



Trail Creek News

Newsletter of the Trail Historical Society

Welcome

Welcome to the second issue of the Trail Historical Society newsletter. Inside you will find news of the Society's various projects and activities, and a little bit of history. Since our last newsletter, we have been very busy—working on the Sports Hall of Memories, the

website, research enquiries plus heaps more.

On March 9th, the Society will be having its Annual General Meeting and luncheon, so we will certainly let members know the location, time and cost.

Also, a gentle reminder that membership renewal is coming up—we will be accepting membership dues at the AGM or you can mail them in. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM and happy reading!

Heritage Week

February 16th to 22nd is Heritage Week, and this year's theme is Defending Canada. The Trail Historical Society is coordinating with the 44th Field Squadron, the Trail Legion, and the Sea and Air Cadets to produce an exhibi-



World War I soldiers in uniform before heading off to war.

tion of historic artifacts, and the history of each organisation within the Trail community.

The Society's contribution to this exhibition is a display about the Red Cross Corps, with two Red Cross Corps uni-

forms donated by Annie Priore as the centre-piece.

The Heritage Week exhibition will be displayed at Waneta Plaza mall in the centre court area from Monday 16th February to Saturday 21st February. A member from each organisation will be present each day to answer any questions. Take the time to come and have a look.

Auto Vue Donation

2003 represented the end of an era for Trail—the Auto Vue Drive In screened its last movie after entertaining Trail and area residents for 50 years.

Sharon Radulovich, owner of the Auto Vue, generously donated a substantial collection of artifacts to the Trail Historical Society so that we can all remember the good old days. We

certainly appreciate Sharon having enough forethought to save a unique piece of Trail history for subsequent generations, and we thank her for her generosity.

We will be using the items to create a display in the Museum over the summer. Come in then to view the collection.



Speaker, car heater, film splicer and the last admission prices - just some of the artifacts from the Auto Vue Collection.

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HISTORY BITES:

This story about one of Trail's oldest citizens is too lovely not to tell. Mary Gabana (nee Tatangelo) was 6 years old Christmas, 1918 when her father, Guiseppe, died of the Spanish flu on December 18. Upon the encouragement of an uncle, Mary wrote a letter to Santa, which she mailed at the post office. A few days later, a note was sent to Mary telling her to come to the post office Xmas morning. When she went, she discovered so many beautiful gifts her brother, "Teeks" had to help carry them home - a doll wrapped in money, hat, mitts, too many things to remember now, says Mary who just turned 92. A true tribute to the generosity of this town.

Trail Journal of Local History

Society member and former Trail Museum and Archives Curator, Court Palsson is working hard and long hours with fellow Society member and associate editor, Jenny Cowell, on the second issue of the Trail Journal of Local History. This issue should be available in February from local bookstores, the Archives and City Hall. The price will be \$8.

Following is a list of articles that will be appearing in the second issue:

- Frederick Steele: pioneer photographer in the Kootenays, by Jamie Forbes

- Why is it called that? Origins of some local place names
- Charles Catalano on Music and Ginger Goodwin, by Court Palsson
- A Scrapbook of Trail Softball History, by Court Palsson and Ken Dimock
- The Company Store, by Jenny Cowell
- Of interest in the Trail City Archives—Fire Insurance Plans
- Architect W. F. Williams, by Jenny Cowell
- Edward Mahon & the naming of Castlegar, by Greg Nester-

off

- Blowing Smoke: How the Trail Smoke Eaters got their name, by Greg Nesteroff
- Fires and Floods, by Elsie Turnbull

So, keep an eye out for the next issue—it will be interesting reading.



Company Store and delivery trucks, 1928.

Sports Hall of Memories

If you haven't been to the Sports Hall of Memories lately, then now is the time. Society members worked extremely hard and graciously volunteered their valuable time to empty, fill holes, sand, prime and paint the 22 display cases. The painting and wallpapering of the cases has been completed, and the new lighting has been installed, and, wow, they look great (not to toot our own horn, or anything)! Society members are in the process of putting all of the artifacts back, which

should be completed by the end of February.

The next stage of the project is the secure case. It will be constructed inside the old hat check room, and will be 7' high by 4' deep and 15' long. It will display some of the more valuable sporting memorabilia, and the occasional exhibit. This case will really complement the existing displays.

Thanks to the City of Trail and the Columbia Basin Trust for the funds for this project.

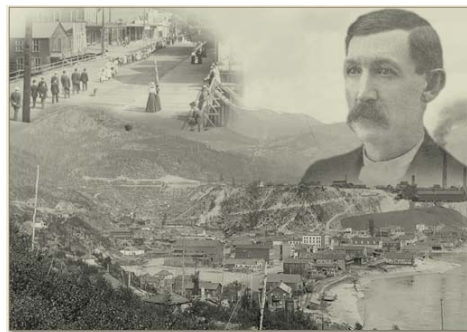
One of the new displays in the Sports Hall of Memories, showcasing lacrosse, basketball and antique skates.



Www.trailhistory.com

Again, another job well done, this time by our web designers and programmers, Funktion Design and AWE from Nelson. The Trail Historical Society's website is now up and running, and you can find it at www.trailhistory.com. Funktion and AWE designed a site that is extremely easy to navigate, and has a great "heritage" look, extremely becoming of an Historical Society website.

Visitors can find information on each of



the inductees, and can purchase Society publications. Parts of the site can be administered by Society staff, so new prod-

ucts, photos and newsletters can be added. But the most impressive part of the website is the "Photo Gallery". The web guys did a fantastic job of programming the search facility and photo database to be inline with our own Inmagic database—from what I understand, a complex and huge task. We still have a little more work to do on the site. We plan on adding some sports photos, and need to edit some descriptions of the current photos.

So far, we have received nothing but extremely positive comments from people who have visited the site. Thank you.

Society Budget and Plans 2004

In December, the Society submitted its 2004 budget to City Council and a request for funding to sustain our operations in the amount of \$23,400.

We are pleased to report Council has agreed to provide the funds requested. We are now able to proceed with the projects we have planned for this year and to continue the employment of our Museum/Archives Director and to provide the services we deliver through her office.

The Executive has prepared the following work program for 2004:

- new exhibits will be created in the Museum:
- ‘The Mighty Columbia’—a display about the geography and nature of the Columbia

River.

- “Topping’s Trail”—the history of how Trail began and a look at its founding fathers, families and history.
- ‘Cultural Diversity’—a celebration and recognition of the many cultural groups that built our community.
- remodel the gift shop and counter area in the Museum.
- hold the 2nd annual Antiques Appraisal Day on June 5th.
- participate in BC Rivers Day in September.
- develop an educational outreach program for local schools

- create window displays in City Hall.

In the Archives, we will undertake Phase 2 of the Teck Cominco Photograph Collection Project. We have also applied for funds to organize the collection of thousands of 35mm negatives from the period 1970 to 2001 obtained from the Trail Times and will seek an HRDC grant to scan the Archives’ photo collection.

Finally, we will continue to add material and information to our website and again hire a student for the Museum in the summer.

A busy year is ahead of us and we appreciate the support from Trail City Council to allow us to achieve our goals in 2004.

Mike Buckna Inducted

The Society was pleased to hear in November its application to have Mike Buckna inducted into the International Ice Hockey Hall of Fame was successful.

The Society had submitted Mike’s name to recognize the significant contribution he made to the development of ice hockey in the Czech Republic before and after World War II. Mike is

known in the Czech Republic as the ‘Father of Czech hockey’ and revered in that country. On the ice, Mike coached the Czech National Hockey Team to 3 European Championships, one World Championship and a silver medal in the 1948 Olympics. Mike joins Seth Martin of Trail as one of the



only two people to be inducted into the IIHF Hall of Fame from BC. The official induction ceremonies will take place in April during the World Hockey Championships in Prague.

Mike Buckna

Aquila Archive Project

Readers of our last newsletter will recall the article on the Teck Cominco Photograph Collection Project. That project involves the Society contracting with Teck Cominco to organize and describe their large photograph collection.

As a result of the success of that project, Aquila Networks Canada has approached the Society to submit a proposal to organize,



Rear of Lower Bonnington power house - W. K.P. & L. Co.

describe and properly care for the company’s archive collection housed in their head Office on the Esplanade. Sam and Jamie have inspected the collection and will be prepar-

ing a proposal for Aquila’s consideration shortly. The material in the collection consists of correspondence, reports, photos and other documents related to the development and growth of West Kootenay Power dating to 1898.

The Teck Cominco project and the Aquila project, if it proceeds, will go a long way in helping the Society continue to provide full time archival services to the public.

Pend d'Oreille Cemetery

Many people may not be aware, but there is a small historic cemetery just off of the Waneta-Nelway Road in the Pend d'Oreille Valley that contains the remains of many of the pioneer families that settled in Waneta and the Valley at the turn of the 20th Century.

The one acre site is located at the top of the hill leading from Highway 22A to the 7-Mile Dam Road. A trustee has been appointed to manage the Cemetery. However, due to lack of resources the Cemetery is not maintained on a

regular basis. The site is overgrown with bush in some places, and dead branches and tree sheddings litter the ground.

The Society believes this historic cemetery should receive some tender loving care and approached the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary for assistance to clean up the property and make it easier for persons visiting the Cemetery to access the grave sites. The Society is pleased to announce that Rick Hardie, Director of Electoral Area A (in

which the Cemetery lies) has provided a grant for aid in the amount of \$1000 to carry out the necessary work. Clean up of the Cemetery will be carried out in the Spring by a crew from Career Development Services under the direction of the City of Trail.

Thanks to Rick for supporting our efforts to protect our heritage and for acknowledging the area's pioneers who lie in rest in the Pend d'Oreille Cemetery.

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The Trail Historical Society meets
On the 2nd Tuesday of every month
On 2nd floor of City Hall
At 1:30pm



Train rounding the top of the Gulch, year unknown.

“Spotted Dick” and Good Housekeeping

On January 13th, the Society held its first meeting for the year, and some members were asked to bring artifacts of interest. Jean Stainton, one of our longest serving members, brought along her book “Mrs. Beeton’s Every Day Cookery and Housekeeping Book”, which prompted reminiscing about some of the recipes and meals that our mothers used to make (it appears that each of our mother’s were the best cooks!). One recollection tickled our collective fancy, so I thought I would include the recipe and a few wise words from Mrs. Beeton for your enjoyment.

Suet Pudding, Sweet
Commonly known as “Spotted Dick”
“Ingredients for pudding for 3 or 4 persons.— 1/4 lb. Of suet, 2 oz.. Of raisins, a teacupful of milk, the same of golden syrup, flour, a teaspoonful of soda. Average Cost, 5d.

Chop the suet and mix it with the other ingredients, and flour enough to form a thick batter; put the mixture into a buttered basin, and boil or steam for 4 hours.

Time—4 hours
Seasonable *at any time.*”

And now, some words of wisdom from Mrs. Beeton:

“UNSELFISHNESS

A good woman *should* be a good housekeeper, for the latter must possess one of the greatest of all virtues, namely, unselfishness. An utter abnegation of self is almost a necessity with the mistress of a household, for with her rests the question of the health and comfort, if not the happiness, of all its members.

A grave responsibility that it is only in human nature sometimes to shirk. It is so difficult to arrange for the best, so hard to plan things to give satisfaction to all, there is so much to be sacrificed. Yet, with one’s heart in the work and one’s shoulder to the wheel, there is no difficulty insurmountable if only we *think of others before ourselves.*”

Upon reading this, someone commented, “I will have to read this to my husband while he is cooking me supper tonight!”

