



Society Newsletter

Town Hall flies flags half mast February 13th in honour of Carroll Nichols [1917-2015]

Yet again, we find ourselves publishing the passing of another longtime member of the Port Hope and District Historical Society, Carroll Nichols, who passed away February 8, 2015 in his 98th year. Sadly, just three months ago our January newsletter reported the passing of Larry Hall and Joyce Bentham.



Photo: Courtesy Nichol's Family

Carroll was born on December 26, 1917 and raised in Port Britain. A media report by Communications Coordinator Sandra Weeks noted that Carroll "...worked on the family farm for many years before opening Carroll Nichols Electrical in the mid-1960s, a venture that he continued until he was well into his 80s. He also worked as an insurance adjuster for the Hamilton Township Farmer's Mutual Insurance Company in the 1970s and 1980s.

"With a keen interest in politics from an early age, Carroll met his future wife June on a 1944 train ride to a Young Liberals Convention. He was elected to Hope Township Council in 1948, re-elected in 1949 and then served as Deputy Reeve from 1950 to 1952 and as Reeve in 1953. He also sat as head on the 40-member United Council of Northumberland and Durham Counties for two years. In later years, he served

as the federal election Returning Officer for our riding's federal elections.

"Passionately committed to his community, Carroll sat on the local school board for several years and was Chair of the board when the current Port Hope High School building was constructed in 1956. Environmental causes were of particular interest, and he was a long-time advocate of energy from waste. Carroll remained keenly interested in Port Hope's topical issues right up to his final days.

"Deputy Mayor Greg Burns stated, "I had the privilege of meeting with Carroll on a few key community issues over my first term on Council. He was an advisor, mentor and provided me with his historical viewpoint on the former Hope Township. His perspective on a number of Ward 2 matters was invaluable to me as I approached these issues as a Councillor. His passion for our community will be missed."

However, when the love of his life, June Victoria [Shields] Nichols passed away last year on the 25th of June, Carroll lost all interest in living. His one hope was that they would have taken their final journey together. Of course, he knew it was a vain wish. But that's where his heart was and it stopped beating nine months later.

Carroll and his late wife June had four children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

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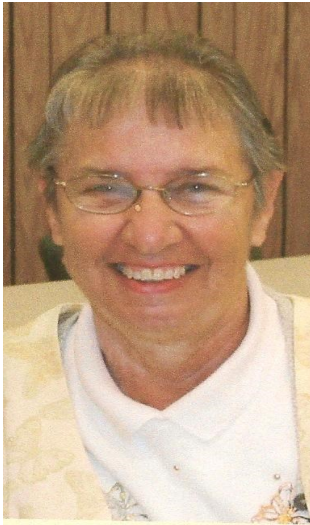
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Interim President's report



PHDHS [former EDHS] is pleased to have the support of the following business members

Rod and I were deeply saddened by the passing of lifetime member Carroll Nichols on February 8, 2015. Our sympathy goes out to the family and we regret that we were not home to personally meet with his extended family. Over the years Carroll was a good friend and will be missed by all who knew him, as was his late wife, June, from whom I was fortunate to have taken piano lessons. My family, the Ashbys, grew up in the general area of Port Britain where the Nichols also lived.

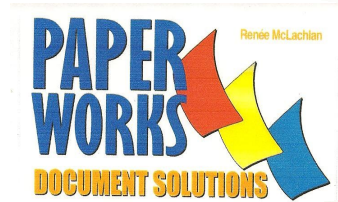
The first thing on the Society's agenda is our annual Heritage Fair. This is noted on the back page with time, date and location. However, I want to encourage you all to not only come out and enjoy the event, but also invite others. We need your support.

Then, there is the Huge Fundraiser Yard Sale at Dorothy's House Museum in Garden Hill. Scheduled for Fri, Sat, and Sunday, June 19, 20, 21, 2015 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds go to support the museum. If anyone has items to donate to the sale it would be very much appreciated. Also, anyone who would like to volunteer and help at anytime, please contact me at 905-885-2981.

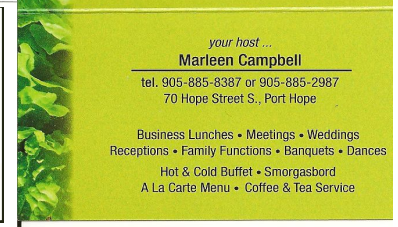
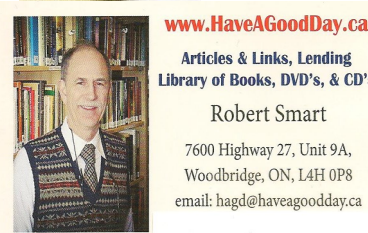
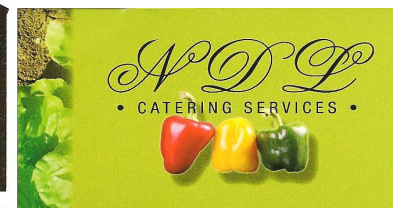
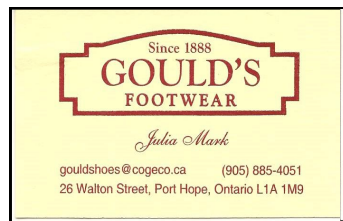
Finally, a friendly reminder to all our members that the Annual General Meeting and Show and Tell is fast approaching on Wednesday, May 20, 2015 at 7 p.m. and will be held at the GRCA Meeting Room, HWY #28, Port Hope. Hope to see you all there.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Joan Ashby Parrott
Interim President and Secretary



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Local History Quiz — by Tim Austin

- 1) What was the first name of the Settlement which would later become known as Port Hope?
- 2) After the War of 1812 what was this settlement renamed to?
- 3) What year did it become known as Port Hope 1817, 1820 or 1827?
- 4) What does the name Ganaraska mean?
- 5) Which Governor General of Canada resided in the Village of Canton?
- 6) Which two towns did the Midland Railway run between?
- 7) What was this railway renamed after only two years in service?
- 8) Where was the village of Decker Hollow located?
- 9) What year was the first telephone exchange opened in town of Port Hope 1872, 1878 or 1882?
- 10) Who brought the first telephones to Hope Township? **[See answers back page]**

Ada Andrews Kemp: Hope Township Nurse who served in the Great War 1914 -1917

Hope Township had eleven nurses serve overseas during WW1. This is a brief introduction to just one of them, Ada Andrews Kemp. The stories of all eleven of the township's nursing sisters can be found in the book, *WW1 Nursing Sisters of Old Durham County* and may be ordered from Author Sher Leetooze (sherleetooze@interlinks.net) or see the book at her display at the Heritage Fair, Lion's Centre, Thomas Street, Port Hope in May 3, 2015.

Ada, a Home Child, from the Barnardo Homes in England, was born June 2, 1895, in Essex County, England. She came to Canada on board the ship, Kensington, with 131 other girls, arriving May 30, 1904.

The girls were headed for the Middlemore Home at Peterborough, and from there they would have been discharged to foster homes and places of work. Ada, according to Leetooze, was lucky and was placed with a very good family in Hope Township, Lot 17, Conc. 7, between Garden Hill and Perrytown, with the Alexander Walsh family.

The Walsh's were farmers., with two sons, James Cecil Howden and Thomas Morrow, both older than Ada. On the 1911 census, Ada is listed as a domestic, but Leetooze says "...in real life I believe she was more like the daughter the Walsh's never had. **[Cont'd on back page]**



Ada Andrews Kemp

Photo: Courtesy Michael O'Leary.
The Regimental Rogue

Cont'd from page 3, Ada Andrews Kemp



Ada is in the back row, white dress, sixth from left.. She attended S.S. #12 at Perrytown [Photo: Courtesy Michael O'Leary, The Regimental Rogue]

Ada's service record is not available from the Library and Archives at Ottawa, however, Leetooz says "...because she kept a photo album we know she served at the Convalescent Hospital at Orpington, Kent, England. It appears she spent her two-plus years of service at Orpington. She returned to Canada in the spring of 1919, and on May 18th was posted to the Military Hospital at Kingston, Ontario."

Answers to Quiz

- 1) Smith's Creek, it was named after fur trader Peter Smith (1778).
- 2) It became known as Toronto because the settlers wanted a better name for their town.
- 3) In 1817, it was renamed Port Hope. Port because of it being located on the shores of Lake Ontario. Hope being part of the Township, which was named for Colonel Henry Hope.
- 4) It is the First Nations Indian name, which means River that flows through.
- 5) Vincent Massey from Feb 25, 1952 to Sept 15, 1959. He was also the first Canadian-born Governor General.
- 6) Port Hope and Midland from 1891 to 1893,
- 7) In 1893 it became the Grand Trunk Railway.
- 8) Go to Osaca and travel west to the 6th line to the Townline Road. Then go north to the creek, it was located on the river bank to the east where an old road (trail) exists. It is now officially known as a Canadian ghost town.
- 9) In 1882 by the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada Ltd.
- 10) The first telephones were brought in by Dr. Alexander Carruthers Beatty in 1895. He purchased four phones and placed them in locations in Elizabethville, Canton, Bewdley and Cavan boundary. He did this so people in need of a doctor could call his home where the main switch board was located.

Events Calendar 2015

Public meetings will be scheduled on basis of opportunity and when needed. Such meetings will be held at the Ganaraska Conservation Authority Meeting Room, 2216 Hwy 28 North, Port Hope, ON

Sunday, May 3, 2015 - Heritage Fair -- 10 a.m to 4 p.m. at Lion's Centre, Thomas St., Port Hope

Wednesday, May 20, 2015
Annual General Meeting [AGM] and Show & Tell at GRCA Meeting Room, HWY #28, Port Hope, Ont.

Fri., Sat & Sun., June 19, 20 & 21/2015
Fundraiser & Huge Yard Sale at Dorothy's House Museum, Garden Hill, ON. All proceeds go to support the museum.

Dorothy's House Museum 2015 Summer Hours beginning Sat. & Sun., June 27,28, 10 am to 3 pm.

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Single \$15.00
Couple \$25.00
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If you have a story or story ideas, please contact Cal Morgan at cmorgan@eagle.ca