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DECEMBER 1981 Vol. 9 No. 10 Diane Holmes, President Jennifer Roddick, Editor

On behalf of the Board of Directors I would like to wish all our members a joyful holiday season and a very prosperous and happy 1982.

Jennifer Roddick
Editor

JANUARY MEETING

We are pleased to announce that Judy Burns, President of the Historical Society of Ottawa, will be our guest speaker on Tuesday, January 19th, 1982 at 8:00 p.m. at the Fraser Schoolhouse, 62 John Street, New Edinburgh.

Judy will speak about one of the pioneer founders of Bytown, William Stewart. The speech will focus on his influence on the history of Ottawa.

Residents of Ottawa will recognize the Stewart name from "Stewart Street" and "McLeod-Stewarton United Church" for example.

Judy married a direct descendant of William Stewart and recently published a paper about the Stewarts. She was a founding member of Heritage Ottawa who organized our Archives and was on the Board of Directors.

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

The Historical Society of the Gatineau announced the winners of their annual essay contest.

The winners of \$200 awards were Norma D. Geggie from Wakefield, P.Q. for "I.B. York -- A Man of Many Parts" and Jessie Waterson from White Lake, Ontario for "Brookdale Farm Inc.". Honoraria were awarded to four other writers: Lillian Walton from Ottawa, Ontario for "The Cars of Yesteryear"; Gunda Lambton from Wakefield, P.Q. for "Irish Surnames of the Gatineau"; A. deL. Panet from Ottawa, Ontario for "Early Transportation in the Gatineau

Valley and Connecting Factors"; and Thea Bennett from Ottawa, Ontario for "A Sense of Balance".

Congratulations!

OTTAWA FILM COUNCIL PRESENTATION

The Ottawa Film Council in co-operation with the Ottawa Public Library will present a free program of heritage-oriented documentary films on Thursday, January 7, 1982 at 8:15 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Ottawa Public Library, 120 Metcalfe Street.

The films to be shown are as follows:

"There is Still Time" -- A film about Quebec City, "one of the most beautiful cities in the world" according to internationally renowned economist and author Barbara Ward. "Destroy the houses, destroy the community", but, as Ward stresses, change does not necessarily spell disaster. There is hope for the future through respectful restoration, managed growth, and encouragement of community sense.

The Rideau - Colonel By's Peaceable Waterway -- A salute to the 150-year-old Rideau Canal. Combining old drawings and actuality footage, contemporary commentary and voices from the past we again examine one of Canada's greatest engineering achievements.

This Was the Beginning - Part 1: Invertebrates -- Focusing on underwater life.

Fixed in Time: A Victorian Album -- This film transports us through the blending of several thousand photographs taken by the flourishing Notman Photographic Gallery back to Halifax 1882-1900. The people scenes and events in the communities from an "era long gone", memories recorded for posterity by the camera.

"FOR HOME AND COUNTRY 1897-1982

February of 1982 marks the 85th anniversary of the founding of the Women's Institute and coincidentally the 125th anniversary of the birth of its founder, Adelaide Hunter Hoodless.

To celebrate these two occasions Federated Women's Institutes of Canada is presenting an Exhibition tracing the history, work and achievements of the Women's Institute, the only national rural women's organization in Canada.

The exhibition, "For Home and Country 1897-1982", will be on view in the foyer of Ottawa City Hall from February 8th through February 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

You are cordially invited to visit this exhibition where you will learn about work done in the areas of Citizenship, Health, Safety, Agriculture, Women in Development and many more. You will see original photographs, documents, items from Adelaide Hoodless' birthplace declared a national historic site and now operated as a museum, a slide show of the museum, a display of prize-winning crafts as well as trophies and awards presented to the organization and personal honours conferred on members.

Don't miss it -- the Women's Institute is part of Canada's history.

Jenny Morgan

DO YOU KNOW YOUR OTTAWA?

Did you know that --

-Col. John By, Royal Engineer, laid out the first streets of a new village called Bytown in 1826?

-the Village of Bytown was incorporated in 1827?

-James Maloney built the first schoolhouse, out of logs, on

Rideau Street near Sussex Drive in 1827 and established the "English, Classical and Mathematical Academy"?

-Joseph Coombs, overseer of the Rideau Canal works for Col. By, built the first frame house in Ottawa, at 351 Rideau Street in 1827, from wood felled on the spot?

-the Rideau Canal was completed in 1832?

-in 1847 the Town of Bytown was incorporated?

-on December 18th, 1854, the City of Ottawa was incorporated?

Excerpt from the Bytown Gazette, Thursday Morning, April 20, 1854:

Gas Company

Notice is hereby given, that an application will be made to the Parliament of Canada, at its next Session, for an Act to incorporate a Company to be called "The Bytown Consumers' Gas Company" and for Authority to open streets for the purpose of laying Pipes and to hold such property, and possess such privileges as are necessary for the Manufacture of Gas.

Bytown, March 22, 1854

From the Journal of James Fitzgibbon, Bytown 1854:

Recipe for "Rhubarb Wine"

4 lbs of sugar to a gallon of rhubarb juice; let stand a week or ten days; then strain and bottle; use six months after.

Merry Christmas, from
Vera Campbell