

**HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
OF  
FRONT OF LEEDS AND LANSDOWNE**



**Dulcemaine Orange Lodge #100 Charter - July 12, 1898**  
(see Pg. 12)

**NEWSLETTER**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I sat this morning contemplating what I could say in the President's message, a song came on the radio saying something about "capturing time in a capsule". That obviously is not what I have been doing, as I am writing this, as usual, at the very last moment. People often say, "You have lots of time, you're retired". I guess I just don't make good use of it, as I don't get the things I should do finished, let alone the things I would like to do. In an organization like this, when everyone does their bit, it makes the load much lighter for all.

Isn't that what this organization is all about though, capturing time in a capsule? We try to do it through picture and slide collections; through recorded interviews; and by preserving our small collection of artifacts. We appreciate the pictures and articles people donate for our files, and also those who allow our conversations with them to be taped.

This issue contains an 1899 picture donated by Audrey Newell and an 1893 article donated by Eleanor Moul. By coincidence the picture illustrates the location of events in the article.

While still wrestling with this message, I turned the television to a Detroit station and watched live an armed standoff and shootout with the getaway driver from an armoured car holdup. Dozens of F.B.I., police and a SWAT team surrounded the motel, traffic was backed up for miles. My thoughts, of course, were historic. Just imagine the same coverage of the Lansdowne shooting incident of 1893. It got 3 paragraphs in Saturday's paper. Only 2, most likely unarmed, constables took part. No injuries. How many horses were lined up on the hill waiting for that jam to clear? Now that's a time capsule!

At our annual meeting in September, Martha Landon and Cathy Wyborn left the executive. We thank them for their contributions. Joining the executive is Ruth Chisamore, and we welcome back Andrew Graham. We look forward to a productive year.

We also look forward to seeing you out at the winter series of meetings.

William E. Boulton,



President



**Aileen Sugit - 1927**

**Teacher at Willowbank school**

( see Page #4. )

*Photo courtesy of Ed. Clark*

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## GENERAL MEETINGS & PROGRAM NOTES - 1997

General meetings will now be held on the THIRD MONDAY - of the month, January to April,  
at 7:30 p.m. , Community Building, Lansdowne

### MONDAY JANUARY 20, 1997

History of Kingston Penitentiary - Andrew Graham and Bruce Foley

### MONDAY FEBRUARY 17, 1997

To be announced

### MONDAY MARCH 17, 1997

History of Area Weavers - Joan Barrett

### MONDAY APRIL 21, 1997

To be announced

*Watch the Coming Events column in The Reporter for further announcements.*

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**EDITORS NOTE:** Re: Mitchell House Photo Credit, Newsletter #6, June 1996, page 6

Photos are the property of Ruth Chisamore and were taken by W.R. Warren, 648 Forestwood Cres., Burlington, Ontario.

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## WINNERS of the FOLL HISTORICAL SOCIETY RAFFLE

DRAWN at Heritage Fair, Sunday October 6, 1996 at Lansdowne Fair Grounds.

1st - DINNER FOR TWO - donated by The Golden Apple, Gananoque, Ontario  
WINNER - Joan Graham, Ormemee, Ontario

2nd - OBUS BACKFORME - donated by Gananoque Pharmacy, Gananoque, Ontario  
WINNER - Carol Lindsay, Brockville, Ontario

3rd - ELECTRIC TOASTER - donated by Lansdowne Hardware, Lansdowne, Ontario  
WINNER - Alan Lindsay, Brockville, Ontario

4th - VIDEO -"THE THOUSAND ISLANDS" - donated by William's Place - Fine Handcrafts  
Lansdowne, Ontario

WINNER - Jim & Cathy Perry, Kingston, Ontario

*The Historical Society would like to thank those who donated prizes, and congratulate the winners.*

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## S.S. #1 - WILLOWBANK SCHOOL - by Ed Clark

We have learned from the Ontario Archives that the first log school house was built in S.S. # 1, Ft. of Leeds and Lansdowne back in 1844 on land then owned by John Godfrey Lloyd, a son of Godfried Lloyd, who was granted the east 1/2 of Lot 3, Concession 1, as a partial remuneration for his services to the Crown during the Revolutionary War in the U.S.A. This site is now included in Willowbank Cemetery and it is interesting to note that when the Cemetery Company bought the land in 1867, from John Bowie, the following motion appears in the minutes: "That the school trustees of S.S. # 1 in the Township of Leeds and Lansdowne and John Bowie be notified to remove buildings owned by them and situated within the limits of Willowbank Cemetery, on or before September next". I understand that this first school stood to the west of the present cemetery gates.

On March 2, 1868, the trustees decided to build a new stone school house, and on March 13 they contracted with Alexander Ramsey and John Lawson to do the carpentry work as per specifications for the sum of \$346.00. There is no records as to who did the stone work, but on October 21 of that year, Alex Cowan loaned the board \$600.00.

This was a new site the trustees purchased for \$20.00 from William Lloyd and his wife Julia, the land as outlined in the following Agreement of sale: "From a post on the south side of Queen's highway on limit between the east and west half of Lot # 4, Con. 1, thence south of said limit 8 rods, thence west on a line parallel to the highway 5 rods to a post and thence north 8 rods to post on south side of highway and thence along south side of highway 5 rods to the place of beginning, containing approximately 1/4 acre of land". This agreement of sale was dated September 21, 1867.

This school building housed the school age population more or less satisfactorily for many years, and indeed well into the 20th century, when the community decided that a larger building would better accommodate the school age population which was now in the 30 - 45 bracket.

Thus, in July of 1923, the stone school closed and was removed from the site and a contract awarded to Mitchell & Wilson of Gananoque to

build a new modern brick school with inside toilet and a coal fired furnace. In September of 1923, school opened in the home of William Little, supposedly until the new school was to be ready, by October 31. However, with the hold ups encountered, they stayed at the Littles for the balance of the year. I believe the new school was ready and opened in January 1924. Mrs. James Kenny was the teacher during that year and it was considered a trying time.

As we all know, the individual school sections ceased to exist in the education system on December 31, 1944, and now became part of "The Front of Leeds and Lansdowne Township School Area" run by 5 elected trustees and a hired secretary/treasurer. This organization served the township well after the growing pains subsided, and carried on until the Leeds and Grenville School County Board took over about 1970.

The following is an excerpt from the Gananoque Reporter of July 6, 1901 regarding promotions in S.S. # 1 Leeds & Lansdowne:  
Junior IV to Senior IV Olga Kenny  
Junior III to Junior IV Muriel Clark, George Jackson, Gertrude Cowan, Jas Cowan, Maria Cowan, and Willie H. Clark  
Signed by: M.G. Little (Teacher)

On page 6 is a list of known teachers and salaries.



**Aileen Sugit**

**Teacher 1926**

(Taught at Willowbank School Sept. 1926 to June 1927)

*Photo Courtesy of Ed Clark*

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**Willowbank School - 1963**

*PPhoto by Imperial Photographic, George Moore, Brockville.*

**BACK ROW L-R** Diane Wheeler, Miss Hitchcock, Brenda Lepinsky  
Phylis Cooke , Bruce Wheeler, Adah Lindsay, Dale Ferguson, Eddie Clark, Paul Leakey  
Shirley Clark, Mary Little, Anne Lindsay, Danny Little, Gary Wheeler, George Cowan  
Sidney Andrews, Robert Grice, Donny Wheeler, Wm. Lindsay, Richard Ferguson  
Lori Ferguson, Brian Cowan, Wendy Little, John Lindsay, Gloria Cowan, Alen Wheeler, Lori Beaubien

*Photos on this page Courtesy of Ed Clark*



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**Teachers At S.S. #1 - Willowbank**

Jan. 1880 to June 1880	F.F. Turner	(per month)	\$ 19.50
Jan. 1881 to Dec. 1881	Maggie Oliver		\$228.00
Jan. 1882 to Dec. 1882	Jennie Johnston		\$220.00
1888	Mary Jane McClement		
Jan. 1891 to Dec. 1891	Marion MacColl Jackson		\$250.00
1901	M.G. Little		
Sept. 1914 to June 1915	Mabel Henderson		\$250.00
Sept. 1915 to June 1917	Miss Armstrong		\$601 - \$700
Sept. 1917 to June 1919	Miss Nellie Cockrill		\$650 - \$635
Sept. 1919 to Jan. 1920	Miss Veal		\$300.00
Jan. 1920 to June 1920	Miss Lena Goodfriend		\$350.00
Sept. 1920 to June 1921	Helen A. Moore		\$665.00
Sept 1921 to June 1923	Miss Orma Haig		\$1000.00
Sept 1923 to June 1924	James Kenny		\$1000.00

This was the year the new school was built

Sept. 1924 to June 1926	Miss Isobel McLaughlin		\$1000.00
Sept. 1926 to June 1927	Miss Aileen Sugit		\$825.00
Sept. 1927 to June 1930	Chas Kenny		\$975.00
Sept 1930 to June 1932	Norman McLeod		\$975.00
Sept. 1932 to June 1934	C.E. Babcock		\$750 - \$600
Sept. 1934 to Dec. 1939	Miss Marion Cowan		\$600 - \$750
Jan. 1940 to June 1940	Mrs. Ethel Clark		\$450.00
Sept. 1941 to June 1944	Miss Anne Halliday		\$850 - \$900
Sept. 1944 to June 1946	Miss Verla Ruth Derbyshire		\$400.00
Sept. 1946 to June 1956	Grace M. (Henderson) King		
Sept. 1956 to June 1960	Anna Munro		
Sept. 1960 to June 1963	Shirley Hitchcock		
Sept. 1963 to June 1964	Jean F. (Wraight) Pearson		

Willowbank School closed in June 1964 and the students were transferred to William Hiscocks School in September of that year.

Article researched and written by Ed Clark with additions from 1944 from Society files.

**Happy 1997-**

*from the publisher and on  
behalf of the entire Historical  
Society executive.*

*Keep those pictures & articles coming*

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## THE WEBB FAMILY OF LANSDOWNE by Alan Lidsay

**Joel Webb** (1816-1887) married **Margaret Bowen** (1813-1872). Margaret was said to have come from Ireland with the Latimer family but was not related to them. Joel and Margaret lived in Eden Grove and raised six children: Catherine, Sarah, Ellen, Rebecca, William, Elizabeth.

Children of **Catherine Webb** and **John Waldie** (they married Dec. 24, 1859 and lived on the farm east of Bertha Modler): Margaret, Robert, Lindsay, and another son. One of the boys lived in North Carolina where Catherine died.

Children of **Sarah Webb** and **William Robinson**: Joel, Mabel, Maggie, Cecilia, Lois and Elizabeth. Elizabeth married Harcourt Acton and they ran a large dairy farm just east of Gananoque. Their children were Dr. Joseph and Morrison.

**Ellen Webb** and **Robert Mitchell**: Robert Mitchell (of the family featured last newsletter) died Feb. 14, 1871. Ellen died in 1940, outliving him by nearly 70 years!

Children of **Rebecca Webb** (1845-1925) and **Joshua Mitchell** (1836-1920): (Joshua was a brother of Robert above) Robert (1866-1932), Clark (died 1908) and Mary. Mary married Freeman Doak - their children: Elsie (Spear), Eve (Lett), Jennie (Stover), Cecil, Ivan, Bertha and Bessie.

Children of **William Webb** and **Mary Snider** - married Oct. 10, 1862

George MPP married Violet Duclos Britton - no children

William married Victoria Steacy - one daughter Bessie (Pringle)

Joel married Jen Johnston - one daughter Phyllis (Carey)

Blanch married John Elliot - John, Edna (Cross) - Mary Ellen Cross Matthew

Annie married Sam Cheetham - Clifford married Stella Wilson - no children

Ethel

Jane married Robert Steacy - Wm married Hazel Tilton - Bertha (Modler)

George married Kathleen Walker - 6 children

Myrtle married Walter Cross - Shirley (Thomas)

**Elizabeth Webb** and **George Richardson** married Jan. 1, 1862

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## THE REAR OF LEEDS AND LANSDOWNE:

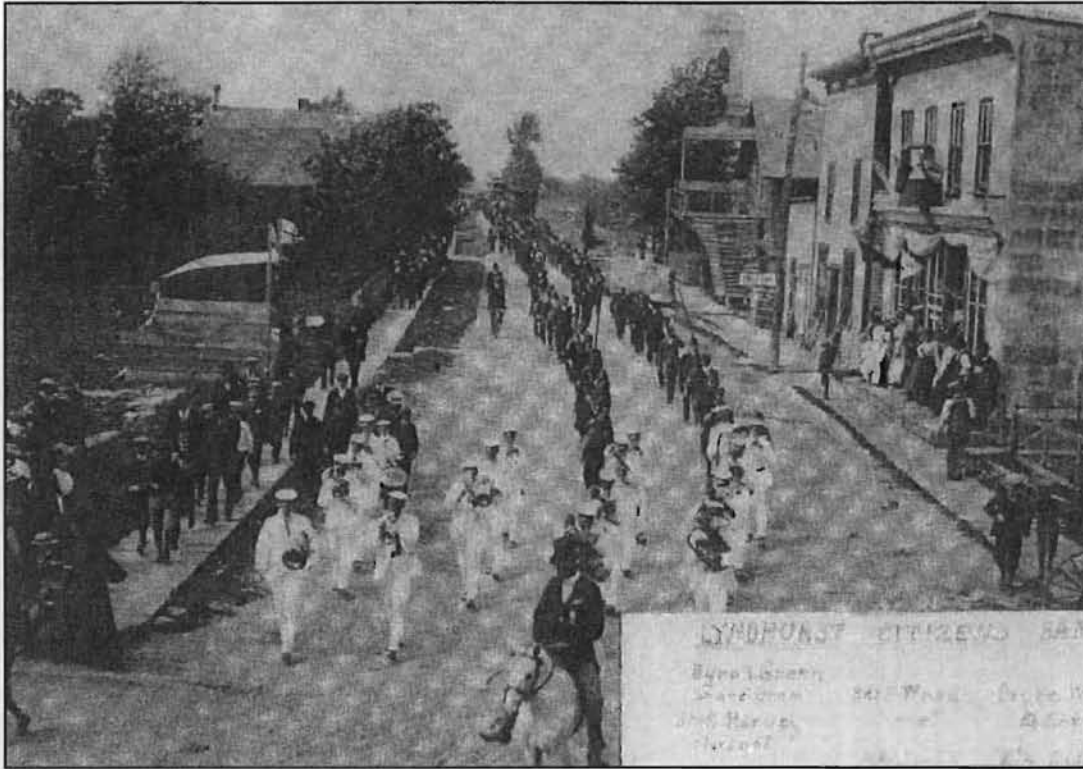
### The Making of a Community on the Gananoque River Frontier, 1796-1996

In 1994, the Municipality of the Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne commissioned well known historian Glenn Lockwood to write a comprehensive history of the municipality in anticipation of the bicentennial of the opening of the township for settlement in 1796.

Beginning in prehistory, the book describes the conflicts, successes and failures of successive groups of immigrants. The story is told of the construction of the first iron smelter in Upper Canada at Furnace Falls (Lyndhurst) on the Gananoque River in 1800. Intrigue during the War of 1812 and controversy over the route of the Rideau Canal are described, as are the coming of the Irish, the development of the village of Seeley's Bay, the proposals to build locks on the Gananoque River, the birth of the cheese making industry, and the gradual amalgamation of all the divergent factions into a prosperous agricultural community. The book traces the evolution of the role of women, the rise of tourism, and the exodus to the urban centers following the two World Wars, with a smattering of local legend, lore and scandal.

The book is available at the Rear of Leeds and Lansdowne Municipal Office, 312 County Road 33; or by mail from the Municipal Office, P.O. Box 160, Lyndhurst, Ontario K0E 1N0 Information may be obtained from the office at 613-928-2423

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Lyndhurst Citizens  
Band July 12, 1899.

Going downtown  
Lansdowne from  
Fairgrounds.

3rd. building on right is  
Allen's Hardware.  
4th. building on right is  
Consaul's Blacksmiths  
shop- Jail above.

Reproduction from  
newspaper Wed. Feb.  
2, 1972.

**NOTE:** The following article appeared in the Gananoque Reporter, Saturday May 6, 1893. Eleanor Mault found a small piece of the article this summer and researched the whole at Stauf fer Library, Queen's University. Thanks Eleanor for this research. Mr. Allen's hardware store (later E.E. Johnston) was located just to the right of the present Flicks video store. The local jail was above Mr. Consaul's blacksmith shop, just to the left of Flicks. Constable Consaul was Connie Burns' great-grandfather.

### ANOTHER SHOOTING CASE

Thursday last, Mr. Thomas Bradley, butcher, of Lansdowne village, laid information before the P.M. here against Wm. John Costello, for shooting with intent to kill. Costello is a mere boy, 16 years of age, and lives with his grandmother at Lansdowne. Bradley's statement was that he went in to Costello's house Wednesday evening, on business, or in company with the boy. The old woman is simple minded and given to drinking. When they went in, the woman had a bottle, which young Costello took from her; she resisted, and he knocked her down on the floor. Bradley interfered, and was in turn knocked down and kicked in the face. He grappled with Costello and tried to tie him, but as the latter drew a knife, Bradley thought it was getting dangerous and ran out of the house. Costello followed on the run, and passing a barber shop where he knew a revolver was kept, he darted in, seized the pistol, and continued the chase of Bradley, firing as he ran. Bradley took refuge in Mr. Allen's store, where he ran into a back room. He was not hurt though three shots had been fired at him. But the affair had become known then and Constable Consaul being notified, ran in and arrested him.

The prisoner was brought to Gananoque Thursday afternoon, and remanded till Friday afternoon. He is a slight built young man, weighing apparently about 85 or 90 pounds, and has nothing dangerous in his appearance. A man of ordinary strength should handle him like a child. When he heard the charge, of shooting with intent to murder, read, he smiled and said, "Oh that ain't so!"

At the examination yesterday morning, the facts brought out were somewhat different from what is told above. Bradley overcame Costello in the house, and held him while the grandmother lied him. Then at the grandmother's request, Costello was released, and Bradley went away to find a constable. He went to several places, and while passing the barber shop saw Costello in there. Costello came out and chased Bradley in and out of several places, firing two or three times. Bradley finally went into Allen's store, and was there a few minutes when Costello threw the door open, holding a pistol in one hand, and asking for Bradley, saying he was going to fix him. Bradley ran into the back room, and staid there an hour and a half, till Costello was arrested. Meanwhile Costello had gone away, and the constable spent some time in looking him up. Constable Gilbert followed him from Allen's but Costello threatened to shoot him if he attempted to interfere with him. The prisoner was committed.



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## 3rd ANNUAL HERITAGE FAIR

by Anne Graham

The annual Heritage Fair sponsored by the Historical Society was once again a huge success. Held the first Sunday in October, it turned out to be a beautiful fall day. Many people, adults as well as children, attended. There was something for everyone.



New this year were the Scarecrow and the Giant Pumpkin contests. Tim and brother Ben Covell won first and second in the scarecrow contest. In the Giant Pumpkin contest, under 10 years of age, Tabatha Silk was the winner with a 37 lb. pumpkin. In the 10 to 16 age group, Adam MacDonald with a 110 lb. and David Nash with a 77 lb. were the winners. Shawn Dempsey and Justin Nieball also had entries. Adult winners were Jamie Wager 350 lb. and Lyle Jackson 325 lb. Also entered were Carol Wager, Metje Maybee, Brian and Sylvia Nash. Perhaps next year we will have more entries.

There was entertainment all afternoon in front of the grandstand featuring the Leeds County Cloggers and the Old Tyme Fiddlers. Home cooked chili and pie was available all day at the canteen. Martha, Cheryl and Larry are certainly some of our best cooks.

George Burns demonstrated how thrashing was done with the old thrashing machine, and Byron Landon was again cutting wood with the circular saw. Bill Grier and Clint Fletcher demonstrated ploughing and discing with their teams of horses in the infield. There was a large display of antique cars, trucks, tractors and machinery. Web Whyte was willing to discuss restoration of old cars with anyone interested. Karl Burns had a display of antique chain saws which was very interesting, especially the cross cut one which I had never seen before. He said that he and the late Gerald O'Grady had cut many trees with that saw. Robert Webster was again pressing that very tasty apple cider with his hand operated press.

In the red building the Genealogical Society displayed maps of the area cemeteries and offered guidance to those wishing to research their ancestors. It is hoped that some young people will develop an interest in this area and carry on the efforts. Demonstrations by quilter Carol Gorsin and the Thousand Island Rug Hooking Guild drew a lot of attention. Also displayed were old toys, quilts, radios, tools and bottles.

Connie Burns displayed the Grier family wedding clothes of many years ago. We were all amazed at how tiny they were! She also displayed pages from an old Eaton's Catalogue. If any of you have like items stored away in your closets, please come forward and display them next year, we always welcome ideas and displays.

Many ladies were dressed in heritage costumes and took advantage of the \$1.00 discount on admission. However the admission was only \$3.00. Now tell me where you could have so much fun and visit with your neighbours at this time of year for such a nominal fee? At the Heritage Fair. **See you there next year!**



Scarecrow contest winners were Tim & Ben Covell.  
(Photo Top Left)- Photo by Bill Boulton

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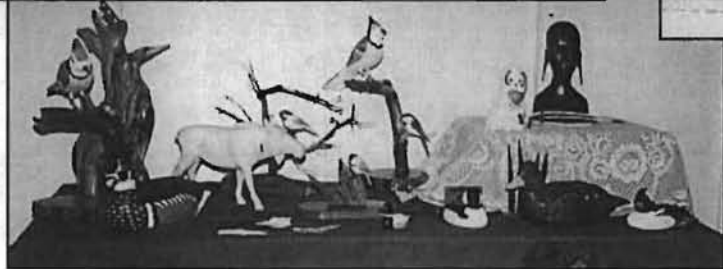


Tractors owned by Chris Nash & Todd Grier.



*All photos on this page courtesy of:*

Bill Boulton & Glenda Olivier



**Heritage Fair - 1996**

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**THE LANSDOWNE REPORTER**  
**FRIDAY OCTOBER 20, 1950**

The Canadian National Institute for the Blind held their annual Tag day in Lansdowne on Saturday last, when the sum of \$42.28 was collected by the following volunteer workers, who are pupils of Victoria School: Marion Tedford, Cecelia Fodey, Linda Wills, Freda Warren, Shirley Lackie, Mary Margaret Doak, Florence Funnell,

Mr. and Mrs. Carson Montgomery are rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.  
Mrs. T.J. Webster is still enjoying a visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. Kennedy and family, Stratford.  
A rodeo show held in the Lansdowne Arena on Monday evening was largely attended

Sealed tenders marked "Arena Caretaker", are invited by the Lansdowne Arena Co.  
Duties to consist of ice making and caretaking of property.

**TILLEY NEWS** - Mrs. Robert McNeil, of Lansdowne, was a Sunday visitor at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Foley. Sunday, October 22nd, is Anniversary Sunday at Union Church.

**WARBURTON NEWS** - Little Miss Diane Kelsey, Sand Bay, visited recently with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ford Webster. Many attended the plowing match at Mallorytown last week. Karl Burns and Eric Webster were winners from the district. The first meeting for the coming season of the Mountain View Farm Forum will be held on Monday evening.

**WILSTEAD NEWS** - The national film Board presented views at Wilstead School on Tuesday evening. Following the showing of the pictures, the pupils presented their former teacher, Mrs. Donald Gray, with a table and an artistic brooch. Joyce Mitchell and Madge Snider made the presentation and John Wilson read the address.

**EDENGROVE NEWS** - Fairgrove Institute held a very pleasant social evening at the home of Mrs. R.H. Leith. Miss Sadie Allen spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Allen, and sister, Miss Bessie Allen.

**Geo. Daly Druggist - Lansdowne** Everyday Needs for Coughs and Colds  
Vick's Vapo Rub 45cents, Mason's "49" small 45 cents, Cod Liver Oil 8oz. 95 cents.

**LANSDOWNE MOVIES - TOWN HALL**, October - November: "Mr. Belvedere", "Letters To Three Wives", "Sands Of Iwo-Jima", "Strawberry Roan".

*We thank Tom Lusk for donating this copy of The Lansdowne Reporter*

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**MEMBERS OF "DULCYMAINE" LODGE #100**

**12 JULY 1898**

The Historical Society has a photo of these members taken on that date: the anniversary of the Battle of the Boyne, and the most important date on the Orange calendar. The membership seems quite small for a lodge. The average membership for an Orange Lodge was between 25 and 40 people.

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| 1. Robert Austin (Mabel Danby's Grandfather) | 10. Wm. Sliter                          |
| 2. Jerry Patience                            | 11. John E. Steacy                      |
| 3. Thomas G. Kendrick                        | 12. R. J. Steacy                        |
| 4. Matt Steacy                               | 13. Evans Steacy                        |
| 5. ? (from Seeley's Bay)                     | 14. John Patience                       |
| 6. Alex (A.K.) Steacy                        | 15. Harvey Austin (Mabel Danby's Uncle) |
| 7. James Patience                            | 16. John Cook                           |
| 8. Sam Fair (Vera Webster's Father)          | 17. John Stennit                        |
| 9. Jas. Greer                                | 18. (California) John Steacy            |

*The frame being held in the front row contains the Dulcymaine Orange Lodge #100 Charter. The front panel slid out to uncover the Charter which was under glass. The frame was made by Wm. McKenzie, Gananoque. This photograph is part of the FOLL Historical Society files and was donated by Adelaide Webster Kennedy.*

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### ORANGE LODGES IN F.O.L.L. by Paul Cote

Societies of many descriptions and names have existed in F.O.L.L. since the days of the early pioneers. Masons, Oddfellows, Foresters, Knights of Columbus, Daughters of the Empire, Women's Institutes, Temperance Leagues, Catholic Women's Leagues, Ladies Orange Benevolent Associations, and, of course, Orange Lodges were some of the many societies that citizens of the township were involved in over the years.

The following list probably does not represent a complete accounting of all the Loyal Orange Lodges in the Township, but it is a start at recording them.

- # 26 This Lodge was Warranted (chartered) on July 11, 1845. The Warrant was issued to John McNichol. The Lodge was open in Lansdowne until 1982 when it amalgamated with L.O.L. #1 in Brockville.
- # 51 It's Warrant was issued on June 18, 1856, to Michael Cliff at or near Wilstead. This lodge is the subject of the following article. After an interesting history it amalgamated with #26 in 1950.
- #100 The "Dulcymaine" Lodge was Warranted on December 31, 1845 to Joseph Taylor, and was reissued on July 20, 1871 to Thomas W. Bradley. The last verifiable date known for the Lodge was 1931. Presumably, it amalgamated with #26 at a later date.
- #194 The Derry Lodge's history is uncertain. It began sometime between 1845 and 1874 and appears to have been absorbed by Lodge #511 by about 1880. It was located in Gananoque.
- #233 The Warrant was issued on March 7, 1850 to Thomas Scott at South Lake. It remained there until 1962 when it was amalgamated with #26 in Lansdowne. It was located on lot 4, concession 4, Leeds.
- #346 The Ladies Orange Benevolent Society, St. Lawrence Lodge, was Warranted February 1, 1921 to Mary A. Flack. It continued to operate until about 1985.
- #511 This Gananoque Lodge's Warrant was issued on September 17, 1855 to Thomas S. Dick. By 1889 this lodge appears to have been absorbed by #51.

### LOYAL ORANGE LODGE # 51

#### THE NOMADIC LODGE

This past summer John and Julie Cain of Marble Rock donated a collection of Orange Lodge minute books to the Society. They deal primarily with Lodge #51. There are though some books which deal with Lodges #194 and #511. The collection is incomplete (many years of records are missing); what remains has survived both fire and flood. The main body of the collection was reported destroyed by fire in 1909. Somehow these books survived to record the life of #51 from 1856 to 1924.

A thumbnail sketch is in order for those not familiar with the Orange Order. Orangeism promoted Protestantism and loyalty to the Crown, but it also had other facets that drew members to the Order. It had a semi-religious nature that emphasized living by Christian principles. The Order was closely associated with local Protestant denominations; so much so that many Ministers were lodge members, or, at least sympathetic to the beliefs of the Order. It was also a

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social centre, a venue for ritual and ceremony, and probably most importantly, a Benevolent society: Lodge members financially aided other members in times of illness, and helped defray the costs of funerals of members who died. The Loyal Orange Association was unique among the various societies in that it had considerable political influence. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Prime Minister from 1894 to 1896, was a past Grand Master and Sovereign of the Grand Lodge Of British America.

Although some lodges allowed drink, there were many that were "Abstinence Lodges". This appears to be the case with #51. The account books that survive show large sums (compared to their revenues) spent on tea, crackers, and cheese.

The first list is of the members of Lodge 51 in 1856 when it was located at or near McCrones Corners (later Wilstead). This is probably only a partial one as the names were extracted from the minutes of the few meetings recorded at this location. It moved to South Lake in April of 1857.

William Buck	Joseph Landon	William Dickson
Edward Davis?	Charles Gardiner	George Cliff
Daniel Cliff	Richard Cliff	Andrew Hurst
George Richardson	William Samuel Sampson	Michael Cliff
John Hurst	Edward Anderson	

The first good membership list for South Lake occurs in 1860. It shows 35 dues paying members in July. Number 51 had amalgamated with #650, one of the two South Lake Lodges, in 1857. The spellings in the list are reproduced as faithfully as possible.

1	Robert Ervine?	19	William Cannors
2	Thomas Scott	20	George Cunningham
3	William Nuttall	21	John Seals
4	John Beaty	22	William Walker
5	William Galway	23	John Morton?
6	John Cannors	24	Daniel Cliff & friend
7	Richard Hunter	25	John Scott
8	Robert Cunningham	26	John H. Canner
9	George Nuttall	27	David Walker
10	Robert Seals	28	John Drinnen?
11	Robert Brotherson	29	Treyton Rich
12	William Scott	30	Daniel Smith
13	James Rich	31	William Tolen
14	John Scott	32	William Shaw
15	James Coal	33	William Murphy
16	Rueben Rich	34	Richard? Kidd
17	John Hirst	35	? Kenny
18	William Dickson		

By 1879 or 1880 Lodge #51 appears to have moved down the road to Gananoque Station. The Lodge minutes are missing for this period but attendance lists are available. The membership list for 1879 has several new names. The 1880 list has an extreme change over of members as shown below. It is probable that members with roots near South Lake took their certificates to Lodge #233, also located at South Lake, or one of the Lodges across the County line in Pittsburg Township. Lodge #912 was at Woodburn; Lodge #709 was at Pine Hill. The only surviving minutes locating #51 at Gananoque Station is the December 1883 minutes. This was the Lodge's last meeting at that location. In January of 1884 the Lodge moved to Gananoque.

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1	J. Holdcroft	13	T. Clare
2	J. Toland	14	D. Toland
3	J. Lloyd	15	W. Spafford
4	R. Irwin	16	H. McPhersin
5	J. Seal	17	W. Goodbody
6	F. Stolicker	18	G. S. White
7	A. Sterling	19	John Buck
8	A. Yule	20	R. Quinn
9	H. Todd	21	James Galloway
10	J. Arlow	22	Richard Hunter
11	G. Galloway	23	George Buck
12	E. Irwin	24	George McCormack

January of 1884 marked the third move for #51. Although nothing is stated in the minutes, it seems highly likely that the opening of the Thousand Island Railway played a key role. The rail line opened in December of 1883, and the lodge moved the following month. Perhaps there were strong links with the railway workers and the Gananoque Lodges. The following is a list of the members in 1884. Members indicated by \* left the Lodge; ! indicates members admitted by certificate from other lodges.

1	John Seal (Master)	17	Richard Quinn
2	James Lloyd (Committee)	18	George Buck *Jan.
3	Robert Irwin (Treasurer)	19	W. A. Clifford !Jan.
4	Arch Yule	20	Hamilton G. Dick !Jan.
5	Humphrey Todd (F. of C.)	21	Edward Hunder !Jan.
6	Joseph P. Arlow (Dy. Master)	22	Abram Meggs !Jan.
7	George Galway (Secretary)	23	Uriah Kelsey !Jan.
8	Edward Irwin (Committee)	24	James E. Kenny !Jan.
9	Thomas Clare	25	James Moore !Jan.
10	Wm. Spafford (Committee)	26	William Storey !Jan.
11	Henry McPherson	27	John H. Cook !Feb.
12	Wm. Goodbody (Chaplain)	28	Cornelius Cook !Feb.
13	John Buck (Committee) *Mar	29	Frank Patch !Feb
14	Geo. McCormack	30	Lyman S. Knapp !Jan.
15	Joseph Case	31	Frank Stoliker !Mar.
16	Richard Hunter *Jan.	32	Benjamin Case !Mar.

Other members admitted during the year according to the minutes:

April: ? Montrose, A. Dick

May: Sam Johnston, Isaac Knight

June: R. W. Greenizen, James Beaty

July: George Cotman, James Harwood, George Taylor (MP), William Emry, Charles Neremier

Six of those admitted in January had been members of Lodge #194. Lodge #194 appears to have closed in Gananoque in 1880, possibly amalgamated with #511. Lodge #511 ceased to exist by 1889. The membership books are missing from this date forward. Tucked in one of the later minutes books, though, was the "Annual Return of Protection L.O.L. 51 To The District Lodge of Gananoque and South Lake, For The Year Ending December 31, 1920".

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The following, then, is the last available membership list for #51.

1	David Andrew	39	H. Langridge?
2	J. O. Abrams	40	Wm. Edwards
3	Rich'd Anderson	41	Spencer Cummings
4	Geo. I. Brewster	42	Leslie Andrew
5	Jas. Brewster	43	W. O. Lennox
6	Chas. E. Burr?	44	Ross K. Lloyd
7	Frank Coote?	45	W. H. Kinneard
8	Rev. W. Cox (Toronto)	46	Garnet Harris
9	J. H. Fawcett	47	Frank Wright
10	N. R. Gardner	48	Robert Benson
11	Tho's Gordon	49	Hadden Sly
12	Geo. Hampton	50	Geo. L. Carpenter
13	Roy P. Kemp	51	Bernard Mathews
14	E. E. Leaky	52	Walter Abrams
15	L. Loshow	53	Geo. W. Gardner
16	Jas. G. Lawson	54	R. M. Brewster
17	John G. Lloyd	55	A. Lucy
18	John Miller	56	Martin Perry
19	Geo. S. Mastin	57	D. C. Caird
20	R. R. Mills	58	Jas. Beatty
21	John S. McEntire	59	Geo. J. Anderson
22	Tho's McQuinn	60	J. A. Murphy
23	J. C. H. McEntire	61	Wm. Waring
24	Geo. O. Brien?	62	Ross Anderson
25	Jas. S. Purser	63	M. J. Woodcock
26	Jas. Seal	64	Cedric Wheeler
27	T. E. Seal	65	Cifford Shaw
28	Geo. A. Smith	66	Hurik Wheeler
29	A. J. Seal	67	Lewis Wheeler
30	Robt. Sinclair	68	Tho's Andress
31	H. Todd	69	J. A. Calvert
32	Jos. Wadsworth	70	Wm. Pratt
33	Fred Wheeler	71	D. Dano (suspended)
34	John L. Wheeler	72	G. Meggs (suspended)
35	Robt. J. Webster	73	H. Weir (suspended)
36	David J. Walker	74	J. A. Webster (died)
37	N. A. Webster	75	R. Anderson Jr.
38	John Young		(W'drew by certificate)

By 1950 the membership appears to have declined to the point that #51 was not a viable lodge. In that year it amalgamated with L.O.L. #26 in Lansdowne. South Lake Lodge #233 followed suit in 1972. Lodge #26 appears to have been the last lodge to survive in the Township. It closed in 1982 and it's surviving members joined Lodge #1 in Brockville.

For those who wish to research for individual members of specific lodges, the news is not good. There is no central repository of Orange Lodge information. Early lodge books, if they have survived, are held by private individuals, various archives, or local historical societies.

*If anyone has further information about any of the lodges mentioned, or any not mentioned, please contact me at **382-8921**.*



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Hay Rake owned by Ed Clark.  
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