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Next Society Meetings.....

Annual Gen Meeting, Wed, May 19, 2010
Dinner 6pm at Astoria B&B, 69 Britannia Rd W.
Meeting 8pm and Tour of Masonic Bldg, Canoe Club, and Rutledge Architects offices, West St.

General meeting, Wed, June 16, 2010

Dinner 6pm Location in process
Meeting 7:30pm featuring a brief history of the county before the 1830s.

Membership renewal....

The date shown above your name on the address label is the year to which your membership is paid up, according to our records. If you are in arrears, consider this a reminder that the membership fees are now \$20.

To reserve your member's copy of Historical Notes, keep your dues up to date.

Past copies of the Notes are available at the Museum, \$8.00 per copy.

And, if you are in arrears, mail-in your membership today.

Note our current address for mail and memberships:
HCHS Memberships, Box 3, Goderich ON, N7A 3Y5.

Huron Historical Notes.....

The 2010 edition of Notes is being mailed with this newsletter. It is composed of a compendium of short articles put aside for a Pot Pourri edition. Pardon the typos, some were from the original articles, some from sources, some recent.

Work on the 2011 Notes edition featuring vignettes about one of the villages of the County are now in preparation.

Contact Ralph Laviolette if you have time to volunteer time to help compose or edit this edition.

President's message.....

Greetings once again, members and friends of the Huron County Historical Society!

Our spring schedule of activities started in April in Seaforth and we are in for an interesting meeting season..

If you cannot attend the annual general meeting, then accept our greetings and we hope to see you later as we meet to see and tour historical sites across the County.

Last meeting.....

Seaforth offers one of the last well-preserved streetscapes of 1890s architecture in all Ontario. Cardno Hall and the adjacent blocks are center-stage on the west side of Main Street. Members and guests were treated to a detailed tour of the hall – now unused, but well-maintained by the Cardno family who received a Huron cultural award for their endeavours recently. We were also guests of the Huron East Town Hall and its museum on the second floor. Town Hall is on the east side of Main St and began as a fire station in 1892. The museum, composed of artifacts donated by the Sills family and other residents over the years, contains many mementos of by-gone days, with fire station and hardware exhibits.

The Society's thanks go to the Cardnos and to town staff for two fascinating visits.



Cardno Hall



Huron East Town Hall

The back page.....

Pioneer times are a goin'

Occasionally, one sees history disappear, so to speak, in stages before one's eyes. It happens here, too.

This once stately home on Brussels Line, partially shielded from winds and weather by a thick border of trees, finally began to bulge and let go of its height some time ago. It became vertically challenged about three years later and some youngsters in the area named it the Pancake house as it continued to collapse in stages. We do not know of its beginnings or of the family or families who occupied the home, but it appeared to be the anchor for a thriving farm property and was of a size to host a sizable family in its heyday.

We bet it holds many family remembrances and many a story of early Huron County days.



Started to "bulge" in May, 2004



Oops, two storeys to one in July 2004



Continuing structural distress through 2006



A well-built roof that lasted longer than weather wanted - 2009.

Quiz.....

1. How long has the Huron County Historical Society been publishing Historical Notes?
2. In what year was the Society first begun?
3. Which political figure(s) usually prepared a greetings segment in past Notes?
4. Where are current and past copies of Notes available for reference or purchase?