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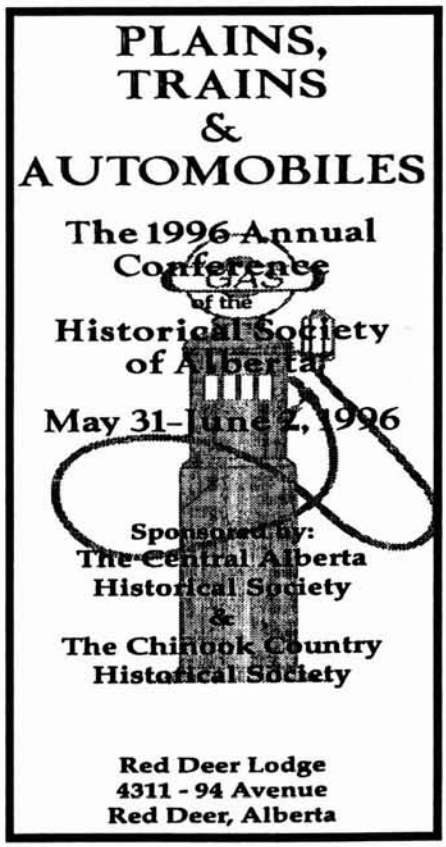

Friday May 31 to Sunday June 2, Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer

Annual General Meeting to be held in Red Deer

The annual general meeting of the Historical Society of Alberta will be held in Red Deer on Sunday June 2, 10 am at the Red Deer Lodge. A buffet breakfast is set for 9 am, also at the Red Deer Lodge, 4311 94 Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta. This year's conference and annual general meeting is called ***Plains, Trains and Automobiles*** and is sponsored by The Central Alberta Historical Society and The Chinook Country Historical Society.

The annual conference will start Friday, May 31, with a wine and cheese reception and book launch at 7 pm in the Red Deer Museum. ***A Preacher's Frontier: The Castor, Alberta Letters of Reverend Martin W. Holdom, 1909-1912***, edited, with an introduction by Paul Voisey, Professor of History, University of Alberta, is the featured book. (see Book Reviews page 4).

On Saturday, June 1, participants have a choice of tours, all start at 10 am. For $20 there is a Central Alberta bus tour which includes lunch. A walking tour of downtown Red Deer is $8, and also includes lunch. Or, for $12 (lunch included) there is a Red Deer bus tour.

A talk by John W. Friesen, Professor of Education, University of Calgary, on "Attitude" Towards Transportation: A Case Study of the Old Colony Mennonites" will start at 3:30 pm in the Red Deer Lodge.

The banquet in the evening starts with cocktails 6 pm and dinner 7 pm in the Red Deer Lodge. The Guest Speaker is **Tony Rees**, Author and former Chief Archivist, Glenbow-Alberta Institute, will talk on **"Visions and Revisions: The Future of the Prairie West as History"**.

The closing address of the conference is at noon in the Red Deer Lodge.

The early registration fee is $45 **before** May 1, 1996 after which $55 is charged. The fee includes Friday Reception, Saturday Banquet and Sunday Breakfast. Please make cheques payable to the Central Alberta Historical Society and send to **Kevin Majeau, 87 Selkirk Blvd., Red Deer, Alberta T4N 0G6. Phone 403-347-6974.** Request a brochure and registration form from your local chapter, or the Historical Society of Alberta Office.

You can contact the conference hotel, Red Deer Lodge by phone 403-346-8841, fax 403-341-3320, or toll free 1-800-661-1657. Please make room reservations directly with Red Deer Lodge where single or double rates are $69, or with a hotel of your choice.

Call to Action

Premier Klein has asked the people of Alberta to let him know how the government of Alberta should deal with its surplus for the past fiscal year and to comment on future directions. Take up the Premiers's challenge. Tell him about the role of The Historical Society of Alberta. Please contact the Premier by telephone, Fax or E-mail at the following numbers:**Telephone: 403-427-7711, or toll free: 1-800-883-5551; Fax: 403-427-7462; E-mail: Altatalk@gov.ab.ca**

Cultural funding in Alberta accounts for less than 1% of the provincial budget and much of this funding comes from a lottery base. We must let our Premier know that we are important. Please call him and let him know that we make a difference to the quality of life of Albertans. Then, let us know at the HSA office the results of your contact with the Premier.

The Historical Society of Alberta is a registered charitable organization.

Donations are gratefully received to help further the work of the Society which includes the publication of *Alberta History* and this newsletter, *History Now*. Donations are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in *History Now*, unless otherwise requested.

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President's Report

by Kathryn Ivany

Spring. It is a time to reflect, a time to plan, and to start new projects. Perhaps you have been looking at the seed catalogues or renovation project flyers that pour into our homes at this time of year. Even the Klein government is looking for help in making their plans for the next year with their "feedback" brochures. (I hope you will tell them how important funding for heritage preservation is—see page 1.)

The executive of the HSA is also planning. We have completed a budget for the next year of the Society's operations. We reviewed the work of the HSA during 1995 and reported to our government funding body, the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation. In that report we included some of our plans for next year's publications, programmes and projects. Both of those documents are available for your information. Simply call the HSA office or pick one up at the HSA AGM in Red Deer. (You will be coming—right?).

So spring is a time of renewal and regeneration. It is also a time of hope and expectations. The HSA has plenty of those, I think. The flood of membership renewals in January and February encourage us to believe that you support our efforts to preserve our history and present it to you in various ways. We hope you will continue to support our programming with your attendance and by telling others. We also hope you will continue to purchase HSA publications.

The other thing I notice about spring is the financial side. All that renewal and growth needs cash and hard work. Many of you took the opportunity to make a donation with your membership renewal. I thank you very sincerely for that. The donations we receive make a great difference to the HSA, not just in the financial sense, they also show to other funders, government and corporate, that we raise money, and have the support of individuals who believe in our mission and encourage our efforts.

The HSA offers many opportunities to contribute. Besides the general donations to the HSA or the chapter societies, you may prefer to support local initiatives. We have special endowment funds established at the Calgary and Lethbridge Community Foundations. If you are planning your estate and are interested in including the HSA we can send you information about those funds. It is our hope that eventually the fund will generate adequate income for the Society to survive in the event that government support is suspended.

Other members have given sizable gifts of books and resources to the HSA library. This will allow us to serve as a resource centre for members and the public who drop by the office, or who write for information. Finally there are those who donate generously of their time and skills. Our volunteers are the best and we appreciate them very much.

I hope you enjoy the season and the spring issues of ***History Now*** and ***Alberta History***. I look forward to seeing you at the AGM and having the chance to discuss with you some of your expectations for the next year of HSA activities. Please take the opportunities presented throughout the newsletter and participate in HSA and chapter events and activities. It will be good to get out this spring.

Elections

Nominations for Council are sought for election at the 1996 Annual General Meeting in Red Deer, June 2.

The following offices are open, each for a two year term: 2nd Vice President, 3rd Vice President and Secretary.

Any member of the Society may submit names and addresses of members to the committee for consideration.

Please submit to **James A.N. Mackie, QC, Chair, Nominations Committee c/o The Historical Society of Alberta, 325, 304 8th Avenue SW, CALGARY, AB T2P 1C2**.

According to Article 5 (c) of the Society's By-Laws, additional nominations may be made from the floor at the annual meeting with the nominee's approval, or may be submitted in writing to the secretary at least fourteen (14) days prior to the annual meeting, such written nominations to include signatures of mover, seconder and candidate.

HSA Awards

It's that time again. The HSA seeks nominations for awards to be handed out at the AGM being held in Red Deer:

Annual award & Award of merit

Please forward your nominations in writing, setting out the nominee's accomplishments with short biography and the name of at least one other member supporting the nomination to:

James A.N. Mackie, QC,
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Blood on the Prairie: Tour to Visit Riel Sites 3 Day Tour June 3-5, 1996

For three days immediately following the HSA Annual General Meeting and Conference you can travel by deluxe motor-coach to visit some of the major sites of the Northwest Rebellion.

Leaving early on **Monday, June 3**, you will travel to Battleford, stopping at the Cut Knife Battle Site on the Poundmaker Reserve. In Battleford there is the Battleford National Historic Park; evening options include the Alan Sapp Gallery and the Western Development Museum.

Tuesday, you will explore Fort Carleton, Duck Lake and its Regional Historical Museum and the Batoche National Historic Park. The night is spent in Saskatoon.

Wednesday, June 5, starts with a visit to Wanuskewin Heritage Park near Saskatoon. The 100-hectare park with its archeological sites, walking trails and interpretive centre provides a rich understanding of the history and way of life of the people of the northern plains. In the afternoon the tour returns to Red Deer in time for supper.

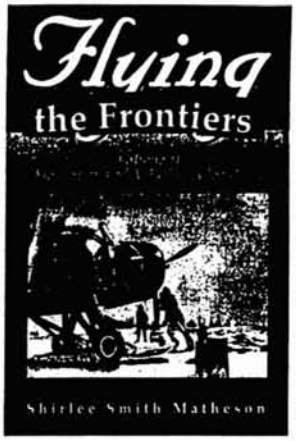
The tour is sponsored by the Central Alberta Chapter of the HSA in cooperation with the Red Deer and District Museum and the Red Deer Public Library.

Arrangements are handled by Fun-Tastic Tours, **Betty Burton 403-343-3082.** 2082

Price per person twin: **$279 plus GST**

Includes transportation, accommodation, admissions, outdoor breaks, 3 picnic lunches, luggage handling and services of professional tour director.

Register by May 6, to guarantee your reservations



Flying the Frontiers Volume II. More Hours of Aviation Adventure by **Shirlee Smith Matheson**. $29.95.

"Flying can be described as ninety-five percent boredom, and five percent panic," states an old-time bush flyer. "Tell me about both," I say as I turn on the tape recorder. Readers will meet an Oblate priest who flew throughout Canada's North; a woman in her eighties who thought nothing of flying solo from Alberta to Kansas and Vermont; a tail-gunner whose poignant story lends special insight into what Canada is all about; an Alberta Family whose flying machine matched discoveries made by the Wright brothers; a man who pioneered the use of helicopters in the North; and a pilot who guided his aircraft down the Mackenzie River with dynamite caps held between his knees. Log in as these flyers transport everything from Ping-Pong balls to penguins, from politician to presidents of far-off countries. From bush pilots who flew for the love of it to military and corporate career flyers and to those people on the ground most intimately affected by the flying field, their stories tell Canada's story

Launch evening of May 15, at Aerospace Museum Calgary. **Shirlee Smith Matheson** is the author of the first volume of ***Flying the Frontiers***, ***Youngblood of the Peace***, ***This Was Our Valley***, winner of the 1990 Alberta Nonfiction Award and finalist for the 1990 Roderick Haig-Brown BC Book Prize.

Beyond Our Prairie Trails, a history of Carstairs and Area. Volume I—This section includes a basic history of the settlement and development of this part of the province and is quite relevant to other communities from south of Calgary to north of Red Deer. This is one of the most comprehensive community histories ever published in Alberta. Volume II—This is a typical family history of many of the past and present residents of Carstairs and Area. Set (Volumes I & II) $96 plus postage and handling $8; Volume I $50; Volume II $60. Postage and handling for either volume $6. Contact Carstairs History Book Committee, Box 820, Carstairs, AB. T0M 0N0. Phone 403-337-2395.

Eda The Weatherlady, by **Phyllis M. Patterson**. A delightful story of Eda Owen, the first woman in Canada, if not the world, to become a Federal Meteorological Agent for a Province. She held the post in Edmonton, for 28 years between 1915 and 1943. Over 140 stations reported to her. She worked when women did not work, were not considered persons within the meaning of the British North American Act, in a scientific field when meteorology was growing into the science it is today. Even now there a few women working in meteorology. $15.95, plus $2 for shipping.

Charles Waterton: A Biography by **B. W. Edginton**. Part One—A White Man From Yorkshire; Part Two—The Fine Old English Gentleman. **Brian Edginton** has written an enthralling biography of a great naturalist and traveller. In 1824 Charles Waterton visited North America and in Canada 400 square miles of national park in the heart of the Rocky Mountains are named after him. To order a first edition copy send £22.50 plus postage and handling to Lutterworth Press, PO Box 60 Cambridge, England, CB1 2NT.

A Preachers's Frontier, The Castor, Alberta Letters of Reverend Martin W. Holdom, 1909-12, edited, with an introduction by **Paul Voisey**. Between the summer of 1909 and 1912, a young Anglican Priest in Castor, Alberta dispatched 115 letters to his family in England. The young cleric had arrived in Castor before the arrival of the railway. Settlers were just beginning to enter the region. Holdom therefore observed firsthand the formation of a new community in a new land. In his letters, he reported on many facets of the pioneering experience with lively prose which reflected his keen eye for detail and his sharp opinions. The result is an intriguing social commentary, and a rich addition to the study of Alberta's history. Hard cover with illustrations. **For members of the Historical society of Alberta only**, a prepublication discount price of $13.95 each, plus $2 for shipping.

Book Reviews

An Experiment That Worked, by John Schmidt. Established in 1896, the WSGA celebrates its centennial this year. It has a proud heritage and the pedigrees of WGSA members and its leadership show that it is made up of elements drawn from a wide variety of backgrounds. The early ranchers sought freedom, not security and over the years became a powerful lobby group. One of the original aims of WGSA was to protect their ranges from sheep and their stock from rustlers; nowadays they seek protection from hunters, anglers, tourists, picickers, trespassers and weekend drivers. Not to be forgotten is the cow and this book is a tribute to this animal, "who works for men day and night. By day she gathers food and when her master is asleep at night, she brings it back to rechew and manufacture it into dozens of valuable products for him." In this age of recycling you can't do any better. $15 from WSGA, Calgary.

HSA Book Sale

Alberta's Coal Industry, 1919, edited and introduced by David Jay Bercuson

The Formation of Alberta: A Documentary History, introduced by by L.G Thomas and L.H Thomas. Edited by Douglas R. Owram

Pioneering in Alberta: Maurice Destrube's Story, edited by J.E. Hendrickson

William Stewart Herron: Father of the Petroleum Industry in Alberta, edited by Dr. David H. Breen

"all HSA books $5" plus $2 postage

Aberhart: Outpourings and Replies, edited by Dr. David R. Elliott

The Diaries of Bishop Grandin, 1975-1877, Vol I, translated by Alan D. Ridge. Edited by Brian M. Owens and Claude D. Roberto

Winter Sports in the West, edited by Elise Corbet & Anthony W. Rasporich.

Citymakers: Calgarians After the Frontier, edited by Max Foran and Sheilagh S. Jameson

WHITEHORSE '96

PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION FROM **EDMONTON** TO **WHITEHORSE** to attend
The Annual Conference of the ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN ARCHIVISTS and
The RUPERTSLAND CONFERENCE FOR WESTERN CANADIAN HISTORIANS

A chance to travel the historic **Alaska Highway**

Bus departs Edmonton on Monday, 27 May

Bus arrives in Whitehorse in the late afternoon of Wednesday, 29 May

Bus departs Whitehorse on Wednesday, 5 June

Bus arrives in Edmonton on the evening of Friday, 7 June

Transportation package includes:

-Travel in a modern luxury 48 passenger coach with all amenities, including VCR for movies.
-Overnignt accommodation at Fort St.John and Watson Lake (when going up), and Fort Nelson and Peace River (when coming down)
-A free two day trip to Dawson (May 30 & 31 for Rupertsland people, and June 2 & 3 for ACA people)

Transportation package would cost app. $370 - $400 (meals not included)

Air transportation between Edmonton and Whitehorse (round trip) is estimated to be $588.

YES!

I am interested in the possibility of partaking in the Alaska Highway travel package and would like to be sent more information on this plan as it unfolds. This is not a commitment.

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Eleanor earned her own place in famous family

Tribute People who made a difference
by Brian Brennan, Herald columnist.

(Reprinted from the Calgary Herald, Monday, July 31, 1995)

*H*er great grandfather was Rev. George McDougall, the pioneering Methodist missionary who died on a buffalo hunt near what is now Calgary, when the old West was ending, and a new Alberta was about to be born. Her mother was Georgina McDougall, the first white child born in what is now Alberta. Her father, Norman K. Luxton, was a colorful adventurer who crossed the Pacific in a dugout canoe, and established a trading post that eventually became the Luxton Museum in Banff.
The roots in this province don't run much deeper.

Eleanor Luxton, born in Banff 87 years ago today, (July 31, 1908), was a talented mathematician who could have made her name in three or four different fields, and in fact did so during the course of her professional life. She earned two degrees from the University of Alberta, two more from McGill, designed locomotives for the CPR in Montreal, worked with General Electric in electronics, lectured on engineering at McGill, and dabbled in nuclear physics in the States.

It was her heritage, however, that eventually brought her back to Western Canada and defined what will be remembered as her lasting contribution: her labor of love as a historian and writer. When in 1958 she became the first woman ever to address the annual dinner of the Southern Alberta Pioneer and Oldtimers' Association, Miss Luxton made it clear she considered this the great honor of her life.

> "Historic places are being rebuilt when the originals should have been saved and restored."

"While thinking what to say to you, I realized the utter futility of attempting to say it all."

Multiple sclerosis had brought a halt to Miss Luxton's professional career at age 50, but not to the historical work she would do over the next 25 years. She joined the Glenbow as a researcher, and began to lecture and write. It had taken Western Canadians more that a century since Confederation to acknowledge the importance of heritage, and that she felt was a tragedy. "Research should have been done when the people who made our history were still living," she said. "Historic places are being rebuilt when the originals should have been saved and restored."

Her literary legacy is modest. In 1971, she published a journal of her father's Pacific crossing. She published a history of Banff National Park in 1975, and contributed an essay on Stoney Indian medicine to a book, In the Developing West, published by the University of Alberta in 1983. She also completed a book on her own family history, but it has yet to find a publisher. Her other historical antecedents include paternal grandfather W. F. Luxton, founder and first editor of the Winnipeg Free Press.

She died late last month, (June 22, 1995), and left no immediate family. Her final act of love was to donate her Banff home to the recently established Eleanor Luxton Historical Foundation, with the understanding that the house—one of the oldest residential properties in the community—be turned into a museum.

"It's a terrific legacy for her to leave to all of us," her Calgary lawyer, Donald Hatch, told the Banff Crag and Canyon newspaper. "She was so interested in preserving things historical in Banff."

Hatch said Miss Luxton's various commercial holdings in Banff would help support the new museum, scheduled for opening in about a year.

Our games of the past

Our members, with a stated interest in history, tend to recall important events, dates, buildings, wars etc. So, it was refreshingly different recently to have a speaker show and tell us of toys of the past. This brought to mind our games of the past.

Today's children are often amused by computer and video games, TV cartoons and shows for kids, all of which are presented while the child is seated and by courtesy of a lot of spending by parents.

Contrast this to many games played a few years ago which provided exercise, skill and interplay with peers and cost parents little or nothing. How may of these games can you recall?

The old favourites of Tag or Hide-and-seek were the most common with variations such as Kick the Can, Run Sheep Run, Red Light, Relievo, May I?, and Simon Says, were good fun too. After.a snowfall, Fox and Geese was played by tramping out a pie shaped track. Snow covered playgrounds also made Pom Pom Pullaway a favourite recess activity. An ice slide was easily started then improved by mouthfuls of water carried from a tap and squirted onto it. A heap of snow became a King of the Castle game. One could slide down a hill on sheet of cardboard or old inner tube.

Organized sports such as running races, forms of jumping, three legged, potato sack or egg on spoon races, balancing feats, tumbling, and others only need supervision of parents or teachers.

Although someone had to supply the ball, how could you top a game of catch or with a bat as well, a game of scrub baseball? One soccer balled tossed onto the school-ground attracted scores of boys who had no other purpose than just to kick it if it came near. A small investment in a set of jacks, a skipping rope, some marbles, could set up some kids for hours of fun. A piece of chalk of a stick might draw the grid for hopscotch. A ball tossed over a garage roof made a game of Ante Ante I Over, or Eevie, Eevie I Over, or a large soft ball could be used for dodge ball. Hand games like Cat's Cradle only needed a piece of string. A discarded spool, a headless match stick, an elastic and piece of soap made a keen tractor, a folded sheet of paper an airplane.

Oh the fun we had ... and most of it was free!

News & Views from HSA Chapters

Cental Alberta Historical Society

by Jean Bridge

The first year of the newly formed Central Alberta Chapter of the Historical Society has been a busy one.

At a public meeting in November 1994 a nominating committee was formed to prepare a list of officers and that slate was duly elected at the meeting on January 26, 1995 and reported in the first edition of our Newsletter.

Later in the year several committees were struck and filled by volunteers as follows: Membership Committee: **Faye Hughes**; **Norma Soltice**. Publishing Committee: **John Tobias**; **Paul Boultbee**; **Wayne Nylin**; Program Committee: **Gerry Beauchamp**; **Don Hepburn**.

Our Charter Night was held in June and several events have been held this fall. The program committee has been busy lining up speakers, films, bus tours, etc. for the coming year. Some topics suggested were: Tail Creek and the Metis; Fur Trade Posts in Central Alberta; Railways in Central Alberta; The Coal Branch Story; Scandinavian Settlement in Central Alberta; and David Thompson in the early west. We look to your support of these programs.

Finally, many thanks to our hard working board and committee members for their past accomplishments and to the people who have helped us make this first year a success.

At the Annual General Meeting the new slate of officers elected were: **President Diana Mansell**. Diana has been Vice President since 1994. She is completing her Ph.D in History at the University of Calgary. **Vice President Kate Reeves**. Kate works at the U of C Law Library, and is writing a book on the history of Rosedale community. **Past President Harry Sanders**. Harry first joined the board in 1991, and has been President since 1994. He is a self-employed researcher/writer. **Treasurer Roberta Ryckman**. Roberta has been on the board for many years, and has been Treasurer since 1994. She works at the Glenbow Archives. **Secretary Carol Fullerton**. Carol has been Secretary since 1995. She teaches English at Mount Royal College. **Members-at-Large are David Jones**. David is Chair of the CCHS Publications Committee. He teaches at U of C's Faculty of Education. **Roland Keiken**. Roland joined the board in 1995 and has served a Programs Coordinator. He works in The City of Calgary's Public Information Department. **Diana Sim**. Diana is Membership Chair and has served on the board for several years. She is retired after a long career with Parks Canada. **Bill Yeo**. Bill has served as Vice President, President and Past President. He works as an historian for the Department of Canadian Heritage

Chinook Country Historical Society

Learn more about caring for your photos! **Protecting Photos and Family Albums** presented by Philippe Maurice, Saturday, April 13 from 9 am to noon at the Lancaster Building Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 304 8th Avenue SW. The cost of the workshop is $20, and participation is limited to 15 people so be sure to register early. Whether you know it or not, some of your photographs are fading away due to improper handling and storage. The current habit of placing photos and other paper notices in albums with 'magnetic' pages is one example which causes grave damage to your precious family heirlooms. If that beautiful portrait of Grandma at 19 is quietly turning to dust in a desk drawer or fading in the light, you need Philippe Maurice. A specialist in the preventative care and conservation of photographs, he will show you how to care for, handle and store irreplaceable family documents. Participants are invited to bring problem items, images, negatives, albums or slides, which may be stored improperly or of concern. A supplies and information catalogue will be made available.

Sunday, April 21, 1996, "Cowan's Calgary: A Personal Tour of Our Own City"

Be a tourist in your own city; come visit Calgary, as it was, is, and will be—from open prairie to sites not yet finished, we'll see the city of agriculture, business, the arts, a city of old-timers and immigrants. Most of all, we'll have a good time as we wander by bus through "Cowan's Calgary" for a day. Browse through a collection of books and brochures (as early as 1912) as we travel along. The tour begins 10 am at Fort Calgary—good parking there—then explores Inglewood, meanders through Victoria Park and the Stampede grounds—creator of Calgary's "cowtown" image; visits Connaught and Mount Royal (with a private tour of Beaulieu, the historic 1891 Lougheed House), wends its way across the river to look back at the City from the north; and then continues through bustling Chinatown, the restoration projects of historic Stephen Avenue and back to Fort Calgary at 4 pm. $42 ($47 non-members) per person includes: • full day guided tour; bus transportation; lunch at the Cross House; tea at The Palliser Hotel; admission to Beaulieu, fee to support the Lougheed House Conservation Society; packet with a map of the tour route and other material about Calgary.

Edmonton & District Historical Society

The Edmonton and District Historical Society is nearing the end of the 1995-96 year. On April 23rd, a new executive will be elected. however, this does not mean the activities of the society will stop, or even slow down. Over the next few months, we have planned some exciting events, some new, some old (sorry... traditional). Please note the following events:

New—Spring Workshops—Call now to register 403-434-9145

April 17 Decorating Your Heritage Home. $60. Whether your home is old or new, Johanne Yakula of From Times Past, will show you materials and techniques that will give your home a traditional feel.

April 26-27 (Tape) Record Your Family History. $60. Gain interview and technical skills in oral history methods. Overview steps from research plan through sources to document a family history.

May 11 What's in the Archives for Me? $45. Find out how to research in archives. What materials and information are available? Research made easier.

May 25 Who's Been Living in My House? $45 Discover the history of your home and neighbourhood and document owners, renovations and ghosts.

Cemetery Tours. The Olde Strathcona Foundation will have its Mount Pleasant Tour ready for the May long weekend. The EDHS will work to have the Edmonton Cemetery ready for summer and the Jewish Cemetery should be done this summer as well. Call us for information.

Book Launch **April 23** at the Faculty Club, the EDHS and the Circumpolar Institute will celebrate the launch of the long awaited ***Three Wartime Projects***. Wine and cheese will be served. Everyone is welcome. The **John Rowand Dinner** followes the book launch, a speaker and awards will round out the evening. Members are asked to stay for the Annual General Meeting which will follow the dinner.

May 25 Historic Adventure Bus Tour will travel along the overland route (old fur trade route) from Edmonton to Ft. Assiniboine - $55. Lots of history, a few museums, good food and good company. Call 403-455-2767 for information.

Lethbridge Historical Society

The April 23 meeting of the LHS will have Major Chris Kilford of the 18th Air Defence Regiment RCA talking about his book ***Lethbridge at War***, with a demonstration by the regiment in the Theatre Gallery of the Lethbridge Public Library at 7:15 pm.

The spring tour will be a trip to the Bar U Ranch, Saturday June 15. Call Gordon Tolton at 403-345-2624 for more information..

The committee of Water Works Wonders, a local history book of four schools in the Lethbridge area, (Wilson, White, McMahon, and River Junction), is considering reprinting their book. If you are interested in purchasing a copy, contact B. Bond, Laval road in West Lethbridge.

Lethbridge has just been the site of the Alberta Winter Games and the Sir Alexander Galt Museum has a display on our Sports Heroes.

New Books:

A Century of Soccer in Southern Alberta, by Michael Hoyland, published by MicA Publishing, 14 Sunburst Crescent SE, Calgary, AB. T2X 1T6. "The first known soccer game, or football as it was called, was in 1880 at Lethbridge, although the game may have arrived with the North West Mounted Police six years earlier in 1874 when they came to put an end to Fort Whoop-Up's whiskey trade. There are early newspaper reports of soccer games being played at the edge of town, where bull-trains from Fort Benton made their turns, in what is now call Galt Park. For many citizens of Lethbridge, the chance to watch a game was a social opportunity they wouldn't miss.". Mr Hoyland has gathered considerable detail on what teams played where in our early days.

The CRB Foundation Heritage Fair Comes to Alberta

A chance to strengthen the ties between schools and museums is underway as five different regions in Alberta organize to stage a School Heritage Fair in their area on May 24 & 25.

The Heritage Fair is a multi-media education programme developed to increase awareness and interest in Canadian history. The Heritage Fair actively involves Alberta's young people, schools, businesses, community organizations and interested individuals in a contemporary celebration of Canada's shared traditions and history.

The primary focus of the Fair is to encourage students in grades four to nine to use any medium of their choice to tell stories and share information about Canadian heroes and events, and to provide a venue for students to present the results of their efforts to the community at large.

The Alberta Museums Association envisages School Heritage Fairs in Northern Alberta, (**Arlene Staicesku 403-624-4261**), Edmonton & District, (**Larissa Stetzenko at 403-496-2965**), Central Alberta, (**Rod Trentham 403-343-6844**), Calgary & District, (**Cindy Maurice 403-268-4108**), and Southern Alberta, (**Tom Willock 403-381-1244**).

For the Heritage Fair the Alberta Museums Association is in partnership with The CRB Foundation and endorsed by the Social Studies Council of Alberta Teachers' Association, in the Foundations's National Heritage Fair Program.

For information on how to participate contact:
Alberta Museums Assocation
9829 103 Street, Edmionton, AB. T5K 0X9
Phone 403-424-2626; Fax403-425-1679

HSA Calendar of Events - April to June 1996

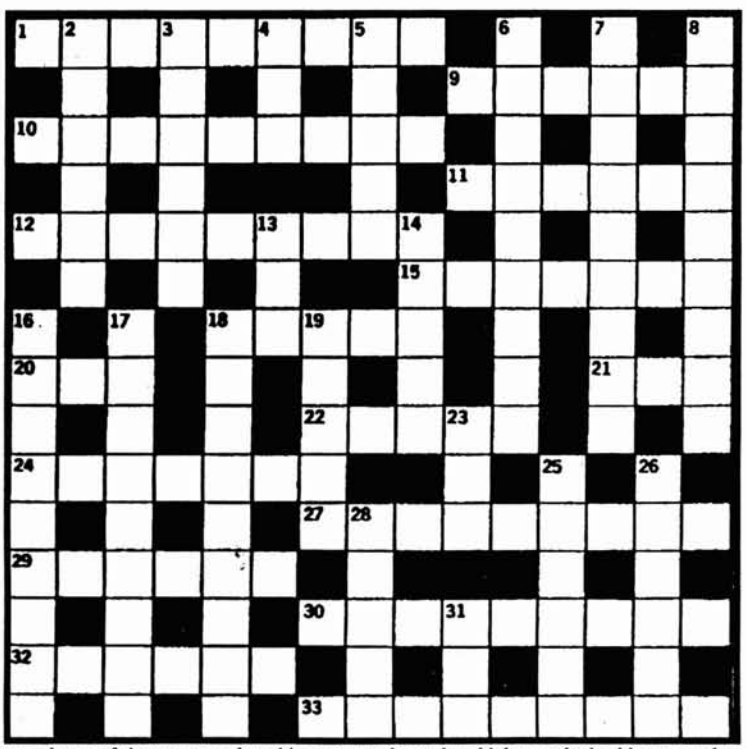
Apr 17	**EDHS**	Workshop—Decorating Your Heritage Home
Apr 21	**CCHS**	Workshop—Protecting Photos and Family Albums presented by Phillippe Maurice, $20, 9 am to noon Lancaster Bulding Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 304 8 Avenue SW.
Apr 21	**CCHS**	Cowan's Calgary: A Personal Tour of Our Own Calgary. Fee $42, includes lunch and tea. Leave Fort Calgary Parking Lot 10 am, return 4 pm
Apr 23	**CCHS**	*Rouleauville: The French Connection* by Donald B. Smith 7:30 pm Nat Christie Centre 141 18 Ave SW
Apr 23	**EDHS**	John Rowand Night and AGM, Faculty Club, University of Alberta. 5 pm Book launch *Three Wartime Projects*, a joint publication by EDHS and the Canadian Circumpolar Institute. 6 pm Cocktails followed by dinner. 8:30 pm AGM. Call 403-434-9145 for details.
Apr 23	**LHS**	A talk by Major Chris Kilford of the 18th Air Defence Regiment RCA about his book *Lethbridge at War,* with a demonstration by the regiment. 7:15 pm Lethbridge Public Library
Apr 26-27	**EDHS**	Workshop—(Tape) Record Your Family History
May 11	**EDHS**	Workshop—What's in the Archives for Me?
May 25	**EDHS**	Workshop—Who's Been Living in My House?
May 25	**EDHS**	Historic Adventure Tour—Edmonton to Fort Assiniboine. Leave Provincial Museum parking lot 8:30 am and return 8:30 pm. Fee $55.
May 31 - Jun 1 & 2	**HSA**	Annual General Meeting and Conference, Red Deer Lodge, Red Deer, AB.
Jun 15	**LHS**	Spring tour to BarU Ranch. Call Gordon Tolton 403-345-2624 for information

HSA Crossword

Answer to last newsletter crossword:

Across: 3. Aspen 8. Saurus 9. Upturn 10. Hanna 13. Castle Mountain 16. Ion 17. Cru 18. Saint 19. Eileen 23. Echo 24. Gaetz 25. Exam 26. Edison 31. Bamboo 34. Tee 35. Rye 36. To Fort Edmonton 39. Tempo 40. Repeal 41. Kosher 42. Etnas.

Down: 1. Kanata 2. Writing on Stone 3. Ashen 4. Ponoka 5. Nuance 6. St. Paul Des Metis 7. Grande 11. AM 12. NU 14. Lot 15. Tri 18. Seebe 20. Namao 21. May 22. Uta 27. Drover 28. Oer 29. Nettle 30. Old Man 31. Brooks 32. Ayn 33. Ounces 37. EE 38. MP.



You have plenty of time to complete this crossword puzzle which was devised by a member of HSA. The answer will be published in the next issue of *History Now*.

Across

1. South Alberta Indian
9. Certain Tuesday
10. Pioneer missionary
11. Season
12. Crow's Nest Community
15. One lacking intellectual skill or taste
18 Soldier's colour
20. French king
21. And so on
22. Premier
24. General who marched against 7D
27. Strathmore's county
29. Kitchener once
30. Sometimes pemmican ingredient
32. Visions or idols
33. Calgary athlete

Down

2. Place
3. Chocolate chip for one
4. Highway or ocean hazard
5. Edmonton athlete
6. Northern Indian
7. Metis leader
8. Home town of 1946 Brier championship rink
13. Speed reference
14. HSA Past-President Corbet
16. Calgary's first name, Fort-
17. Book keeper?
18. July celebrant in Edmonton
19. Awry
23. A girl of song
25. A 33A quarterback
26. Have a nap
28. Valentine symbol
31. Former PM Campbell