



June-July 2003 Newsletter

1. IN REMEMBRANCE, -WINNIFRED MURDOCK

It is with sadness that we report the passing of our beloved and esteemed charter member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, Winnie Murdock. Winnie was a tireless worker for the Lost Villages Historical Society, since its inception in 1977, and she held executive positions since that time. At the time of her sudden passing on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at the age of 85 years, Winnie was the corresponding secretary of the society, having held the position for a number of years. Yes, Winnie did her work with distinction, and all members of the historical society have benefited from Winnie's dedication to the organization. It was Winnie who answered the mail, and it was Winnie who, on a monthly basis, saw to the distribution of the historical society's newsletter. With this newsletter, you will have the last envelope which Winnie prepared. These had been prepared for the May newsletter, however they had to be hand prepared, as Winnie had passed away on the day that the newsletters were being delivered to her place. As well, Winnie made a substantial contribution to our historical society, for she contributed the postage for the newsletter mailings, for many years.

As well, it saddens us to report on the passing of Winnie's sister, Beatrice Countryman, on May 12, 2003, less than a week after Winnie's passing. To many of us, we remember "Aunt Bea", for she was, for many years, a part of Winnie's life at 31 Farran Drive, Ingleside. Beatrice Countryman was in her 98th year, and Winnie provided the tender-loving-care of a younger sister. In life, Winnie had managed to balance her care for Beatrice with her work in the community. She did both very well.

The members of the Lost Villages Historical Society extend sincere sympathy to Nancy and Susan, Winnie's daughters and members of the Lost Villages Historical Society. As well, we extend sympathy to her son-in-law, Barry Thompson, and her grandchildren, Jeremy and Julia Thompson. Winnie and Beatrice were the dear

sister of Grace Colquhoun of Kingston, and sister-in-law of Lena Edwards of Stoney Creek, Ontario. As well, we extend our sympathy to George and Margaret Countryman of Chesterville, Marjorie (Countryman) and Harry Cassell of Foxboro, Ontario, and Catherine (Countryman) Martin, (fiancee of Conrad Quenneville), Cornwall.

Winnie was the keeper of the Lost Villages Historical Society's scrapbooks, beautifully done, and a wonderful record of our society's accomplishments since 1997. Winnie had spent much of this spring, updating the scrapbooks, and preparing for a busy summer season. We are, indeed, grateful for the support extended by Lenora Salmon, in keeping up the tradition, which was set by Winnie. Lenora volunteered to take on this task, and we are grateful for this.

To all those who made donations to the Lost Villages Historical Society in memory of Winnie and Beatrice, our heartfelt thank you. As well, we thank Dale Duncan and the members of the Cornwall Township Historical Society for the kind words expressed to the members of our historical society.

"We are all sorry for your loss of a dear friend and tireless, dedicated worker for the Lost Villages Historical Society. Winnie Murdock's shoes were small, but it is going to be very hard for you to fill them. A very special lady, she will be greatly missed."

CANADA DAY AT THE LOST VILLAGES MUSEUM

It is hoped that a large gathering of historical society members will join with the community as Canada Day is celebrated in the Township of South Stormont. Celebrations are being coordinated by Carson Elliott, member of the Lost Villages Historical Society, and he has promised a day of fun, entertainment and activities at Ault Park. As has been the custom for many years now, we will not be opening a building on Canada Day. What we will do is celebrate our history and the accomplishments of the society. We have much to be proud of, and we are delighted to showcase the museum to the community.

Along with this newsletter is a complete list of events for Canada Day. Please encourage your family and friends to come out and celebrate at the Lost Villages Museum.

Our historical society will host a barbecue, (hot dogs), and "Strawberry Social", to be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Bring an appetite to Ault Park, and enjoy a

lunch there.

"GARY GOWSELL DEDICATION NIGHT" AT THE LONG SAULT LEGION

On Saturday, May 17, 2003, a special evening was held at the Long Sault Legion, Branch 569, when the hall was dedicated in Gary's honour. As well, a plaque was unveiled by his family. Jim Brownell was asked to prepare a dedication in honour of Gary, and this has been included with this newsletter. Gary was a tireless worker for his community, always willing and ready to roll up his sleeves for various events. On many occasions, he helped out with entertainment and sound-systems for the Lost Villages Historical Society. Gary had a special place in his heart for his Lost Village, -Mille Roches. GARY GOWSELL May 17, 2003 Long Sault Branch, Royal Canadian Legion

This evening, we gather at the Long Sault Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, to pay tribute to a true friend to all of us. Gary Gowsell left us on June 27, 2002, however his memory will live on by those who are left to reflect and remember a true friend to the community. May I compliment the organizers of this event, this evening, for their work in honouring a fellow who gave so much of himself to the community. Gary's compassion, caring and kind work to so many will be remembered forever.

As president of the Lost Villages Historical Society, I shall remember the many, many times that Gary Gowsell came to the rescue for our historical society, and he was always there to assist with sound systems and technical problems. Gary, as a native of the Lost Village of Mille Roches, had a real soft spot in his heart for the members who toiled in their work to remember the villages which once existed along the St. Lawrence River, in this area. Many, many times in the past, Gary's time and talent enabled the society to work to its mandate, -to preserve and showcase the history and heritage of the Lost Villages. Fran Laflamme, our society's first president in 1977, had a soft spot in her heart for Gary, and the feeling was mutual. My conversations with Garry, when it came to the Lost Villages, would always turn to "Miss" Laflamme. I'm sure she met him at heaven's gates, and welcomed him to join the other deceased members from "our" Lost Villages.

Gary's memory will live on at the Lost Villages Museum, for, on June 27, 2002, the day of his passing, a rose bush was planted at the museum's Sandtown Advent Christian Church, in Gary's memory. This hearty rosebush, chosen to withstand

our harsh winter weather, sprang forth from its dormancy of winter, and much sign of life now show from its branches. Just last week, an inspection was made of it, and several other roses which were planted at the museum, and they have all survived very well.

When we reflect on Gary's life, we think of a kind and gentle fellow, who would bend over backwards to assist a person in need. Never desiring to be fussed over by others, he was more than willing to lend a helping hand to those in need. So often, organizations around town called upon Gary for technical and electronic advice. So often, Gary's talents as a D.J were put to the test, and, so often, Gary's strong affiliation with the Royal Canadian Legion were displayed. Gary never said "no". He was the consummate "party animal" at the many receptions which he had the opportunity to support with his music, and he was ever faithful to this branch of the Legion, during fund-raisers, poppy blitzes, church parades, and Remembrance Day ceremonies. Gary had a big heart for his community, and for those who resided in his midst, and it is his "big" heart which we remember and honour this evening.

For many of us, when we remember and reflect on Gary's life and times around this community, we think of a kind and caring man, a wise man who was truly interested in every aspect of life in his community. Gary knew about everything which was happening in his community, almost as a roving newspaper you might say. He had a wealth of knowledge about the "everyday" happenings in his community, and he was always eager to assist someone in need. Although Mille Roches was his native town, Long Sault was his "hometown", and he wished for no one to think otherwise. I remember well, even with encouragement, Gary's difficult time in trying to adjust to life in Ingleside, when he sought a more comfortable place at the Seniors' apartments in that town. Gary often told me about the difficulty in moving from his "home town", and he longed to return to it. A comfortable apartment in Ingleside was not for him, and, yes, he returned to Long Sault. It is unfortunate that his fragile health did not provide him with the quality of life he had enjoyed in previous years. I remember his words of excitement, as he spoke of the changes which were being made to his apartment at Long Sault. His departure last June gave him very little time to enjoy the comforts in his apartment on Saunders Avenue.

In closing, I wish to say to Gary's family and friends that the members and "friends" of the Lost Villages Historical Society will never forget Gary. As a native of the Lost Village of Mille Roches, Gary's memory will live on in this building, the Dr. Messecar home from his home town. It is only fitting that a Mille

Roches lad should be remembered by all those who frequent this hall at the Long Sault Legion, Branch 569.

I appreciate the opportunity to say a few words at this evening of remembrance for Gary, and the members and "friends" of the Lost Villages Historical Society join in extending best wishes to you all in the future. May Gary's memory live on.

BITS AND PIECES

-A "special" thank you to Bob and Mary Fyckes for their kind donation of artifacts to the Lost Villages Museum. Among the artifacts were two very old quilts, over 100 years old, which belonged to Mary's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth McIntyre. An artifact for the store's counter top is a Wrigley's Spearmint Gum jar. Thanks Mary and Bob for your thoughtfulness

-Thank you to Bud and Marion Johnston, Morrisburg, for the kind donation of a stove for the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. This electric stove, in fine condition, will assist us as we prepare for receptions, etc. in the Forbes building. As well they donated some very old books to the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. Among the books, and in excellent condition, was "Lunenburg or the Old Eastern District", by J.F. Pringle. This book had been presented to "The Maclaren Hall" Library, Alexandria, Ontario, by Mrs. Judge Pringle. Some wonderful books for our collection.

-Thank you to Tim Gault for his work in planting the gardens at the Lost Villages Museum on Saturday, June 21, 2003. Much appreciated, Tim!

-Jim Brownell was the guest speaker at the Salem United Church "Heritage Sunday Service", at Summerstown, Ontario, on Sunday, June 22, 2003. His presentation was titled "Up the Front, a Spiritual Journey Through the Lands of the Lost Villages". As well, Jim also travelled to Brockville, Ontario, on Tuesday, June 9, 2003, and was the guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the Leeds and Grenville Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society.

-The Seaway Valley Presbyterial of the United Church Women held their June gathering and picnic at the Lost Villages Museum. After enjoying a lecture and guided tour by Jim Brownell, they enjoyed a bountiful lunch, served from the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. Over eighty women took part in this activity. On Wednesday, June 18, 2003, Jim Brownell met a bus tour from Ormstown, Quebec, at Sears in Cornwall. After a guided tour through Guindon Park, (Mille Roches

site), and the Long Sault Parkway, the participants visited the Lost Villages Museum, for a guided tour. On Thursday, June 19, 2003, the members of the Martintown Women's Institute met at the Lost Villages Museum for a tour and summer potluck luncheon. Once again, Jim Brownell conducted the tour of the museum's buildings. As you see, we have had a very busy month!

-Alex Doe, a student at Tagwi Secondary School, Avonmore, has been a Co-op student at the Lost Villages Museum for the month of June. We thank Ron Holla, Co-op teacher at Tagwi, for his interest in having our museum site as a placement for a student. Alex has certainly provided valuable help during the month of June.

-The Lost Villages Historical Society has received word from Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions Organizations, Canadian Museums Association, that we will receive a grant of \$2,627.62 to assist with the hiring of a summer student at the Lost Villages Museum. Unfortunately, we will have only one student at the museum for the summer, and it will be necessary for society members to step forward to assist throughout the weeks and weekends. If you could spare a few hours each week, please give Jane Craig a call at 534-8831. A meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2003, at the museum, to co-ordinate volunteers for the summer, and to outline the procedure around the museum. Please come out on July 2nd and lend a hand. Your support is appreciated. With our "Self-Guided Tour Booklets" now available at the Manson/Lapierre Store, the tasks are relatively easy. With only one summer student, we do need help. By the way, Jessica Bruining has been hired under the "Young Canada Works" program. Jane Craig has been assisting Jessica with her duties, and she has enthusiastically assumed her summer responsibilities at the museum.

-Jim Brownell has completed the yearly "Registered Charity Information Return" , due to the Canadian Customs and Revenue Agency by June 30, 2003. A big task, but it's done! As well, Jim completed a 2003/2004 Heritage Organization Development Grant application, to the Ontario Ministry of Culture, for a Grant to Incorporated Historical Societies and Associations. Jim heard about this grant while attending a workshop at Williamstown, Ontario, in the fall of 2002. He requested information then, but just received the application, due to the Ministry by June 30, 2003. Once again, we met the deadline!

-Please promote our summer bus tours. Remember, they start on Sunday, July 13, 2003, and continue on every second Sunday, until October 19, 2003. Tickets may be purchased at the museum's store; Zeran's Crafter's Market; and at the Picket Fence Craft and Gift Shoppe.

-On Monday, June 23, 2003, approximately twenty-four teenagers from the "World Changers" arrived at the Lost Villages Museum. These youths, mostly from South Carolina, had arrived in Cornwall on the weekend, and they were prepared to roll up their sleeves for many community tasks and projects. While at the Lost Villages Museum, they scrapped and painted the schoolhouse and the train station. As well, they made new "Moulinette Station" signs for the building. The others were in very bad shape, and much rot had set into the wood. For a second year, we were pleased to welcome "World Changers", and I do know that they enjoyed their "hot" time at the Lost Villages Museum. An enthusiastic bunch!

-Circle your calendar for the museum's annual "Flea Market/Book Sale/Bake Sale. In order to be successful, we will need books, all kinds of books, and baked goods. The books may be dropped off at the Forbes Building on any day of the week, - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Baked goods may be dropped off at the Forbes Building on the morning of the sale, or you may call Vale Brownell at 537-2531, or Jane Craig at 534-8831, for pickup. As well, we encourage you to rent a booth for \$10.00, or encourage family or friends to do so. The sales will be on Saturday, July 12, and Saturday, August 23, 2003, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Noon hour barbecues will be held, too. Bring your appetite!

-We congratulate Donat and Jeannine Poirier on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary, being celebrated on Sunday, June 29, 2003. May you both be blessed with good health and happiness in the future.

-We thank Alan Rafuse for continuing to supply information for our society's newsletters. Unfortunately, Alan's most recent contribution would not fit in this newsletter. Next month, Alan! As well, we encourage you to take pen in hand and write. People love to hear the stories of the "Lost Villages".

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING A SUCCESS

A special thank you to all the society members and friends who attended the annual dinner meeting at Christ Anglican Church Hall on Monday, May 19, 2003. A delicious dinner was prepared and served by the Anglican Church Women, and we thank them for a "Job Well Done"! A new Executive was presented on that evening, and we thank the new members who agreed to accept positions. They are Jane Craig, President; David Hill, Vice-President; Rosemary Rutley, Recording Secretary; Paulette Brownell, Corresponding Secretary; Vale Brownell, Treasurer;

and Jim Brownell, Past-President. The following is the annual report.

ANNUAL REPORT

This evening's annual general meeting marks the twenty-fourth time that members and "friends" of the Lost Villages Historical Society have gathered to celebrate the accomplishments of the previous year, and to recognize all those who have worked to further the aims and objectives of the society. As we move forward in the second quarter-century of work with the Lost Villages Historical Society, and the second decade of operations at the Lost Villages Museum at Ault Park, each and every member of this society should take a bow, and thank those who actively work "to preserve and protect the history and heritage of the Lost Villages".

As president of the historical society, I ask all members to observe a minute of silence with me as we remember the life of our devoted historical society member, and corresponding secretary, Winnifred Murdock. Winnie passing on May 7, 2003, has left a huge void in the historical society, and we must work very hard to fill the shoes which Winnie has left behind. As well, we remember her sister, Beatrice Countryman, know affectionately as "Aunt Bea" to many of us. As in life, Aunt Bea joined Winnie on May 12, 2003. May Winnie and Bea be remembered, always.

In 2002, the Lost Villages Historical Society continued to grow, and our membership spans the continent of North America. With over 225 members in 2002, we can truly celebrate our success since 1977. As well, through our society's website, www.lostvillages.ca, we have reached visitors from all parts of the world. Many people, through research and general contact, have logged onto our website, and this has been truly exciting for our society. Over 10,000 people have now visited our website, and all these people have virtually visited the Lost Villages Historical Society and museum, through the Internet. In the future, I see great potential for the historical society's website, and it will become the tool of the future, -when showcasing our society and museum, and when reaching out to the world. During this past year, it has sometimes been impossible to keep up with the contacts to our website, however we have found the time and expertise to answer all requests which have come our way. The internet has become a fast and easy way to share ideas and thoughts from our historical society. Ladies and gentleman, it is the way to the future, and it has great potential.

In 2002, the Lost Villages Museum was a busy place during the tourist season. As well, it continued to be a destination for those who wished to spend some quiet time in reflection, and for those who wished to step back in time to the Hydro and

Seaway projects of the 1950s. With over twenty-five group visits; our popular and "sold out" summer bus tours; and the many, many people who visited on a daily basis, the museum site at Ault Park was certainly a "people's place". It has become our "community's community". Our new road signs, purchased through a program sponsored by Cornwall and Seaway Valley Tourism, and erected through the generosity of the Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry Roads Committee in 2001, continued to direct patrons and tourists to our site. During 2002, the popular publications, *A Violent End* by Maggie Wheeler, and *Voices from the Lost Villages* by Rosemary Rutley, continued to draw interest to our society's museum and tours, and they continue to keep the Lost Villages Historical Society on the map. We thank Rosemary and Maggie for their generosity, and we are proud to have them as a member of our society. As we approach the 50th anniversary of the commencement of the Hydro and Seaway projects of the 1950s, we are delighted to hear that Anne-Marie Shields, artist and society member, has plans for a pictorial history of the Lost Villages, and Maggie Wheeler is working on the sequel to *A Violent End*. As well, we were blessed with some new members, ready to roll up their sleeves for the Lost Villages Historical Society. This was most encouraging to the "pioneers" of our society, for the future looks brighter with the new faces and for the enthusiasm brought to the activities and projects of the society.

As president of the society for eleven years now, and, yes, a new president will step forward this evening, I wish to thank the members of the executive for their fine work during the past year. As for the executive, their work does not stop when the door closes to our monthly meetings. As in the past, they have picked up the torch on many, many occasions, and they have rolled up their sleeves to many activities which profile our society in the community. Although some of you present here this evening cannot be physically involved in the society, your encouragement and support, through kind word and financial involvement, means so much to us. Our society must continue to encourage younger members to get involved, no matter how big or small the tasks. Our society members would like to thank the following members of the executive, for their tireless work on behalf of the society during the past year. To Joan McEwan, past-president; Jane Craig, vice-president; Rosemary Rutley, recording secretary; Vale Brownell, Treasurer; and Isabel Hunter, membership convenor, our recognition and thanks for a job "well done" throughout 2002. We must never overlook the work which our corresponding secretary, the late Winnie Murdock, did for us in the past. The mailout of the May, 2002 newsletter, which I was delivering to Winnie on the day of her death, was a lesson to me in the work which Winnie had done for our

society. What a task, and she always did her work with a smile on her face and enthusiasm in her voice. As well, she was the curator of our historical society's scrapbooks, -meticulously done. I am grateful that Lenora Salmon has volunteered to carry on this important work. Lenora, thanks a million for taking on this task. As well, we thank Lenora for her work with the Nevada ticket account, -the tickets sold at Ingleside Home Hardware. All members of the executive have made valuable and tremendous contributions to the society, in your fields of expertise.

At this point in my annual report, I would be remiss if I did not refer to the kindness and generosity of the Council for the Township of South Stormont. They continue to believe in us, and continue to recognize the valuable service we provide in preserving and protecting the rich history and heritage of the Township of South Stormont. As well, they continue to recognize the tourist potential which we have established at the museum site. A municipality's future is built upon its roads and bridges, its infrastructures in water, wastewater, and recreation. As well, its future is also built on the past, always preserved, protected and promoted by those who hold history and heritage conservation and preservation close to their hearts. Council recognizes this, and they continue to support us, whenever possible. Our hats off to Jim Bancroft, Mayor; Heine Bruining, Deputy-Mayor; Barry Brownlee, Ray Fenton, and Bryan McGillis, Councillors. As well, we thank the administration of the township, led by its CAO, Ms. Betty de Haan.

Throughout 2002, many activities kept the members of our society extremely busy, and I do not intent to mention them all at this time. To get a true picture of our success, one may go back through our monthly newsletters, or log onto www.lostvillages.ca. Our activities are profiled under the topic "newsletters". At this time, however, I would like to point out a few of the activities which helped our society financially, and which continued to keep us on the map. In April, our society had a booth at the annual Home and Trade Show, sponsored by the South Stormont Chamber of Commerce. Our summer bus tours, escorted by Mary Lynn Alguire, were outstanding successes, and this was the first year that we had all bus tours "sold out". Already this year, 2003, we have reservation for these summer tours, -even before the opening of the museum. We thank The Picket Fence Craft and Gift Shop and Zeran's Crafter's Market for their generosity in being outlets for our summer bus tour tickets. As well, we had tremendous success with "step-on" tours, and these have been financially rewarding for our historical society. Once again, I thank Tim Gault, for taking on much of the leadership and responsibility for our barbecues, -whether Canada Day, bus tours, or group visits. He has indicated that he looks forward to working on this project in 2003. Thanks Tim! As well, we thank Donald Welch for his assistance with these barbecues. Donald

always seemed to appear at the perfect time, and we hope that this continues.

For the fifth year, the Lost Villages Summer Day Camp was held, under the leadership of Alison Brownell, a volunteer with this program. Her enthusiasm and ideas certainly added to the success of this activity. Young people continued to return to the day camp, because of the quality of the program, and the enthusiasm of the leader and young volunteers. Although Alison would like to return for the summer of 2003, she knows that this will be impossible, -with her wedding on June 28th; her job at Eastside Marios; and her work in preparing for Teachers' College in September. If you know of someone who may be able to assist with this program, as a volunteer leader, just let us know.

The Lost Villages Historical Society sponsored Canada Day activities at the museum site, and Carson Elliott, society member, organized the activities for this event. The day was sunny and bright, and many, many people participated in the festivities at the museum site. We were delighted to open two buildings at the museum on this date. Alan Forbes and many of his family members attended the site, and presided at the "official" opening of the Forbes Memorial Reading Room. As well, Howard Beaudette, of Ingleside and Pleasant Valley, presided at the official opening of the St. David's Anglican Church Driveshed. This reconstructed driveshed was moved from the Beaudette farm on Pleasant Valley Road, and reassembled to 1/3 its original size. Barry Brownlee, of Brownlee Funeral Homes, was on hand to officially present his 1924 Star Hearse to the historical society. This hearse is displayed in the driveshed. We were delighted to profile the four individuals who worked tirelessly in the spring of 2002, to have the Reading Room restored for its July opening. They were Alex McGillivray, Donnie Alguire, Alan Rafuse and Jim Brownell. We were so happy to see Alex McGillivray's return to good health, following months of illness. We continue to ask for God's blessing on these gentlemen.

For a third year, Bill, Rosemary, Felicity and Emily Brown returned to the Sandtown Advent Christian Church and provided members of our society, and the general public, the opportunity to get into the true "spirit" of Christmas. They provided two outstanding "Advent" programs in the church, through readings, poetry and song. This has become an annual event at the museum site, and we plan to have two services in December, 2003. When speaking of the Sandtown Church, we must not forget that twenty-four couples were married at this church in 2002. Its quaint charm and pastoral setting has made this church a popular site for weddings. Already, in 2003, we have twenty-five weddings booked at Sandtown. The Casselman and Neville families are pleased to see that the church continues to

have its old-fashioned, spiritual appeal. In the fall of 2002, Mrs. Leitha (Warner) Casselman, donor of the church, visited her beloved church, however, in the May newsletter, we reported her passing on April 22, 2003, at the age of 95 years.

During the summer of 2001, our society was successful in obtaining two grants through Federal government programs for the employment of two summer students. . We extend appreciation for the financial contribution from Human Resources Development Canada's "Summer Career Placement Program"; and the Canadian Museum's Association's "Young Canada Works in Heritage Institutions Program". Through these grant we were able to hire Erin Emmell and Michael Watson.

In September, 2002, a celebration was held to mark the 25th anniversary of the Lost Villages Historical Society, and the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Lost Villages Museum. Many members and "friends" assembled at the Forbes Memorial Reading Room, and they were joined by members of the Laflamme family, and officials from Ontario Power Generation. The Laflamme family unveiled a plaque, naming the main floor of the Forbes building, "The Fran Laflamme Memorial Resource Centre". Linda Halliday and Mike Boutillier, of Ontario Power Generation, were on hand to unveil a plaque, naming the basement work centre, "The Ontario Hydro/Ontario Power Generation Room". This was in recognition of their substantial contribution to the Forbes Memorial Reading Room relocation project.

The interest in our society, by its members, has been accomplished through the society's efforts in having monthly speakers and entertainment at our meetings. In any given year, it is necessary to line up eight different speakers or activities. With eleven years under his belt now, your president is finding it increasingly more difficult to develop ideas for these meetings. Now that he is passing the torch, a new president needs help. If you know of an interesting topic or speaker, engage a "guest" to attend and make a presentation to our membership. We are not looking for experts, however we are looking for topics and speakers who have a message to give, preferably in history and heritage. We have eight months to fill, and your president is always looking for ideas.

In 2002, we had a most interesting roster of guest speakers for our monthly meetings, -Bob Kilger, Member of Parliament, in February; Peter and Helen Ross of Peter Ross Auction Service in March; Dallas Buchan, chair of the "Friends of the Sanctuary" in April; John Cleary, Member of Provincial Parliament, in May; a fall planning and members' night in September; Anne-Marie Shields, artist, in

October; Tom Todd, author of *Hooked on Nature* in November; and a "Show and Tell" members' evening and social gathering in December. 2002 was a busy year!

Before concluding my remarks this evening, I wish to recognize the many, many fine contributions made by you all to our historical society. These include addressing, sealing and posting envelopes; cleaning and guiding at the museum site; planting flowers in the museum's gardens and at our historical plaques along County Road #2; cooking, baking and entertaining; promoting the society; answering questions by phone or mail; providing financial support, and the list goes on and on. You have all made a difference. The success of our society has been accomplished by many, many people working together for a common goal, or should I say goals. You have all played your parts well, and I, as your president, thank you from the bottom of my heart. As we celebrated our 25th anniversary in 2002, and patted ourselves on the back for the success at our museum site during the past ten years, we must remember the "pioneers" of our society, and the firm foundation which they built for us, as we develop our historical society. We must remember them, and we must remember three members of our society who passed away in 2002, -Grace Blackburn on April 12th; Stanley McNairn on April 13th; and Carley Cutt, on November 11th.

In conclusion, let me say that it was a pleasure serving, once again, as president of the Lost Villages Historical Society. We have much to do, with a new president at the helm, in 2003, however, with the help of each and every one of you, success will follow. I encourage the younger members of our society to pick up the torch, and assist, whenever possible. Your time and talents have been appreciated in the past, and they will certainly be appreciated in the future. For those who have actively served in the past, however cannot do so at this time, let me say that our society owes you much appreciation. We know that it frustrates you not to be physically active with our society and museum's activities, however your words of encouragement will certainly sustain us and encourage us to move forward. As I look around this hall this evening, some of our society's earliest pioneers, although they have been thinning in numbers, continue to support the aims and objectives of the Lost Villages Historical Society. May they be an inspiration for us to continue. My work with the historical society and museum has been supported by a kind and supportive family. I especially thank Paulette for putting up with my "interest" in the work of the historical society. Finally, as president, I wish each and every one of you good health and happiness in the future. May you find pleasure as you reflect on the accomplishments of our historical society during the past year.

THE HOCKEY BOYS FROM MOULINETTE HOCKEY CLUB

Connie (Rae) Applegate, a Lost Villages Historical Society member from Utopia, Ontario, shared this poem with David Hill. The author is unknown, however we thank David for sharing it with us.

The Hockey Boys from Moulinette Hockey Club

We are the boys from Moulinette town, There's Charlie, too, and the Bisbee boys.
And we take the ups and downs. They are always on the spot. Sometimes we win
and sometimes we lose, They make a first class forward line, But we always stand
our ground. And they are very good shots

We've played Mille Roches and Aultsville, too. Now Roy was there, and Murphy,
too. At Harrison's t'was our turn to lose. They always work in fine. At Wales, we
won and left them blue, But come and see young Carl in goal. But it may be their
turn next. We'll give you a shale of a time.

We have the team, we all play clean. Should old acquaintance be forgot, That's
why we always score. With this hockey season over. We'll play the game for our
good name, Well here's good-bye, for the town's gone dry, And always ask for
more. With this prohibition law.

There's George Rae and Wilbert, too. They are always in the line. They are both
corn fed, so watch out for your head. They are there to do or die.

IN MEMORIAM

The members of the Lost Villages Historical Society extend sympathy to Bryce
and Enid Rupert, on the passing of Bryce's sister, Jean Dawson, on Monday, June
2, 2003, at Carlingview Manor in Ottawa. Jean (Rupert) Dawson was born on
October 27, 1921, at Northfield Station, to the late Fred and Hazel (MacIntyre)
Rupert.

We extend sympathy to the family of the late Pauline Baxter, who passed away at
the Winchester and District Memorial Hospital on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at the
age of 86 years. Many will remember Pauline as the educator in various local
schools, most notably Mille Roches Public School, and Longue Sault Public
School. Pauline was very interested in the work of the Lost Villages Historical
Society.

