



CHINOOK COUNTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# NEWSLETTER

January/February, 2005

## Lougheed: What Shapes a Province?

The Calgary and District  
Chapter  
of the Historical Society  
of Alberta

Office:  
#311, 223 12 Avenue SW  
Calgary, Alberta  
T2R 0G9

Website:  
[www.albertahistory.org/Chinook](http://www.albertahistory.org/Chinook)

The Vision of the Society:  
"to promote a greater  
understanding of Canadian and  
Alberta history in Chinook  
Country for people of all  
ages."

Chinook boundaries  
are from Olds to Nanton,  
from the B.C. to the  
Saskatchewan borders.

The Right Honourable Peter Lougheed may have hit upon a timely theme for a potential Canadian game show.

In the wake of "The Greatest Canadian" debates, Canadians may be ready to argue the greatest moments in provincial histories. It's a more passionate subject than it appears at first blush.

Lougheed, the guest speaker at the Chinook Country History Society Christmas Dinner on December 8, outlined six "significant turning points" in the histories of Calgary and Alberta. He then invited the audience to contribute six more historical events.

The enthusiastic crowd bombarded the former premier with not six, but *sixteen* important historical events. Emcee Vivian Sampson hurriedly recorded the items on a white board, while Lougheed acted as sort of a traffic cop. Nearly everyone had an opinion (or two, or five) and many suggestions were greeted with murmurs of: "Ah, that was a good one."

CCHS President Diana Ringstrom, who thanked Lougheed after his presentation, joked: "Who says history can't be fun?"

Fun indeed! And if a nation can debate its greatest citizen, why not its provinces' greatest events? -CCHS

### Peter Lougheed's Top 6 Defining Moments in Calgary/Alberta History:

1. 1883: The CPR arrives in Calgary
2. 1905: Alberta becomes a province

3. 1912: Calgary holds its first Stampede
4. 1930: The Natural Resources Act is created
5. 1947: Leduc's oil well No. 1 "strikes it rich"
6. 1988: Calgary hosts the XV Olympic Winter Games

### Other Defining Moments:

1. 1972: Fish Creek Park is established
2. 1967: The Great Canadian Oil Sands Company tar sands plant officially opens
3. 1929: The Calgary Zoo is incorporated
4. 1948: Calgary Stampeders win the Grey Cup
5. 1907: Alexander C. Rutherford founds the Alberta Historical Society
6. 1877: Treaty No. 7 is signed
7. 1929: Canadian women become Persons
8. 1875: Arrival of NWMP
9. 1883: Canada's 1st National Park is established in Banff
10. 1975: Fort Calgary is restored
11. 1874: Law & Order comes to the West
12. 1912: The ubiquitous Alexander C. Rutherford founds the University of Alberta
13. 1989: Calgary Flames win the Stanley Cup
14. 1920(?): Aviation comes to Alberta
15. 1909: An Irrigation System is established
16. Early 1800's: David Thompson maps Alberta and British Columbia

—Submitted by Ruth Kerr

## My Most Memorable Teacher: The Centennial Story Project



Be a part of Alberta's history! Write about your most memorable Alberta school teacher. Your story could be printed with 99 others in the Centennial Story Project Anthology, which will be placed in schools and libraries across the province.

Your story needs to:

- focus on one teacher you had in K-12 in Alberta.
- be submitted by e-mail or post.
- be no more than 700 words, double spaced, typed if possible.
- include, if possible, contact information and photos of the teacher you are writing about.

Send your story by March 1, 2005 to:  
The Centennial Story Project  
University of Calgary  
2500 University Drive NW  
Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4

You can also submit your story via email: [centennial@celebrateteachers.com](mailto:centennial@celebrateteachers.com)

For details and more information visit: [www.celebrateteachers.com](http://www.celebrateteachers.com) or call (403) 220-5277. Entrants must be 18 years of age or older. -CCHS

—Submitted by Brenda Everitt

## HSA Conference in Lloydminster

Please contact Vivian Sampson at (403) 277-1013 if you are interested in going on the bus to the HSA Conference in May. -CCHS

## From the President

The Chinook Country Historical Society closed 2004 with their annual Christmas program at the historical Fort Calgary barracks. Our guest speaker this year was the Right Honorable Peter Lougheed.

For the evening, the tables were beautifully decorated by Norma Jack, Ivy Cameron, Norma Lake and Jackie Anderson, and the scent of freshly-cut evergreen branches cut by Jennifer filled the air. A sit-down meal was prepared by the Fort Calgary staff consisting of roast turkey with all the trimmings.

From all reports, everyone had a wonderful time, and our thanks go to our talented decorators, Vivian Sampson, chairman of the Christmas party, and to Susan Turner for engaging our guest speaker.

On November 23, our monthly program was delivered to a full house at Fort Calgary, by Jonathan Hanna, Corporate Historian for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Mr. Hanna brought many vintage CPR photos to go along with his talk, reminding us of the history of the CPR and its significance in bringing our country together.

The first event kicking off 2005 will be a talk on January 25 at Fort Calgary by

Carrol Jaques on the history of the agricultural industry in Alberta. Carrol has done extensive research on the subject, and has authored a book dealing with the ongoing struggle of the farmer to survive in adverse conditions.

On February 22, Billy McLennan will give us a presentation on the history of sports in Calgary. Billy will be taking us on a trip down memory lane as we may recall some of the early baseball and hockey teams and other sports that people cheered on in the early years of our province.

All of a sudden, we will be in March and it will

be time for our annual AGM. This year's meeting will be held at the 113 year-old Ranchmen's Club on March 22. Our guest speaker Pat McCann will be giving us a history of the Ranchmen's. (See page 3 for details on reserving a table for the AGM dinner.)

Plans for Historic Calgary Week are now underway. This year Cathi Elsey and Susannah Weldrum will co-chair this event. The theme, in celebration of our Centennial will be Calgary: A Century of Firsts.

The year 2005 promises to be a lively one as we prepare to enjoy our centennial. -CCHS

—Diana Ringstrom



## Solutions to Crossword

(Crossword on page 4)

**Across:** 1. High River, 6. Plaza, 9. Wee, 10. Vic, 11. Settler, 12. Birding, 13. Shank, 15. Bowman, 16. Cemented, 19. Athletic, 21. Murphy, 24. Klein, 26. Challenge, 28. Osborne, 30. ERI, 31. Err, 32. Teach, 33. Lionesses

**Down:** 1. HAWC1, 2. Glenbow, 3. River Café, 4. Victim, 5. Resigned, 6. Potts, 7. Ail, 8. Afrikadey, 14. Art, 15. Blackfoot, 17. Eau Claire, 18. Mitchell, 20. Hie, 22. Penleys, 23. Laredo, 25. North, 27. Earls, 28. Boa

# History Lives at Pioneer Acres

If you wish to see what life was like in the early days of harvesting in Alberta, you should plan on attending the 2005 Annual Show and Reunion at Pioneer Acres, northeast of Calgary.

Several members of the Chinook Country Historical Society attended the 35th Annual Show in early August, 2004, and watched harvesting with horse-drawn racks. Upon arrival at the threshing machine, the bundles were tossed in and the grain collected. The threshing machine was powered by steam engine. Many a participant was seen to scoop grain from the hopper in order to check the sample for quality. Some munched on the grain – perhaps another check for quality, but likely a habit gained at many a harvest in a person’s lifetime. There were wonderful photo opportunities for those who wished to capture the events.

Pioneer Acres is one of the largest live exhibits of antique farm machinery in western Canada, and is located near

Irricana, Alberta. For 2005 the organizers are promising a slight departure from previous years, when one of the major tractor and equipment manufacturers would be featured. Since 2005 will be Alberta’s Centennial Year, they are working on a special program and announcements about it will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, when you open your new 2005 appointment book or calendar, be sure to note the dates August 5 to 7, 2005 for Pioneer Acres 36th Annual Show. The website is [www.pioneeracres.ab.ca](http://www.pioneeracres.ab.ca). The museum will be open from mid-May to the end of September for an interesting day trip from Calgary area.

If farming – especially tractors and engines – are part of your past, you will be treated to an interesting walk through a memorable part of life in early Alberta by your trip to Pioneer Acres. -CCHS

—Submitted by David Ballard

## Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 2005

Ranchmen’s Club, 710 - 13 Avenue S.W., Calgary

- 5:00 pm Doors Open: Registration, Memberships, Silent Auction, Cash Bar
- 5:30 pm AGM
- 6:15 pm Break, cash bar and silent auction
- 6:30 pm Dinner
- 7:45 pm Break, silent auction
- 8:00 pm Program Speaker: Pat McCann  
General Manager, Ranchmen’s Club

### Topic: History of the Ranchmen’s Club

Pat McCann will present humorous account of the 113 years of the Ranchmen’s Club. Some early members include James Lougheed, Prime Minister R.B Bennett and A.E. Cross.

For information/reservations call Henry Murzyn 652-1323 or Vivian Sampson 277-1013.



## Items Needed for Silent Auction

There will be a silent auction at the Annual General Meeting which will be held at the Ranchmen's Club in Calgary.

If you have items you wish to donate towards the silent auction, please phone Henry Murzyn (403) 652-1323 or Vivian Sampson (403) 277-1013.

We will make arrangements to pick the items up.

Tax receipts will be provided for the value the item is sold. -CCHS



## How do I Register for the AGM?

Mail cheque payable to:  
Chinook Country Historical Society  
c/o Henry Murzyn  
114 Riverside Place N.W.  
High River, AB T1V 1X3

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s) for society members  
@ \$35 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Ticket(s) for non-members  
@ \$40 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

For information and reservations call:  
Henry Murzyn at (403) 652-1323 or  
Vivian Sampson at (403) 277-1013.

# Local History Crossword

(Solution on page 2)

## Across

1. The birthplace of Canada's 16th Prime Minister
6. Calgary's oldest operating cinema
9. A common word used in Scotland meaning "small"
10. The Old ---, a well known theatrical troupe and one-time theatre in London, England
11. A term for an early inhabitant of Alberta
12. A popular hobby in Inglewood
13. Part of the leg; also a term used in golf
15. An archer
16. Joined or stuck together
19. Sportive
21. One of the Famous Five, Emily -----
24. Mayor of Calgary from 1980 to 1989
26. To defy or dare
28. A junior high school in N.W. Calgary named for a former mayor, F.E. -----
30. A 16th century English monarch, famed for her determination to rule without a consort! (abbrv.)
31. To make a mistake
32. To instruct or inform
33. Female counterparts of the guardians of the Centre Street bridge

## Down

1. The first helicopter used by the Calgary Police force
2. Calgary's museum
3. A popular eating spot on Prince's Island (2 wds.)
4. A sufferer or prey
5. Gave up or quit
6. An early Indian scout, Jerry -----
7. To suffer or be ill
8. A popular summer event in Calgary, celebrating African culture
14. --- Smith, DFC, past alderman, MLA, and MP
15. An Indian nation found to the east and south of Calgary
17. A shopping mall in downtown Calgary that has gone through several transitions (2 wds.)
18. John -----, the first mayor to occupy City Hall in 1911
20. To rush
22. A well known city dance ballroom from 1912 to 1960s
23. A Texas town that is immortalized in a song, "The Streets of -----"
25. ----- Hill Centre
27. A restaurant chain with several outlets in Calgary
29. A decorative scarf or a deadly snake?

by Jennifer Prest



## Membership

Please check the address label on your envelope and note when your subscription expires.

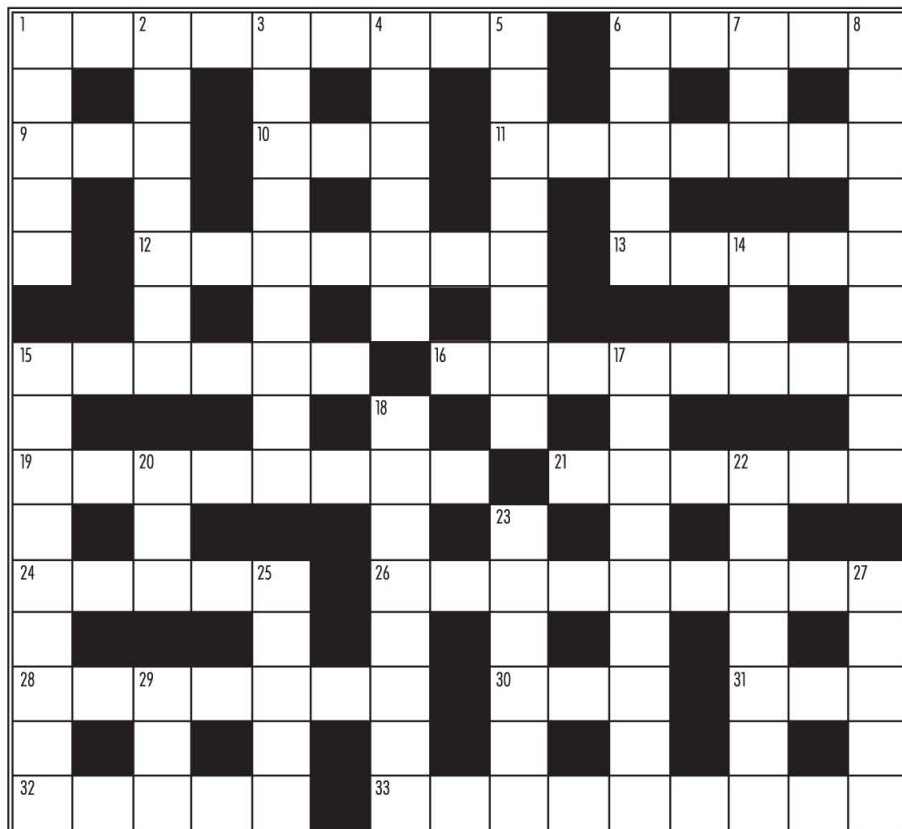
Membership cheques are payable to:

The Historical Society of Alberta, PO Box 4035, Station "C", Calgary, AB T2T 5M9

Individual membership	\$15.00
Annual subscription	\$25.00
Total	<u>\$40.00</u>
Purchased together	\$35.00

Family membership	\$25.00
Annual subscription	\$25.00
Total	<u>\$50.00</u>
Purchased together	\$45.00

Affiliate membership	\$55.00
(school, museum, library, historical society)	
Associate membership	\$120.00



## Board Members

### President

Diana Ringstrom  
dianarin@telus.net  
240-9828

### Vice President

Susan Turner  
elreimer@telusplanet.net  
256-9652

### Secretary

Frank Miklos  
fame@spots.ca  
289-7845

### Treasurer

Carrol Jaques  
cjaques@telusplanet.net  
286-5955

### Past President

Vivian Sampson  
277-1013

George Milne,  
Program Committee  
253-5469

Tom Hamp,  
Membership  
TomHamp@PrairieLighting.org  
874-7375

Ruth Manning,  
Cemetery Tours  
249-3144

albear@telusplanet.net

### Henry Murzyn, AGM

hmurzyn@searsconnect.ca  
652-1323

Haifa Selo, HCW  
haifa\_selo@msn.com  
808-1225

Brenda Everitt,  
Program Committee  
beveritt@shaw.ca  
251-7366

Legal Advisor, Diana Horsman  
232-9605

Editor, Ruth Kerr  
rakerr2@telus.net

**Newsletter Submissions:** The deadline for the March/April issue is February 21/05. Please send your article to Ruth Kerr at rakerr2@telus.net.