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"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it." - George Santayana

Coming Events

Monday, October 19

CASCADES CLUB

Panel discussion and exhibits on the history of the Cascades Club and the old Village of Cascades. To be held at the Club House, on River Road at the top of the hill heading down into Cascades.

Refreshments - 7:30
Meeting at - 8:00

Wednesday, November 11

Annual Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Pioneer Cemetery in Chelsea. In addition to the usual ceremonies including wreath laying, Mr. **Gardiner Church**, a descendent of the founder of the cemetery (who had the same name), will unveil a memorial.

Unveiling: 10:30 a.m.
Ceremony: 10:45 a.m.
Flypast: 10:58 a.m.

Watch for details in the local newspapers.

Monday, November 16

Allan Rayburn GATINEAU PLACE NAMES

An acknowledged expert on the subject of the origins of place names, Mr. Rayburn will discuss the names that are known to us all, close to home.

Chelsea Community Centre
Refreshments - 7:30 p.m.
Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

WAKEFIELD BRIDGE OPENING *Governor General Unveils Plaque* *NCC Covers Debt*

A beautiful autumn day greeted Romeo LeBlanc, the Governor General, and other dignitaries when they visited Wakefield on Sunday, October 4, to open officially the reconstructed covered bridge and unveil a plaque recognizing the major donors to this enterprise. A large crowd, numbered in the hundreds, attended the event.

In terminating his remarks, the Chairman of the National Capital Commission, announced - to wild applause - that the NCC would cover the remaining debt on the bridge (estimated at approximately \$12,500).

The civic officials in attendance complimented everyone involved in this remarkable community project, in particular Norma Walmsley, Anita Rutledge, and Neil Faulkner.

Well done!



New Board Member Welcomed

A warm welcome to the newest member of the Board of Directors, approved at the Board meeting on September 22. **Norma Geggie**, historian of Wakefield, brings her enthusiasm and interest to the job. Norma's appointment is until the next general meeting, in February 1999, at which point she may (or may not, at her choosing) seek election for a normal two year term.

Library Exhibit to Feature World War II Vets

A new exhibit in the Chelsea Library, to open at the end of October and coincide with the November 11 ceremonies in the Pioneer Cemetery, will feature the service of three World War II veterans. While last year's theme was aeronautical (RCAF), this year's is simply nautical (navy).

The three veterans are:

Jake Warren, one of the few survivors of the sinking of *HMCS Valleyfield*,

Eileen Castleman, a WREN and a naval coder (now we know why she is so well organized); and

Kitty Kelly, who served in naval operations in London, England.

Memorabilia from all three veterans will be on display. The exhibit, coordinated by Allan Richens, will last until early December.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Recent Acquisitions

* Four "shannon files" of invoices, dated between 1912 and 1918, from Patterson's General Store in Wakefield;

* Interesting copies of photographs and other items concerning commercial and other establishments in Farm Point early in the century (including the sawmill, toy factory, and "Lnwarn Lodge" hotel.

New Team Member

Mrs. Norma Geggie has joined our team of volunteers, and will specialize in records and research pertaining to the Wakefield/Masham area. Welcome!

New Opening Hours

For the months of September to November, the Archives is staffed two mornings per week (Wednesdays and Thursdays) between the hours of 9:30 and 12:00. For further information, call Jay Atherton at 827-1703.

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"Gatineau Park Story" Now in French

Katharine Fletcher's best selling guide book to Gatineau Park, *Historical Walks: the Gatineau Park Story*, has been translated into the French language with the help of the National Capital Commission. It is available in most book stores as *Promenades historiques dans la Parc de la Gatineau*, at \$12.95.

Umbrella Found

Someone left an umbrella behind at the Auction in August. If you think it's yours, call Jay Atherton (827-1703). If you can identify it properly, it will be returned promptly.