

NEXT EVENT

Summer Sunday events seem to be popular with many of our members so this year we ha. arranged a special treat for Sunday, 23 July 1978. Through the courtesy of Diane Aldred, author of "Aylmer, Quebec - Its Heritage" now in its second printing, we are to have a walking tour of heritage-rich Aylmer. We will assemble in the parking lot of Christ Church which is across from and south of the main entrance sharp at 2 p.m. (please arrive a little ahead of that time.)

We may park in the Church lot or on adjacent streets and to locate the Church - as you enter Aylmer from the east pass Les Galeries d'Aylmer and the large Redemptorist Seminary on your right. Turn right off the Main Street at Frank Robinson Drive and the Church, which is at 103 Charles Street, becomes visible.

The tour will take 1½ to 2 hours and then we will return to the Church, be shown through it and proceed to the Church Hall where the ladies of the Aylmer Heritage Ass'n have kindly arranged to produce tea, sandwiches and cakes for which there will be a very nominal charge. For this occasion you may bring a friend or two and the event will take place 'rain or shine' - hopefully the latter, so come prepared - but do come. This event is not to be missed. If you have a copy of Diane's book you might like to bring it.

LAST MEETING

Our meeting on 24 May in the restored Alonzo Wright Room of Collège St. Alexandre in Limbour attracted a better than average turnout and the Director of the College, Father Henri Lestage, gave us a most interesting discourse on the Wrights and the school. There was also good audience participation. Our cups were filled to overflowing when coffee and cakes were produced as a surprise gesture with Sister Lucia acting as a gracious hostess. This added hospitality gave a special touch to this thoroughly enjoyable occasion.

A GOOD SCOUT Our own Patrick Evans was honoured recently at Government House when the Governor-General, Jules Léger, presented him with the Silver Wolf Medal to commemorate his 44 years of devoted service to scouting. This medal originated with Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts, and this presentation, in part, recognizes Pat's having founded the Boy Scout Museum in Ottawa 25 years ago and having been its curator since then. May we add our congratulations!

SPREADING THE WORD

This year we have included more territory in the outlet coverage for our annual publication and on June 22nd it was placed in various shops as far north as Maniwaki including Contrakon, the huge conference centre at Mont Ste. Marie. Previously we had only distributed as far north as Farrelton.

On July 2nd Sheila Strang introduced our booklets to the new Village Market open each Sunday in Old Chelsea. In the meantime there is regular replenishment of stocks in our established outlets in Ottawa and in the lower Gatineau. We lost our outlet in Kirk's Ferry with the death of Sirri Read and, in Wakefield, Cross's Store has closed due to the ill-health of the proprietor.

GOINGS ON Early in March the Royal Canadian Regiment Association sent us a cheque of 100.00 "for the general care and maintenance of Private R.R. Thompson's gravesite in our cemetery. We have recently spent some of this money restoring and refurbishing the pipe rail around the 18' x 30' plot. Over the years the pipes had become disconnected from the stone posts into which they were fitted. Now they are back in place, securely fastened and painted. This gives the plot a special identification in the cemetery as a whole - as well as improving its general appearance.

MUSEUM MUSINGS

1. The best thing that has happened to our little museum at Moorside in a very long time is that Patrick Evans has agreed to take it 'under his wing'. Having recently retired after 25 years as founder and curator of the Boy Scout Museum Pat is a natural for our project and already there are many noticeable improvements.

2. We have renewed our bursary of 300.00 to the Museum Technology course at Algonquin College after a lapse of one year when the funds were not needed.

REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Regional Council of Heritage Canada, covering Societies in Eastern Ontario and Western Quebec will be hosted by our Society for its Fall meeting in mid-October and some preliminary planning is being done.

WHO'S WHO

Here is a who who's invaluable to the smooth functioning of the Society.

SHEILA CAMPBELL STRANG

Born in Vancouver but educated in Winnipeg....following commercial training was employed in a Winnipeg law office and as sales representative and bookkeeper for the western distributors of Laura Secord candies....joined the RCAF in 1942 as a motor transport driver followed by duties in administration and personnel counselling at various stations in Canada....released from Western Air Command in 1946 with the rank of Flight Lieutenant....for the next five years worked for Welcome Wagon Inc. in Winnipeg while continuing association with the Laura Secord office....re-enlisted in the RCAF in 1951 and was employed in personnel selection and on a variety of administrative duties at stations in Canada and Overseas, ending a nearly 20 year career as staff officer at Training Command HQ in Winnipeg. Duties entailed the supervision of DND schools and other admin. matters in addition to acting as Women's Personnel Advisor with respect to the training and employment of airwomen within the Command. During this period assisted in organizing and acting as chief instructor to three annual RCAF Administrative Courses....retired in 1966 with the rank of Flight Lieutenant....came to live at Meach Lake in 1967....worked as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer of Chelsea Protestant School Board for two years....joined our Society in 1968 and has served as Secretary-Treasurer since 1971....currently helping with the management of Moorside Tea Room by keeping the books in order, among other duties.. . . . professes to dislike housework and to have minimal skill in cross country skiing despite 10 years in the Gatineau....likes to travel.

Arthur Davison
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President.