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Countdown to 2005

First event a success

The first event of *Countdown to 2005*, a series of programs designed to create awareness of Alberta's centennial by focusing on its past, was a success and has now become part of HSA history.

The dinner held at the Westin Hotel, Calgary, on October 20, was a *Salute to Alberta's Best*. The occasion honoured and recognized the achievement of Alberta businesses that have operated in the province for 75 years or more.

Unearthing the companies spread throughout the province, that met the 75-year-criteria, kept the HSA research team of **Tina-Marie Block, Ramona Blacklock, Dorris Burrington, Troy Fuller, Janet Harvey, Heather McMillan, Amrita Myers, James Ottewell and Mike Smith**, more than busy. Guiding them in this task was committee chair **Nancy Munro-Parry** and members **Fred Holberton, James Istvanffy, Kathryn Ivany, Sheila Johnston, Ralphine Locke, Judy Mastromonaco, Clarence Patton, Diane Piraux, Gail Pocock, Harry Sanders, Diana Sim, Catarina von Maydell, and Margaret Waite**.

They discovered 280 companies. Sixty-three companies were able to provide information about themselves and their activities. The history and background of companies was collected and interest in HSA's project generated.

Over 200 people attended the dinner representing 31 companies—a fair representation. It now remains to follow up

on the initial contacts and encourage further participation in a project that showcases Alberta's past in a modern context.

Work on *Countdown to 2005* and to get corporate sponsorship, always the key to funding special projects, was started in March 1995 by **Uta Fox**, former administrator for HSA and originator of the idea of recognizing special aspects of Alberta. Thank you to everyone who participated for their generosity, interest and support.

Approximately \$7310, was raised. We wish to thank and recognize the sponsors for their significant contributions which will assist HSA in the production, printing and distribution of historical resource materials to schools.

Finally, thank you to all who contributed to the success of this event, the first in a series of 11. Our grateful thanks go to **Doug Mitchell**, and the support of the Calgary Chamber of Commerce. Doug was an excellent emcee and kept us all on track during the dinner at the Westin.

Thanks to **Art Smith**, our guest speaker. He found time to attend and speak on a subject with which he is intimately familiar—the history of business in Alberta and its future in the global market place.

It now remains to start thinking about the next event for 1996—number ten in the *Countdown to 2005*.

The Historical Society of Alberta is a registered charitable organization.

Donations are gratefully received to help further the work of the Society which includes the publication of *Alberta History* and this newsletter, *History Now*. Donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in *History Now*, unless otherwise requested.

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New Faces

Welcome to HSA 1st Vice President, **Marcel Dirk**.

Marcel is from Medicine Hat—like Roy Wilson whom he is replacing.

He trained at the University of Alberta in Canadian Studies and has worked as a historian on a number of projects in Canada and in the Caribbean with CUSO. He was the organizer of the Canadian Legion's oral history project and has written two books on the history of Medicine Hat.

Welcome to new members

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Volunteer appreciation get together Thursday December 7, 1995

Volunteers at the HSA office were thanked for their efforts during the year.

Present were Margaret Waite, Diana Sim, Clarence Patton, Ken Penley, Jim Mackie, Nancy Munro-Parry, Catarina von Maydell, Fred Holberton, Sheila Johnston, Harry Sanders, Sherring Amsden, Al Mogridge, Daniel Colvin, Michele Mallinson and Roberta Ryckman.

Punch and homemade goodies were served and contributed to a convivial atmosphere where we all got to know each other a little better.

President's Report

by Kathryn Ivany

I hope your holiday season was enjoyable and your New Year's resolutions are all easily achievable.

The HSA now begins the second half of its financial year. Work on the budget and applications for funding for the next year have been started. Already we are thinking six months ahead. However, we could not be thinking of doing anything without your assistance and support. One significant portion of our grant application is counting up the hours and activities donated to us by our volunteers. From the chapters' programming to the operation of the HSA office, from fund raising to Council's overseeing the policy and administration of the Society, we rely on volunteers.

If any of you are interested in becoming more involved in the HSA you should contact members of the Executive and Council to ask questions now. The Nominating Committee is looking for new Executive members leading up to the Annual General Meeting in Red Deer in June. There are also opportunities to get involved in future Salute events. As you will read in the report of the Salute Committee Chair, **Nancy Munro-Parry**, the October event was successful for the Society.

Many thanks to all the Salute volunteers and to the Chinook Country Chapter for ensuring the success of this HSA fund raiser. Council has decided we should continue to Salute other sectors of the community, both to raise awareness of the history of Alberta and to raise money for the Historical Society of Alberta. We hope each chapter will take a turn to host such an event in the near future. Get involved in your area by contacting your local executive members.

Speaking of raising funds The HSA has another Casino date set for Calgary. Mark **April 1 and 2**—that's rights, April fools' day—on your calendars and if you can—volunteer to work as a chip runner or some other glamorous position. **Clarence (Clancy) Patton** has agreed to help us recruit volunteers; so call the office and leave a message for him or come down to the office to fill out an application. All casino volunteers must be over 18, members of the Society and able to pass a police security check. We need 35 before the middle of January so don't wait too long.

This is a busy time of year both for individual members and the HSA as a Society. Most of our memberships are renewed at this time of year and we are certainly happy when those renewals come in. We will be processing the membership renewals and assessing the needs of the members of the HSA in the next few months. If you have any comments or concerns, please let us know. With your help the HSA will remain a strong and viable Society.

Elections

Nominations for Council are sought for election at the 1996 Annual General Meeting in Red Deer, June 2.

The following offices are open, each for a two year term: 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Secretary.

Any member of the Society may submit names and addresses of members to the committee for consideration

Please submit by **March 31, 1996**, to **James A.N. Mackie, QC, Chair, Nominations Committee c/o The Historical Society of Alberta, 325, 304 8th Avenue SW, CALGARY, AB T2P 1C2.**

According to Article 5 (c) of the Society's By-Laws, additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting with the nominee's approval, or may be submitted in writing to the secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual meeting, such written nominations to include signatures of mover, seconder and candidate.

HSA Awards



It's that time again.

The HSA is seeking nominations for awards to be handed out at the Annual General Meeting being held in Red Deer, for the following:

Annual award

Presented to an individual who must qualify in one or more of the following categories:

- A. Meritorious service to HSA over several years;
- B. Meritorious service to the preservation, promotion, or development of Alberta's history over several years;
- C. Performance of a single action, deed, or service which is of such significance, uniqueness, or magnitude that it ranks far above routine or regular actions, deeds, or services.

Award of merit

Presented to eligible business, corporation, society government, church, or other corporate body. The recipient must qualify in one or both of the following categories:

- A. Meritorious service to the preservation, promotion, or development of Alberta's history over several years;
- B. Performance of a single action, deed, or service to the benefit of Alberta history which goes beyond the routine services expected of the recipient.

Please forward your nominations in writing, setting out the nominee's accomplishments with short biography and the name of at least one other member supporting the nomination to:

**James A.N. Mackie, QC,
Chair, Awards Committee
c/o The Historical Society of Alberta
325, 304 8th Avenue SW,
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Archives honoured for keeping historical perspective

Reprinted by permission from the November 1995, Volume #1, Issue #1 *PanConnections*

PanCanadian's Archives has been awarded the first annual Petroleum History Society's Preservation Award in recognition of outstanding archival commitment for business records.

The Petroleum History Society has been created to promote the preservation and communication of petroleum history. The award recognizes corporate archives, museums and private collections.

PanCanadian's Archives exists to provide an on-going source of primary and secondary research material to all employees.

Bonnie Mech, Archivist and Record Analyst, says preserving corporate records and documenting significant events, not only promotes understanding of Company values but serves as a valuable research tool to many departments.

"Archives are often initially mistaken as one way, dead storage facility," says Mech. "Archives is an active collection of documents, materials, photos and artifacts that are available for people to use in presentations, for topic specific research and on-going events."

Archives documents everything from current activities to more than one hundred years of PanCanadian's history from the Canadian Pacific Railway, Central-Del Rio, and Canadian Pacific Oil and Gas.

Collections include certificates of title, survey plats, registered maps and plans, corporate and annual information, company logos, mission statements and organization charts, slides, photographs and selected audio-visual materials, press releases, employee newsletters, internal studies, United Way campaigns, and artifacts.

Located at 250 Tower Centre, the Archives facility contains 47,000 square feet of climate-controlled records storage area which is protected by filtered lighting, sophisticated fire detection, and an alarm system. Acid-free file folders and document cases are used to prolong the life of deteriorating original paper records.

For user convenience, a research area and copier are available for use of the non-circulating collections. A microfiche reader and a micromat reader used to read seismic data, are also available.

If you wish to preserve records and artifacts, or to request information and materials, please connect with Bonnie Mech at 290-7944, or Theresa Chisholm at 290-7625. Mech is also available to conduct tours of the award-winning facility.

A new quarterly magazine, *Legacy*, will premiere in December 1995. "It will celebrate Alberta's heritage and contain stories about people who are protecting it. It will explore what people choose to value from the past and how they are saving this legacy for the future," explains editor Barbara Dacks.

In communities across Alberta, groups and individuals are restoring and revitalizing historic buildings—from private homes to entire main streets. They're preserving sacred sites and ceremonies, music and dance, collections of photographs and paintings. They're writing local histories, recording the voices of elders.

"As times and programs change, people who care about Alberta's heritage need clear, current information. They need to stay in touch, share their experiences. *Legacy* will try to fill those needs with feature stories and regular columns on heritage destinations, architecture, profiles, even food and a how-to section for readers who choose the do-it-yourself route," Dacks anticipates.

Alberta will soon have a new heritage magazine

Dacks edited *The Cornerstone* on contract to the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation from 1990 until last spring when it was among several publications the provincial government cancelled. She decided then to launch *Legacy* herself and is encouraged by the enthusiasm of so many people who agree that Albertans want and need a heritage magazine.

Legacy will be a full-size quarterly magazine covering a wide range of stories:

- follow the adventures of a Medicine Hat artist and her husband, a carpenter, who buy an elegant but faded historic house and join the growing number of people restoring their heritage homes and turning them into bed and breakfasts;

- tour Calgary's 1929 sandstone Alberta Telephone building and learn about the plan to turn it into Canada's new museum for modern art;

- read about Edmonton's controversial inventory of historic buildings and homes—who loves it, who doesn't, and why;

- discover how dancing with the White Braid Society changes a native teen's life;

- and enjoy regular profiles, history-mystery, how-to, heritage foods, treasure hunt, destinations, letters, and architectural details columns.

Subscriptions for the first year (four issues) of *Legacy* are available by sending \$16 (\$14.95 + \$1.05 GST) to:

Legacy, c/o 9667 - 87 Ave Edmonton, T6C 1K5
Phone 403-439-0705 Fax 403-439-0549



Alberta's Coal Industry, 1919, edited and introduced by David Jay Bercuson. As an edited transcript of the Alberta Mining Industry Commission of 1919, this book covers testimony by miners, owners and government into operation of the coal industry at that time. Stories of poor living and working conditions, strikes, owners' grievances, and marketing and sales problems, provide a valuable social and economic view for the reader. Dr. Bercuson's editing reveals that the proceedings entailed in a Commission can be anything but dull.

The Formation of Alberta: A Documentary History, introduced by by L.G. Thomas and L.H. Thomas. Edited by

how he miraculously managed to hang on through the lean times of capital shortages, primitive technology, a world war, a distant bureaucracy in Ottawa and the competition of big companies.

"We'll All Be Buried Down Here": The Prairies Dryland Disaster, 1917-1926, edited by Dr. David C. Jones. The dry belt disaster of 1917-1926 wreaked havoc on the residents of Southern Alberta and Southwestern Saskatchewan. The documents cited in this book graphically depict the hardships suffered by the farming community. Millions of acres were abandoned and whole towns disappeared.

Aberhart: Outpourings and Replies, edited by Dr. David R. Elliott. A collection of writings

HSA Christmas Book Sale - an opportunity not to be missed

Douglas R. Owrarn. General Editor D.C. Macleod. Alberta was born in 1905, but what happened prior to this event? Dr. Owrarn has selected documents which catalogue this fascinating progression of two centuries of fur traders, Native people, settlers, railway men and others. Autonomy was achieved without bloodshed or civil disorder, but not without conflict. This book explains why.

Pioneering in Alberta: Maurice Destrube's Story, edited by J.E. Hendrickson. Well-educated, an artist, merchant and homesteader, Maurice Destrube recalls the life of his family commencing in 1906. His pen sketches, which form part of the book, constitute a unique visual record of homesteading in Canada's west. The editing of the manuscript captures the ingenuity that transformed so much of Alberta from wilderness to productive farms and ranches.

William Stewart Herron: Father of the Petroleum Industry in Alberta, edited by Dr. David H. Breen. In 1911, Herron began a life-long struggle to develop an oil field west of his property near Okotoks, Alberta. This collection of documents vividly illustrates the difficulties of the would-be oilman, and

by one of Canada's most controversial politicians. Accompanying are replies—some grateful, others unforgiving. Aberhart's Social Credit government generated strong emotions, and this book explores Aberhart's attempts to find peace and prosperity in a time of trouble and want. (see review in HSA Newsletter, April 1995).

The Diaries of Bishop Grandin, 1975-1877, Vol I, translated by Alan D. Ridge. Edited by Brian M. Owens and Claude D. Roberto. Bishop Vital-Justin Grandin is one of the founders of the Roman Catholic Church in Western Canada. He always showed respect and sensitivity toward ethnic groups, native people and Metis. He diarized his humanitarian philosophy and his many journeys through the bush and water systems of Western Canada for the years 1875-1877.

Winter Sports in the West, edited by Elise Corbet & Anthon W. Rasporich. Ten essays portraying the history of Western Canadian sports are graphically presented in this book. Beginning with sports and leisure in the 19th century fur trade, the authors relate fascinating and factual stories about the progression of winter sports in the four western provinces.

Book Reviews



Citymakers: Calgaryans After the Frontier, edited by Max Foran and Sheilagh S. Jameson. A collection of biographies of a wide range of individuals, each of whom contributed substantially to some facet of Calgary's development. These people, from different walks of life, had the vision, the resolution, the courage to awake changes in their city's life. These were the Citymakers.



Other Reviews

Town Life: Main Street and the Evolution of Small Town Alberta, 1880-1947 by Donald G. Wetherell & Irene Kmet. On the prairies, the small town rests comfortably in the collective memory as a setting of childhood innocence, social familiarity and stability. Prairie towns are historically important as symbols of social values, as the bridge between country and city, and as important urban centres. "We are very pleased to have Don Wetherell and Irene Kmet's *Town Life: Main Street and the Evolution of Small Town Alberta, 1880-1947* as the first publication in the Alberta Reflection series. Not only have the authors been involved with Alberta 2005 since its inception in 1988 but their study of small town life is an excellent example of the kind of important but neglected topic that needs to be explored." Books are for sale at your local bookstore or can be ordered direct from out distributor, UBC Press, 6344 Memorial Road, Vancouver, BC V6T 1Z2. Toll free fax: 1-800-668-0821. Telephone: 1-604-822-5959. \$24.95.

A Preacher's Frontier, The Castor, Alberta Letters of Reverend Martin W. Holdom, 1909-12, edited, with an introduction by Paul Voissy. Between the summer of 1909 and 1912, a young Anglican Priest in Castor, Alberta dispatched 115 letters to his family in England. The young cleric had arrived in Castor before the arrival of the railway. Settlers were just beginning to enter the region. Holdom therefore observed first

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Book Reviews

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hand the formation of a new community in a new land. In his letters, he reported on many facets of the pioneering experience with lively prose which reflected his keen eye for detail and his sharp opinions. The result is an intriguing social commentary, and a rich addition to the study of Alberta's history. Hard cover with illustrations. **For members of the Historical Society of Alberta Only**, a prepublication discount price of \$13.95 each, plus \$2 for shipping. For release in the Spring of 1996.

Des Voix du passe Rediscover Calgary's history and its francophone roots. Come back with us in time to the early 1900's to relive history with the men and women who come to life in Rouleauville. Follow the story, the links between the past and the present. See what life was like for children and adults.

This exciting book is full of interesting historical information and includes a delightful photo album. Find out how the francophone community, its presence and evolution, influenced Calgary today.

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You Can't Get There From Here: The Mystique of North American Plains Indians Culture & Philosophy, by John W. Friesen. The star of the First Nations of North America is rising. There is evidence of a heightened awareness of traditional ways, and many ancient ceremonies are being celebrated with renewed zeal.

Non-Native observers have watched these developments with intrigue, but without fully comprehending the complexities and intricacies of the underlying rationale of Indian thinking. This philosophical gap has long existed, partially because non-Natives have rarely tried to understand and appreciate Aboriginal thought.

This book elucidates seven arguments to make the case that North American Plains Indians philosophy is unique in essence, orientation and outlook and different from imported European systems of thought.

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St. Paul's Fish Creek - an Historic 110 Years

"This venerable little structure is now called the Chapel of St. Paul's Church, and in 1977 was declared an historic site by the Province of Alberta. With government grant and private donations, the exterior and interior were restored following stringent government guidelines. In the fall of 1991 the Chapel was rededicated by Bishop Barry Curtis."

St. Paul's is one of the oldest Anglican churches in the Calgary Diocese, having been built in 1885. Originally known as St. Paul's Fish Creek and located at 14620 Macleod Trail SE in the Midnapore District where it was built by parishioners on land donated by that renowned pioneer, John Glenn. The church's steeply pitched roof and cruciform plan was modelled after the larger Church of the Redeemer built in Calgary in 1884. St. Paul's was constructed under the auspices of the Midnapore Church of England Society and the first service was held in September 1885. Rev. E. Paske Smith as the first minister, serving the growing congregation until 1888.

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One Hundred and ten years later, the Midnapore Church of England Society (MCES) has been reborn, and this time its purpose is to undertake the perpetual maintenance, repair and restoration of the Chapel, its contents, the grounds and the cemetery surrounding it. To this end a memorial trust fund has been established which will be administered by St. Paul's Anglican Church. All donations to the fund should be made directly to St. Paul's Anglican Church (marked "for the benefit of the MCES fund") and thus will be fully tax deductible.

The chapel cemetery is the resting place of many pioneers of the Midnapore and Red Deer Lake Districts—men and women who suffered privation and hardship to forge a new life for themselves and their families. Interred in the cemetery is Archdeacon John William Tims, a much loved and respected churchman, who is often referred to as the father of the Anglican Church in Alberta. He was also a noted missionary among the Blackfoot and Sarcee Indians. Archdeacon Tims prepared a written language for the Blackfoot, translated hymns and scriptures into their language and also completed a Blackfoot dictionary and grammar texts. He served as rector of St. Paul's for the years 1896-1898 and 1916-1942.

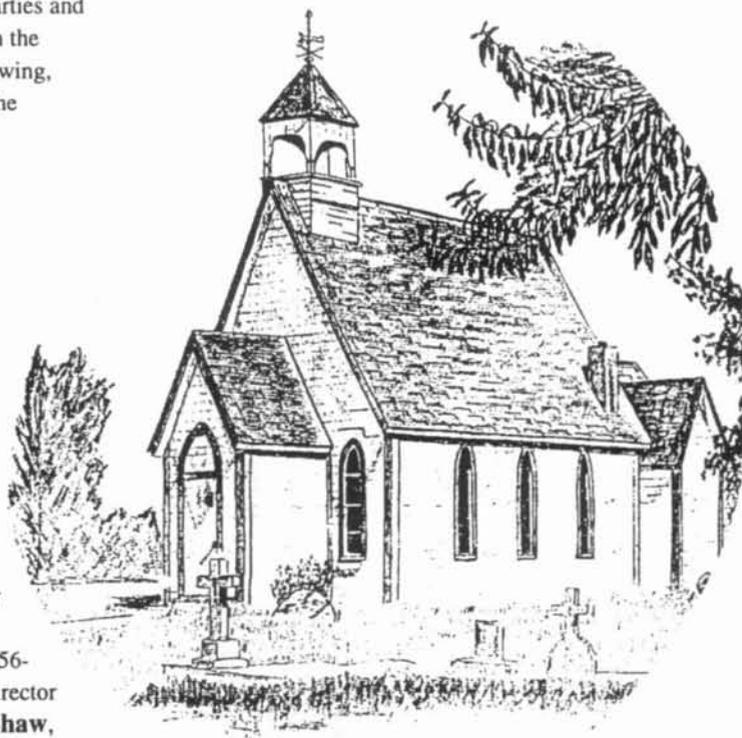
by Clarence Patton

Two other extremely interesting pioneers are Samuel William and Helen Maria Shaw who came to the Midnapore district in the spring of 1883. They landed in Montreal from England with their seven children, and then crossed Canada by rail to the end of the CPR line in Swift Current. From there they had to complete their journey to Midnapore by Red River cart. The Shaws were part of the founding congregation of St. Paul's, and also responsible for building the first woollen mill in Western Canada. The mill was situated about 150 yards west of the current site of Golden Acres Garden Centre, and its memory lives on in the name of the Millrise community. It's also of interest to note that the communities of Shawnee and Shawnessy perpetuate the Shaw name. William and Helen Shaw rest in St. Paul's cemetery together with many other members of the Shaw family.

Some of the long time members of St. Paul's parish want to ensure that the Chapel and cemetery are maintained in perpetuity, both as a tribute to their forebears and as an historic site for future generations.

The directors of MCES are attempting to contract all interested parties and families with relatives in the cemetery. The list is growing, and if any members of the Historical Society of Alberta would like to participate in the memorial trust fund or would like further information about the Midnapore Church of England Society please contact one of the following directors:

Clarence Patton, Chairman 253-6879; **Neil Brown**, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer 282-4985; **Rosamond Sanderson**, Secretary 256-7110; **Betty Hervey**, Director 256-7787; **Kinnaird Shaw**, Director 931-2588; **Stephen Smith** (Rector of St. Paul's) 254-0327.



Drawing by E.L. Fitzgerald/77

Central Alberta Historical Society

by Jean Bridge

The Central Alberta Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta is looking forward to hosting the annual general meeting of the Alberta Historical Society in Red Deer on May 31, June 1 and 2, 1996. Also a post-conference tour has been proposed to the historic site of the Northwest Rebellion in the province of Saskatchewan. Some of the points of interest for the three day trip will possibly be: Tomahawk Park, the Cut Knife Battle Site, Fort Battleford National Park, Fort Carlton Historic Park, Duck Lake Historical Museum, Batoche National Historic Park, and the Wanuskewin Heritage Park in the city of Saskatoon.

The first year of the newly formed Central Alberta Chapter of HSA has been a busy one. At a public meeting in November 1994, a nominating committee was formed to prepare a list of officers and that slate was duly elected at the meeting in January 1995. Later in the year, several committees were struck and filled by volunteers as follows: Membership committee: Faye Hughes; Norma Soltice. Publishing Committee: John Tobias; Paul Boulton; Wayne Nylin. Program Committee: Gerry Beauchamp; Don Hepburn. Our Charter Night was held in June and various presentations have been made on the topics of the Klu Klux Klan in Alberta, the Industrial Schools in Canada and at Red Deer, and a series entitled Without Women, to commemorate Women's History Month in October. We also had our first bus tour to Fort Calgary and the new Museum of the Regiments which was enjoyed by all who attended. The program committee has been busy lining up speakers and local tours for the coming year. Some suggested topics are: Tail Creek and the Metis; Fur Traders in Central Alberta; Railways in Central Alberta; The Coal Ranch Story; Scandinavian Settlement in Central Alberta; David Thompson in the Early West; and others still to be suggested. - **submitted by Jean Bridge, reporter.**

News & Views from HSA Chapters

Attention Teachers

The Historical Society of Alberta is creating a resource book of lesson plans and ideas for activities for the teaching of Alberta history. If you are interested in serving on the committee which is creating this resource, or if you have ideas you would like to suggest for inclusion in the book,

Please contact:

Amy von Heyking, Chair of Education Committee at 403-347-8581 in Red Deer. Thanks for your help.

CHINOOK'S CHRISTMAS AT MEWATA

by Diana Sim

The Chinook Country Historical Society Christmas dinner as held again at the Mewata Armouries Garrison Officers' mess. There was time to socialise before dinner at 7—which was as usual excellent. Al Mogridge had organised a fine selection of door prizes. David Jones was the recipient of a selection of three (identical) books!

Al and Barbara Mogridge offered to pay \$5 of a \$25 membership anyone gives to a high school or university student (to a total of \$50). The offer is open only until December 20. Any money remaining will be donated to the Historical Society of Alberta.

The evening's entertainment was a fascinating talk by Andrea Garnier, with recordings from the Glenbow collection, of Calgary's music. The genres ranged from country, through opera and symphonic, to

Chinook Country Historical Society

rock!. Why don't we know enough about the superb talent in Calgary's early years? Thanks, Andrea for educating and entertaining us. - **submitted by Diana Sim, reporter.**

Don't forget to make a note of our Tuesday night programs for the new year. **January 23** *A Leaven of Ladies*. Marg Norris who has researched and written the history of the Calgary Local Council of Women, will present a fascinating look at the way the world has changed for women, Fort Calgary Interpretive Centre, 750 9th Avenue SE. **February 20** CCHS Annual General Meeting. Come and hear **Tony Rees's** presentation *Hope's Last Home; Travels in Milk River Country*. Tony Rees was former Chief Archivist at the Glenbow Museum archives. He will discuss his new book about the last frontier encompassing land in Saskatchewan, Montana and Alberta. The history of Milk River country includes the last of the buffalo and the great plains

culture. The meeting will start at 7 pm and the talk is scheduled for 7.45 pm, at the Officer's Mess, Mewata Armouries, 801 11th Street SW. **March 25** Joyce Doolittle, an active player in the local drama scene for many years, will present the history of drama in Calgary, Pumphouse Theatre 2140 Pumphouse Avenue SW. **April 23** Dr. Donald B. Smith will speak on the history of French-speaking Albertans—with a particular emphasis on Calgary and southern Alberta—in light of the forthcoming Rouleauville Square being constructed in the heart of what was once Calgary's French-speaking community, 7:30 pm Nat Christie Centre, 141 18 Avenue SW.

(See Book Reviews page 9, in this issue for a new book *Des Voix du passe*, for further information on this subject.)

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Edmonton & District Historical Society

EDHS needs your help. It's time to start thinking about who to nominate for our annual awards, as well as who to select as our first EDHS Honorary Patron. Each year EDHS presents two awards for distinguished merit in the field of history or heritage preservation—one to an individual and one to an organization, association, business, government agency etc. As a rule, we try to look beyond our own membership for potential recipients. In the past some of those people and organizations that we have presented awards to include the Elk Point Historical Society for their support of the Ft. George Buckingham House interpretive site, John Foster for dedication to teaching, the city of Edmonton Heritage Planning office for its building inventory, and Mike Tomyn for his histories of Vegreville.

A Patrons program was initiated in 1994, leading up to the 1995 Bicentennial Conference. In addition to the Sponsoring Patron category (financial contribution), we wanted to honour those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the Edmonton Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta (The Edmonton and District Historical Society, formerly the Amisk Waskehegan Chapter). Whereas the Awards of Merit are designed to recognize in general the contributions of Northern Albertans to the preservation of history, the Honorary Patron recognition is designed to salute those whose work has directly benefited the EDHS. It is our intention to select one person each year and add their names to our Patron's plaque.

We would like to hear from you regarding nominations for our annual awards (individual and organization), as well as suggestions for our first honorary patron. Please send your nominations or suggestions in writing to the EDHS, c/o Box 1013, Edmonton AB, T5J 2M1, Attention Sean Moir, Awards Chairman. Information required: Nominations must be in writing, no phone calls please, and they must be received by **29 February, 1996**.

Include full name, address, phone number, brief biographical information, a list of achievements or activities, and the specific reason for the nomination.

Award of Merit recipients do not have to be Society members or have Society affiliation, although we will do our best to encourage them to become members.

In the case of a suggestion for an Honorary Patron, the person has to have been a member of the Edmonton Chapter of the Historical Society of Alberta, and must have made a significant contribution to the organization.

The Awards of Merit will be distributed, and the name of the Honorary Patron will be unveiled at the EDHS Annual General Meeting in April, 1996.

Upcoming program series are **January 10** at the Auditorium, Provincial Museum of Alberta, 8 pm. **Radomir Bilash** will reveal the seasonal round of the Ukrainian agricultural community in the Smoky Lake area in the 1920's and 1930's using historic film and photographs. **February 7** at the Heritage Room, City Hall, 8 pm. **John Geiger** will bring a personal as well as historical interest to the fur trade and first Anglican missionaries on a tour of the Fort Victoria story.

Lethbridge Historical Society

The Lethbridge Historical Society will hold its monthly meetings at the Lethbridge Public Library, Tuesdays at 7 pm.

January 23 there will be a slide presentation and talk by World War II RCAF veteran **Albert Alisop**. He was an engine mechanic in the 39th Reconnaissance Wing and his experiences, as his unit advanced into the heart of Germany, were very close to enemy lines in Europe.

February 27 City of Lethbridge archivist **Greg Ellis** will present slides of early Lethbridge, as photographed by Arthur Rafton-Canning and his British Colonial Photographic Company.

HSA Annual General Meeting & Conference - May 31, June 1 & 2, Red Deer

Plains, Trains and Automobiles: The Opening of the West, is the theme of HSA's 1996 Annual Conference, to be co-hosted jointly by Chinook and Central Alberta chapters. Guest speakers, outings and tours will provide an interesting program and a rich experience of central Alberta's heritage. The conference will take place at the Red Deer Lodge

EDHS Books

Delayed Frontier, The Story of the Peace River Country to 1909 by David Leonard. A companion volume to Dave's earlier book on the Peace River Country—another best seller.

Edmonton: The Life of a City, edited by Bob Hesketh and Frances Swyripa. Some of the best papers presented at the Bicentennial Conference May 1995.

Flatiron Legacy One of Heritage and Help by Kathryn Ivany. This book is full of wonderful tales of the people from the Gibson Block—with heritage photographs.

HSA Calendar of Events - January to April 1996

- Jan 10 EDHS Presentation by Radomir Bilash. The seasonal round of the Smoky Lake Ukrainian agricultural community in the 1920's and 1930's. 8 pm Auditorium, Provincial Museum of Alberta
- Jan 23 CCHS *A Leaven of Ladies: The Calgary Local Council of Women* by Marg Norris, 7:30 pm Fort Calgary 750 9th Avenue SE
- Jan 23 LHS A slide presentation and talk by WWII RCAF veteran Albert Alisop. 7 pm Lethbridge Public Library
- Feb 7 EDHS The Fort Victoria story (the fur trade and first Anglican missionaries) by John Geiger. 8 pm Heritage Room, City Hall.
- Feb 20 CCHS AGM 7:30 pm Mewata Armouries. Speaker Tony Rees *Hope's Last Home: Travels in Milk River Country*
- Feb 27 LHS City archivist Greg Ellis slide presentation of early Lethbridge photos by Arthur Rafton-Canning and his British Colonial Photographic Company
- Mar 25 CCHS *Drama in Calgary* by Joyce Doolittle. 7:30 pm Pumphouse Theatre, 2140 Pumphouse Avenue SW
- Apr 1 & 2 HSA Casino, please volunteer.
- Apr 23 CCHS *Rouleauville: The French Connection* by Donald B. Smith 7:30 pm Nat Christie Centre 141 18 Ave SW
- May 31 -
- Jun 1 & 2 HSA Annual General Meeting and Conference, Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer, AB.

HSA Crossword

Answer to last newsletter crossword:

Across 1. Emerald 5. B and B 8. Remittance men 9. Liner 10. One mile 11. Proton 12. At last 15. Nut Shop 17. Allah 19. Head Smashed In 20. Ryley 21. Garneau.

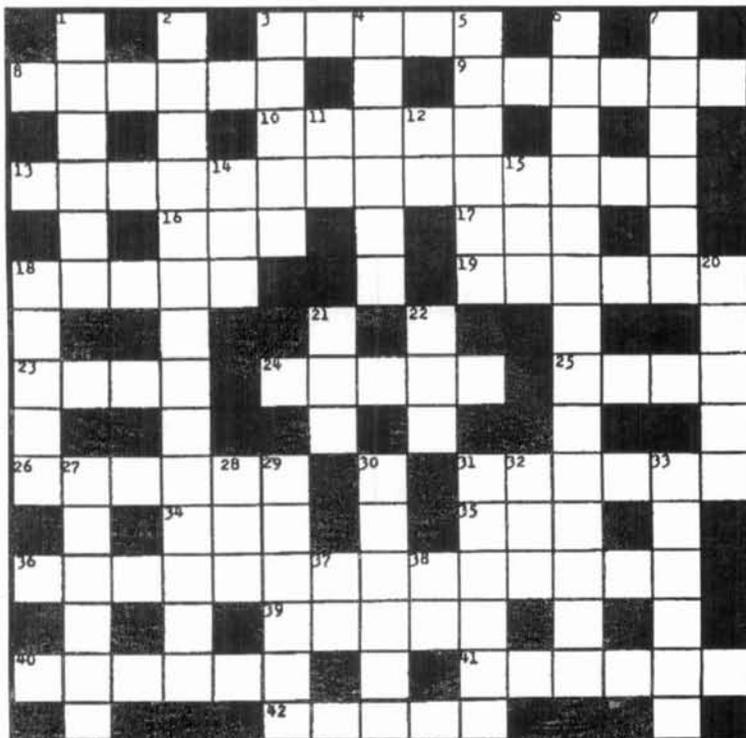
Down 1. Enrol 2. Edmonton Trail 3. Altario 4. Dragon 5. Biche 6. NumTiJah Lodge 7. Bennett 11. Pincher 13. Teacher 14. Sprang 16. Husky 18. Hindu.

Across

3. Quivering Alberta tree
8. Suffix common at Tyrell Museum
9. Economic improvement
10. CNR divisional point on HWY 9
13. Site of Silver City
16. Charged atom
17. Graded French vineyard
18. Albert or Mary
19. My Sister
23. A sound return

24. Red Deer pioneer or avenue

25. Test
26. Prolific inventor
31. Panda food
34. Golf gadget
35. Distiller's grain
36. Destination of N. Saskatchewan river boats (3 words)
39. Beat
40. What happened to Alberta prohibition
41. Right or clean in Jewish law
42. Burner and volcano



Down

1. Huron word from which our country was named
2. Park near Milk River
3. Pale
4. Town on HWY 2A once known as Siding 16
5. Shade of expression
6. Mission near N. Saskatchewan river, so named by Father Terrien in 1912
7. Cache or Prairie
11. Forenoon (abbr)
12. 13th letter, Greek alphabet
14. Back or parking
15. Three, prefix
18. POW camp site, WWI, between Canmore & Morley
20. Largest airport on the continent, WWII
21. Lake, Mount or Wop
22. Past HSA coordinator Fox
27. Cowboy herder
28. Over to poets
29. Stinging Alberta plant
30. Controversial dam
31. Site of Prov. Horticultural Research Station
32. Author Rand
33. Pound parts
37. Football helmet logo
38. Ottawa rep.

You have plenty of time to complete this crossword puzzle which was devised by a member of HSA. The answer will be published in the next issue of *History Now*.