their decision for this year; it is several months late, perhaps because of budget cuts.
- Ed Hall has donated Barnardo trunks that once belonged to his father George (Shorty) Hall and his aunt Harriett. Hugh McMaster got his mother Nellie's permission to donate her Macpherson trunk to us. (Nellie is 97; she came over in 1905). The three trunks will be held in trust until a Museum such as the National Museum of Civilization accepts them for a permanent display. We are in the market for other trunks, for our own Archives and Museum, and for agencies in England who do not

have trunks in their own child migrant museums.

- We have united a 65 year old Home Child in England with his sister and brother in Canada and with a sister in the USA.
- We have conducted TV interviews, written articles and had meetings with agencies such as the Red Cross, adoption agencies and archivists.
- We plan to hold our 1996 Reunion in the spring in Toronto. Time and place to be decided. We have asked a Fegan Home Child to be guest speaker and we also hope to have guests from England.
- Because of the enormous cost of mailing notices to thousands of people we must 'target' those who live in the area of the next Reunion. Those who are members in good standing of Heritage Renfrew will receive their notice and all regular newsletters.
- We have met with Margaret Humphreys of the Child Migrant Trust in England. While the CMT has helped some few Canadian Home Children to contact kin abroad, it is mostly involved with (younger) Australian child migrants. Our most agreeable meeting was held in Toronto to determine what we can do to help each other.
- Our plans for the future include publishing a booklet to raise money to promote special projects.
- We are pleased to say that the Ontario Heritage Foundation has agreed to put up a provincial plaque at the site of St. George's Distribution Home in Ottawa. This will be the first such government-sponsored plaque in Ontario (and perhaps Canada) to commemorate Home Children.

Kay and Dave Lorente

MAJOR NOVEMBER ACQUISITIONS:

- CENTRAL CANADIANS 1600-1900 is a compilation of over 500,000 names (extracted from over 100 sources). It is an invaluable aid.
- RENFREW COUNTY MARRIAGES 1858 - 1869 is a list of marriages registered in our County in the decade before Ontario registration became compulsory.
- SEVERAL FAMILY RECORDS have also been received, including ones on the LEGRIS, LEROUX, GUEST-PEEVER (update) etc.
- AREA CEMETERY RECORDS compiled by Olga Lewis on the St Alexander Cemetery, the Flat Rapids Cemetery and the Sandpoint Public Cemetery - all in McNab Township. A special thanks to Olga who promises there are more to come.

For your information:

We have also ordered the MARRIAGES FOR CARLETON COUNTY AND OTTAWA and the SURROGATE COURT RECORDS for RENFREW COUNTY for the same pre- and early Confederation period (1858-1869)

HOT OFF THE PRESS

- CAROL BENNETT McCUAIG has done it again. She has put together a beautiful book on ST JAMES THE LESS (The Roman Catholic Church in Eganville). The subtitle tells it all: *The History of a Church, The Loss of a Landmark*. Treat yourself. Buy a copy.

MEMBERSHIP:

Renew your membership now. At \$5 per individual or married couple this is the cheapest heritage or genealogical membership we know of. And you get full value - if only from the newsletters which cost that much to produce and mail out. And while on the topic of membership, we want to thank Gordon Cross for his diligence and devotion in setting up our membership database. Gordon is much involved in the community and while he will not allow his name to stand again to be a director, he has agreed to continue to serve as Membership Chairman. You can renew your membership by contacting him at 35 Barnet Blvd, Renfrew ON, K7V 2M5. (Tel 613) 432-4837. Cheques should be made out to Heritage Renfrew. Gordon will pass the cheques on to our Treasurer Helen Clark. Those who make donations will be mailed receipts for income tax purposes.

NOTICE OF MOTION RE AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION by Con Hunt

The directors of Heritage Renfrew are required to examine the constitution every two years with the purpose of updating it. A committee of Gordon Cross, Con Hunt and Kay and Dave Lorente made the first detailed study of the whole document this year and they make this notice of motion:

That the Constitution and Bylaws of Heritage Renfrew be amended as in the proposed copy which is now available at the Renfrew Archives for all members to examine and which will be posted at the Annual Meeting.

The following are the major suggested changes:

Membership - to include Home Child related category and Youth (this latter at \$2.00);
Life dues to be equivalent of 10 years membership fees.

Executive Committee of the Board of Directors to be elected: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary). (The Past President is automatically a member of the Executive Committee and so is not elected.)

- The Executive Committee is to assume responsibility for long range plans.

Vice-President's Duties spelled out more clearly, e.g. to assist the President in steering business through meetings.

Treasurer's Duties to include Home Children accounts (donations and expenses)
Board of Directors - more than the stipulated number (11) can be elected at

an Annual Meeting with provision for appointment should need arise during a term of office.

Committee Duties have been more clearly defined.

Our Motto "Preserving yesterday for tomorrow" has been included.

INTERNET AND THE N.A.C.

You can now access National Archives of Canada facilities re their services and holdings on the Internet at:

<http://www.archives.ca/>

For more information about this service call (613) 992-3884

The Bijou Orchestra

By Hub Lester, as told to Harry Hinchley

Back in the "Roaring Twenties" the Bijou was the big name orchestra of the Upper Ottawa Valley. It put up the music for the big dances up and down the Valley and even as far east as Kemptville and as far north as Timmins. Besides playing as a dance band the Bijou was often the special attraction as a stage band at the O'Brien Opera House.

Frank Beatty was in charge both musically and financially. He played saxophone and clarinet with Doc Dyer on trumpet and Eric Potter on violin. T. J. Airth was the piano player; Ernie Ready, the drummer; and Hub Lester played banjo. Ernie Ready and Hub Lester took the vocals.

In the Twenties all good dances had to have a big orchestra with saxophone and banjo. These were the most popular instruments at that time. Radio was coming in and the old phonographs with the steel needles were on the way out. Young people were beginning to have their own cars and did not mind driving a long distance to a dance.

Plenty of new songs were coming out and Bijou kept up with them. *Baby Face*, *Margie*, and *Tiger Rag* were among the most requested fox trots. For waltzes there were *Always*, *Girl of My Dreams*, *All Alone* and *Ramona*. Eric Potter with his fiddle played for the square dances.

In the early Thirties, the depression came and entertainment styles changed. The O'Brien Opera House closed and was replaced by the O'Brien Theatre with talkies every night. Radios became common. Work was not as plentiful and dances became fewer. Some of the boys left Renfrew and the Bijou broke up.

It was revived again a few years later but without the brass section. The name Bijou was dropped. But the big dances were fewer and mostly to music of smaller groups that operated on a different scale than the old Bijou Orchestra.

MEMORIES OF THE 'BIJOU' ORCHESTRA

Memories hazy as the leader and the organizer of such a "hobby", plus business spoke very little about this venture at home. Father Frank Beatty (deceased), worked hard at his free time job (Renfrew Electric Co.) plus this enterprise to earn extra dollars and save to purchase his own house.

He enjoyed music very much and being a trumpet blower in the "Citizen" band of Renfrew went forth for good band music for entertaining and dancing.

Mastering the saxophone and clarinet himself and having other good people with piano, banjo, violin, drums and trumpet expertise, and band was formed - "Bijou" on the run - Bijou means jewel. The players were the jewels, or our dear mother the jewel, keeping the home fires burning.

Practice did commence at home and my brother Buddy (deceased) and self (Angela) sat on the stairs quietly a few times taking in the starts, stops and finally perfect piece of music pealing forth. Practising started in earnest in Simpson Elliot's hall, too much for home with young ones around.

Occasionally we had the pleasure of piano and saxophone at home as T.J. Airth (pianist) would visit the Beatty household when on home visits from Ottawa.

The Bijou Orchestra played for big dances, home entertaining and touring. The summer dances at Norway Bay at a popular lodge had packed dance floors. Royal blue blazers, white flannel trousers for these summer frolics. Tuxedos at other times and by pictures and comments from people who attended these dances and parties, the musicians were a handsome, well-groomed group of men.

Touring north as far as Timmins, Ontario, whether they were invited or decided to spread good music around is unknown.

The big Studebaker car looked after the men and their instruments and by our mother's comments they looked snappy in tweed knickers, jackets and caps, plus matching pullover sweaters and socks - the 20's dress code for a travelling musical group.

A New Year's dance at R.C.I. in the 20's - a very formal "Do". Two bands, one on the first level, namely Bijou, another on the 2nd level of the auditorium. Father Frank did relate the Bijou stole the show. They were up on new songs and dance music so the crowd jumped on 1st level.

Mother told us in summer on one occasion at the Barnet home, Coleraine Hall, Bijou Orchestra was hired for one week for ten dances. Grounds and porches ablaze with flowers, coloured lights, fun and laughter to the ears of passers by - Bijou really swinging.

Sad tales of Bijou limited however a glimpse of their popularity in the past.

Angela Legary (Beatty)
Audrey Beatty

Renfrew Women in Politics

Mrs. Margaret Ritza ably presented the tribute to Renfrew Women in Politics at the Town of Renfrew Celebration Banquet held in Renfrew Armouries on October 20, 1995. Margaret's grandfather, Senator M. J. O'Brien, Renfrew's greatest benefactor, served briefly on Town Council in the 1890's; her father, J. L. Murray, was Mayor of Renfrew for three years in the 1920's; her brother, Mike, served on Council from 1946 to 1954 as Councillor and Reeve and her father-in-law, D. J. Ritza, served on Council as well. No other family in Renfrew spans the century in service to the citizens of Renfrew. The following is a transcript of Margaret's presentation.

Lois Leclaire

We will begin with Lois Leclaire, the woman most recently elected to Renfrew Council. Following her mother into the teaching profession she was most successful. Her pupils loved her - she had good discipline and her students did very well.

After retiring she wanted to give back to Renfrew - a town that had been good to her. She was successful the first time she ran in 1994. As the Councillors rotate from Committee to Committee during the year, I will not attempt tonight to mention where they are serving or have served. Sufficient to say we appreciate the hours of hard work given by one and all.

We do wish Lois the best in her new career and hope she is there for many years to help Renfrew flourish.

Sandi Heins

How Sandi covers as much ground as she does is a mystery. She is very active in sports - basketball and volleyball, and has even been seen on occasion at the inept Ottawa Rough Riders football games. Sandi works for Community and Social Services, her clients are mostly in Arnprior area - where she commutes daily.

In her years as Councillor, 1976 - 1985, she rarely if ever missed a meeting. Sandi has the courage of her convictions. When she has done her homework and is convinced her way is the best for Renfrew, she will stick to her guns. However, when people have other opinions they and Sandi can disagree and remain good friends. We are very lucky that she was elected Deputy-Reeve in 1994 and hope she will go on in the years ahead to be Mayor. Good luck Sandi!

Marlene Thompson

Like Lois, Marlene's first career was teaching. Then she came here from London, Ontario and did good work for Children's Aid. She is now in the Crown Attorney office - and was the founder of the Victim Witness Program.

As you can readily see, Marlene is involved in many very worth-while projects. She was a tireless, hard-working Councillor from 1976-1985. She worked diligently for all the causes she truly believed in - and we are grateful. Maybe some day in the years ahead she will return to politics and once again help Renfrew to flourish.

Ruth Burwell

As I'm sure you all know Ruth left us far too soon. She was such a great asset in so many areas that it is hard to know where to start. She was a Charter Member of the University Women's Club - President in 1960-61. In 1979 she was named Citizen of the Year, a well deserved honour. Ruth was a dedicated member of the Chamber of Commerce, and she was convenor of a most successful Renfrew Program for the Bi-Centennial of Ontario.

During her many years as a Councillor 1980-1988 and 1991-1994, she worked constantly to keep Renfrew flourishing.

In 1994 at Lumber Baron Festival, Con Hunt was introducing contestants in the Beard Competition. Larry Ritza had entered, but had died before the event took place. That night Con, in his tribute to Larry, said that a moment's silence would just not be Larry's thing. Instead he asked everyone to sing Auld Lang Syne. Tonight I feel the same about Ruth. She spoke out - and so well that silence would be ironic. Instead I ask that you stand - and if Con will give us a note we'll sing "For She's a Jolly Good Fellow" for Ruth.

Audrey Green

Even before Audrey was on Council, she was involved in numerous good causes - one in particular St. John Ambulance. In politics for nearly 20 years - Councillor 1972-74, Reeve 1974-78, and Mayor 1978-1991, which must be a record. She was a tireless worker and her ability was recognized far afield. When she spoke we were proud to have her represent us - and we are grateful for all the hours she put in on our behalf. She is still very much involved in worth-while projects - the R.C.A.F. Wing to name only one.

On a personal note, when Audrey was Mayor she gave us pins and greetings to take to Renfrew, Scotland. On that trip with us were Gladdie Baskin, Jean Reddick, the Claude McArthur's, Wallaces and others. We thank Audrey for the years in which she kept Renfrew flourishing!

Katherine Millar

First woman to be elected in Renfrew. It would seem she was ahead of her time. I'm sure the majority here all have fond memories of this capable lady. She was actually Katherine spelled with a "K", but to all of us she was "Katie". She had such a twinkle in her bright eyes and a kind, friendly word for all. She was a talented artist and painted hundreds of beautiful pictures.

Quoting from Ottawa newspaper - headlines in December 1952 - "Renfrew elects first woman to Council". In those days, pre-women's lib, she was always called Mrs. Ernest Millar. That election saw Katie gathering more votes than any other person. She served faithfully, then in 1959 she ran successfully for the job of Deputy-Reeve.

She was a friend of Charlotte Whitton's from school years, and Dr. Whitton and Katie's sister — members in Business and Professional Women — encouraged Katie to seek office. We are all grateful for her contribution in keeping Renfrew flourishing.

Dr. Charlotte Whitton

Last, but certainly not least is Dr. Charlotte Whitton. While not strictly a municipal politician here she never did forget where her roots were, or where she came from. For these reasons I asked if we could add her to our list. Lottie was very active in sports - loved hockey especially. She would go to see the Renfrew Millionaires practices and I think they considered her their mascot. She then went on to Queen's - graduated with much distinction - then on as a Social Worker, where she was a great asset.

In 1935 she was the first woman asked to speak at the Royal Canadian Legion in Renfrew. She came by her love of the Legion honestly, as her mother, Mrs. J.E. Whitton, had organized the first poppy campaign in 1934 and continued in this role until well into Second World War years.

The thing I admired most about Lottie was that she never forgot where she came from, and wanted everyone to know. In her years as Mayor of Ottawa, her seats at Lansdowne Park were directly in front of ours. Regardless of who was with her, or how prominent her guests were, at every football game she would hail Larry and in full-volume announce that the Ritza's were from Renfrew, were neighbours and friends of her family. She would then ask for various friends still in Renfrew. I know tonight if she were still here, she would join in being glad to see that Renfrew still flourishes.

SPECIAL REQUEST:

The O'Brien Theater has plans to present a wide range of programs well beyond those typical of a movie theater. To do this it is in need of a Baby Grand Piano for use in musical presentations. If you know anyone who is having difficulty finding a home for such an instrument please let her/him know of this need.

It is possible that the piano owner might wish to donate the piano or lend it under certain conditions, or a local organization might be interested in funding the acquisition.

PLEASE NOTE:

Due to space limitations in this issue, the articles *Memories of Town of Renfrew 100* and the *Tribute to Robertson Davies* will be included with the next issue of the newsletter.

February is Heritage Month

Join Heritage Renfrew

Monday, February 19, 1996

at our

Flag-raising Ceremony at Low Square

at 10:00 a.m. (approx)

and our

Heritage Luncheon

St. Paul's Anglican Church Hall

16 Argyle St.

NOTICE:

Our Heritage School Program for this year will be held at the Archives Building at 770 Gibson Rd. Teachers of Grade 7 and 8 classes can arrange visits by phoning Doris Humphries at 432-6252.

MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Heritage Renfrew is experiencing growth in both its membership and the programmes it undertakes. In order that you, as a member, can be involved in those areas of most interest to you, the profile sheet on the other side of this page has been developed.

Kindly complete the profile and return it to the Membership Committee by mail, personal delivery, or handing it in at the Annual General Meeting.

Mailed forms should be sent to:

Gord Cross, 35 Barnet Blvd., Renfrew, Ont. K7V 2M5

DUES & DONATIONS

Dues for 1996 are \$5.00 (and will rise to \$6.00 in 1997). Please send your dues (cheques preferred) with your profile.

Heritage Renfrew is a registered charitable organization so that any donations made above the membership fee will result in a receipt for income tax purposes being sent to you. Donations can be designated toward either general operations or the Home Children program and can be included with your dues cheque.