



STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Incorporated, 1998.

Spring, 2011.

THE 15TH ANNUAL HERITAGE DAY

This year, we are planning a special day to celebrate the 15th Heritage Day on July 9th in Station Park!

The main feature will be the “**Ballagh Bunch**”, a talented musical family from Teeswater.

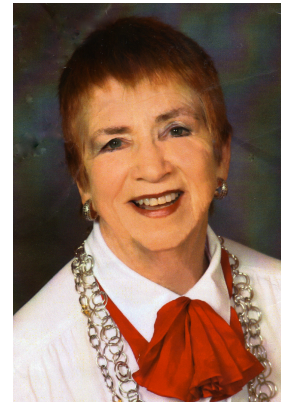
Town Crier, **Roy Wilson**, and the **Beinn Gorm Highlanders** will again lead off the program with the usual flourish.

You can expect food and fun for all ages so mark your calendars now.

EDYTHE PHILIPPS

It is with great sadness that we report the death of our faithful member, Edythe

Philipps. She died in January 2011 with her family at her side, following a lengthy stay in Collingwood General & Marine Hospital. She will be missed by all.



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FIRST IN – LAST OUT

On November 6, 2010, the Stayner Heritage Society hosted a very successful event. We were privileged to have as our guest speaker, Glad Bryce, author of the recently



Barb Stransky and D.A. Millsap at the Heritage Society published book, **First In–Last Out**. This documentary of the Women's Division of the R.C.A.F. serving during World War 11 contains personal stories of these courageous women as well as numerous photos. It has been very well received – especially by Queen Elizabeth, who, after receiving a copy – sent a personal note of congratulations to Glad Bryce!

Well over 175 people were treated to a continental breakfast, the Georgian Girls and their medley of war-time songs, and, of course, Glad Bryce with her very emotional and thought-provoking presentation. We were also very pleased to have with us several members of the Women's Division who served during WW11, as well present day Air Force personnel.

HEALTH & LEISURE SHOWCASE EVENT

A number of our members were present for the “Health & Leisure Showcase Event”, Feb. 26, 2011, offered by Clearview Township in Stayner. This gave us another opportunity to display some of our collection.

We had on display a book of linen maps of Stayner (1924) and Wasaga Beach (1934). Could you find your home on such a map?

Another item we had with us was a collection of old postcards. A couple of them were sent from the trenches to local folks in 1916.

Our DVD 'Memories of Stayner' played throughout. This treasure is available for purchase for \$15. from Stayner Heritage.

We have so many wonderful items that are waiting patiently to be displayed in a permanent home. We're working on it.

BECOMING A MEMBER

Perhaps you have been receiving this newsletter twice a year for several years, at no cost, but are not a member. Please consider becoming a member this year and helping us to lower our postal costs, while preserving the history of Stayner and area. Receiving the Heritage Newsletter twice a year, and being up-to-date on the happenings in your home town, is worth the expenditure.

ANNUAL TREE SALE

SHS will hold the **Annual Tree Sale** on May 28th, 2011, in Station Park, partnering with The Garden Club (formerly, Stayner Horticultural Society).

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority provides us with many types of trees at reasonable prices.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

On Wednesday, May 25, 2011, Stayner Heritage Society will hold the AGM starting at 7:30 at Centennial United Church.

A slate of officers for the year 2011-2012 will be presented.

We will be honouring the Maguire Family.

In addition, our guest speaker, Bruce Brigham, will tell us about his book, **Abandoned Ontario**.

He talks about abandoned houses in Simcoe County.

All are welcome, member or not.



Fred and Shirley Maguire

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HISTORY BURSARY WINNER

For the year 2010, the winner of the \$1000.00

History bursary, given each year by Stayner Heritage Society to a student at SCI, was **Bret Mabley**. She plans to continue her education in a history-related field.

This year's winner will be chosen after this school year ends.

STAYNER HERITAGE SOCIETY WEB-SITE

Have you visited the Stayner Heritage Society website

www.staynerheritagesociety.com

This site contains many valuable pieces of information, including the history of the Society, a list of our merchandise for sale, historical data and, the beginnings of a "virtual museum". Here the reader will be able to see some of the items we have stored until the proper facility can be found. Creat-

ing this "virtual museum" is a time-consuming task and being done by Bob Charlton. (Thanks, Bob!)

Presently, many details already appear on the website and so far, there have been many "hits" and several attempts to contact us.

Every newsletter, containing many stories of Stayner's past can be found on the website.



Bill Maguire stands in front of a familiar truck

(In a continuing series, describing families settling in the Stayner and surrounding area, we are pleased to present the Maguire Story)

THE MAGUIRE STORY

During the 30's and 40's the Maguire Family was very well known in Stayner.

Frederic Theodore Maguire was born October 15, 1900 in Simcoe County, Ontario. He and his brother, Wilbert, had an apiary business in Minesing. In 1929, Fred married Shirley Weir of Creemore and moved to Stayner. Wilbert carried on the honey business and Fred began a transport business.

Once Fred and Shirley had settled in Stayner, they became involved in local affairs. Fred ran for Council and was elected. He headed the Roads and Bridges Committee. Stayner had an outside staff of one man, who swept the streets, so being head of the "Roads & Bridges" meant taking "his" men and "his" truck and going out and filling the potholes. After seven years on Council, pressures of family and business caused him to withdraw.



The Maguire House – where Tim Horton's now stands.

In 1931, Public Commercial Vehicle licence classes A, C, D, and H were bought and "Maguire's Transport" was launched. A colour scheme of silver trucks with black and red lettering was adopted and soon became familiar in the district. It really seemed quite a dream to see this as a viable business when roads weren't plowed in winter and Highway 26 was the only road into Stayner and it was paved on only one side as far as Barrie.

"Maguires" started a daily, first class freight service from Toronto to Barrie, Minesing, Stayner, Collingwood, Wasaga Beach and Elmvale. The class H licence was a household moving licence and one unique feature on the moving

van was a large round map of the area served. This map attracted attention every time the truck went to a new community.

In 1939, Fred Maguire bought "Melville Transport" of Creemore and with the onset of WW1 and a fleet of 24 trucks, became one of the main haulers into Camp Borden. Camp Borden had suddenly become a mushrooming city of temporary buildings. Locating the various messes and canteens was a major headache.

The war-weary workers and military personnel discovered Wasaga Beach as a vacation spot and soon freight to Wasaga tripled. The variety of beaches – Brock's, Springhurst, Oakview, Wasaga, , New Wasaga and Woodland with no uniform street markings made delivery there difficult and if you were careless, the soft sand was always ready to bury your wheels to the axle.

The onset of the war also changed Collingwood. The shipyards were suddenly needed to build Corvettes. Maguires, and Parks & Northern Transport of Owen Sound hauled steel non-stop, to provide materials for this. The Clyde Aircraft was also in full production needing material.

Smarts Canning Plant was also a main industry needing peaches from Niagara in the harvest season for processing and also needing the processed foods to be delivered to the local stores and wholesalers.

This increased freight traffic was combined with a great shortage of drivers. All the able-bodied men were in the services and though the work was classed "essential service" it was difficult to find help. The shortage of some goods also made thefts and hi-jacking a constant threat.

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Dorothy-Anne Millsap

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When the war was over, the freight slowed down and a trend to larger transport companies became evident. In 1954, after twenty-five years of service, Maguires Transport was purchased by "Simmons" of Midland. The licences are now part of Dominion Freight Ways.

Fred, as a young man, became interested in re-forestation. The Maguire brothers bought 17 acres of land north of the Anglican Church in Stayner. This had formerly been the Stayner Fairgrounds. They planted trees to improve the soil and planned to build a honeyhouse. When the need for building lots became evident after the war, Fred sub-divided the land and now this area is a pleasant treed subdivision.

Although Fred had little formal education he was a voracious reader and had a great mechanical curiosity. Soon after the war when mechanics had to be employed to work on commercial vehicles, he became a licensed mechanic. He also bought one of the first chain saws in Stayner. Fred went down with this saw, a heavy two-man machine, to help clear the right of way for Highway 400 near Maple, Ontario.

After the transport was sold, Fred had a career change and went to work at Reinhart Vinegars. He often drove two trips to Montreal a week, no mean feat for a man over sixty. Fred had a heart attack and died in June 1987.

Fred was also Past Master and life member of Northern Light Masonic Lodge and a member of the Scottish Rite.

Shirley, (born in November 1902 and died in March 1988) lived and went to school in Banda. After Normal School in 1932 her first teaching position was at "Brick Diamond School" in Mulmur. While she was teaching, she boarded with the Leightons. There she met Fred and following a five-year engagement, they were married.

Shirley, in addition to raising a family of four children, Ruth, Anna, Jean and Bill, and looking after the big house on the corner of Main Street and the Second Line, was also involved in her church and the community.

Any local resident, when turning at the "second line" corner, remembers the stately Georgian "Maguire" house on the corner.

MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

***NEW*Stayner Notes** - \$10.00 + \$3.00 shipping. We now have 3 different sets. The new set features 4 original drawings of Heritage buildings on Main St. by Anson Finlay..

***NEW*Postcards** - \$2.00 of a drawing of the Co-op Buildings by John Hindle.

***NEW* Prints** suitable for framing of various Stayner landmarks. Will be available for Heritage Day. \$3.00

Christmas Ornaments - Hand-crafted, wooden depicting Railroad Station, Bell Tower and Town Hall - \$10.00 + \$6.00 shipping.

DVD's (formerly in VCR format):

“Memories of Our Town” (Bill Ives and D. A. Millsap narrators of the Roger Watson film taken in 1948)

“The 125th Anniversary of Stayner in 1997”

(narrated by Brian Pounder, video by Maryanne Buie)

“Stayner’s Millennium Day, 2000”(narrated by

D. A. Millsap, video by Maryanne Buie and Gren Bray).

If you wish to order any or all of the DVD's, please send \$15.00 for each (+\$2.00 shipping). Please stipulate which ones you prefer.

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