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# Stoney Creek Historical Society

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## NEWSLETTER

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### FIREMAN KILLED, MANY ARE INJURED IN WRECK

*From the Hamilton Spectator January 19 1929*

Washout Caused By Heavy Rains Sends Engine of Buffalo-Hamilton Flyer Over the Mountainside-Coaches Smashed M.L.Ricker Pinned in Debris of His Engine-Engineer Patrick Gant Terribly Injured-Steam Scalds Passengers

T.H.&B. train No. 83 out of Buffalo at 6 o'clock last night and due in Hamilton at 8.10, plunged off the track along the mountain face, three miles east of Stoney Creek, killing the fireman, Mark L. Ricker, 32 Marion street, this city, causing 37 injuries and piling up three of the cars. The wreck was the worst in years, and it was almost a miracle that the death list did not run high and injuries take far greater toll.

The disaster was caused by a washout. A torrent cascading over the rugged bluffs that frowned upon the T.H.& B. main line at that point, ate into a ridge over which the tracks ran. Swollen and raging from the rains of the last few days, this stream bit so deeply into the bank that there was no longer enough support for the rails. No. 83 came speeding along under the wall of rock. The track was out. Engineer Patrick Gant said afterwards that he saw the looming tragedy through the curtain of water that was falling from the skies. He reached frantically for the brakes, his other hand going to the whistle. Into the night went its warning, deadened by the watery atmosphere. Then He Jumped. The engine went nose first into the soggy earth, buried almost completely. The baggage car, immediately behind the tender, piled up with a horrible crashing noise. It climbed an earthen embankment at the foot of the bluff. Behind it the smoking car, partially telescoped, swung sideways and precariously straddled the ridge. One end hung over a sheer drop down the side of the mountain. The other end swung perilously above a gully that was cut between the bluff and the tracks. Back of the smoking car a passenger car was telescoped and thrown partly sideways. The rest of the cars were on the tracks, intact, except for broken glass.

#### Scene of Horror

The roar of the torrent was drowned out by the rush of steam when pipes in the cars and the engine burst. Then there were terrible screams-shrieks of agony from the men in pain, and from women whose jolted nerves sought release. The car hanging over the gully slipped a trifle, causing a small landslide which added to the terrible symphony.

Almost a quarter of a mile away William Clucas, a Vinemount farmer heard all this. His ear had picked out the dull sound of the whistle before the crash and he immediately assumed the situation. "The Buffalo train is over the mountain!" he yelled to his family, and lantern in hand he ran to the mountain brow. One look was enough. He was back to his home as fast as his legs would carry him and the telephone wires were carrying the message to the T.H.& B. office in Hamilton. C.lucas gathered friends and scrambled down the embankment. He was the first person on the scene, outside of those who were in the train. "Terrible!" he said afterwards. "There were people running around as if they were crazy, and you could hear groans and cries from the dark everywhere. Men were jumping out of the windows of the car that hung over the gully, and they were going about 30 feet, straight down. It's a wonder they weren't killed. They were falling over the mountain side too. The only light was from the red flares that the trainmen got out and they made things look weird. After a while they started to die out and some of the passengers gathered a lot of newspapers out of the car and lit them into a bonfire. The rain kept putting this fire out, and the flares went the same way.

All the farmers were around with lanterns then, and were looking all over for people who had jumped out of the train. They'd find someone and carry him up and lay him out on the wet track. We got the engineer out of the gully on the side of the rails towards the rock wall there. He was hurt pretty bad. We started to look for the fireman, but it wasn't much use. It must have been a half an hour before any doctors started to arrive. I guess the road down the mountain was too slippery for them. Then they came with the gasoline train from Hamilton, I guess, and started to look after the people right.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER:

What kind of executive and committees do we have at the Stoney Creek Historical Society? I think of these dedicated people often, how they work to make this society a truly outstanding organization. Not a lot of the accomplishments are visible at our monthly meetings with the exception of the work of our programs director who arranges for the excellent speakers we have and the conveners who arrange for and serve the delicious snacks and drinks at the conclusion of the meeting.

There is a lot of behind the scene work taking place. On the third Wednesday of each month the executive meet at various homes. Each member is given the time required to report on their functions, their recommendations and to assist other members reach decisions in making this group a bright spot in the community. Without them my job as president would be very difficult. I depend on them constantly and they never let me down. After our business sessions are completed a social time is enjoyed over coffee and wonderful snacks, more like a family reunion. I once suggested that our hosts not go to as much trouble to feed us, and was promptly severely chastised, never to return to that subject. So when you look at your newsletter under the executive list, take special note of the terrific people in both the executive and the various committees who are working hard for the Stoney Creek Historical Society.

**I am honoured to be associated with them.**

Although early, this is the last newsletter before Christmas and the begin ning of a new year, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year. 1998 promises to be an exciting year for the Stoney Creek Historical Society.

*Ron Place*

### 1998 EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS:

The 1998 general meeting will be held Wednesday January 7th. at 7.30 p.m.

The following offices are open for nominations

**1st. Vice President. 2nd. Vice President. Recording Secretary. Three Directors.**

Members will be contacted prior to the general meeting, or you can contact Bill O'Reilly to have you name added to the ballot.

### EDITORS NOTE:

The article on the Stoney Creek Train Wreck of 1929 although not a pleasant part of our history it is our past. The article has been shortened slightly to eliminate the need to spread it over two newsletter editions.

I wish to thank the members who have submitted articles and pieces for the newsletters. It is difficult to come up with the variety of items and your input is not only helpful but necessary to put out a paper that I hope members find interesting.

## CHARLOTTE BRONTE:

*This poem was written by Charlotte Bronte on July 23 1935.*

After our old apple tree fell  
The veteran's fall

Twas yesterday it happened  
the day was bright and fair  
no stormy wind was blowing just  
a Sabbath calmness in the air.

I was sitting reading (Twas Sunday your aware)  
when all at once a rushing grinding noise  
assailed my dull'ed ears  
and with that rushing grinding  
came a sound of rends and tears  
then while I sat pondering, one came in who said  
"Your apple tree has fallen down,  
I think it must be dead."

At once I hurried down the path  
that leads to orchard ground  
alas! the words were true indeed the giant veteran found  
and as I viewed it as it lay  
still quivering from the the downward sway  
(I know I'm foolish) - but I confess  
the tears I could not stay.

The neighbours quickly gathered round  
the dead remains to view  
their verdict said - "Tis good apple wood  
twill be burning in winter for you."

In years gone by I've been told with a frown  
"If I were you I'd have that old tree cut down"  
but I always replied "No sirie  
who mutilates that tree hears  
something very emphatic from me."  
for seventy years ago I swung beneath that tree  
or built a playhouse as it suited me  
and now it lies with knurled limbs  
outstretched  
like a huge octopus in a leafy nest  
good bye old tree, till winter comes  
I'll let you rest.

*submitted by Juanita Mitchell*

### NEW MEMBERS:

We are happy to welcome to our membership  
Anne Forsyth, Fern Green, Eileen Hodgson.



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### **Difficulties**

An accident could not have happened in a worse place, or at a worse time. The section of track that was washed out was laid on what was known as the sluiceway. Three miles or so on the other side of Stoney Creek, it is almost inaccessible by any other means than rail transportation. The first batch of reliefmen from the T.H.&B. sought to reach it by automobile. They went first to Stoney Creek driving recklessly through the terrible downpour that made the roads as bad as the visibility. Then they set their cars at the long, winding road up the Stoney Creek mountain. Some failed it, others made it. East along the mountain brow they went, until they reached another road leading downward. They were warned by farmers who held lanterns up to mark the entrance to this byway that only with extreme danger would the descent by automobile be accomplished. The machines were abandoned and they set out on foot. The surface of the road was like the frozen bed of a small stream. Ice with a film of water, made footing almost impossible, and scrambling and slithering, keeping their lanterns going as best they could, the first squad worked their way down to the tracks, about 200 feet below in a direct line, but a quarter of a mile along the slanting road. Even when the tracks were reached the wreck was still nearly a mile away. The rescue squad trudged in squelching boots, endlessly it seemed, until hope was aroused by a flair in the murky night. This took definite shape around a pinpoint nucleus of light after a few minutes, and the pinpoint grew into a lantern that was set up as a guide.

To the person just coming on to the scene the whole thing was terrible. Following the long, hard journey through the gloom the light of moving flares and lanterns, the indistinct figures that were moving about the blood red flares, and the smashed and twisted cars, all awry on their tracks, was far from inspiring.

### **Medical Aid**

When officials first heard of the wreck they notified Dr. George S. Rennie, M.P., surgeon-in-chief for the railway who at once rushed to the scene of the accident accompanied by Dr. Unsworth and others. The trip was made in a storage battery car, which was hastily transformed into a moving hospital.

W.J. Orr, first aid man for the line was already on the scene attending to the injured, who were forced to remain under a heavy downpour of rain until the car arrived. They were then taken aboard and a number of physicians from nearby towns, who had been hastily summoned by telephone operators lent their assistance.

Most of the injuries were caused to the hands of the passengers of the smoking car, who placed these members in front of their faces for protection when the steam pipes in the car burst. The most seriously injured was the engineer, Patrick Gant, who, while suffering great pain did not utter a murmur as he was laid out on a stretcher across the tops of two seats and

covered with coats after his injuries had been dressed. When the passengers of the smoking car had been placed on the electric the return trip to Hamilton began, the doctors working busily during this trip.

The first aid equipment provided by the railway for each car which included boxes of dressings, disinfectants, etc., as well as stretchers, proved of great service.

### **Met at the Station**

An anxious group of citizens who had heard of the wreck and who had friends or relatives on the train, lined the Hunter street station platform when the hospital car arrived. The injured were all removed in taxicabs to the General hospital for further examination with the exception of the engineer who requested to be taken to St. Joseph's hospital and was conveyed there in the police ambulance.

### **Went Around**

Meanwhile many of the less seriously injured were being cared for in the cars that were still left on the track. They were cut off from the rescue squad, for the wrecked smoker car was piled across the ridge in such a way that only the sure-foot could pass by working down the bank underneath it. Because of this four seriously injured men remained in the rear section, and could not be rushed to Hamilton. They were: M.C. Smith, Burlington; S.V. Mitchell, Canadian immigration officer with the train; S. Norris, of the drafting department, Welland canal, and Thomas Howell, 26 First street, Ottawa.

At about 11 o'clock a locomotive came from Welland and hooked onto the cars that had not been derailed. These carried most of the passengers, many of whom were suffering from small injuries. By way of Welland this train transferred to the C.N.R. tracks and then headed into Hamilton, passing through St. Catherines on the way. It arrived at the C.N.R. station at 3.05 this morning. On the platform were anxious friends and relatives and as the cars disgorged passengers, mud-splattered, bandaged and many of them limping, there were heartfelt sighs of relief. A great many worries were lifted with the coming of the train.

### **Played Up**

To much cannot be said of the bearing of the train crew. Conductor Ferguson suffered agonies from hand burns, but refused attention until the passengers had been looked after. Other members aided the doctors and the dining-car squad did real service during the long trip around to Hamilton by distributing coffee and light edibles. The kitchen of the diner was a mess, but they nevertheless managed to work. Electric light there was none, for the bulbs were smashed when the wreck took place. Candles did the trick and by their flickering light the boys carried on.

### **February 15, 1895:**

"Brief Local Items" A jolly sleighing party went to David Fitch's at the beach last night. Host Fitch made it his business to see that his guests had a merry time.



## PROPERTY PRESERVATION AWARD:

Our first **Property Preservation Award** was made at the Pot-Luck Picnic with The Friends of Battlefield House Museum at The Erland Lee (Museum) Home June 24 *th*. From the three properties judged as finalists the home of the Ben and Heidi Avella and their Family at 1142 highway #8 Winona won this years award. Their work is a fine example of what can be achieved with an older home and we as a historical society strongly support their efforts for which we congratulate them. Congratulations are also in order for Mr. & Mrs. Terry Roy of Jones Street, and the Cusine Show of Rymal road who where presented with a certificate recognizing their achievements as runners up.

**We are accepting nominations until December 31 1997 for the 1998 award to be presented at the February 15th Heritage Celebrations at the Stoney Creek City Hall.**

I hope all members and friends will keep a watch for and nominate deserving properties in Stoney Creek. Well kept and preserved properties with an eye on our history are a great asset to any community.

Progress has its drawbacks. You can't warm your feet on a microwave.

## HUNTING FOREBEARS:

One available and interesting source to search, to learn more about our ancestors, are the Personal and Agricultural Census records. The Canadian census from 1666 - 1901 are available to search. In order to make the search as narrow as possible, thus saving time and patience, know the area where your ancestor lived. If in Ontario, find out which county, township, village or city. If your ancestor lived in Hamilton, the next step would be to find out in which ward he lived.

Before 1851, heads of families were enumerated, giving their name, age, occupation and religion, and the approximate ages of the male and female members of the family, but not their individual names.

In January 1852, when the census for 1851 was taken, each member of the family was listed with their age, place of birth, religion, and occupation. This applies to the 1861 census as well, with an additional column for those who had been married within the year.

The 1871 Ontario census was indexed by members of the Ontario Genealogical Society and arranged by Counties. With the help of these indexes, one can find an individual quickly. The name of the head of the family or stray individual is given as well as the sex, age, birthplace, religion, origin, occupation and the District, Sub-District, Division and page where the researcher will find the entire record for that family. In the case of one who lived in Saltfleet, an example would be:

Thomas Addy, 24, England, WM, English, F, 022 A 3 38

This entry was found in the index for Hamilton-Wentworth. Thomas Addy, age 24, born in England, Wesleyan Methodist, farmer, is the head of a family and recorded in Saltfleet (022), the code for Wentworth South, in Saltfleet (A), in Division 3, on page 38 of that Division. This particular entry will be found on Microfilm Reel No. C-9923. The Hamilton Public Library, Special Collections; Mills Library, McMaster

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## FUTURE SPEAKERS:

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| Nov. 5/97 | Kevin O'Halloran speaks on the Newfoundland Regiment. |
| Dec. 3/97 | <b>Show and Tell program</b>                          |
| Jan. 7/98 | Colwyn Beynon Gives us some Old Time Hints.           |
| Feb. 4/98 | Paul Toffiletti - The Bruce Trail.                    |
| Mar. 4/98 | Bill Nesbitt - The archeology dig at Dundurn          |
| Apr. 1/98 | Helen Haddon speaks of Early Art Work                 |
| May 6/98  | Sharon Menicanin - Restoration of old photographs     |

**Next newsletter will be issued Wednesday, Feb. 4 1998**

**Material deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 14 1998**

**Stories, News or Queries can be mailed to**

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## SALTFLEET ASSESSMENT, 1832

A report made by Robert Berrie, clerk of the Peace in the Gore District in 1832 gives an interesting picture of Saltfleet township as it was in that year.

Wild lands took up 12,349 acres.

Arable " 6,334 acres.

20 Log houses of one story

72 Framed houses under two story with 18 additional fireplaces.

8 two story homes with 12 additional fireplaces

18 Pleasure Wagons

2 Grist Mills

7 Saw Mills

(Homes with more than one fireplaces were taxed for the additional fireplace.)

The assessment of stock was reported as follows:

1 Stone Horse for Mares

254 Horses, three years old and upwards

269 Oxen, four years old and upwards

620 Milch cows

211 Young cattle

The amount of ratable property was 19,914 pounds.

The tax was calculated at one penny per pound, the total sum of which came to 82 pounds, 19 shillings and 6 pence. The rate to defray members' wages came to 8 pounds, 18 shillings. The total amount of tax imposed was 91 pounds, 17 shillings and 6 pence.

*submitted by Dorothy Reid*

## ERLAND LEE (MUSEUM) HOME

It has been a very busy season this year at the Erland Lee (Museum) Home. During the months of May and June, the museum hosted approximately 1300 visitors. The majority of these people were Institute members from all over the United Kingdom, including Isle of Mann, England, Wales, Scotland, etc. During the Convention week in June, the museum was attended by Convention delegates from as far away as Germany, China, South Africa, India, New Zealand and Australia.

The Federated Women's Institutes of Canada National Convention in June was attended by approximately 800 full time registrants. On Saturday, June 20, the guest speaker was Roberta Bondar. What a thrill it was to hear this great CANADIAN woman speak about her life and her dreams! The dinner in the evening was held at the Hamilton Amories on James Street with approximately 2,000 Women's Institute members in attendance. What an experience!

Things are starting to quiet down for the season, but we still

have one more event on the schedule. Saturday, November 15 is our *Victoriana Christmas Fair*. This will be a special time of the year to visit, as the home and drive house will be decorated in Victorian splendor. We will also have demonstrations in swag making, Christmas tree ornaments and antique Santa Clauses. To top it all off, our Wentworth South District of Women's Institutes will have a table full of homemade baked goods and Christmas crafts for sale. Admission is only \$2 and we are open from 10 am to 4 pm. Hope to see you there!

*Prepared by Mary Kneebone, Curator.*

## REPORT FROM BATTLEFIELD HOUSE

*by Roel Van der Meiden*

Greetings from Battlefield House Museum.

Summer is leaving us again, to most people's regret. It seems almost a bit to soon with all this cool and rainy weather we are having at present.

Battlefield House Museum had an exhibit during the month of August called "Through the Eye of the Needle". It featured very old pieces, like a sampler made by a daughter of the Gages in 1816, very recent work and many different techniques. It was very well received by the public.

We are now getting ready for our yearly Apple Festival on Sunday, September 28, from noon to 4:30 p.m. This event will feature everything from cooking with apples, apple peel contest to pony rides and face painting for the children. It will be another fun day for the family.

Seeing that last year's Haunting Spirit Walk was such a success, we will again have the event on the evening of Saturday, October 18th. Details have yet to be completed.

And yes, we don't really want to think of it as yet, but Christmas is looming on the horizon and we are already solidly booked for our Christmas tours. We are planning on one Candlelight Evening, to be held on Friday, December 12.

A Tourist Information Centre was located in the living room of our administration building during the months of July and August, but during the fall and winter the big room will be ours again for meetings and other activities. We wish you all a pleasant fall and maybe we will see you at one of our special events.

## DISTRICT NEWS August 1926

Again attention should be drawn to the matter of street lighting. You will have to strike a match to find out if you were at the corner of King street and Lake avenue lately.



## FROM THE PAST:

January 27th. 1909

### EXECUTIVE COM. MEETING

A meeting of the Executive Com. was held in the Parish Hall on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 27th. at 2.30 p.m.

There were present - President W.E.Corman - Messers Evans, Lee, Glover, McInnes, Green, W.G.Davis (Sec.)

Minutes of the last Executive meeting were read and adopted.

#### Correspondence.

A letter was read from Mrs. Fessenden re monument - copy of resolution passed at meeting held Jan. 6, 1909 in Board of Trade rooms - re Gov't. Grant & collecting and allotting certain sums toward monument for Smith's Knoll and Women's Went. Hist. Society site, was read and discussed.

The Secretary received the above copy of resolution from Mrs. Bertie E.D. Smith, Sec. Women's Went. Hist. Society.

After much discussion it was pointed out that this Branch had not authorized or had not been asked to send a representative to the above meeting and therefore could not be responsible for the agreement drawn up at that meeting.

The Secretary was asked to send the following resolution to the Wentworth Hist. Society and also the Wentworth Veterans Association.

#### (Resolution)

Moved by L.L.D. Evans, seconded by R.E. Glover, that we, the Executive of the S.C.B.W.H.S. at meeting assembled, having seen by newspaper reports, that certain representatives not appointed by this Society, did agree to a resolution passed at a meeting held in Board of Trade rooms on Jan. 6, 1909. of representatives from the Women's Wentworth Historical Society, Wentworth Historical Society and Branch of Hamilton & Wentworth Veterans Association to the effect, pledging all to raise \$1500 for a monument on Smith's Knoll and \$10,000 for a monument on the site of the Womens Went. Hist. Society, said monument on Smith's Knoll to be erected first and the \$5000 Gov't Grant be allocated to the site of the Womens Went. Hist. Society - be it resolved that we the members of the Stoney Creek Branch of the Went. Hist. Society do not agree to the resolution passed and would respectfully request the Went. Hist. Society to refrain from entering into any such agreement until a meeting of your Executive could be arranged with ours. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Arrangements were made for our annual meeting to be held on Monday Feb. 15 at 7.30 p.m.  
business to come before the meeting -

Election of officers.

Reports - Sec. and Treas. Annual fees 25 cents.

Programme -

Paper or address from Inspector Smith.

Short address from visitors from other societies.

Refreshments to be served by Lady members of Society.

The Sec. was instructed to send P.Cards to all members notifying them of meeting and to ask the Ladies to bring provisions. These matters were left in the hands of the Pres. and Sec.

#### Auditors -

Moved by Mr. Evans, seconded by Erland Lee, that R.E. Glover & J.M. Green be auditors for 1908. CARRIED.

Pres. Corman reported progress in getting land. It was suggested to hold a Bee for drawing stone to the Soldiers Plot to erect a retaining wall on the North side of Plot and to fill in behind it with earth. This was left to Pres. Corman to arrange.

Meeting adjourned.

W.E.Corman

### CHURCH BULLETIN BLOOPERS:

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the South and North ends of this church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

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University; and the Ontario Archives are some of the places where you may read census films. A search would find the names of the others in the family, perhaps a wife and child. If he was a stray it would inform you of the family with whom he was living.

If one searches the next census taken in 1881 and 1891 the information will be similar, except that changes will be noted. There may be additional children, born since 1871, or fewer if some had married. In 1901 the information is more interesting still, as the full dates of birth are given, as well as the year the family emigrated to Canada and the relationship of each person to the head of the family.

The Agricultural census gives you the lot and concession numbers, the kinds of crops, yields, livestock etc.

The information found in the census records adds "flesh to the bones" of our ancestors.

by Dorothy Reid



**Stoney Creek Historical Society**

**1997**

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**VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS WELCOME**

MEETINGS ARE HELD AT STONEY CREEK CITY HALL, SALT FLEET ROOM  
1st. WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH BEGINNING AT 7.30pm. SEPTEMBER TO JUNE  
COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS FOLLOW

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**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

(Please print)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Families: (List names of family members) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Dues:	Family	Single:	Student/senior	Business/Institution:
	\$15.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 20.00

( Please check )     Renewal:     New:

Membership Term January 1st. to December 31st.  
Please complete this application and make your cheque payable to

The Stoney Creek Historical Society  
P.O. Box 66637 Stoney Creek On. L8G 5E6

### SHOW and TELL .



After a very successful show and tell meeting December 1996, the executive have decided to again follow this same theme for our Wednesday December 3rd 1997 meeting.

All members are invited to look in the attic, basement or china cabinet for any item unusual, historic or just plain interesting that you would like to try to have identified or just admired. Mystery items are also a lot of fun, having others try to guess what it is or what it was used for.

### BATTLEWEEK-END and FLAG DAY PARADE:

These two events were again successful. The rain Saturday morning June 7th. did make a difference in the crowds expected for the day, but we still had a pretty good week-end with sales of our books. Total sales were 5 Hard cover Billy Green books, 3 Soft cover Billy Green books, 12 Audio tapes Billy Green book, 4 Cross on the Mountain books. Much thanks to our volunteer book sellers for their help.

And again Mother Nature was good to the Flag Day Parade. We had our walkers (Lloyd Corman and Bob Pergentile) carry our banner ahead of 6 beautifully restored cars in a great parade. Thanks to Harry Brown for his work.

### JUNE 24th. POT LUCK PICNIC:

This year we were the guests of The Friends of Battle Field House at our annual get-together, again at the Erland Lee Museum Home. There was a total of 55 people in attendance. We were granted a fairly substantial rain that sent us all scurrying for shelter. But ! a great time was had by all. We were also able to see the excellent cut glass display by the R.O.M. as well as the Stoney Creek Historical Society's display of oil lamps. If you weren't able to attend it is still possible to see this display during the regular visiting hours for the Lee.

### PHONE COMMITTEE:

Our phone committee makes every effort to notify all local members of upcoming meetings, the speaker and their topic. Those with phone answering machines are easy when a message can be left. However, a lot do not have these and must be called back. If you are not getting a call, it is not because your caller has not tried. A suggestion is to mark your calendar for the period covered in the FUTURE SPEAKERS section of the newsletter when it is issued to avoid disappointment when an interesting meeting is missed.

Archives  
c/o Dorothy Kinsman