



## ANNUAL REPORT 1980/1981

NEWSLETTER #4

### OFFICERS

President	<i>Rod Travers-Griffin</i>
Vice-President	<i>Ken Smith</i>
Secretary	<i>Eric Davidson</i>
Treasurer/Membership	<i>Helen Travers-Griffin</i>
Past President and Archivist	<i>Mary Campbell</i>

The Society has completed its 1980-81 season, and I have completed my fourth year as President. It has been a rewarding year with several innovations introduced which I hope will be the beginning of great things to come. I wish to thank all the members for their hard work and faithful support. Without them we would not be able to function.



Left to right -

*Eric Davidson - Walter Gordon-  
Rod Travers-Griffin-  
Dorothy Gordon - Grant Davidson-  
Mary Campbell - Gene Domagala-  
Phyllis Davidson.*

*Photo credit to:  
Helen Travers-Griffin.*

Above is a group of happy members who have just witnessed the unveiling of the plaque to Dr. William D. Young.



### Our Logo

One innovation was the adoption by the membership of a Society Logo. You may notice it at the top of the first page or on your membership card. It combines the two main elements in the East Toronto and Beaches area - The Grand Trunk Railway and the beach and boardwalk. Personally, I am very pleased that we have a logo at long last.

### Guest Speakers

1980-81 was an outstanding year for the excellent calibre of guest speakers at our meetings. Not one of them asked for a fee, and we do appreciate their generosity.

In September Gene Domagala, one of our faithful members, gave a slide-illustrated talk on the homes of the Mayors of Toronto. It was most interesting, and the fact that one of our members took the time to research the topic made it quite an event.

Our October meeting featured a talk by Eric Arthur, Professor Emeritus of Architecture at the University of Toronto. We had a crowded meeting that night as everyone was anxious to see and hear the author of Toronto - No Mean City. I would like to thank the Principal of St. Denis School and the Metro Toronto Separate School Board for allowing us to use the school auditorium. Also thanks to Gene Domagala and his wife Pat for their hard work in making the event so successful.

The November meeting was a show and tell night. It was lots of fun listening to members describe the articles they brought, and then having the opportunity to examine them at close range. Barbara McCabe brought a fascinating family quilt. We also had photographs, paintings, china, old banks and a china bowling ball.

Dorothy Gordon, our member expert on Toronto fire halls, presented her research to the January meeting. Her talk was slide-illustrated and ranged from firehalls in the Beach and East Toronto to those in other parts of the city. Most interesting!

February's guest speaker was John Harrington, a pioneer Scout of the area. He traced the history of Scouting in East Toronto and the Beach. The talk was well laced with anecdotes which members received with much nostalgia.

In March, Ontario Museum advisor, Dorothy Duncan spoke on Yesterday's Child. The life of a child in early Ontario, illustrated by slides, was brought to us in detail. Dorothy also sent the display at Main St. Library to support her talk.

Our April speaker was Bill Galvin who has been involved for many years with the Ontario Jockey Club and the Canadian Trotting Association. He spoke on the Woodbine Race Track - now called Greenwood. He brought with him many photographs and memorabilia, and also gave souvenir medallions to the members.

Rev. Robert Bonis, author and poet, spoke to the May meeting. He gave an excellent slide-illustrated talk on Scarborough. We were particularly interested in his slides of old homes and churches which gave us a greater appreciation of the area.



#### 1981-82 Officers

The following Officers for 1981-82 were elected at the May meeting:

President	- Rod Travers-Griffin
Vice-President	- Barbara Myrvold
Secretary	- Helen Travers-Griffin
Treasurer-Membership	- Ruth Thorne

Mary Campbell will be our archivist again this year and Ken Smith has agreed to be our official photographer. We are also lucky to have our Telephone Committee Chairman Phyllis Davidson.

I wish to thank the 1980-81 officers for their support and enthusiasm. Ken Smith, Vice-President; Eric Davidson, Secretary; Helen Travers-Griffin, Treasurer-Membership; Mary Campbell, Archivist and Phyllis Davidson, Telephone Committee Chairman. It was a pleasure to work with them.

#### Malvern History Prize

This year the Society decided to sponsor a history prize at Malvern Collegiate. A suitable book was to be given to the Grade 13 student with the highest marks in Canadian History. The book this year was Toronto - No Mean City by Eric Arthur. We had a tie for the prize. The winners were Jennifer Giles and Greg Williams.

#### Malvern Local History Walks

At the request of the staff of Malvern Collegiate, the Society agreed to conduct walks of historical interest in the area for Grade 9 students. We held two walks in June 1981 attended by approximately 200 students. The walks were led by Gene Domagala and he did an excellent job. The Malvern staff were pleased and so were most of the students. I would like to thank Gene for his effort. We hope to enlarge on these walks in the near future.

#### Book Committee Report - Mary Campbell, Chairman

The big news in this department is that Ward 9 Community News is considering offering financial support to our Society for the publication of a booklet (or series of booklets) on the history of our area. Since there is a strong possibility of the money's being available in the fall, your Book Committee is very busy getting estimates from printers and putting finishing touches on possible copy for a fall publication. How much of our historical material will be printed at this time depends largely on printers' costs and the amount of money that the newspaper executive deems suitable to forward to us for this purpose. (By the way, this is to be a "no strings attached" agreement, with your Book Committee having complete control over the project.)



### Kingston Road Walk

Our first walk, led by Gene Domagala will take place on Sunday, September 20, 1981 at 2 p.m. sharp outside St. John's Roman Catholic Church, Kingston Road. Watch for further details in Ward 9 News.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

	Dt.	Cr.	Balance
Balance on hand May 11, 1980			\$356.96

#### Receipts

Memberships		\$130.00	
Bank Interest		8.71	
Ministry of Culture and Recreation Grant		137.59	
		<u>\$276.30</u>	\$633.26

#### Disbursements

Printing and Duplicating	\$204.95
Stationery, Postage & Supplies	15.52
Refreshments for Receptions	13.45
Malvern C.I. History Prize	19.50
O.H.S. Membership	12.00
	<u>\$265.42</u>

Balance on hand July 26, 1981	\$367.84
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Helen Travers-Griffin  
Treasurer.

Have a good Summer. See you all on September 20, 1981.

Rod Travers-Griffin  
President

August 12, 1981