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Our Next Meeting:

Monday, Feb. 18, 8:00 p.m.

Chelsea Community Centre
Old Chelsea

DR. HANS GEGGIE

"Reminiscences of a Country Doctor"

Refreshments from 7:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Bring a friend!

At this meeting there will be a table where our Society publications will be on display and on sale. Save yourself postage on our books and back issues of *Up the Gatineau!* (available at \$2.00 each).

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Membership News

Welcome to the following new members of the Society:

Carol Pritchard-Murtagh
Gerald Golden
Elizabeth Forrest
Joan Kracknell
Betty Dion
Gallery Old Chelsea

To all members who have sent their 1991 and 1992 renewals, thank you for your support. To all members who have not remembered to do so, a yellow mark on

your address label means that we have not yet received renewal at the time of the mailing of this newsletter. The membership fee (including all family members) is \$15 for one year, \$25 for two years. Please send a cheque, made out to "Historical Society of the Gatineau", to the address on our masthead.

- Yvonne Jurgens

New Executive

—elected at the recent annual general meeting:

President: Doug Rowland
1st Vice Pres.: Elizabeth Macfie
2nd Vice Pres.: Fergus Maclaren

Directors: Stuart Geggie
 Joan Gherson
 Carol Martin
 Jacques Mercier
 Alan Richens

And now, a Merry Christmas...

On December 13, a happy new tradition was established. That was when about 20 members of the Society met with a like number of the Aylmer Museum Association to sing carols.

This wonderful idea originated in Aylmer and was consummated in the Grange at Cantley. Every convention of the season was observed in the decor of the Great Hall: Christmas tree, pine boughs, candle light, and roaring fire (in the fireplace); and groaning tables of mulled wine and succulent cheeses.



Musical leadership came from Bob Martin on the keyboard, Elspeth Butterworth on the flute, and Carol Martin on the violin. Those who had sound reason to doubt their own good voices before arrival found them magnificently. Culinary leadership, combined with enormous work, came from Elspeth and from Muriel How. Between mouthfuls of voice and wine, it was a great chance for historians of the two organizations to get to know one another.

It was unanimously resolved to make this an annual occasion at The Grange. Especially those who missed out last year should now mark their calendars for Thursday, December 12, 1991. And let us be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas.

P.S. This occasion was also the coming-out party for the couch from Prime Minister King's House of Commons office, recently acquired for The Grange. Singers took turns in lying on it to see visions. The original fabric was saved when the upholstery was restored. Plans are afoot to allow Society members to buy pieces of it for - who knows what results?

- R.A.J. Phillips

Just Received:

Alice Biehler Burich, *Olden Days; A History of German Settlement in the Township of Mulgrave-Derry Quebec, 1850-1890* (Chesley House Publications, 1990). The latest product of Katharine Fletcher's publishing company, a well illustrated chronicle of the German families who settled northeast of Buckingham.

Available (at a cost of \$11.95) from Books Canada, Place Bell Books, Shirley Leishman, general stores in Buckingham, or directly from Alice Biehler Burich, P.O. Box 235, Gatineau, Québec J8P 6J2.

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