

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

NEXT MEETING

We have a change of weather and a change of venue scheduled for our upcoming meeting on Thursday, 22 April 1976 at 8 p.m. sharp. Pat Evans, currently in England looking up more Wrights, will give us a conducted tour of the excellent Boy Scout Museum and later speak to us on the subject. Pat has been largely responsible for setting up this most interesting and extensive display of Scout memorabilia and historical items.

The meeting will be in the Boy Scout Headquarters at 1345 Base Line Road, Ottawa, west of Merivale Road, behind the tall totem pole, with adequate parking on the westerly side of the building.

Don't be indifferent to this different kind of meeting! Swell the ranks and satisfy your own curiosity. You'll be glad you did!

LAST MEETING

David Robertson, who lives in Rosetta in Lanark County, took us on an arm-chair - well, not every chair had arms - tour of his area which was most entertaining. He supplemented his talk with splendid slides, many of which helped us to visualize how the first settlers eked out a living on the poor soil of much of this district. We also caught something of their indomitable spirit and of the heritage they left.

LOOKING AHEAD

Programs look promising for the months ahead. Already we have arranged for the following speakers and their subjects:

Mrs. Roy Cuzner - "Kingsmere"

Mr. Wymen MacKechnie - "What Men They Were"

Col. Strome Galloway - "Heraldry"

Dr. Robert Leggett - "The Ottawa Waterway"

LOST CONNECTION

Mrs. Geraldine McIntosh, 1041 Cortell Street, North Vancouver, B.C. V7P 2A2 is seeking information on her paternal grandmother who was a Snoddy and who was born about 1860, her family having come to Chelsea from Ireland about 1855.

Any help which you can provide to Mrs McIntosh will be much appreciated.

TEA TIME

Some improvements to the kitchen facilities and equipment are planned for 1976 and it is expected that Moorside Tea Room will be open for the season on or about 21 May.

We know that you can hardly wait to enjoy this increasingly popular country spot. Maybe you had better start lining up soon!

COMING UP

West Hull Volunteer Firefighters are repeating their successful Field Day and Horse Draw of last year on 29 May 1976 on the grounds of the Chelsea Elementary School.

Any time now you can start setting aside your surplus items for our fourteenth Annual Auction Sale to be held on Saturday, 28 August 1976.

NEW ISSUE

The manuscript for "Up the Gatineau!", 1976 version, is now in the hands of the printers and although several operations must be completed before it comes off the press we anticipate a publication date of late May - earlier than last year. We expect to pack more into our 24 pages than we did in our first issue and, again, there will be 6 photographs including 4 vintage ones.

All members whose 1976 dues are paid will receive a free copy and there will be an added perquisite this year in that members may buy additional copies at \$1.00 each instead of the price to the general public of \$1.50.

DO DO DUES

Some seventy of our last year's members including several of long standing have neglected to send in their membership dues for 1976.

Please send your cheque for \$3.00 single, \$5.00 family, to Miss Sheila Strang, Old Chelsea, Que., JOX 2N0.

If this paragraph is marked in red it means that, according to our records, YOU have overlooked this small obligation of membership.

Regretfully, we shall have to cut off your "perks" including your free copy of "Up the Gatineau!" if we do not hear from you. WE don't want to do anything as drastic as that so YOU please do what has to be done now.

CH, BY THE WAY

For you whose Spring Fever and Auction Fever more or less run concurrently you can do yourself and the Sandy Hill Day Camp a favour by attending their auction sale to raise funds on Saturday, 1 May 1976 at 10 a.m. - preview at 9.30 - in the parish hall of All Saints Anglican Church on Laurier Avenue East at Chapel Street.

Among the moving forces behind this annual sale are H.S.G. members Marian and Richard Heringer and family. You will recognize a couple of other members in the auctioneers.