

STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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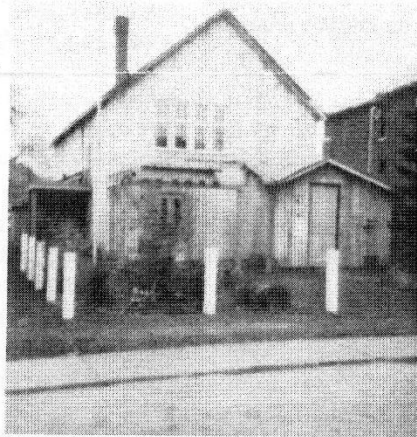
Since its inception, Stayner Heritage Society has been trying to achieve "A FUTURE FOR STAYNER'S PAST".

With regards to our goal of purchasing "Stayner Small Hall" (the former Orange Hall), we have learned that there are some concerns among the members and adherents about this endeavour.

In over a decade, the executive of Stayner Heritage Society has worked hard to establish trust and to demonstrate integrity. We have not indulged in fund raising needlessly.

Now, there is a need. We must act while the building is still available. The Small Hall is truly a heritage building which will fulfil our mandate for the future. It would provide a home for the Society, a venue for the display of heritage artifacts, be a source of revenue, and be a worthwhile investment for the future rebuilding of the Station..

The many attempts to find property on which to rebuild the Railway Station have met with major roadblocks. Environmental concerns have proven to be the largest obstacles. We are not abandoning this goal; just putting it aside for now.



Stayner Small Hall

We remind you of many positive aspects inherent in the purchase of the Small Hall:

1. Mr Levant, the present owner and restorer of the hall has fought all the battles with all levels of government. Everything has been done for us. It is complete with furnishings and decor.

2. The parking situation has been solved. Because the building is zoned "institutional", ample parking is available.

3. The inaccessibility (of the second floor for someone disabled) will be addressed. Government grants are available for this type of expenditure.

4. The smaller size of this attractive building is suitable for many types of gatherings.

We are encouraged that several members, even "from a distance" have enthusiastically embraced this project because the Community of Stayner is close to their hearts.

If you have not responded, please do so now! Your promissory note will help ensure "a future for Stayner's past". You will be paid back as soon as possible (through major fund-raisers etc., already in the works). If you have already been contacted, and have said "yes" - THANK YOU.

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ANOTHER GREAT HERITAGE DAY

The 9th Annual Heritage Day was a great success. The breakfast, parade, show, food, 'Kidz Zone' and weather all merged to please the largest crowd yet.

The Beinn Gorm Highlanders, sponsored by Stayner Legion, led off the show. Town Crier, Roy Wilson, courtesy of Stayner Chamber of Commerce, "OH-Yayed" the audience urging everyone to enjoy the day.

The enthusiastic reception of the "Clearview Idols Singing Contest" surpassed our expectations. The three judges, Ann Sneyd, Maryellen Burgess and John Bain, had an enjoyable but difficult time choosing the three winners: *Stephanie Isrealson, Matthew Lawrence and Joe Bothwell*

Each singer received goody bags courtesy of Lasting Impressions, Mr. Sub, Watson's Pharmacy, Pizza Hut, Dairy Queen, Tim Horton's, Stayner \$ Store, and Stedman's.

Other valuable Sponsors who made the Singing Contest possible were: Helen Hanna, Lafreniere Auto Sales, TimBr Mart, Stayner Lions Club, The Petal Pushers, Quanbury Decorating, Stayner Meat Packers, Darpak, Stayner Rental, Pic by Part & Stayner Car Wash, Sunnidale Diner, and Clearview Travel.

Interspersed with the singers was the swinging music of "Kenny and the Cruisers", sponsored by Reinhart's, and an admirable demonstration of several karate champions from the Maizis Academy of Stayner. Mrs. Aileen Falls won the prize from Pizzeria for being the oldest attender, and Bill Bates won the 50-50 draw!!

Thanks to Stayner Minor Baseball who fed the crowd hotdogs and peameal on a bun with a barbeque donated by Stayner Rental.

Several women from some Stayner churches baked the delicious pies for the popular "Pie in the Park" booth. The Cathy Main and Marlene Davidson families made candy floss and popcorn. Continuing the long list of volunteers who worked hard on July 9th, was Helen Hanna with her

"Guess the Antique Booth". The winners of prizes were Shirley Parker and Elaine Wyles, courtesy of Aarden's Chocolates.

The Stayner Heritage Society Booth, part of Memory Lane, greeted the people and sold several memberships along with other merchandise.

Other participants in Memory Lane were Shirley Parton with her quilting and Brad Lebeck who steamed corn with his prized steam engine. Several antique vehicles lined up for public inspection along the tracks.

One feature of Kidz Zone was the Heritage Scavenger Hunts with Dayn Leyshon who gave prizes from Dairy Queen. Pat and Orv Elliott presented "Pat's Playland" for the very small children - all handmade games and signs, complete with a prize for every participant. Gayle Favalaro presided over the Heritage Colouring Contest, a picture of the Stayner Bell

Tower, drawn by John Hindle especially for the day. There were about 90 participants in three age groups!! The winners were - Ashlyn Dobson, 4 years, Madeline King, 8 years, and Emmy Van Niekerk, aged 11.

Scooter the Clown, courtesy of Hanna Motors, entertained as usual with balloon animals and a Magic Show, and Darci Que and her daughter did great face painting. These "clowns" added to the festive atmosphere.

The Tim Horton's Interactive Soccer Zone and the "Bouncy Octopus", sponsored by Wheeler/Spriggs Insurance, pleased the older kids

and were good additions to Kidz Zone.

The readers of this story now realize the support that Stayner Heritage Society has in the community of Stayner - the sponsors, the participants, the over 100 volunteers and the crowd which attended.

Thanks to all of these for an excellent event!!

Help with Administration and Publishing

Each year, we receive a grant from the Ontario Ministry of Culture and Recreation to help with administrative costs, including the postage for the newsletters you receive twice a year.



Finalists in the 2005 Clearview Idols Contest seen on Heritage Day:

l-r back: Joe Bothwell, Matthew Lawrence, Nelson Freethy.

l-r front: Stephanie Isrealson, Catherine Anderson, Heidi Smith, Rebecca Stevens, Jean Skippen.

Winners: Stephanie Isrealson, Matthew Lawrence and Joe Bothwell

(The following story is another in an ongoing series featuring former Staynerites, gone but not forgotten!)

Dr. John Edward Hanna

Written by Helen Hanna and Susan Hanna, who did much of the research.

This story was requested by Paul Gartlan.

The 1860's in Ireland were years of strife between Protestants and Catholics, as well as between peasants and landlords. The country was and had been for many years in internal conflict.

Great-grandfather of John Edward Hanna was Thomas Hanna, who must have tired of the situation and decided to emigrate to Canada. Many Irish Anglicans, of which he was one, had settled in Mulmer Township in Ontario. Thomas purchased a store in Rosemont through an agent. Before he saw the new store he purchased, for his wife Mary and young son Tom, he died. Mary came to Canada despite this hardship to take possession and management of the store. Being a wealthy young widow she did not remain alone for long. In the same year she arrived in Rosemont, she was married to a man named Thomas Henderson. In the assessment records of 1877, a one-quarter acre lot which was part of Mary Henderson's original half-acre is listed to belong to Thomas E. Hanna (her son). He was John Edward's father. Thomas attended the local public school in Rosemont. His wife, a local girl, Elizabeth Moffat, came from a family that placed much worth in education. Learning was hard to get as Grampa Moffat had pioneered in bush land. He hewed and built the log house by a spring of running water. Because of a 4-mile hike through the bush, they could not attend school in the winter, but school did not end there as Elizabeth's brother who lived in Pennsylvania took them there. All the children had a high school education. One of these children was John Edward Hanna. He was born in 1891 in Rosemont and received his education in that vicinity. Always a lover of animals, he went to the Ontario Veterinarian College, graduating in 1913, prior to World War 1. He then proceeded overseas where he



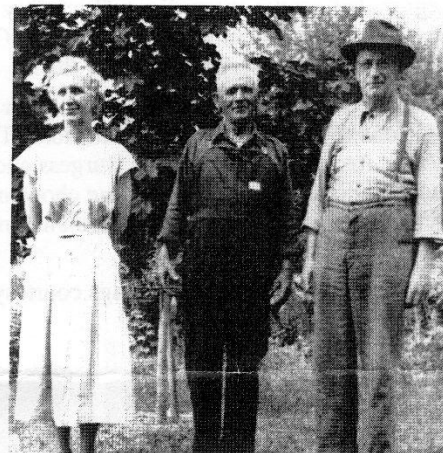
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served with distinction in the British Army in England and France. As a Captain attached to the famous Scots Grays, he was awarded the Military Cross for bravery on the field of action. This decoration was presented to him by King George V.

On his return in 1919, he married Melissa Hunter, to whom he was betrothed before leaving for overseas. They moved to Stayner, which owed its prosperity to the Railway Line that ran between Stayner, Colling-

wood and Barrie. The surrounding area was a populous farming district, which meant much work for the young veterinarian. Ed and Melissa had 5 boys: Edward, Enos, Douglas, Eric and Jim. Besides his veterinarian profession, Dr. Hanna served on the local Board of Education and in many offices connected with sports. He was an enthusiastic supporter of hockey and baseball. He belonged to the Stayner Branch of the Canadian Legion and prior to the formation of this Branch, he took an active part in the administration and distribution of the Poppy Fund. He became widely known and highly respected for his skill in relieving suffering in the animals he treated.

Dr. Hanna was in ill health for several years with kidney disease, and died in Barrie Hospital in 1949 at the age of 58.



Dr. Hanna with Mrs. & Mr. Bellwood.

Preserving the Past

Members of SHS along with Michael Gennings of the Stayner Sun recently joined forces to move back copies of the paper from the Sun office to the Society's temporary storage facilities.

Jeff Parton is making inquiries into determining the best way to preserve this fragile archive and a plan of action should be in place in the near future. The office of the Stayner Sun has moved to Wasaga Beach.

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