YESTERDAY

News from the Tavistock and District Historical Society

THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES:

Maurice Bell
Milton Capling
Clarence Kalbfleisch
Frederick Ratz
Kenneth Roth
Francis Weitzel
Lloyd Woelfle (*WWII)

W. Stewart Bell
Clarence Irwin
Alfred Kingsley
W. J. Robertshaw
Ward Waddle
Carleton Woelfle

(*died in training)
Dr. William Oliver Kaufman had a license to operate radio receiving equipment from 1925 to 1928 with the Department of Marine and Fisheries. He built a Haynes DX receiver and a two-stage audio frequency amplifier which were donated to the Tavistock and District Historical Society museum and archives by his daughter, Marie Kaufmann.

Along with the equipment donated is a wooden gramophone speaker and a lengthy spool of speaker cord.

The donation includes a portrait of Dr. Kaufman as well as a tooth extraction tool he used, seen in the foreground.

Dr. W. O. Kaufman graduated in 1916 and opened his practice in the Lemp Block in 1917. In 1920 he moved his business to the Commercial Hotel where he continued for some 35 years. In 1956, he moved his equipment to his home at 189 Woodstock Street North until retiring from the practice in 1961.

Part of the Historical Society’s commitment to outreach is their participation in the Doors Open Oxford program this year on the weekend of September 10 and 11 with a display at Quehl’s Restaurant.

Some of the items include a wooden neck yoke; cast-iron shoe last; wooden egg crates and liquor boxes; colourized, framed, enlarged photos of downtown Tavistock, milk cans, creamery cans, plus a display featuring items from Eckhardt Wettlaufer of Sebastopol including a reproduction of his 1877 crokinole board and wooden pattern of a cider mill gear and a full collection of 22 Ross Butler prints.

Quehl’s of Tavistock is the first location on a 15-stop tour that includes historic buildings in Wolverton, Princeton, Woodstock, Norwich, Tillsonburg and Ingersoll.

**Mission Statement:**

To collect, preserve, research, exhibit and interpret the history of Tavistock and its immediate surrounding area.

This includes oral history, archived material, museum displays, operations of the facility, and to make it accessible for public use.

Special thanks to the Township of East Zorra-Tavistock for the use of the former PUC building at 37 Maria Street in Tavistock.
From the Tavistock Gazette, May 18, 2005
The Tavistock and District Historical Society has been ensured financial stability in their day-to-day operations for the next five years thanks to a monetary investment in the museum/archives from the Rotary Club of Tavistock. The Club not only facilitated the formation of the museum-archives, but has now come up with funds to seed its growth.

In 2005, Rotary is celebrating a significant milestone … 100 years of Rotary International. As a special project commemorating a century of service, the Rotary Club of Tavistock Club is making a financial investment in the Tavistock & District Historical Society. This investment totals $25,000 over a five-year period.

The money sees the Society receiving $10,000 right now followed by $3,000 at the end of each year for five years. The initial $10,000 allows for the purchase of much-needed items such as display cases and storage racks. The annual $3,000 will help to subsidize ongoing operating costs such as rent, insurance and maintenance on the facility. The Society is presently applying for charitable status to further their viability and sustainability in the long term.

Society acquires antique display cases

The Historical Society acquired several antique display cabinets, bookcases and medal cases from a location in London. They include two antique china cabinets, a sectional oak bookcase; one mahogany and one oak bookcase; two tall, wooden display cabinets, two small medal cases and one large, glass-top, wheeled display case. They are being used to display artifacts in the museum located in the former PUC building at 37 Maria Street, Tavistock.

R&R Enterprises Inc., Stratford donated the use of their truck and trailer to transport the pieces from London to Tavistock. Owner Ron Saunders, employee Dan Peacock and Historical Society member George Stock completed the move on Wednesday, August 24 around 11:30 a.m.

ORAL HISTORY COMMITTEE GATHERS STORIES:
The Oral History Committee has completed video interviews with the following: Former Tavistock Women’s Institute members; Marie Kaufmann on Dr. W. O. Kaufman; Jim Francis, Mahlon Leis on the Tavistock Fire Department, and Beatrice Krug on Pepper’s Store.

Above: Rotary President George Stock (seated left) with Chairperson Dr. Paul Bartlett. Standing at left, Rotarians Pete Francis and Barb Low and at right, Dr. Bruce Halliday and Sherrill Bryant.

Above: Ron Saunders (right) and Dan Peacock of R&R Enterprises Inc. unload display cases at the museum on Wednesday, August 24.
A sample of the engraved watch (this one from the Percy Bender Estate) given to veterans by the Tavistock Men’s Club in appreciation of their service during WWII.

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MUSEUM HOURS: Saturdays 10am-12 noon

If you have a photo of a veteran that has not been catalogued, please contact any member of the Tavistock & District Historical Society.

Tavistock and area veterans in the database
(as of August 20, 2005)

Ament, Arthur
Anderson, Laurence
Appel, Harold John
Appel, Robert W.
Armstrong, Ernest D.
Arnott, Frederick
Baecher, Joseph
Baecher, Stanley
Baker, Earl
Barber, Franklin A.
Barnes, Wilfred
Bean, Wesley Emerson
Bean, John
Bell, Lorne Thomas
Bell, Maurice H.*
Bell, Stewart
Bender, Clayton
Bender, Elroy J.*
Berger, John James
Bender, Percy*
Berger, Philip
Berger, Roy
Berger, Wilfred Fred
Bond, Earnest
Bossence, Roy
Bowman, Norval
Boyd, Harry L.
Brennen, Alvin*
Brennen, Lloyd
Brennen, Le Verne John*
Brett, Fred
Brodrecht, John F. W.
Brown, George
Butterworth, Edward Willis*
Caister, John (Jack)*
Capling, Fred*
Capling, Ira
Capling, Milton*
Cattysse, Alfred G.
Cawthorpe, Robert*
Cawthorpe, Joseph*
Chambers, John
Clark, Lorne*
Clement, William
Clement, Murray
Clement, Norman
Crewson, Sheldon
Crewson, Lloyd
Cross, Jack D.
Curray, John
Curray, Kenneth
Daub, Gerth
Denis, Elwood
Denstedt, Martin
Devbrey, Robert J.*
Dibble, Albert
Dietz, Victor
Dunsmore, Arthur
Duval, Elroy
Dymten, Lorne
Eckstein, Russell
Efert, Arnold
Erb, Elton*
Everett, Louis
Ferguson, Reginald
Fisher, Alex
Fisher, Donald
Fisher, Forbes
Fisher, George
Foerster, Arthur
Fooks, Harry
Fortune, Donald
Frederick, Stewart W.
Fryogle, Robert*
Fryogle, John*
Fuhr, Valentine T.
Fuhr, Gordon*
Fuhr, John
Fuhr, (Ross) Rose*
Fuhr, Wilfred
Fullk, Harold James*
Gable, Victor*
George, Arthur W.
Ghent, Fred
Gladling, C. Robert*
Gloes, Neill
Goodrich, Harold
Grant, Pete
Granton, Harvey
Granton, Donald
Gregory, Kenneth
Grenzebach, Wilfred O.
Grenzebach, Silvester L.
Groombridge, Anthony
Hahn, Arthur
Hahn, Austin E.
Hammer, Floyd
Haney, Jack
Hanlon, Thomas
Hanna, John J.
Hansen, Richard
Hansud, Laura*
Harloff, Harry
Harshaw, Ralph
Hartung, Milton
Hartung, Edward
Haveling, Elmer E.
Heinbuch, Robert
Heinbuch, Paul
Heinbuch, Jack Adam
Henderson, Edgar B.
Henry, John E.
Henry, Robert
Herold, Ross
Herold, John
Herold, Robert
Herold, John
Hilcox, Clarence*
Holley, Franklin Jarrett*
Holt, Arthur
Hopkinson, George
Hopkinson, Keith
Hopkinson, Merlin
Hotson, Ralph*
Hotson, Arthur*
Houghten, Russell C.*
Hughes, Charles
Hughes, Dale
Hughes, Elwood
Hulme, Joseph
Irwin, Clarence E.
Ische, Kenneth
Jeffery, Wm. R.
Johnson, Gordon
Jones, Lloyd*
Jones, Arthur
Jones, John H.*
Junker, Gordon George
Jutzi, Stanley
Kauffman, Charles
Kalbfleisch, Clarence*
Kalbfleisch, Donald
Kalbfleisch, Julian B.
Kalbfleisch, Paul
Kauffman, Donald Conrad
Kauffman, Edwin John
Kauffman, Harold E.
Kauffman, James
Kauffman, John (Jack)
Kauffman, Julius
Kauffman, Lloyd
Kauffman, Milton
Kauffman, Thomas E.
Kauffman, William
Kelby, James
Kerr, Daniel McLeod
King, Donald M.
King, Hugh
Kingsley, Alfred
Kingsley, Edwin
Klein, Charles J.
Knoll, Lloyd
Knights, Leslie
Knudson, Craig*
Koellen, Earl*
Krueg, Conrad
Krueg, Harry
Krueg, Donald
Lestin, L. A.*
Lestin, Elmer W.*
Neeb, Gordon*
Neeb, L. Alvin*
Neuen, Joseph
Nielberg, Harry Pearless
Niebergall, Carl
Niebergall, Oliver
Noble, Harry
Oehm, Douglas
Oehm, Wray
Otto, Allan
Otto, Charles H.
Park, Bruce
Parkinson, George
Pearson, Allan
Pearson, Clifford
Pearson, Jack
Pearson, Lloyd
Pearson, Orval C.
Pearson, Walter F.
Perry, Harry*
Pfrumpton, Robert
Piehl, Clarence F.
Pletsch, Eelman K.*
Pletsch, Percy S.*
Purdy, Donald
Queli, George
Ratz, Charles H.
Ratz, Frederick W.
Ratz, Gordon L.
Reason, Fred
Reason, B.
Riebling, Earl*
Rieder, Charles*
Robertshaw, Arthur
Roberts, John William
Rosenberg, Wilfred
Ross, Walter*
Ross, Alexander M.
Roth, Arthur
Roth, Hubert*
Roth, Kenneth
Roth, Robert
Rought, James*
Rowe, (King) Margaret*
Rowe, Howard
Rowe, Samuel
Ruby, Ronald
Rudy, Charles
Rudy, Leroy
Russell, Duncan
Saranchuk, Fred
Schafer, Fred
Schafer, Harry*
Schafer, Jack
Schafer, Lorne
Schafer, Jack L.*
Schafer, Walter
Schafer, William H.
Scheerer, Harry
Scheerer, Stanley
Schilling, Wilson*
Schilling, Stanley*
Schmidt, Eric
Schmidt, Fred
Schmidt, Jack
Schmidt, Roy
Schmidt, William
Schramm, George
Schroeder, William
Scott, Roy
Seegmiller, C. E.*
Seegmiller, George Emil
Seegmiller, John Henry
Seegmiller, Russell Earnest
Seyler, Robert D.
Shibley, Walter A.
Shibley, Clifford R.
Shibley, George Jr.
Siebert, J. W.
Siegmiller, Paul
Sims, Norman
Sims, Oscar
Sims, Reuben
Steele, Henry
Stadelman, Duart
Stein, Valentine
Steinman, Joan*
Steinman, Peter*
Sterle, Irving*
Stock, Valentine F.
Stock, Lloyd W.
Stock, Fred W.*
Strahm, Earl*
Strahm, Lloyd A.*
Strahm, Clair*
Swain, Donald K.
Tabor, Earl
Tavast, Beverley Clifford*
Tavast, Melvin
Tavast, Woodrow
Trow, Charles
Tucker, Norman
Vance, Ralph
Vogel, Wilfred (Bill)*
Vogel, Carl
Vogel, Edward
Vogel, Harold*
Vollmershausen, K.
Wadle, Ward*
Walkey, Arthur
Walkey, Roy
Wall, Arthur O.*
Walt, Fred
Walters, Lloyd A.*
Warren, Sidney
Watt, Angus
Webber, Arthur R.
Wecker, Fred*
Wecker, Julian
Welz, Frances*
Welch, Leslie
Welch, Douglas
Wetland, John S. H.*
Wetletta, Lloyd
Wetletta, William
Wetletta, Albert
Wetletta, Royal
Wetletta, Wayne
Wharf, Thomas
White, Chester S.
Willick, Ivan
Willick, Allan H.
Willick, Alfred J.
Willick, Carl
Willick, Stanley
Willick, Louis J.*
Willick, Theoodore*
Wilks, Alex
Wilson, C. L.*
Wilton, Marian
Wilton, Forest
Winston, Lloyd C.*
Wittig, Conrad
Woeffe, Carleton H.*
Woeffe, Francis F.*
Woeffe, Harold*
Woeffe, Lloyd*
Woeffe, Peter
Yack, Walter
Yungblut, Henry W.
Yungblut, William E.
Zehr, Delmar
Zehr, Ernest
Zehr, Stanley
Zehr, Wilmer
Zerbach, Walter
Zimmer, Clarence
Zinn, Henry T. (Harry)*