



NEWSLETTER

Winter Issue

February 18, 2022

It's our 10th Anniversary

We simply can't believe it, the time has passed so quickly, before we even knew it.....10 Years is now History. The picture below is a picture from when we first started.



Present in picture are: Myrna Perry, Pat High and Mary Lou Garr, Ruth M. Smith and Heather Troup.



"House Tour" News

The "Friends of Lincoln's History - House Tour" has been on hold now for two years. We have contacted all of our homeowners and they have been very receptive to our idea of holding the tour this year.

We are planning to hold the tour on Saturday, June 4th, 2022. Keep that date free, and look out for more information in our April edition of the newsletter. We will also be posting the tour information on our website and on Facebook.

Please be assured that we will be adhering to all Covid safety protocols for the protection of our visitors and our homeowners.

Friends of LINCOLN'S HISTORY BOARD NEWS

Elections were held at our Annual General Meeting on December 7, 2021. All current board members were re-elected. A new director, Gary Dandridge was also elected.

At our board meeting held on January 19, 2022 the following positions were filled :

President—Bill Salter

Vice President—Wayne MacMillan

Secretary - Karen Hughes

Treasurer—Hilda Wiley

Membership—Pat Zachar

Director—Joan Romagnoli

Director—Gary Dandridge

Past President—Ray Konkle

We have a **new volunteer**, Sandy Paterson started helping us out in December. She will take over Myrna's job entering all the great donations we receive into our extensive computer data base. Sandy brings years of experience in data entry and we are very happy she has joined us.

Members are encouraged to send in family stories, histories, pictures or any documents. We accept original items, or even just a copy can sometimes help us solve a mystery. Email us at lincolnarchives@gmail.com. We are collecting for future generations to enjoy and learn.

Please visit our website where you can now view all our newsletters. You can also join us on Facebook.

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ARCHIVES NEWS

Myrna Perry's Retirement from the Archives

At the end of the year, the Archives said goodbye to one of its original volunteers, when Myrna Perry decided to take life a little easier. For ten years, Myrna was a key member of the team and we are grateful that she established the professional data system that helped make the Archives the success it is. We will certainly miss her but we wish her all the best as she embarks on her second retirement.



Mary Lou Garr & Myrna Perry
December 9th, 2021



Myrna Perry, Sharon Macdonald, Hilda Wiley and
Mary Lou Garr, Karen Hughes, Ruth M. Smith

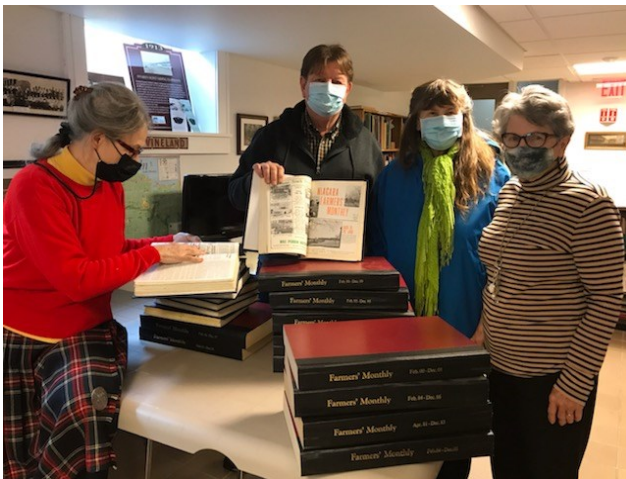
Farmer's Monthly

Steve Ecker was the owner and publisher of the Farmer's Monthly paper. He has had all editions of the paper, from 1970 to 2005, bound in large books, which he will be donating to Brock University. Before they go to the University, he is giving us the opportunity to copy any advertisements or articles for our collection, as they relate to Lincoln.

The Farmer's Monthly has been publishing articles written by Carla Carlson, who helped facilitate this opportunity for the Archives.

We wish to thank both Steve and Carla for this wonderful opportunity.

Picture—Left to right—Sharon Macdonald, Steve Ecker, Carla Carlson and Ruth M. Smith.



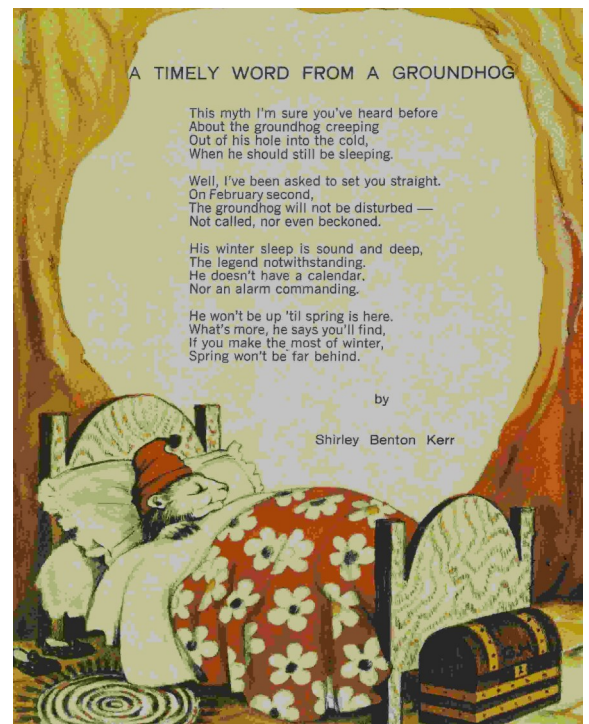
Happy Candlemas Day

On February 2nd this year, which was our first day back to the Archives since before Christmas, I found on my desk "The Timely Word From A Groundhog". Written by Shirley Benton Kerr. It got me thinking about how Groundhog Day came to be. This is what Wikipedia had to say:

"Origins—The Pennsylvania Dutch were immigrants from German speaking areas of Europe. The Germans had a tradition of marking "**Candlemas**" February 2 as "Badger Day" (Dachstag), where if a badger emerging found it to be a sunny day, and thereby casting a shadow, it foreboded the prolonging of winter by four more weeks. The Pennsylvanians maintained the same tradition as the Germans on Groundhog Day, except that winter's spell would be prolonged for six weeks instead of four. For the Pennsylvania Dutch, the badger became the "dox" which in Deutsch referred to "Groundhog"

I am sure these traditions came to us here when the Pennsylvania Dutch immigrated to Canada.

Thanks to Sharon Macdonald for the great Groundhog poem, which I am told she found in her Aunt Muriel's teaching archives in 2000.



A TIMELY WORD FROM A GROUNDHOG

This myth I'm sure you've heard before
About the groundhog creeping
Out of his hole into the cold,
When he should still be sleeping.

Well, I've been asked to set you straight.
On February second,
The groundhog will not be disturbed —
Not called, nor even beckoned.

His winter sleep is sound and deep,
The legend notwithstanding.
He doesn't have a calendar,
Nor an alarm commanding.

He won't be up 'til spring is here.
What's more, he says you'll find,
If you make the most of winter,
Spring won't be far behind.

by

Shirley Benton Kerr

Vineland Streetscapes

In the February 2021 edition of our newsletter, we showed you a picture of the H.G. & B Railway Car barn in Beamsville. The picture below on the left was recently found in our collection. It is the Eastern Terminal of the H.G. & B. Railway in Vineland. It was built by the radial company. It served as the eastern terminal and loading shed. At the time it ran parallel with Hwy. #8 in Vineland. The tracks were laid through the building and a "Y" for turning, which was located across Victoria Avenue where the public parking lot is now. This building would have been where the "Welcome to Vineland" sign is on the north west corner of Victoria and Hwy. #8, King Street. The picture below on the right was recently donated to us by Lewis Coffman. You can see the H.G. & B carbarn in the distance on the left. The picture on the right also gives us an idea of what other businesses were there in 1958. Shown are Imperial Bank of Canada, Wild's Barbershop, Hopkin's Pharmacy and Page & Williams furniture and appliance store.



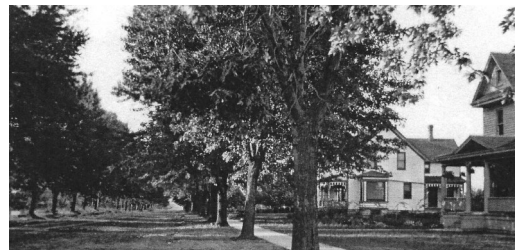
Below are two Vineland streetscapes from our collection. Whether by Horse & Buggy, or car. It seems there has always been a traffic problem here. The postcard below with all the horse and buggies, is of the SW corner, showing the Vineland General Store. The picture at the bottom is from our collection and it has a note stating that this picture was actually the scene of a car accident. It also stated that the truck belonged to Chris Fretz.



Vineland's Maples

Poem by: Mrs. Frances Crow, circa. 1968

(Both are part of our collection at the archives—Picture is from 1911)



For 80 years the loyal trees have waved
in the avenue, their branches free
But now no longer do they stand, to cast their
shadow o'er the land, nor with the whispering wind
Do they moan a sigh, for now on the cold earth
There they lie.
The lighting stroke has o'er them passed and
never harmed them first or last.
But the woodman's axe with stealthy thrust,
Has laid them there in dust.
No more with the whispering wind to moan and sigh
For now on the cold earth there they lie,
No more beneath their spreading boughs
Shall lovers cast their tender vows.
No more with early fondness mark
Their names upon the crinkled bark.
No more with the whispering wind to moan and sigh
For now on the cold earth there they lie.

COMPLIMENTS OF — PHONE NO. 2

J. W. BUCK,
Furniture Dealer

FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND ENBALMER.
Beamsville, Ont.



1906 JANUARY 1906

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

This great calendar from 1906 is part of our collection. Mr. Buck was a funeral director in Beamsville He also ran a furniture and appliance store. The advertisement below is from Sept. 8, 1948 and it seems he has added his son to the business

Yes --- We Have Them



Latest model Easy Washing Machines with the exclusive Vacuum Cup washing action now available for immediate delivery.

\$149.50

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After reading through the 1894 and 1895 minutes for the Town of Louth, I noticed that a majority of the towns business was the constant need to repair sidewalks and roads. In the early days the dirt roads in the town were supposed to be maintained by the property owners. Much like today, we are obliged to shovel the snow off the sidewalks in front of our homes. Some owners kept their stretch of road graded and some did not. Soon the job fell upon the town so that all roads were kept in good repair. The poster below shows that in 1906 the Town of Louth posted a call for Tenders.

TENDERS
FOR ROAD MACHINES

Tenders will be received up to and including
Saturday, March 10, 06
for operating the two Road Machines in the
Township of Louth

One in the North Half and one in the South Half of the Township.

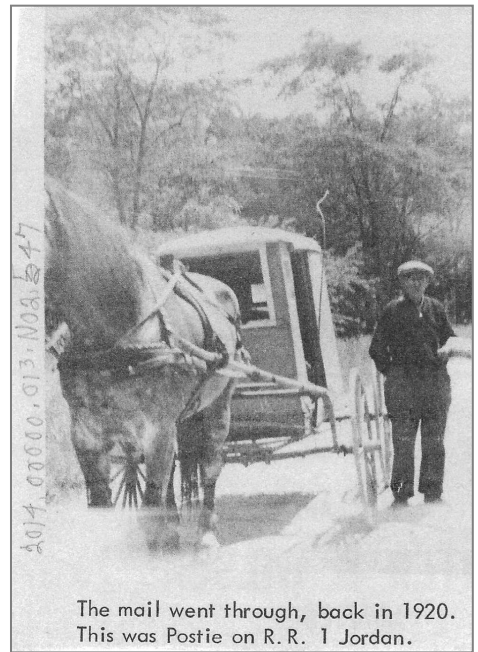
All the Road Machine work to be completed before the fifteenth day of July, 1906.

Tenders to be marked "Tenders for operating Road Machine."

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.

M. A. BALL
Township Clerk.

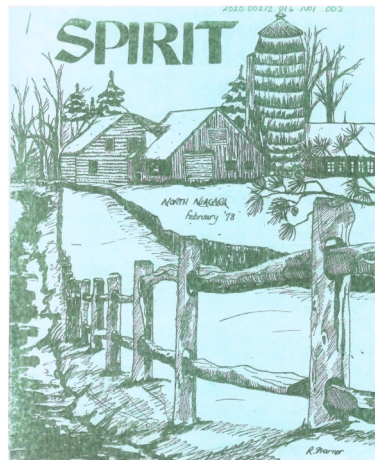
Louth Feb. 14. 1906



The newspaper clipping from above is from a local paper. The date and name are unknown. The picture shows us how mail was delivered in years gone by.

Here's an article from The Post Express dated Mar. 3, 1951. "Postmarks" by Colin Troup. The article he wrote was regarding the Vineland Post Office.

"A resident of Vineland recalls, as a little girl, that the sound of the mail horn could be heard in the village as the mail carrier reached the istop of the hill coming from Jordan, on No. 8 Highway. This was a signal to the villagers that the mail would be at the Post Office in a short while."



The Spirit magazine was a publication put out by the Niagara Peninsula Farm Juniors. This one is from 1978 and was drawn by R. Warner. It is one of many Spirit magazine copies we have in our collection. Each showing interesting hand drawn pictures of life on the farm drawn by students.

Landslide – March 25, 1936 newspaper article

The caption at the bottom says, "Traffic on No. 8 Highway at Jordan Hill this morning had to squeeze through a narrow opening to skirt the landslide which covered the road last night A St. Catharines-bound bus is seen in the above view off at the left hand side of the road to get past the earth and trees which cover the pavement. The entrance to a driveway immediately opposite the slide prevented a complete tie-up of traffic.

Staff photo—St. Catharines Standard





Friends of
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Email Address: _____

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