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Enderby's early paddlewheeler

The Red Star, a paddlewheel river boat on Shuswap River (then known as the Spallumcheen), carried flour from R.P. Rithit's mill in Enderby to the CPR mainline in Sicamous in the early 1880s. It also carried mail, express and freight. In this photo circa 1880-90 where it is also towing an extra scow, the boat was manned by Capt. D.G. Cummings. He is shown on the top of the boat with J.C. Grinton and Jack Frances. George Folkard was engineer. [edms 2269]

President's Message

Welcome to 2023 and what an exciting year it is going to be for our museum! Fifty years!

We have so many events we are going to attend with our booth so plan to visit us and bring your friends – maybe we can convince them to join and support the many projects that are ongoing at the museum. Our "Then and Now" calendar has been extremely well received, having sold well over 100 copies. Our Christmas fundraising was also very successful and thank you all for supporting that, as well. If your group would like to have us attend your event, just let us know when it is and we can bring artifacts and pictures. We know by the fantastic response to Jackie's Facebook postings that everyone loves to look at old pictures and add their personal response! We will be able to do even more documenting and digitizing articles with our brand new high tech computer we just purchased recently. We often have up to four volunteers in on any given day and most of them need their own computer to work so we can keep them all busy at once.

Watch for our advertising when our special events are but be sure to be at the July 1st celebrations with us. Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.

Museum notes

By Jackie Pearase



Christmas at the museum

Fundraising events at the museum over Christmas were quite successful this year. We hit an all-time high in bake sale proceeds, with \$857 raised, most of it on Friday. Many thanks go to everyone who brought in goodies for the sale. "Traditional" Christmas baking – mince tarts, shortbread, butter tarts, fudge, fruitcake, etc. – seemed to be most popular so we know what to focus on next year.

Our silent auction was good, with most of the items sold and over \$1,000 raised. There were some items that did not get bids, which led to a discussion around maybe focusing more on unique items and antiques. Setting up the auction inside the museum is also very disruptive, as we have to move the front display cabinets so the auction items can be laid out on tables. So we may even decide to put the auction online in the future. So, for next year, we are seeking unique items and antiques for the auction and someone to help with putting it online. If you can help, contact the museum.

The Toonie Tree raised \$219 for the museum and the same amount for Dolores Desrochers, whose name was drawn on Dec. 18. Congratulations to Delores and thanks to everyone who participated.

Throw in sales of the 2023 Then & Now calendar, and we add another \$2,500 or so. There are still a few calendars left from the second printing available for sale at the museum.

NOW KNOW YE, that by these presents WE do hereby order and proclaim that the locality hereinbefore described, and the inhabitants thereof, shall, on, from and after the first day of March, A.D. 1905, be incorporated as a City Municipality, under and subject to the provisions of the Municipalities Incorporation Act, and amendments, and under and subject to the provisions hereinafter contained or referred to.

The said Municipality shall be called and known by the name and style of "The Corporation of the City of Enderby." – Part of a notice in the March 8, 1905 Edenograph

City twice considered being a village

Enderby became incorporated as a city in 1905 but that status was called into question on two occasions.

City council first discussed changing from a city to a village in May 1956 at the suggestion of the Department of Municipal Affairs. Council was greatly in favour of the change due to the lower taxes it would bring.

Mayor N.S. Johnson said there was much civic pride in being a city but Alderman Jack Smith said swallowing that pride would be easy under the circumstances.

The change was said to be in the works for a long time and Ald. J. Farmer said the change would be welcome and a popular move with residents.

At an October 1957 meeting council discussed holding a plebiscite to determine if residents wanted to change status. A figure of "well in excess of \$10,000" would be saved annually by taxpayers if the city changed to a village.

The Department of Municipal Affairs said it was unable to send a representative to a meeting to provide additional information due to "pressure of work" and was slow in responding to the same request from the Enderby Board of Trade.

City clerk Hazel Rosoman tendered her resignation in a letter to council in November 1957. She expected the city's status to change, making it a good time for her to go.

"I have fully expected the change to take place at the end of the present year. Unfortunately, at the time of writing this letter, I do not know whether that will be the case or not, but I believe the change will be made in the near future If not exactly at that time," she wrote.



An aerial shot of Enderby, looking north, in 1959. [edms 4486]

The public expressed a different view on the possible change at a public meeting April 17, 1958 attended by Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs J.E. Brown.

About 80 people attended the meeting and no one spoke in favour of the change despite the promise of lower taxes and reduced costs. The city would also have less borrowing power, less credit and no control over policing and the administration of justice.

The deputy minister said he could not advise people which way to vote. He pointed out "...that either way there would be an element of chance, as nobody could tell how future conditions, legislation or technological advances might affect the situation." (Enderby Commoner, April 25, 1958)

The need for a plebiscite and more information was again broached at a council meeting in August 1958. It was suggested that they get feedback from Princeton and Cumberland, which opted to revert to village status.

"...all agreed that the experience of other villages ought to be watched closely, and no member of the council wished to rush into action without the assurance that all angles of the question were clearly understood by the voters." (Enderby Commoner, Aug. 29, 1958)

By that October, the aldermen doubted the sense of holding a vote on the matter, saying there was no going back if they changed to village status.

"Since the aldermen agreed in their judgment that there was no advantage in taking a vote they decided not to do so," reads the Oct. 10, 1958 Enderby Commoner article.

Anniversary in 2023

The Enderby & District Museum & Archives is celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2023! We have some plans on how to celebrate this momentous occasion – including a 70s themed dinner and dance – but we thought we should also solicit ideas from our community. Do you have an idea for an event we can host? What kind of swag should we sell (T-shirts, mugs, magnets, artwork)? Do you have a creative talent that could be put to use to create a unique keepsake to mark the occasion? Do you want to join our organizing team? Please contact Jackie or Sandy at the museum via Facebook, email (enderbymuseum@shaw.ca) or phone (250-838-7170) and share your ideas, talents and time with us.

Armstrong-Enderby OHS AGM

The Armstrong-Enderby Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society hosts its annual general meeting at the Enderby Museum on Sunday, April 16 at 2 p.m. Bob Cowan is the scheduled speaker. His talk will be a comparison of the visions and projects of the Enderby & District Museum Society, Enderby Heritage Commission and Armstrong-Enderby Branch of the Okanagan Historical Society.



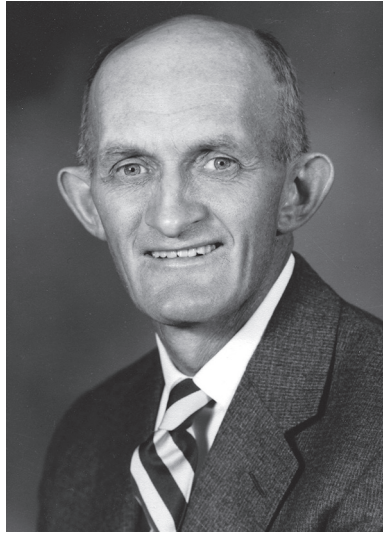
Postcards

We are currently printing a series of 10 new postcards to be sold at the museum. I selected photos from our collection depicting the Shuswap River, Enderby Cliffs, old Enderby bridge, canoe races, Trinity Bridge, Mabel Lake and the garage in Grindrod. Postcards can be popular with visitors wanting a memory of their time here and with locals wanting to show off their beautiful community to others. I am open to suggestions for future postcards as well as photographs that would make a good postcard.

The museum at the library

We loaned Enderby librarian Dawn Wierzbicki our hats on two occasions – for the mystery night held for kids and then adults. Both events were huge hits and the hats were used to help participants get into “character.” We also loaned out some hands-on artifacts to the library for Unplug and Play Week Jan 21-28. The rotary candlestick phone, a typewriter, adding machine, an egg beater and potato masher were on display for the kids to try out and guess what they are used for.

The hubby and I finished the restoration of the trunk I took from Springbend Hall that I plan to use as a Whatsit?! trunk at the library. Herb Higginbottom is making a tray to fit in the trunk. The idea is to display some artifacts in the tray for kids to look at and touch and I will visit the museum once a month to tell the kids about one of the items chosen by a child in attendance. I am still collecting artifacts and information on them so I plan to have this ready for the spring.



Enderby mayor from 1958-63, Jack B. Smith was part of the first debate about whether the city should become a village in 1958. [edms 6169]

The topic died a quiet death until it was raised again in 1968 by the Department of Municipal Affairs, which again promised lower taxes and fewer responsibilities.

An amendment to the Municipal Act in 1968 increased cities' responsibilities to welfare recipients from 10% to 20%. For villages, welfare costs, policing and property assessments were the responsibility of the provincial government.

The savings for Enderby was estimated at about \$20,000 annually if it changed to a village.

In April, council presented a bylaw on the possible change and promised more information and a plebiscite in the near future. The bylaw had three readings by late April but council was far from sold on the idea, with a heated discussion being the result.

Many questions remained as to the repercussions of a decision to become a village but council adopted the bylaw (with two votes against) so residents could vote on the matter.

Mayor and finance chairman Wayne McLeod presented council with the cost benefits of changing to village status but a delegation to council on May 6, 1968 asked for more information on the disadvantages.

An editorial in the May 10, 1968 Enderby Commoner discussed the pros and cons of the issue and concluded that change was imminent: “For sentimental reasons we would rather stay as we have been for the past 60 or more years, but there appears to be no alternative.”

Letter writers expressed a different opinion, with one in the May 17, 1959 newspaper reminding people of an expert's comments at a public meeting: “...the parting words of one of the speakers was in effect ‘I don't know how you got to be a city in the first place, but seeing that you were so fortunate, don't throw it away.’”

A public meeting was held May 21 and residents went to the polls May 25, 1968 to vote on city or village status.

We all know the result of the vote because we remain a city today. The vote fell short of the 60% required for the change, with 131 people in favour and 194 against the change.

Mayor McLeod was disappointed and said the issue was not dead despite the opposition.

A May 31, 1968 editorial was more magnanimous: "This is the democratic way to decide issues and it is even more conclusive when a better than average number express their opinion...The people generally come up with the right answers."

Anniversary contest

Speaking of the trunk mentioned above, the museum is hosting a story contest for its 50th anniversary which involves the trunk. The trunk came from Howie Gillies' family. His maternal grandfather came to Canada from Sweden with his parents in 1875. The inside of the trunk lid has a lithograph of a young woman surrounded by other images. The contest will ask people to write the story of the lady in the trunk – Who is she? Where did she come from? Where did she go? What did she do? What do the images in the lithograph represent? There will be different age categories and winners will be announced at our anniversary dinner in September.



Military memorials

These two shadow boxes are on display at the Enderby Legion Branch #98. The items were part of Jim McQueen's estate that was donated to the Enderby & District Museum after his death. The boxes are memorials to the military service of his mother's father, George Bailey (below), who served in the 13th Canadian Infantry Battalion in World War I and was injured, and the other to his uncle James Wilbert McQueen (above), who served in the Air Force with the 402 Canadian Fighter Squadron and was killed in the Second World War.

A North Enderby family

Frank and May Carbert married in Minnesota in 1920 and lived first in Peace River country then East Delta.

The couple moved to North Enderby with their family in May 1933, coming from Bridesville, BC where they had lived since 1922.

Frank had sold 10 cows and a few calves for \$200 to pay their way to Enderby.

They took up residence at 306 Enderby-Grindrod Rd.

May was a teacher and Frank farmed.

A shallow pond located on the property, still known as Carbert's Pond, was a popular place to cut ice for the winter.

When Frank and May moved to Enderby in 1952, their son Maynard took over the farm.

Frank and May were heavily involved in the United Church and in the construction of Pioneer Place on Belvedere Street.

Pioneer Place was built by volunteers, largely members of the United Church located next door.

The Carberts donated their time and money to the project.

They were one of the first couples to move in when it was built in 1971.

As a result, you will find one of the sections names Carbert House.

They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary before

Frank died in 1985. May died a year later.

The couple had three sons and two daughters: Gordon married Jean Huston, Maynard wed Charlotte McMechan, Ross wed Maxine Beverly Hoover, Lesley exchanged vows with Walter Ernest Schwebb and Muriel married Thomas Edward Hoover.

It seems that Muriel and Ross married into the same Hoover family.

Muriel was working as a stenographer in Edmonton; she and her husband moved there after their 1954 wedding.

Her brother Ross married in 1958 after falling in love with a sister of his sister's husband.



The Carbert family joined for a 50th wedding anniversary celebration in 1970. Shown are (rear) Ross Carbert, Gordon Carbert, Maynard Carbert, (front) Lesley Carbert, Frank "Pop" Carbert, Mae "Mom" Carbert and Muriel Carbert Hoover [edms 3657]

The following poem was written by Janet Hoover for Frank and May Carbert's 60th anniversary:

Miss May Embree was a school marm
 She came from East Delta where it's warm
 To look for a gent worthy of all her charm.
 There once was a man named Frank
 Who was an immigrated Yank
 He met up with this teacher
 Took her straight to the preacher
 That swank young Yank named Frank.
 They lived on the Northern Prairie
 Their life was quite simple and merry
 But they wanted to roam
 So they shut down that home
 And left with what they could carry.
 In the year of 1921
 They had a bouncing baby son
 In 1922
 It was son number two
 The honeymoon was definitely done.
 Raising two boys was a chore
 But it was never, never a bore
 Headaches were double
 They were always in trouble
 But the Carberts were ready for more.
 Their third child was named Jim
 But it wasn't a him
 A sweet little girl
 With hair in a curl
 She was so proper and prim.
 They lived on a farm out of town

Until the market came tumbling down
 The depression was rough
 The depression was tough
 So they moved around Enderby town.
 The two youngest were Ross and Muriel
 The latter ate goat's milk on her cereal
 Ross was the boss
 For words he was ne'er at a loss
 We can't say more 'cause nothing rhymes with Muriel.
 One by one the children roamed
 To war, to teach, and one stayed at home
 To find his fortune on the sea
 To learn to type in the big city
 And fin'ly Mom and Dad were left alone.
 The first to marry was Jim
 She found herself a man tall and slim
 Ernie was his name
 Potatoes were their game
 They had 10 kids, five were hers and five were him.
 Charlotte and Puck, farmers were they
 Together they continued to put up the hay
 Glen, Dennis and Marjorie
 They all lived so happily
 They're a nice family wouldn't you say.
 Soon the eldest followed suit
 Had three kids that were so cute
 Cameron, Arlene and Beverly
 From Enderby, the Peace, to Tees
 Now back to BC to find his roots.
 Muriel to Ted was wed
 Although all the papers called him Fred
 Two boys and two girls make four
 Even steven, they had no more
 Alberta is where they make their bread.
 After seeing the quality of sister's beau
 Ross got a Hoover girl in tow
 Married Maxine
 Had Louise, Blair and Dean
 Now they are moving to Ontario.
 A new branch grew on the family tree
 Grandchildren, in total number twenty-three
 Spouses make more
 Great grandkids galore
 Another sixty years, who knows what will be.
 Today we're here to celebrate
 Our grandparents who are so great
 From 20 to 80 you have been blessed
 From this group we wish you the best.

Windy Rock Ski Hill presentation

The Enderby & District Museum is celebrating Heritage Week 2023 with a mall display and a presentation.

Heritage Week runs Feb. 20-26 with the theme, Always in All Ways.

We will kick things off early with a presentation at the museum on Saturday, Feb. 18 at 1 p.m.

The topic of discussion will be the Windy Rock Ski Hill, which originated on the Case property in Ashton Creek in 1968 then went into operation on Baird's hill until the mid 1970s.

Interviews with a few of the key players will help fill in some of the background history of the ski hill and other people are being invited to come and share their stories.

A Facebook post on the topic drew a favourable response, with many recalling the fun times had on the little ski hill, so we are hoping for a good turnout.

Some people have even provided photographs of the ski hill that we will use for a photo display to accompany the presentation.

Ken Case may still have a piece of the original tow rope and Carine and Tom Baird recently had the original signs from the ski hill repainted by Linda Higginbottom. We hope to include these artifacts in the presentation.

Anyone reading this with information and/or stories to tell about Windy Rock Ski Hill is welcome to contact Jackie at the museum to share their knowledge. We also welcome more photographs as the museum has just two blurry photos of the ski hill.

The museum is also participating in Heritage Week events at the Piccadilly Mall in Salmon Arm.

The mall has invited different heritage based organizations to have a display from Feb 20-25 highlighting local history.

Herb Higginbottom will be there with a display of items from his Deep Creek Tool Museum.

The Enderby Museum is putting together a photo display celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2023. We will use photos and text to tell the story of how the museum was first established and its growth to present day.

There are other Heritage Week events at the mall and RJ Haney Heritage Park.

Fire truck project progressing

Enderby's first fire truck is getting closer to being back on the road in 2023.

Two replacement fenders have been located and will be modified to make them look like the old fenders. Thanks to David Horsfield for sourcing the fenders for such a great price.

Shane Williamson from Williamson Automotive is taking on the task of getting the motor back in running condition.

The truck has been taken down to the bare necessities so Shane can take it to his shop once he and his wife return from their Mexico vacation. Shane remembers the truck when it was a popular parade entry and is excited to be part of the project.

I have approached a local talent to do some pinstriping on the truck once it is running and put back together. Keep you posted on that.

Greg Clark has been asked to create some new running boards and family volunteers will help sand and varnish the boards in the back of the truck.

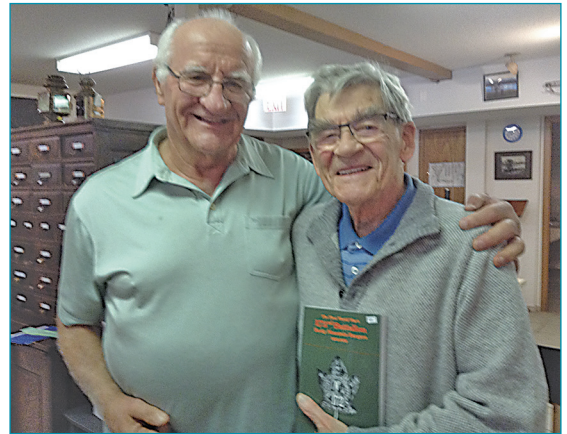
Herb Higginbottom fixed up the wood steering wheel last year and he is now remaking the floorboards that fit under the foot pedals, which he will install once the motor is purring.

Tony's Tire is sourcing some new tires for the truck and I am sourcing some additional funds to pay for them.

The project is suddenly moving along so quickly that we are very hopeful that it will be making its debut in the Canada Day Parade.



Enderby's first fire truck is getting some much-needed TLC. The wheels, like this one on the right, need to be replaced. Herb Higginbottom did his magic to give the wood steering wheel a second life.



Old friends

John Pavelich and Len Gamble shared a hug and memories at the museum's annual general meeting held Nov. 18, 2022. John attended the meeting that included a speech by Len on the 1975 fire at A.L. Fortune School, where both were working at the time, John as a teacher and Len as principal.



AGM presentation

Len Gamble's presentation on the 1975 fire at A.L. Fortune School held after the museum's AGM on Nov. 18, 2022 was well attended. Len gave some background history on the school before delving into the actual fire and its aftermath.