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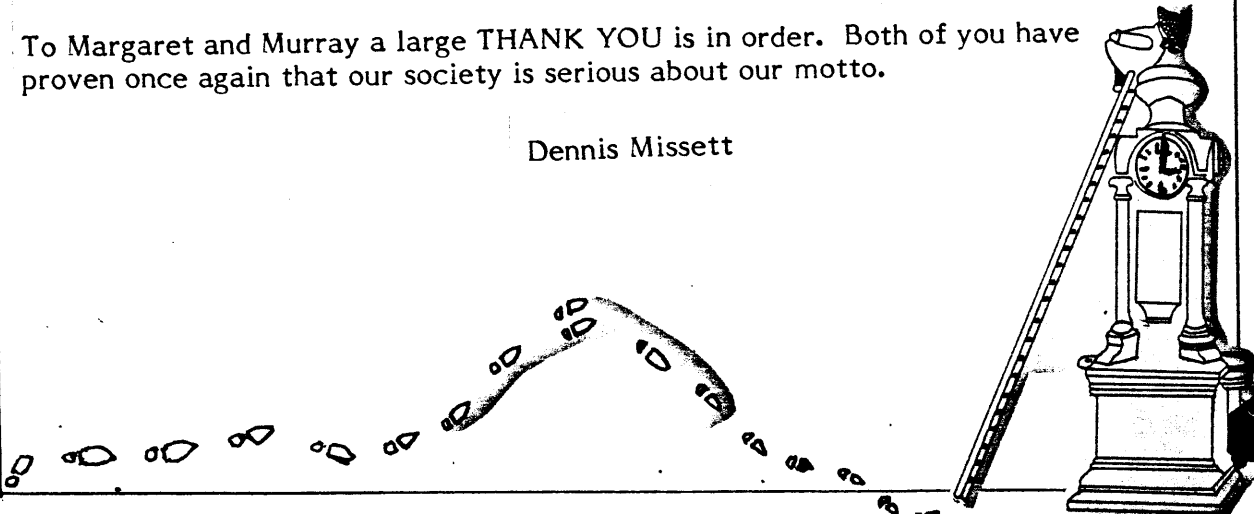
After several sessions and meetings with different Hamiltonians, we approached Mayor Morrow through Mr. Ed Simpson, the City Clerk. Both gentlemen were extremely enthusiastic and accommodating. A formal meeting was arranged with Cadillac Fairview's architects, Mr. Adlaf and Mr. Pambianchi. Both men were most interested in the proposal and took our information package, (and a copy of Around and About Hamilton, imagine some Torontonians interested in a book on Hamilton!), with them to see how the clock could be best used. At this time we are encouraging them to consider the clock and the bell. The original site has proved significant. It would provide a focal point for the new building, not just on James S., but from the plaza and King William St. as well. There also is the possibility of at least part of the tower being built with original stone from the old hall, some 500 tons of which is supposed to be tucked away in King's Forest.

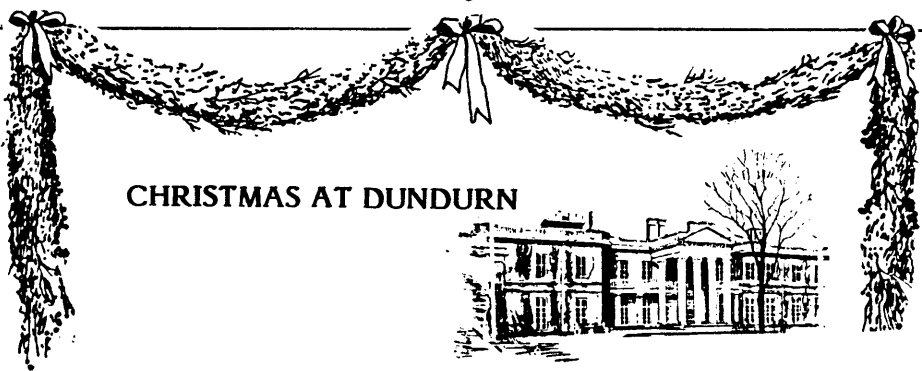
Through all of this we felt that discretion should be our policy. One reason for this was we were not sure how our proposal would be received. It also occurred to us that plans such as this often seem to be viewed in less than favourable light. We hope that by building a firm foundation through research and hard work, a few of the pitfalls have been avoided. We also hope that we can count on the support and participation of the membership.

If you like to proposal, PLEASE talk about it. Let your alderman know you support it. If you feel so inclined, write to the Spectator. This project is a major undertaking. Unless the City, Eaton's, and Cadillac Fairview feel that is it worthwhile there is little incentive to go the extra distance to ensure that it comes about.

To Margaret and Murray a large THANK YOU is in order. Both of you have proven once again that our society is serious about our motto.

Dennis Missett





CHRISTMAS AT DUNDURN



Begin the festive season by joining us in a private candlelight tour of the castle Wed. Dec 2 from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.



Harpist Julie Gordon, of the McMaster Symphony and the Mohawk College Singers, will entertain us on arrival and later in the evening with carols and seasonal melodies.

Decorated by the Hamilton Horticultural Society for a mid-19th Century Christmas, the Castle is at its loveliest draped with festive greenery hung with ribbons, lace, candies and toys, and lit by candles.

Round out the evening with hot mulled cider and mince tarts, fruitcake, shortbread, and other favourite Christmas treats by the roaring kitchen fire.



Mark your calendar for this special evening now, and get your tickets early, as there is a limit of 60 for the tour.

- Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Wed. Dec. 2, 1987
- Place:** Dundurn Castle
- Cost:** \$10.00 per person

Tickets will be available at our October and November meetings, or call Hazel Nutley (528-0555) to reserve yours.



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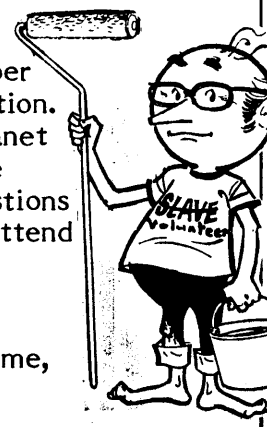
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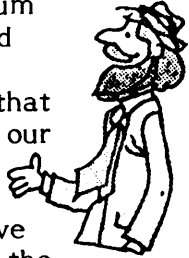
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HEAD-OF-THE-LAKE-HERALD

1987/88 PROGRAMMES

All our meetings this year will be held the second Friday of each month (October excepted) at the MacNab Street Y.W.C.A. at 8:00 p.m.



Oct.16

The Bailey Memorial Lecture

"**The Life and Times of Augustus Jones**" the earliest land surveyor at the Head of the Lake (1791) will be related for us by descendant **Don Jones**.



Nov. 13

Alex Roncari, professor, scientist, historian, archaeologist and descendant of Christopher Columbus will share his research into his illustrious forebear in "Christopher Columbus, the Legend and the Reality". Copies of his book "Nine Arguments in Defence of Christopher Columbus " (1983) will be available at the meeting.



Dec. 2



Surprise! A December meeting! Details of this departure from our norm, to take place at Dundurn Castle, *in this* newsletter.

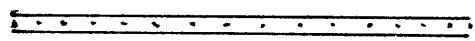
Jan. 8

Hamilton artist, teacher, and poet **Vincent Francis** gives us some history of the local art scene based on the recent Art Gallery presentation "Climbing the Cold White Peaks".

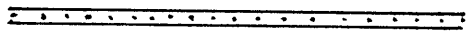




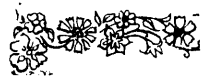
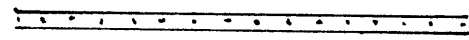
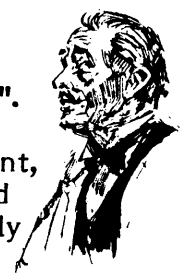
Feb. 12 On this, the anniversary of both the birth and death of Adelaide Hoodless, her biographer Cheryl MacDonald, will give us some highlights from her book.



Mar. 11 Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society's 43rd Annual Meeting Stamped Ceilings, which were once a common feature of household and commercial decor and have recently become available again, form the subject of Ann Gillespie's research and lively presentation.



Apr 8 Carolyn Gray will speak on "Sir John Gibson and Hamilton". One of "the five John's" instrumental in bringing power to Hamilton. He was associated with the 13th Royal Regiment, the founder of the Hamilton Law Association, and Hillfield School among many other activities. He was affectionately known as "Mr. Hamilton" at the turn of the Century.



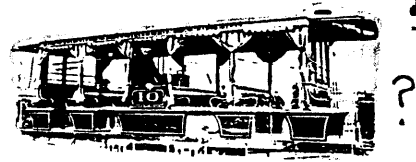
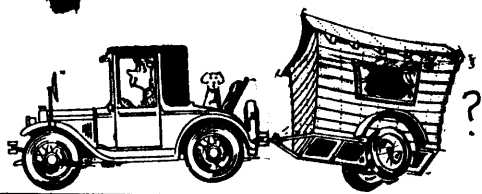
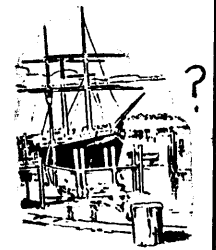
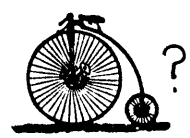
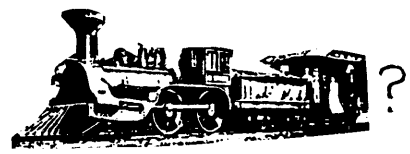
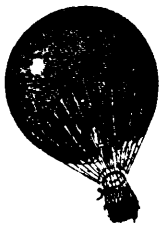
At Last! The Museum Has A New Home!



May 13 "Development through Preservation" is the title of an illustrated talk by Janine Hendricks of the Welland Canal Preservation Association, outlining canal history since 1820.



June ?? Our annual super-duper, fun-filled, history-packed excursion. Absolutely no plans made yet, so get your ideas in NOW!!



Dear Fellow members:

We try very hard to keep our membership and mailing lists up to date, but with each newsletter, it seems, comes a spate of returns marked "Address unknown", and at each meeting a polite complaint or two about non-receipt of the last issue, or 2, or 3. So....

**Do You Know
These Members?**

If you know anyone listed by this note, please let them (or us) know. If you know anyone who isn't receiving their newsletter please let us know. We'll rush one out on the next dogsled -er-mailbag.

Our mail to these members is being returned to us. If you know these members, please have them contact us with their change of address.

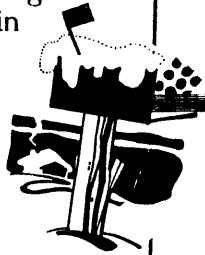
Yours Sincerely,
Jan Norris and Hazel Nutley

P.S. The missing person of the month is Pete Falladon. New address anyone?

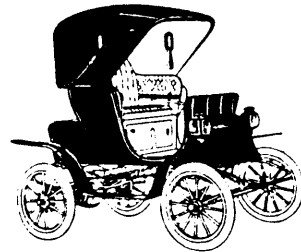
P.P.S. If your newsletter stops arriving, check to see that your membership is paid up to date. In our last revision, members who had not renewed since 1984 were dropped from the mailing list, and there will be an annual update. See Hazel if you're in doubt.

While we're on the subject

The Post Office has pointed out that our mailing address is incomplete, thus possible delaying our mail by up to 2 days. Given today's erratic service, that doesn't seem much, but... should you have occasion to write to us yourself, or to pass our address on, please see that it reads as follows.



The Head-of-the-Lake Historical Society
P.O. Box 896, Postal Station "A"
Hamilton, Ontario L8N 3P6



RIDE: Members needing transportation to our meetings are reminded to contact **Daisy Lewis (544-4428)**. Please let Daisy know if you are able to help out by driving too.

NEIGHBOURS AND NEWS

In Remembrance

Mrs. Elsa M. Laupert of Simcoe spent a great deal of time and effort trying to locate the "Hamilton Historical Society" so she could make a donation to the Trust Fund in appreciation for all the pleasure her sister, Mrs. Gertrude C. Stenzel received from our monthly meetings, bus trips and special events, particularly the 40th birthday party at Dundurn Castle. Many of us will remember Gertrude as a quiet, rather shy person who always had a kind word for everyone and easily expressed her appreciation for the amount of work the society put into presenting and publishing the history of her favourite city.

The annual Harvest House Tour, sponsored by the Grimsby Historical Society, takes place Sat., Oct 17. Six historical homes, the Museum, the Tiley Studio (woven items and garments) and the Andrew Raney Studio (metal sculpture) are all part of the tour. A light lunch served by Trinity United Church women, and an Apple Pie Social at the Museum are available as well. For tickets, call 945-5292



The Art Gallery of Hamilton: There is a possibility that "In Search of the Mary Rose" will be held over past the Sept. 13 closing date. Don't miss this fascinating exhibition.

DROP IN at the Hamilton Art Gallery any time and they'll tell you to take a walk.

Not any walk, mind you — just the one the gallery has laid out to mark its 10th anniversary. It's a self-guided walking tour called **Hamilton's Heart Beat** and it'll take you past many of the city's notable examples of architecture.

There's a list of fun questions attached to the map you'll pick up at the gallery. Answer them correctly and you'll be in line for a prize.

? From Jerry Ormond's ?
 "DIARY" (Spec)
 ?
 Has anyone tried it?
 Like to report on it?

"HAMILTON PREVIOUSLY"

East End Memories

HOOVER.....came to Hamilton from Windsor in 1919. They bought part of the Chapple farm on the north-west corner of Gage Avenue, back to Lloyd Street. West to Chapple Street. This imposing looking building stood until 1972 when the plant was phased out. In 1966, Hoover purchased land in Burlington and a large plant was erected, with plenty of room for expansion.

The Gage Avenue Plant was a local landmark; its tall sign on the roof could be seen over most of east Hamilton. At night with its red and green lights (none of that neon stuff!) it was an eye catcher. Having seen the Burlington plant it is not nearly so elegant a place. The Hamilton plant had class. (See p. 139, Around & About ... ! Ed.)

About 1926-27 the Bank of Montreal, who had offices in the big house on the south-east corner of Gage and Barton, built a new branch on the Hoover property on the north-west corner. However in 1937-38 the building moved across the street to the south-west corner where it now stands.



LITTLE KNOWN PARKS IN THE EAST-END OF HAMILTON:

CHAPPLE PARK...on the north side of Barton between Chapple and Lottridge, hidden behind the row of sign boards that fronted the block. Soccer and Carnivals were the main attractions. The Wartime Housing Authority built a hostel for single women, torn down in the 1950's (Silverwoods and a car lot now occupy the spot).

DRIVING PARK...on the south side of Barton between Ottawa and Grosvenor running up to Campbell Avenue. On the corner where Poots Drug Store is now, stood the Driving Park Hotel. In May of 1909 a park sprang up to be known as Maple Leaf Park. It had a fancy front built and was to have amusements of sorts. But by the spring of 1910, it was sold for \$25,000 to a real estate group.



An old timer told me about a park that ran up from the bay along the west side of Ottawa Street (where Dofasco is now). It flanked the inlet and had picnic tables and nice shade trees and one could rent a boat for .50¢ an hour. He said it was a nice spot with lots of cool grass and refreshments. Hard to realize now isn't it? The foundaries had its beginning on Depew Street in 1912 and that was the beginning of the end for the little park.



At the head of Gage Avenue, just behind where the Mercury Mills stood, was a bicycle race track. The Crown-Dominion Oil Company was on the site for many years. Now a wholesale grocery warehouse occupies the site.

The other spot I've never seen a picture of is **The Mountain Drive Park**. It once had a nice open-air dance hall and a store with a refreshment booth. Just to the east was a rustic bridge. Does anyone have a picture of the park.

I once read that Gore Park was Hamilton's only park until the city took over Dundurn in 1900. Not so...**Wellington Park** at King and Wellington was laid out in 1856, in memoriam to the Duke of Wellington who had passed away in 1854.

Hamilton has had many historical sites that have slipped away over the years. Do you remember the quiet Sunday afternoon walks around the beautiful floral settings around the reservoir at the head of Ottawa Street? Now only seen on post cards. Memories???? I've had over seventy years of them in Hamilton.

Bert Dawson



Heritage Canada Foundation

OOPS! The information printed in the Spring newsletter was unfortunately out of date. Here is the correct information.

Thank you for the insert in your newsletter informing your readers on subscriptions to Canadian Heritage magazine and Preservation Action newsletter. There have been some changes in policy and rates, however, which you may wish to convey to your readers.

Six months ago, non-voting memberships were abolished. All members to the Canadian Heritage Foundation now have a vote, and receive a subscription to Canadian Heritage, which includes 5 issues. Effective September 1, 1987 an individual subscription will cost \$19.50. Members of an organization which has a group membership to the Foundation receive a \$3. discount. Subscriptions to the newsletter, Preservation Action, are available at \$10. for 5 issues.

The publications may be ordered at the following address:

The Heritage Canada Foundation
P.O. Box 1358, Station B
Ottawa, Ont. K1P 5R4

Yours sincerely,



Veronica Vaillancourt
Liaison Officer