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CATTLE CASTLE

The Cattle Castle has been given a new name and a new lease on life.

City Council established its intention to designate the building as heritage under the Ontario Heritage Act and in so doing decided to change the name back to the original "Aberdeen Pavilion".

The building was constructed in 1898 for the Central Canada Exhibition Association. It was the first building in Ottawa to have a steel frame without columns to support the roof.

The City will conduct a study to investigate costs of maintenance and possible uses for the building.

136 BAY STREET

The Clegg House is in the news again. The City of Ottawa Heritage Advisory Committee (LACAC) voted to recommend designation of the entire area at Sparks and Bay Streets which includes 136 Bay Street.

Last month, City Council designated the house under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act. It is the hope of Heritage Ottawa that Council's double designation will encourage the St. Peter's Church elders, who own the property, not to tear it down after the 180-day limit expires on the individual heritage designation.

The Clegg House is estimated to have been built circa 1865 for Capt. William T. Clegg, Royal Engineer, and Assistant in the route selection for the Rideau Canal.

Capt. Clegg rented the property to Gustavus William Wicksteed, Barrister and Chief Law Clerk, House of Commons. The house was also once occupied by Louis W. Coutlee, Barrister, who participated in the capture of Louis Riel and who served in the Fenian Raids of 1886.

THE BILLINGS ESTATE

The City of Ottawa has extended an invitation to the public to visit the Billings Estate weekends from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. through to Labor Day.

The interior of the house is still out-of-bounds due to "work in progress", however, guides are on hand to show you the grounds and historic photographs of the old buildings and the graveyard.

Further information is available by phoning 563-3115.

HERITAGE OTTAWA AWARDS

September is the month when Heritage Ottawa presents its distinguished award to individuals making a signal contribution to heritage in the City. Nominations are invited from the membership.

If you have anyone to suggest for this award please call Marg Oldfield at 235-5343 before September 15th.

SELMA LUSSENBURG

Congratulations are in order to Heritage Ottawa member, Selma Lussenburg. Selma has been awarded the Arcade Guindon Scholarship by the Alumni Association of the University of Ottawa. Selma is studying law and hopes to obtain a masters degree in economics or political economy.

Well done, Selma, and good luck!

BOARD NEWS

A warm welcome is extended to two new members of the Board of Directors, Dr. A. Adey and Helmut Schade. Helmut has accepted to chair the Exhibitions Committee.

Any member wishing to assist in this or any Heritage Ottawa Committee is asked to call Stella Kirk at 745-0551 who will put you in touch with the Committee Chairperson.

If you have news or points of view you wish to share please send typed submissions to: The Editor, Newsletter, 62 John Street, Ottawa.

Diane Holmes, Board Member, has agreed to represent Heritage Ottawa on the Local Council of Women.

DOCENTS

Docents are much-prized individuals willing to donate an occasional afternoon to welcoming visitors to the Schoolhouse Gallery, 62 John Street. Unfortunately, docents are hard to find and Heritage Ottawa is in great need of these generous people.

If you would enjoy meeting new people and introducing them to Ottawa and its heritage, we would like to hear from you.

Please call Irene Lackner at 232-7402 or 993-1914.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF THE GATINEAU

The Seventeenth Annual Auction Sale of the Society will be held at St. Stephen's Old School at the easterly end of the Village of Old Chelsea, Quebec, on Saturday, 25 August starting at 9:30 a.m. There will be a viewing period on Saturday commencing at 8:30 a.m. immediately prior to the sale.

HERITAGE OTTAWA GALLERY

The Heritage Ottawa Gallery has extra room suitable for indoor foliage plants and/or trees. Anyone wishing to donate to the worthy cause of making the Gallery even more interesting to visit is asked to call Stella Kirk at 745-0551.