



CHINOOK COUNTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

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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.

Historic Week Looks at "Firsts"

Editor's Note: This year the theme of Historic Week is "Firsts." Susan Warrender has been working on a list of "firsts" for Calgary and area for some time. She has generously offered to share some of her research in this and upcoming issues in honor of Alberta's Centennial.

The First Residents of Calgary and Area:

- Alfred S. McKay arrived in Calgary in 1880.
- William Nimmons arrived in 1882. Owned the 3 D Bar Ranch. The Ranch house stood at 1827 - 14 Street S.W.
- Angus Thomas Sparrow arrived by Red River Cart. He later ranched in the Midnapore area.
- Isaac Freeze, a well-known Calgary merchant, arrived in June of 1883 with his wife, Evelyn.
- Rufus Ashton Kimpton later became proprietor of Royal Hotel in Calgary.
- Ernest R. "Jake" Fullerton was born in a covered wagon while en route to Calgary. The family settled in Springbank 1883. Jake later

became the light heavyweight boxing champion of Western Canada.

- James "Cappy" Smart joined the fire department in 1885 and was promoted to chief in March, 1898.
- Joseph Bannerman opened one of the first flour and feed stores in the territories.
- James Colvin arrived in 1874 followed by his wife, Matilda Fiske, who travelled by covered wagon in 1882.
- William John Alley was the foreman of the road grading crew with CPR.
- Ralph Alexander Gasgoine Bell came in 1881 with the N.W.M.P.
- John Lee Bowen arrived 1881 with wife, Winnifred Thompson. Winnifred's mother, brothers and sister came too, and they operated a store in Calgary for 14 years.
- Thomas Braden was one of the founders of the Calgary Herald.
- John Brenna worked delivering water by the barrel in 1883.
- James Brogden came with CPR 1883 during construction. James later worked for Col. James Walker at the sawmill where he lost the fingers of his left hand.
- Charles Robert Brown was foreman of the Military Colonization Company Ranch under General Strange.
- James Lougheed arrived in Calgary in August of 1883 and set up house in a little tent with Peter Turner Bone. He opened his first law office in Calgary in October of 1883. -CCHS

Heritage Awards Program

The ALBERTA HISTORICAL RESOURCES FOUNDATION of Alberta Community Development is announcing a new Heritage Awards Program to recognize and celebrate outstanding accomplishments and projects by individuals, organizations, corporations, and municipalities in the protection, preservation and promotion of heritage in the province.

AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED IN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

Heritage Conservation Award, for excellence in the preservation/restoration/rehabilitation of a historic structure or site having local, regional or provincial significance.

Heritage Awareness Award, for outstanding contributions to local, regional or provincial history through:

- innovative programs which educate, interpret and promote public awareness of Alberta history.
- excellence in research, writing or publishing which contributes substantially to the knowledge base of Alberta history

Municipal Heritage Preservation Award, recognizes a municipal government for exemplary commitment to heritage conservation through identification, protection and promotion of municipal historic resources.

Outstanding Achievement Award, for an individual whose long term leadership and contribution to the preservation and presentation of Alberta history has been exemplary.

The Nomination must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2005

The Nomination Form and detailed guidelines can be obtained at:

Heritage Awards
Alberta Historical Resources Foundation
8820-112 Street, Edmonton, AB
T6G 2P8

ph: 780-431-2305
or online at:
www.cd.gov.ab.ca/ahrf



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—Submitted by Susan Warrender

Ranch Histories Research Project

I am currently researching the histories of the Walrond, the Oxley, the Circle, the CC Ranches, the Round T and Sir Lister Kaye's 76 Ranches, which were large ranches established in the late 1800s in southern Alberta. I am interested in talking to anyone who may have relatives who worked on one of the ranches or who may have access to diaries or letters that might refer to experiences connected to the ranches, including memories of oldtimers who worked there or knew people who did.

Any assistance in finding information about some of the personal stories related to these ranches would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Lorraine Andrews at 403-601-8902 or andrewsl@shaw.ca.

—Submitted by Lorraine Andrews



Member Hosts Book Signing

David Peyto, local author, retired elementary school teacher and CCHS member, hosted a book signing of his four books on February 15 at McNally-Robinson Booksellers. *Banff Town Warden* and *Banff Town Warden 2* are the journals of his grandfather, Walter H. Peyto, who worked as a national park warden in Banff from 1914 until the 1940s. David also signed *Bill Peyto's Guide to Canadian Rockies Volumes 1 and 2* and *Peyto Lake on the Icefields Parkway*.

David has served on the executive of the Chinook Country Historical Society. -CCHS

—Submitted by Susan Turner

From the Vice-Chair

The meeting in January, 2005, opened with Carrol Jaques presenting "Conflict & Change: A Brief History of Alberta's Agricultural Industry." The meeting was well attended and certainly enjoyed by all.

Carroll, with all the elevators and telephone poles gone from the skyline, how are "our rural people" able to find their way home in snowstorms?

Next is a reminder of the annual AGM, at the 113 year-old Ranchmen's Club, on March 22, 2005. (See page 3.) Silent auction items are still needed, so call Henry Murzyn at (403) 652-1323.

Thinking ahead, have you booked your seat for the bus going to the HSA Conference in Lloydminster on May 27-29? Contact Vivian Sampson at (403) 277-1013.

By the time this issue reaches you, Bill McLennan will have spoken at Fort Calgary on the history of sports. We will follow this up in the next newsletter.

We are sorry to hear of the passing of Past President Henry Klassen. He was a great asset to the University, the City, and to all of us at the Historical Society. He was the most pleasant man, as we all know.

Diana Horsman has left Borden Ladner Gervais to venture down a new career path. We wish her well, and thank her for the time and effort she gave to the Historical Society.

Brad Pierce, from Borden Ladner

Gervais has willingly accepted this role as legal advisor. We can look forward to meeting him at the AGM.

On behalf of this board, we look forward to seeing you at the AGM, at the Ranchmen's Club on March 22. -CCHS

—Susan Turner

Correction

The president's message in the January/February issue referred to Jennifer Jack as Jennifer Lake. We apologize for the error. -CCHS

New Speaker for May 24

There is a new speaker for the May 24 program meeting, replacing the originally scheduled speaker for that date. David Finch will present a talk entitled "Hell's Half Acre."

David has been a private citizen sponsoring the Turner Valley Interpretive Centre since 1985. His new book, *Hell's Half Acre* is just going to press and will be available for purchase at his talk.

David's presentation will include slides and anecdotes about the Turner Valley Oilfield from 1914 to the present. -CCHS

—Submitted by Tom Hamp

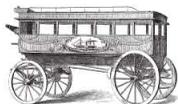
Solutions to Crossword

(Crossword on page 4)

Across: 1. Robe, 3. King, 6. Foote, 10. Lilibet, 11. Earlobe, 12. Yahoo, 13. O'Connor, 15. Carpal, 16. Ferguson, 19. Uncle Tom, 21. Barlow, 24. Untangle, 26. Dryer, 29. Parkade, 30. Penleys, 31. Telus, 32. Drew, 33. Slur

Down: 1. Riley, 2. Belcher, 4. Into, 5. Gleichen, 6. Foran, 7. Okotoks, 8. Ewes, 9. Abrogate, 14. Snow, 15. CKUA, 17. Grandin, 18. Lougheed, 20. Central, 22. Layzell, 23. Temple, 25. Adams, 27. Riser, 28. Spot

Bus Tour to Lloydminster



HSA Conference & AGM
May 27 - 29, 2005

Why drive when you can relax on a guided tour to the HSA Conference and AGM?

Celebrate the Alberta and Saskatchewan centennial anniversaries with our counterparts from the Saskatchewan Historical and Folklore Society.

If you have never attended a provincial conference, this is your chance to meet and greet members from around the province.

Don't miss out! There are only a few seats left. Cost is only \$90 per person (return) which includes food and beverages. Contact Vivian Sampson at (403) 277-1013 or send a cheque made payable to CCHS to 646A - 1 Avenue N.E., Calgary, AB T2E 0B6 before April 1, 2005. -CCHS

—Submitted by Vivian Sampson

Storytellers' Conference

Join storytellers from across Canada at the 13th Annual Storytellers of Canada Conference, at the University of Calgary from July 20-24, 2005.

This year's theme is "Alberta Bound: Creeks, Coulees, Mountains and Plains." The conference will include field trips to Kananaskis and Nose Hill, public concerts, a downtown tour, workshops, elder sessions and an AGM.

Featured storytellers include: Louis Soop/ Spotted Eagle of Standoff; Harry Sanders, Linda Manyguns and Jeff Stockton of Calgary; Vic Daradick of Peace River; Marie-Anne McLean of Edmonton; and many more storytellers from across Canada.

For more information, log onto to www.ecn.ab.ca/~tales or www.sc-cc.com. -CCHS

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)

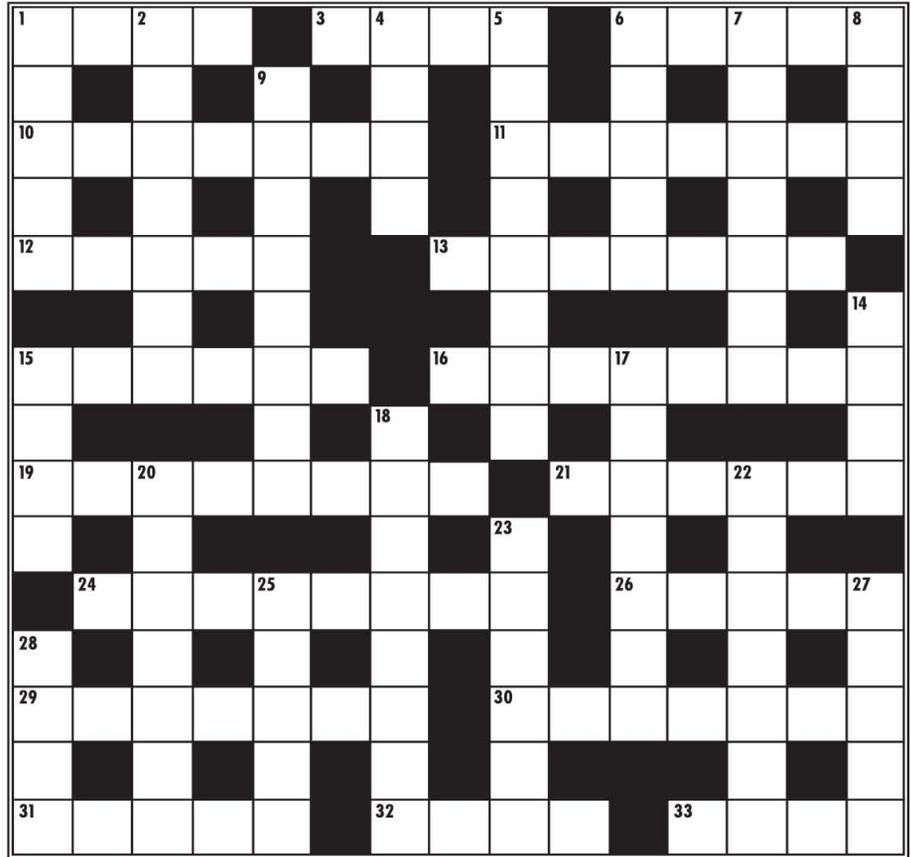
Across

1. Calf ---- Bridge
3. Alderman Madeleine ----
6. First female School Trustee, 1914-1917, Annie ----
10. Queen Elizabeth II's childhood name
11. A body part that is frequently pierced
12. A well-known shout during Stampede, now a popular internet address
13. Carroll ----, of "All in the Family"
15. The bane of a computer operator's life? ---- tunnel syndrome
16. Sarah ----, Duchess of York
19. Mark Twain's "-----'s Cabin"
21. The ---- Trail takes you to the Calgary airport; named for an aviator in WWII
24. To straighten or undo matted locks?
26. An appliance frequently found in the laundry
29. The Bay, Sears, and the Tower all have one
30. A well-known puzzle master and his wife, the ----
31. Canada's second largest telecommunications company
32. A popular schoolgirl heroine, Nancy ----
33. A defamation or slander

Down

1. The scene of many a cricket game in Calgary, ---- Park
2. The veterans' hospital was named for him
4. To be really interested in (sl.)
5. A hamlet 65 km east of Calgary, named for a German count
6. A former Calgary teacher and local historian, Max ----
7. A town south of Calgary known for its 'big rock'
8. Female sheep
9. Abolish, repeal, replace
14. A winter weather phenomenon
15. Alberta's very own public radio station
17. Bishop ----, the first Catholic Bishop of Alberta
18. The Guest Speaker at the 2004 Christmas Dinner, Rt. Hon. Peter ----
20. ---- Memorial Library
22. Denny ----, Herald columnist, 1939-71
23. District in North East Calgary
25. Calgary Mayor, 1919-22, Samuel ----
27. The back of a step
28. A popular diner, the White ----

by Jennifer Prest



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