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IT'S ABOUT TIME...

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES

"DISCOVERING YESTERDAY" WITH THE PORT HOPE ARCHIVES AND NORTHUMBERLAND 89.7FM

The Port Hope Archives recently began an exciting new partnership with Northumberland 89.7fm - Small Town Radio. As part of this new relationship, our archivist started recording ten-minute long segments to be played during the Morning Show with Jim Glover.

Northumberland 89.7fm is a not-for-profit community-based radio station located in Cobourg, Northumberland County. It was founded in 2009 with the first on-air date set in 2012. The station's mission is to "support local artists and not-for-profit organizations, providing them with communications opportunities at little or no cost."

As such, it is very supportive of other charitable endeavours in the local area. All in all, a perfect opportunity for the Archives to partner with another organization, and share our heritage with the broader community over the airwaves.

The project came to be known as "Discovering Yesterday."

Early segments were pre-recorded, with live broadcasts to follow; including interviews with several other local heritage organizations.

To date, eleven segments have been completed: Introduction to the Port Hope Archives; Mistakes Rookie Genealogists Make; A History of Photography in Port Hope; Port Hope Floods; A History of Port Hope Schools; Recap of Past Episodes and Port Hope Archives' Upcoming Events; and interviews with the Canadian Fire-



fighters Museum, Friends of Wesleyville Village, Trent-Port Historical Society, Port Hope & District Agricultural Society (Port Hope Fair Board), and the Cobourg & District Historical Society.

Port Hope High School Students with Radios, c1950s (PHA# 2011-16-1-4237)

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MANDATE:

The Port Hope Archives exists to collect and preserve archival materials which illustrate the growth and development of the Municipality of Port Hope or which pertain in whole or in part to activities within the geographic boundaries of the Municipality of Port Hope.

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HAPPENS HERE!**

DISCOVERING YESTERDAY, CONT'D

The long-term goal of the project is to develop a closer camaraderie between the various heritage organizations throughout Northumberland County; and give us all a place to share our histories, upcoming events, and news with the local community.

We invite you to join us in our journey toward "Discovering Yesterday!"

"Discovering Yesterday" airs weekly on Northumberland 89.7fm (or northumberland897.ca) Tuesday mornings at 8:45am. Contact the Port Hope Archives at archives@porthope.ca, or the station at info@northumberland897.ca, if you have any questions about this project. You can also listen to the "Discovering Yesterday Podcast" on our website, porthopearchives.com.

NEWS FROM THE COLLECTION

Recently, the Port Hope Archives received a very sizeable donation of historical material from Port Hope High School. It's chock-full of information that will be crucial in documenting the story of the school for future generation, and includes some wonderful items; including a Port Hope High School uniform jacket... Did you even know those existed? Because I sure didn't!

The first "Port Hope High School" was established by Dr. Adam Purslow in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church on the corner of Brown and North Streets.

The building was quickly seen to be unsuitable and so a second Port Hope High School was built in 1896, under the principalship of Dr. Thomas Allison Kirkconnell. The second school was erected on the corner of Pine and Bedford Streets. In 1926, an addition was added to the south side of the school.

In 1955, the High School relocated to a new building on Victoria Street North, leaving the old building to become the grounds of an elementary school. Dr. M.S. Hawkins remained a Senior Elementary School until around 2000 when it amalgamated with the High School to make a joint Senior Elementary and High School.

At the time of Dr. Hawkins move, in 2000, the old high school building was sold and renovated to become the "Pines of Port Hope" condominiums.

The current high school was erected in 1955 with Lt. Col. P.J. Bigelow serving as first principal. Despite the longevity of the "new" high school building, many Port Hoppers still refer to the Pine Street building as "Port Hope High School"



Students' Council 54-55

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REPORTS FROM THE BOARD

At the Archives there are so many interesting people & projects going on, I thought for a while I would take the space I would normally use to write a letter from the Chair, & give some other folks a chance to let you know what they are doing. In this series, people may share a project they are working on or what it was like to live in Port Hope when they were kids.

This being the first of the series I have handed over the reins to Dave Doherty. As the Recording Secretary for the Port Hope Archives Dave has been involved since 2009 & has the rest of the board beat for longevity! Take it away Dave...

MARIELLE LAMBERT

Memories of the Recording Secretary of the Port Hope Archives

Hello to all you Port Hoppers, my name is David Nelson Doherty born and raised in Port Hope.

I can remember when the transport trucks rolled down the number 2 highway next to our house on Arthur Street. There were cottages along the highway where travelers would stop for the night; the cottages were situated at both ends of the town. The town boundary back in the 50s was just past our house on Arthur Street.

We grew up when things were just a little simpler. The “Arthur Street” boys would go down to the woods and play all day or venture out Lakeshore Road to fish and have fun in Fergusons Woods. During the summer months, the Recreation Centre swimming pool, now the Lions Club, was where we would be all day and then wander home for dinner. Back then hockey and baseball were played on the street.

As kids we would watch the police catch speeders as they came into town and sometimes we would ride our bikes up the road to warn the drivers of the speed traps.

In 1959, on one of the Queens’ visits to Canada, we watched as she travelled past our house on Arthur Street, on her way to stay at the Massey Estate.

These are all memories of my past.

As a member of the Port Hope Archives board since 2009 and recording secretary for a number of those years it has allowed me to intermingle with other people of our great community reliving and documenting these memories for future generations. Memories that are locked up in a closet or a drawer are treasures that the Archives want to preserve. Remember don’t ask what the Archives can do for you but what you can do for the Archives.

DAVE DOHERTY

“Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.” - Confucius

FROM THE PHOTO DATABASE



Children at the Port Hope Fall Fair, c1950

PHA#2003-47-3-2155 (*Port Hope & District Agricultural Society Collection*)

Description: B&W photograph of a group of unidentified children blowing up balloons, by a game booth at the Port Hope Fall Fair.

Photograph taken by The Molson Photographer, G.S. Harwood

This photo and others can be found in our Flickr photostream:
www.flickr.com/photos/porthopearchives

UPCOMING EVENTS

Starting October 3rd: The Port Hope Archives will be OPEN the first Saturday of the month (until May) from 9am-1pm

October 3rd-4th: 50th Annual ACO Port Hope House Tour. Check acoporthope.ca for more information!

October 24th: The Friends of Wesleyville Village's Ghostly Visit, 6-8pm @ the Wesleyville Church, 2082 Lakeshore Road, Port Hope.

November 12th: 9th Evening with the ACO & Friends - The Canadian Canoe: Transformations of an Iconic Watercraft with Jeremy Ward, 7pm @ Port Hope Library

December 4th: The Friends of Wesleyville Village's Yuletide Carolling, 7pm @ the Wesleyville Church, 2082 Lakeshore Road, Port Hope.

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