

Dear Supporters of Bresaylor Heritage...
Summer is coming all too quickly. And I am once more trying to hasten the dispatch of this another Newsletter. It was meant to arrive with Spring, but, sorry to say, it didn't.

The past year was a fairly quiet one at the Museum as we continued to mail out history books and to catch our wind in the wake of the previous year's frantic activities.

Speaking personally, I feel that this season will be a more productive one as far as improvements to displays and the upgrading of our archival area are concerned.

With the history book project behind us, we are now trying to make decisions about the future development of the Museum. Just what should our priorities be and what resources do we have to realize them. I welcome suggestions – and offers of assistance – from anyone interested in any aspect of the heritage of Bresaylor and area.

I hope that a visit to the Bresaylor Museum is on many of your agendas for this summer. We look forward to seeing you.

sincerely, VILWA FOSTER

P.S. Next year is the 90th anniversary of the province. Should we plan something special?

CURRENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BRESAYLOR HERITAGE MUSEUM: Maggie Webb (chairperson); Margaret Currie (past chairperson); June Taylor (vice-chairperson); Helena Caplette (secretary); Velma Foster (curator/treasurer); Ross Currie; Yvonne Carpentier; Don Ferguson; John Guinan.



Some Highlights of the Past year: We continued to dispose of the history books; we served lunch at several special events; we provided a roast beef supper to the Barr Colonist Memorial Wagon Trek when they camped at the Ferguson Stock farm; we celebrated the final payment made to the printers for the history book, and were rained out - or rained in actually, as that's where we took cover to partake of our pot luck supper; we had a Threshing Bee on Thanksgiving Sunday; we continued to maintain the Bresaylor Campground and to cut grass at the Bresaylor Cemetery; and, of course, the Museum was open to the public on a regular basis during July and August and by request from June through October.

Some Plans for the Coming season: Re-roofing the Museum office building; upgrading some exhibits; setting up a reasonably accessible archive area; producing a brochure to promote the museum; starting work on a large outdoor map of the area. Perhaps some markers will be placed at the Cemetery. It will be a busy season.



Additions to the Museum Collection included the following:

Photo - Bresaylor store interior. Michael Lambert, of Victoria, B.C., donated a copy of a photo of the interior of what was later the Stephen's store and eventually Petty's Store in Bresaylor. The photo, purchased at auction, shows a cushion with the name Bresaylor clearly visible in the foreground and a calendar at the back of the store with the date, 1914. At that time Bill Pothier, married to Maggie Taylor, owned the store. Mr. Lambert (not connected to the early Bresaylor Lamberts apparently) is a collector of publications and paper items on prairie history, and we are happy that he contacted us about this photo.

Minute Books etc. donated by the Bowes family: 1) Bresaylor Ladies' Aid Society, Presbyterian - United Church; 2) Bresaylor Community Hall; and 3) The Snow Plow Club. These documents are a valuable addition to the collection.

HISTORY BOOK UPDATE - The Bresaylor history book is fast becoming history. There are a couple of dozen copies left, and that's it folks.

A bit of an update on the distribution of the books: Bernice McDonough donated a copy to the Regina branch of the Saskatchewan archives in memory of the Alex Taylor family. And the Donald Dobie family donated a copy to the Association of Manitoba Archives (who in turn placed it in the University of Manitoba archives) in memory of the late Muriel (Mrs. Donald) Dobie.

The gift of a history book to a public instition is a commendable way to honor ones loved ones, and at the same time, to make a book available to a larger audience of interested people – for all time. If anyone is interested in such a donation, let us know before all of the books are gone. One institution that should yet receive a copy is the Geneological Association of Alberta in Edmonton. Also, the Alberta archives should have a copy.

COMMEMORATIVE QUILT PROJECT UPDATE.

June Taylor has assembled all of the squares of family names received to date. This is the last call for contributions of a square, as June is anxious to have the project completed. So far the quilt looks just great. We should be able to display it next summer.

HERITAGE CROP. There will not be a heritage out crop this year. We regret to report that Donald Innes, who was the one responsible for the threshing bee project coming to Bresaylor, is seriously ill. Our thoughts are with Donald who has been such a good friend of the Museum.

THE MUSEUM GIFT SHOP

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• Footprints In the Dust by
Doug Light \$29.50

The Other Side of Rebellion. The Remarkable Story of Charles Bremner and his Furs."by Margaret R. Stobie \$10.50

e The Sands of Time a reprint of the Battleford Historical Society Publication "The Cree Rebellion of 1884" by

\$18.50

o"Sayers Family RECIPES"\$9.

NEW ARRIVALS:

Ross Innes

"...a collection of stories by a natural born recycler, do-it-yourselfer, tunkerer and pack rat." In "Haywire" Jim Caplette (who is a grandson of Louis Caplette) recycles the stories of many of the people and events of his life into some very funny yarns. Anyone who doesn't enjoy a bit of colorful language and a lot of bellylaughs should stay away from this book.

\$1495

o "The I of Scamperville School. The Children's Stories of Mabel Petty"

A pioneer of the Paynton area, Mabel (Mrs. Frank) Petty, was, for over 25 years, news correspondent from Paynton and district. "Children's nature stories were her particular hobby and were featured in weekly farm journals" to the delight of children of that generation. Mrs. Petty died in 1950. Her daughter, Mrs. Gena Johnson of Paynton, had a number of these stories printed in booklet format as a memorial to her mother, and they are available in the Gift Shop, an excellent momento of the style and content of children's stories of the '30's and '40's. \$7.

The Adventures of Deedle

A Children's Story" by Stormie Douville (Stormie is the daughter-in-law of Dennis and Alice Douville of Delmas), illustrated by Terri Buell (of Battleford).

Deedle is a lady bug who lives in a village called Petal and has many animal friends, such as Mr. Green the frog and Rusty Horse, with whom she shares a variety of experiences.

by Jack Funk. "The story of the surrender by Chief Thunderchild's Band of their reserve near Delmas, Sk. 1908" \$8.

• "The Bard of Edam. Walter Farewell, Homesteader Poet" by Michael Taft. "...he was drunk as any skunk..." \$14.

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Museum Mugs (hand thrown by Colleen Rayner)
 \$8.

e Limited edition prints of historio subjects of the area by Velma Foster: \$10.b/w \$20.-\$30.col.

Souvenir Bags of Dats
from the 1992 Reunion \$2.
 Other miscellaneous souvenir

items and publications.

SPECIAL

OFFER

on the Dobie River Trips>> We are offering the

first 3 "River Trips" (1988, 1989, and 1990)

by Donald Doble

or all 3 for \$7.50.

(Format: 8"x10" in plastic covers.)
These three publications will be re-issued in a new format (7"x8 1/2") to match the last (4th) trip:

"Journey on the
North Sasatchewan
River from Rocky
Muuntain House,
Alberta,
to Bresaylor,
Saskatohewan,
July 19 to July 30,

1992" now available in the new format. The cost of the new edition is

\$5.50 per 155ue.

Deceased: Once again, we are st. report the loss of several residents and ex-residents of the area: Mrs. Muriel (Donald) Dobie; Carlyle Bowes; Norman Dobie (son of Wally and Fern Dobie); Wallace Dobie; Margaret (Mrs. Arthur) Taylor; and Leona Desmarais. The Braun family suffered the tragic loss of Barry Cossette, son of Elaine and step-son of Barry Braun, (16 years of age) in a motor vehicle accident on October 2, 1993.

MUSEUM BROCHURE. Hopefully, within the next month, we will put together a brochure giving information on the Bresaylor Museum. This is long overdue, and will help to publicize the Museum collection and the area bietory.

SUMMER RAFFLE - Last summer's raffle winners were: Inez Anderson - cash prize of \$50; Jean Petty - cash prize of \$25. Others: Minnie Carlson won the Crocheted doilie, and Betty Churchman won the wool mits. Complimentary tickets for this years raffle went to Barry Chapman, Leanne Huard, Marguerite Kennedy, Bill Caplette, Joe Wilson, Mel Sundin, Adrian Cote, Betty Prince, Margaret Murray and Muriel Sack.

The 1994 SUMMER RAFFLE will once again offer cash prizes of \$50. and \$25. plus three \$10. gift certificates to the Gift Shop, two sets of the first 3 editions of Donald Dobie's "River Trips", a pair of slippers made by Irene Mckee and donated by Yvonne Carpentier, and complimentary tickets on the next raffle.

Once again, we enclose 5 tickets. More are available on request. This is a fund-raising project of the museum and we appreciate your participation.

We have been paring down our <u>mailing list</u> to card-carrying Supporters only. But, there was a bit of a mix-up last year, and some names were left off by mistake. So, just to be sure, this time we are going to revert to our old mailing list - more or less. After this, if you wish to keep in touch, you must become a Supporter.

Just a reminder, a donation of \$5. or more entitles you to **Supporter** status. All donations to the Bresaylor Museum are tax deductible.

Your ongoing support is important for the operation of the museum, and we are grateful for the continued generosity of so many.

Many people have contributed time, artifacts, and money to the Museum project to say nothing of the history book project. Heritage Day will be on Sunday of the long weekend, July 31. Hopefully, by then we will have the plaque of names of special supporters on display in the Museum. We're not sure of just what might be on the agenda for the day, but, for certain there will be coffee and goodies available, and lots of opportunity for visiting the museum and each other. There will be a "Read Canada" tent for children, courtesy of Frontier College. And a pot luck supper will round out the afternoon. We hope to see lots of you there.



Bresaylor's Funniest Home Video. Thanks to Cal Shermerhorn, the Bresaylor Book Launching and Reunion has been captured on video. Cal was kind enough to sand us a copy and we are circulating it among the locals. It will be available for viewing at the Heritage Day this summer. Thank you, Cal, for a very generous and valuable effort. Well done. (The curator is not overly appreciative of her role, but, that's no reason to avoid the rest of it).

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be sure to let us know as soon as possible.

101 years: Our congretulations to Matilda (Griffith) Pryor who reached the amazing age of 101 this past February. The Griffiths were one of the first families to come to Bresaylor after the coming of the railway in 1906. They homesteaded in the Battlebank district, and helped establish the Battlebank school. Tillie, who would have been about 20 years old when the school opened, was recording secretary for the Battlebank Ladies' Club.



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