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## President's Reflection

**T**he Fall season for the Brant Historical Society and the Brant County Museum & Archives has been very busy, interesting and exciting!

Many successful events were held. The "Where Were You In '42?" dance took us back with the sounds of George Rose and his band. "A Fright Night on Charlotte Street" saw many ghosts and goblins of all ages enter the Museum. Was that skeleton in the parlour really alive?

The opening of our satellite location, "The Museum In The Square", took place on Saturday November 4th. It was a great celebration, with Harrison Scheak cutting the official ribbon. It is encouraging to have the continuing support of the community. Over 2200 people have come in and seen our exhibits in the two weeks since the opening, increasing their awareness of our heritage and sharing their stories with us. We believe that we are one of the few museums in Canada to make use of a mall location to reach out to the community. Be sure to visit us in the Eaton Market Square.

The fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II was celebrated on November 11th. The evening was most informative and interesting. Bill Gillespie and Lou Froggett shared their wartime experiences with us, and Gary Muir

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Ms. Susan Twist  
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recounted how Brant County's citizens served on the homefront. The Dawnbreakers and Wes Scarrow had us reminiscing with their music. Do you recall "The White Cliffs of Dover"?

The September meeting of the Brant Historical Society featured a look at the history of industry in Brantford with a presentation by Wayne Hunter. In October, Dr. Hank Hedges gave us a peek into Brant County's reptile and amphibian world. We were really amazed at the creatures that can be found in this county. A slide tour of hometown architecture with yours truly as guide was the feature

of the November meeting.

The members of the Brant Historical Society were pleased that Miss Ruth Stedman received the Brantford Regional Arts Council "Arts Citizen of the Year" award. The presentation took place at the Brantford City Council meeting on October 30th. Congratulations, Ruth, on this well-deserved honour!

The Brant Historical Society extends its congratulations to the S.R. Drake Memorial British Methodist Epis-

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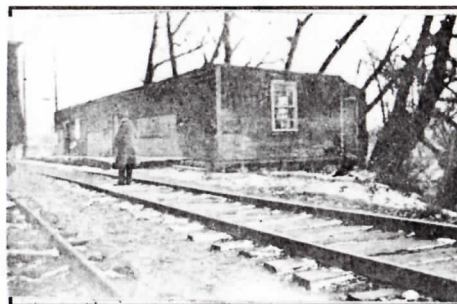


# The Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway by Wayne Hunter

An interurban railroad running west out of Hamilton was first projected in 1896 when the Hamilton, Chedoke & Ancaster line was incorporated to provide a service up the mountain. No work was done! In 1900 the line came under the control of Haines Bros. of New York who were putting together a Niagara - Hamilton - Brantford interurban line. The name was changed to the Hamilton, Ancaster & Brantford Company, and by 1904 most of the right-of-way had been acquired or arranged for. Due to financial difficulties on their American interurban properties, the Haines Bros. soon lost interest in the Hamilton line and the Niagara, St. Catharines & Toronto, which they had also controlled.

The Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway Company was incorporated in 1904 by the Von Echa Company, which also owned the Grand Valley Railway and the Woodstock, Thames Valley and Ingersoll Railway. This company was attempting to put together a London - Hamilton interurban line.

Because of financial difficulties owing to some questionable dealings by president S. Ritter Ickes, the company lost control of the B&H, and it became the property of the Cataract Power Com-



The B&H Freight Shed,  
Alfred St., Brantford

pany on January 11, 1907. Construction began immediately on the road.

On May 23, 1908, the line opened for service as far as Brantford. The cars at first ran only to Alfred Street, as there was a delay in establishing a crossing over the Tillsonburg branch of the Grand Trunk. Cars began running through to Market Street on November 3, 1908. The entrance to Brantford was entirely on a private right-of-way beside the abandoned Grand River Navigation Canal. A small wooden station was erected at the foot of Market Street.

Interline tickets were issued by the B&H with the Hamilton Steamboat Company, the Grand Valley Railway and later with the Lake Erie and Northern railway. When this latter line was constructed

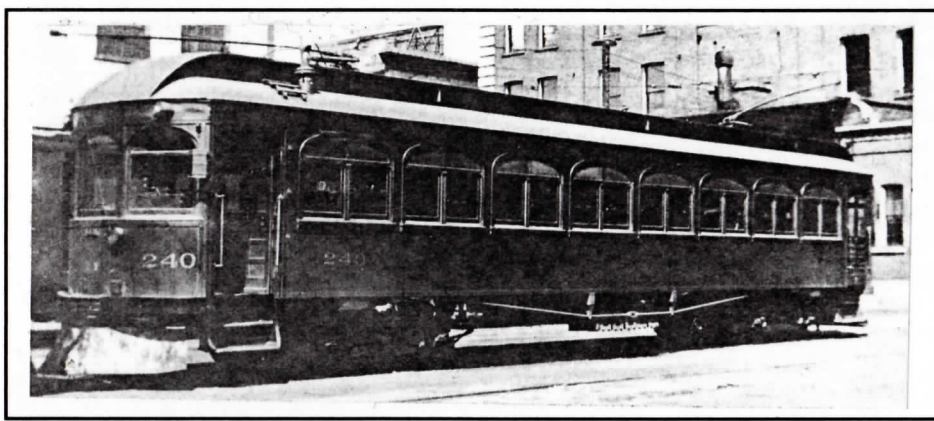
(1915 - 1916), the B&H arranged to use the Lake Erie & Northern new Brantford station at the Lorne Bridge. The Hamilton line was extended 1500 feet from Market Street to the Lorne Bridge on December 16, 1916.

On October 18, 1925, operations of the B&H and what remained of the Hamilton Radial were integrated and cars began running from Burlington to Brantford. This lasted until the Radial was abandoned on January 5, 1929, and bus service replaced all rail schedules to Brantford.

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A B&H Ticket

The Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway closed down on June 30, 1931. The last trip was made by car #225; the first trip had been made through to Brantford in 1908. Much of the track was removed by 1932 and the joint section in Brantford was taken over by the Lake Erie & Northern Railway.



The Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway Car # 240

## Prince Van Patten A Loyal Black Servant of Joseph Brant

The following is the transcript of an oath sworn by Van Patten in a land petition case.

### End Notes

Prince Van Patten<sup>1</sup> of the Township of Brantford in the Gore District, labourer, make oath and saith that he was many years a servant in the employment of the late Captain Joseph Brant, late agent of the Six Nations Indians. That during his residence in Captain Brant's house and family, and about forty years ago, he this deponent<sup>2</sup> was desired by the late Edee Burtch<sup>3</sup>, father of Absalom and David Burtch, to ask Captain Brant to lease him, the said Edee Burtch, a parcel of land. That having spoken to Captain Brant as the said Edee Burtch had desired him to, he this deponent a few days afterwards was present at the place on the Grand River now claimed by Absalom Burtch under lease from the Chiefs of the Six Nations to the said late Edee Burtch, and heard the late Captain Brant agree with the said Edee Burtch to let him, the said Edee Burtch, have the said parcel of land under lease for 999 years<sup>4</sup>; and this deponent well recollects that the said Edee Burtch did haul boards to the Mohawk Village for the building of the Mohawk Church in payment for the said parcel of land and this deponent also recollects that Captain Brant purchased a large ox from the said Edee Burtch for provisions for the Indians, which ox, or the value thereof, was taken by Captain Brant in payment for the said parcel of land, and further this deponent saith not<sup>5</sup>.

his

Prince X Van Patten  
mark

Sworn before me at Brantford in the Gore District this 13th day of July 1836 and read in the hearing of the deponent before signing.

Lewis Burwell  
C K Bench for the Gore District

## President's Reflection

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copal Church on its 139th anniversary in the Brantford area. Celebrations were held on October 22nd.

Negotiations are continuing with the County of Brant and the City of Brantford concerning our relocation. The City Council has allowed us six months to prepare a formal report on the Carnegie site.

Our "Local Heroes" TV programme, hosted by Ken Strachan, is continuing. Watch for your local listings for upcoming episodes on author Sara Jeanette Duncan, Brant County's lacrosse teams, and the Bixel Brewery.

The Endowment Committee has officially launched its fundraising campaign. With a donation of \$100.00 or more, contributors receive a gift of a piece of authentic Brantford Street Railway track. The track comes with a booklet outlining the history of Brantford's street railway system and a numbered certificate of authenticity. There is a limited number of tracks segments available, so if you're looking for a gift this season, consider your problem solved.

History helps us to discover our place in time, an important realization for each one of us. The collections of the Brant County Museum & Archives can play a major role in assisting us to achieve this goal. It is therefore imperative that our museum continues to act as a cornerstone within our community.

Have a safe and happy holiday season.

Ruth Lefler  
President  
Brant Historical Society

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# Rev. Samuel R. Drake Honoured In Naming of British Methodist Episcopal Church by Angela Files

Part VII in a series on Black History in Brant County

**S**ome of the Christian churches in Brantford were named for the apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ, the founders of specific denominations, the geographical location of the house of worship, the saints of the religion, and desirable attributes (Faith, Hope, and Grace). There is only one known city church which has honoured the service of their former pastor, Rev. Samuel R. Drake, by naming their kirk the Drake Memorial Church.

At the September, 1956 one hundredth conference of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, it was decided to name the Brantford church in memory of Rev. Drake. At the October 29, 1956, dedication service, the late pastor's widow attended and accepted the honour with great dignity. The following obituary gives us a brief insight into the life of this preacher of the gospel.

## "Rev. Samuel Robert Drake, Former Pastor of the British Methodist Episcopal Church Here, Passed Away On Friday"

Rev. Samuel R. Drake, Superintendent of The British Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada for the past nineteen years and well-known over Canada as one of the leaders among coloured clergymen, died yesterday afternoon at the family residence, 229 Maitland Street, London, Ontario. He had been ill for the past three months and was in his fifty-fourth year.

Born in St. Catharines in 1873, the son of Rev. William R. Drake, Rev S. R. Drake received a primary education

there, later attending the Bible Training School in Toronto where he received his degree. He preached for several years in Fort Erie, Toronto, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and Brantford, and in 1908 became superintendent of the British Methodist Church in Canada and in charge of the sixteen congregations throughout the Dominion.

In London, he was prominent in the



Rev. Samuel R. Drake

work of the Bethemanuel Church, of

which Rev. Thomas Woodcock is pastor. He was at all times active in promoting the interests of the coloured race in Canada and was one of the founders of the Canadian League for the Advancement of Coloured People and on the executive board. He was a member of the North Star Lodge No. 5 F. and A.M. at Windsor.

Surviving are his widow, two sons Norman of London, Ontario and Stanley of Detroit, two daughters Alice and Florence, both at home; a sister, Mrs. Avery Kelly of Flint, Michigan and a brother William also of the United States.

The funeral will be held Monday. A short service will be conducted at the residence at 2:10 p.m. followed by a church service in Bethemanuel Church,

Grey St., London, at three o'clock. Rev. H. D. Wright of Brantford will officiate. Internment will be made in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, London, Ontario.

During his early life and while his father was pastor of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, the late Rev. Samuel R. Drake attended East Ward School on Darling St., and played baseball with the old Dominions on the "Mediark Hill" grounds alongside the canal below Murray Street. He was especially popular with the younger generation and was always well up in his classes at school."<sup>1</sup>

An announcement of the funeral was also published.

## "The Funeral of Rev. Samuel R. Drake"

Rev. S. R. Drake was buried in London, Ontario, May 10, 1927. The funeral of the late Rev. S. R. Drake, general superintendent of the British Methodist Church, coloured churches of Canada, who died at his home at 229 Maitland Street, was held Monday afternoon to Bethemanuel Church, Grey St., London, Ontario, where services were held. Internment has taken place in Woodland Cemetery. Those who officiated at the home and church were Rev. D. Wright of Brantford; Rev. T. Woodcock of London; Rev. H. E. Logan of St. Catharines, who is general secretary of the conference and E. A. Richardson, assistant secretary of the conference. Floral tributes were many and messages of condolence were sent from all over the United States and Canada. Many friends from outside points were present at the funeral. The honorary pallbearers were:

F. Edmunds, Windsor; J. Lucas, Brantford; A. Brown, Simcoe; S. Brown, Brantford; C. Brown, London; and C. Dorothy, Fort Erie. The active bearers were S. A. Lucas, Brantford; S. F. Logan, St. Catharines, F. O. Stewart, Toronto; A. E. Richardson, Owen Sound; J. T. Dawson, Windsor; and C. A. Johnston, Guelph, Ontario."<sup>2</sup>

## End Notes

1. Brantford Weekly Expositor, May 7, 1927, Page 16, Column 1.
2. Brantford Weekly Expositor, May 10, 1927, Page 3, Column 3.

## SEASONAL HOURS

57 Charlotte Street will be closed from Dec. 23 until Jan. 2, 1996. See page 7 for our new hours there.

The "Museum in the Square" will be closed Dec. 24 - 26 and Jan. 1. From Dec. 11 until Dec. 23, we will be open from 9 - 9 on weekdays, and until midnight on Dec. 1 and 15. Our regular hours are 10 - 5:30 on Mon. - Wed. and Sat. and 10 - 9 on Thurs. - Fri.

Come on in and see what's up!

## Odds and Ends

### Christmas Gift Ideas Galore in our Museum Shops!

For those bookworms on your list, consider the following:

"*The Grand River Navigation Company*" by Bruce Hill, \$21.95

"*History of Brant County, Vol. I*" by Douglas Reville. We have limited numbers of this 1982 reprinting of the 1920 original at \$39.95.

For the younger set, there is a charming selection of books for little readers at only \$2.49.

Fans of historic music will be sure to enjoy "*A Grand Musical Entertainment*," a cassette of the grassroots music of early Ontario and "*Brightest & Best: A Homespun Christmas Comforter*," a recording of seasonal songs. Each is \$12.99.

### Thank You One and All!

We'd be remiss if we didn't thank once again those whose contributions have helped us to make our "Museum in the Square" project a reality:

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## Christmas Morning Muffins

- 2 c. flour
- 1 ½ c. sugar
- 2 tsp. baking soda
- 2 tsp. cinnamon
- ¼ tsp. nutmeg
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 c. grated carrot
- ½ c. raisins
- ½ c. chopped pecans
- ½ c. sweetened shredded coconut
- 1 c. grated apple (peeled and cored)
- 3 large eggs
- ¾ c. oil
- ¼ c. orange juice
- 2 tsp. vanilla

Sift first six ingredients in a large bowl. Stir in next 5 ingredients. In a separate bowl, beat eggs, oil, juice and vanilla. Lightly stir liquid mix into flour mixture. Spoon batter into well-greased tins. Fill to the top. Bake at 350° for 35 minutes. Cool 5 minutes, turn out on rack.. Makes 18.



# Brantford in 1837: The Celebration of the Coronation of Queen Victoria

by Angela Files

To honour the Jubilee of Queen Victoria's reign over the United Kingdom, the Brantford Weekly Expositor printed an interesting article entitled "Sixty Years Ago" which described the village of Brantford in 1837 (June 24, 1897, p. 6).

After the death of her uncle King William IV, the eighteen-year-old Victoria was crowned on June 20, 1837. Her coronation was celebrated in many parts of the British Empire.

In 1837, Brantford was only a small village; a backwoods settlement in a comparatively meagre clearing in the forest with a hotel or two, and possibly two score of dwellings. It was remote from any settlement of population and accessible only by a long and wearying stage coach ride or a circuitous route by water.

The site of Brantford was surrendered by the Six Nations on April 19, 1830 and it was laid out and surveyed by Lewis Burwell that same year. The main street stretched roughly from the site of the Lorne Bridge to the Western Station. By 1838, Dalhousie Street was only a proposal and East and North Wards were little better than primeval bush with an occasional hut.

Colborne Street was indeed the main street! All the stage coaches ran along it, and facing the road were all the stores that the community could boast of.

There were no local railroads in those days. Indeed, some of the villagers had never heard of such a thing, and those who did had it second hand from the Old Country in the form of letters delivered months after they were written.

The Grand River Navigation Company and its canal was not even being spoken of when Victoria ascended the throne. It was not until 1840 that a company was formed to construct and operate the canal.

John Jones and William Buck reminisced about the village in 1837 for the Brantford Weekly Expositor's "Sixty Years Ago" article. The following passages are taken from that article.

## Mr. John Jones (1825 - 1900)

An old coloured man who lives on Sarah St., and who is named Mr. Jones<sup>1</sup> remembers being in Brantford when King William died and Queen Victoria's reign commenced. He was 14 or 15 years old then. He told an Expositor man the other day that he remembered about that time of hearing that a boat had left for Buffalo



Queen Victoria, 1839

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but it grounded in the river and got no farther than the Waterous farm. The first boat that ever came to Brantford came by canal ...

The leading stores in the old days were John Wilkes, George Wilkes and Mr. Cockshutt. The coaches, I remember, started about 1836 and were running when Queen Victoria began to reign. A man named Babcock ran a stage line through Brantford from London to Hamilton. Great crowds went through on them ...

In those days there were two hotels; although nearly every store in the village sold liquor. There was no law to prevent them. What you might call the regular hotels were kept by John Lovejoy and Fred Vanloops<sup>2</sup>. Lovejoy's Hotel stood at the corner of where now is Merrill's Stand or perhaps further up the street where the bank is. Frank Vanloops' Hotel was kept right opposite Lovejoy's Hotel.

East Ward was all bush with a few scattered log huts to the west. My grandfather Prince Van Patten owned nearly all of West Brantford and about twenty acres of Strawberry Hill. His house stood on the side of the hill, almost one hundred yards east of where the brewery now stands<sup>4</sup>.

Ferry boats started crossing the Grand River where the Lorne Bridge is about 1826, and about two years later, a wooden bridge was built across the Grand River. I remember it was boarded on the sides and top; in the distance it looked like a barn.

Yes, I remember some of the old families well. There were Duttons, for instance, one was a shoemaker and one a hotel keeper. They were perhaps among the first settlers. Then there was Mrs. Fischer, daughter of Mr. Dutton the shoemaker, Lovejoys, Bunnels, Wilkes and the others that with a little effort I

might recall.

Indians were plentiful about Brantford. The Mohawk Woods were full of them and there was a large Indian settlement where Cainsville now is. The Indians were, in my boyhood days, as they are now, for the most part quiet, civil and harmless."

## Mr. William Buck (1828 - 1897)

Mr. William Buck can vividly recall the death of the King and the new Queen succeeding.

"My recollections of the coronation celebration," said Mr. Buck to an Expositor man, "are as distinct as though the event had transpired but yesterday. I was a child of eight years of age, and resided with my parents in a house on Darling St., about opposite the Salvation Army barracks. To the north and west was dense forest and one of the principal points in the village was Lovejoy's Hotel which, I think, stood on the present site of the Bank of Commerce. The announcement of the celebration caused great excitement and when the auspicious night arrived, everyone in the district was on hand.

The principle feature was an immense bonfire in front of Lovejoy's Hotel. I urged my mother to allow me to go and see the coronation, for at that time my idea of the coronation began and indeed with the demonstration in our little village, an amusing fact in the light of more mature years. However, she refused to permit me to go and I was forced to look from our backyard. The bonfire was a huge success and it was indelibly impressed on my mind, that by

shutting my eyes I can see the reflection of the burning pile as clearly and distinctly as when I stood and looked at it.

Another relaxation indulged in was the use of fireballs. They were balls of pitch and other combustibles which were lighted and tossed about by the man while blazing them. The art of catching them in the bare hands and throwing them back was one which was highly esteemed. Doubtless other exercises took place, but I am not in a position to speak of them accurately.

The "coronation" was a great success however, and it was long remembered by the youth of the old days."

## END NOTES

1. Brantford Weekly Expositor, August 23, 1900, page 8, column 4:

### Funeral of John Jones

The funeral of the late John Jones, an esteemed coloured resident of this city who lived at 65 Sarah St., Brantford, took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence to Mt. Hope Cemetery. The last sad services were conducted by Rev. Mr. David and a large number of friends attended.

2. Frank Vanloops is listed as "Frank Vanderlip" in the 1851 Personal Census of Brant County, p. 97. There were also Van Looms in Oxford County
3. The brewery mentioned was the Westbrook and Hacker Brewery, which burned to the ground in 1910.
4. Brantford Weekly Expositor, July

22, 1897, page 8, columns 1 - 4:

Mr. William Buck, founder and proprietor of the famous Buck Stove Works, dropped dead from heart disease at Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show about eight o'clock, Thursday evening. Deceased was in his usual good health and accompanied by his wife, two married daughters and sons-in-law, and three sons went to the Wild West Exhibition which was given at the Agricultural grounds.

William Buck, born Aug. 22, 1828, Ancaster Township, Wentworth County was the son of Peter Buck. Both his grandfathers were of Loyalist stock. William was reared, educated and learned his trade in Brantford.

In 1858, he began the manufacture of stoves and in 1868 went into present quarters. At that time the foundry was a small building but at time the works covered two blocks.

In 1874, Mr. Buck began the manufacture of the "Radiant Home" coal stove and "Happy Thought" range was placed on the market. These two stoves gave Mr. Buck's name household prominence throughout Canada. Extensive additions were made to the works in 1875, 1878, 1882 and in 1885 ...

Mr. William Buck was President of the Board of Trade, 1879 - 81, Director of the Young Ladies College, Director of Royal Loans and Savings, Governor of McMaster University, Reformer in Politics and a devoted member of Park Baptist Church. The funeral was conducted from the family residence on Brant Avenue to Greenwood Cemetery.

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At the end of November , the Government of Ontario unveiled a mini-budget that slashed provincial spending with unprecedented viciousness, The cuts relating to the heritage and arts sectors include:

- a 10% reduction to Community Museum Operating Grants
- a 25% reduction to Historical Societies. This program will be reformulated and redesigned.
- a 40% reduction to the Provincial Heritage Organizations (including the Ontario Museum Association)

Local museums will have funding reduced by \$332,900 (9.8%) . This does not include potential reductions caused by cuts in transfer payments to municipalities, a major funding source for most museums.

In addition, the Ontario Arts Council has had its funding reduced by \$7.9 million (18.6) for next year. This is in addition to the \$4.2 million (10%) cut announced in September. Grants to most cultural agencies will be reduced by an average of 7% next year, in addition to previously announced reductions.

Five cultural agencies (the Royal Ontario Museum, the Art Gallery of Ontario, the Ontario Science Centre, the Royal Botanical Gardens, and the Ontario Arts Council) will be permitted to establish Crown Foundations. This will remove barriers which these agencies currently face in soliciting major charitable donations.

The most distressing of the announced cuts is that the Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs has determined that the Ontario Agricultural Museum near Milton will be closed permanently as of May 1997. As yet, the bureaucrats announcing the cuts have not indicated the future of the large and significant collection of artifacts, documents and buildings in the Museum's collection.

These cuts take effect April 1, 1996.

Congratulations



Bryan Leonard, president of Brantford Regional Arts Council, presents Ruth Stedman with the organization's fifth annual award as arts citizen of the year on Monday. Stedman was honored for her years of dedicated service and financial support for the Brant Historical Society and other groups. She heads the Stedman Foundation, which has supported a variety of organizations.

Christopher Smith, Expositor Staff

Ruth Stedman

### Our Arts Citizen of the Year



# Brant Historical Society & Museum

## Winter Activities 1995 - 1996

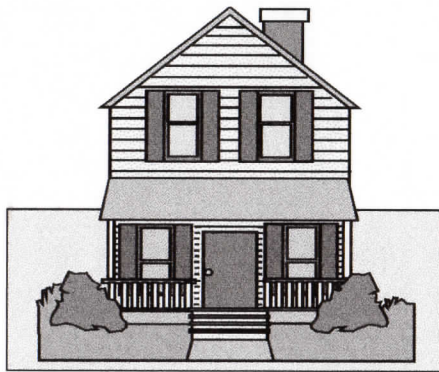
### December 1995

#### Travelling Exhibition

#### **"Reclaiming the City"**

**Tues. Dec. 12 until Wed. Jan 31**  
at the Museum in the Square

*This exhibition from the Ontario Association of Architects explores the revitalization of urban centres from an architectural point of view.*



#### **"Traditions" Annual Children's Museum Club & Party:**

**Sat. Dec. 16th, 9-12 and 1-4**

at Brant County Museum & Archives, 57 Charlotte St., Brantford.

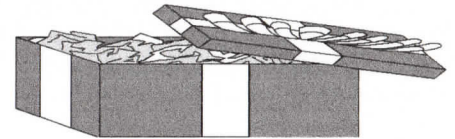
- make gingerbread cookies
- make old-fashioned Xmas decorations
- compare Christmas traditions through time
- 1950's Christmas films

#### Annual Christmas Open House

**Wed. Dec. 20, 8 p.m.**

at Brant County Museum & Archives, 57 Charlotte St., Brantford.

*Ken Strachan will discuss past Christmas celebrations in Brantford.*



### January 1996

#### B.H.S. Meeting

**Wed. Jan. 17, 8 p.m.**

at Brant County Museum & Archives, 57 Charlotte St., Brantford

*John Bonfield will speak on "Ezekiel's Wheel".*

### February 1996

#### B.H.S. Annual General Meeting

**Wed. Feb. 21, 8 p.m.**

at Brant County Museum & Archives, 57 Charlotte St., Brantford.

## Endowment Fund Gifts

In memory of Marjorie Troughton  
- Mrs. Margaret Chandler

#### **"On Track" Contributors:**

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