

YESTERDAY

News from the Tavistock and District Historical Society



Maurice Bell



W. Stewart Bell



Milton Capling



Clarence Kalbfleisch



Ward Waddle



Francis Weitzel



Lloyd Woelfle



Carleton Woelfle

THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES:

Maurice Bell
Milton Capling¹
Clarence Kalbfleisch
Frederick Ratz*
Kenneth Roth
Francis Weitzel
Lloyd Woelfle
(¹WWI)

W. Stewart Bell
Clarence Irwin¹
Alfred Kingsley
W. J. Robertshaw
Ward Waddle
Carleton Woelfle
(*died in training)

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**Tavistock & District
Historical Society**

Executive:

Chairman: Paul Bartlett
Secretary: Mary Nicklas
Treasurer: Joyce Hill

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Sherrill Bryant
Roy Erb
Bill Gladding
Bruce Halliday
Barb Matthies
Ed Pellow
Susan Pellow
Bob Rudy
Ron Saunders
George Stock

yes-ter-day:

1. *n.* the day which preceded today.
(*rhet.*) recent time
2. *adv.* on or during yesterday (*rhet.*) at or during a recent time

W. O. Kaufman memorabilia donated

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.



Travelling display at Doors Open Oxford

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, Tillsongburg and Ingersoll.

Mission Statement:

To collect, preserve, research, exhibit and interpret the history of Tavistock and it's 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.

Rotary invests in 5-year plan for Society

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

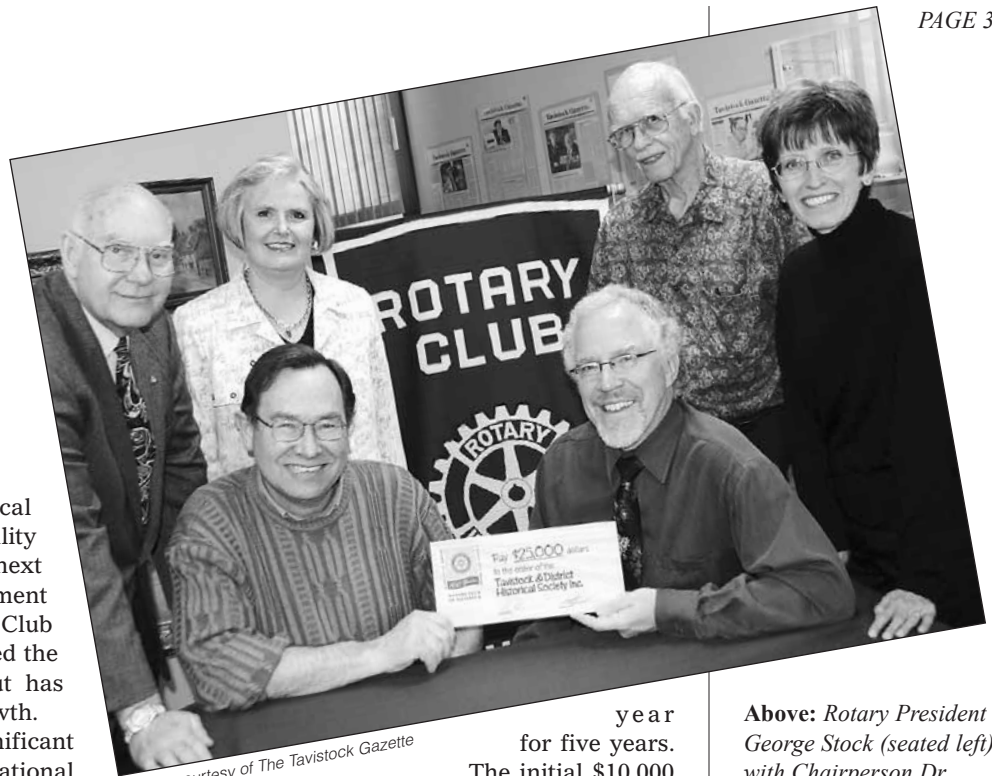


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year for five years. The initial \$10,000 allows for the purchase of much-needed items such as display cases and storage racks. The annual \$3,000 will help to subsidize ongoing operating costs such as rent, insurance and maintenance on the facility.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

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.

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.



Above: Ron Saunders (right) and Dan Peacock of R&R Enterprises Inc. unload display cases at the museum on Wednesday, August 24.

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 Pepler's Store.

\$5.00 That's all it takes to become a member of the Tavistock and District Historical Society

Tavistock and area veterans in the database

(as of August 20, 2005)



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.

Tavistock & District Historical Society

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**MUSEUM
HOURS:**
Saturdays
10am-12 noon

Ament, Arthur	Fuhr, (Ross) Rose*	King, Hugh	Noble, Harry	Steinman, Joan*
Anderson, Laurence	Fuhr, Wilfred	Kingsley, Alfred	Oehm, Douglas	Steinman, Peter*
Appel, Harold John	Fullick, Henry James*	Kingsley, Edwin	Oehm, Wray	Stere, Irvin*
Appel, Robert W.	Gable, Victor*	Klein, Charles J.	Otto, Allan	Stock, Valentine F.*
Armstrong, Ernest D.	George, Arthur W.	Klein, Lloyd	Otto, Lorne	Stock, Edward*
Arnott, Frederick	Ghent, Fred	Knights, Leslie	Park, Bruce	Stock, Fred W.*
Baechler, Joseph	Gladding, C. Robert*	Knudson, Craig*	Parkinson, George	Strahm, Earl*
Baechler, Stanley	Glaves, Neil	Koellner, Earl*	Pearson, Allan	Strahm, Lloyd A.*
Baker, Earl*	Goodrich, Harold	Krug, Conrad	Pearson, Clifford	Strahm Clair*
Barber, Franklin*	Grant, Pete	Krug, Herbert	Pearson, Jack	Swain, Donald K.
Barnes, Wilfred	Granton, Harvey	Krug, Harry Johnson	Pearson, Lloyd	Tabor, Earl
Bean, Wesley Emerson	Granton, Donald	Krug, Lorne*	Pearson, Orval C.	Trachsel, Beverley Clifford*
Bean, John	Gregory, Kenneth	Krug, Robert*	Pearson, Walter F.	Trachsel, Melvin
Bell, Lorne Thomas	Grenzebach, Wilfred O.	Langdon, Wm.	Percy, Harry*	Trachsel, Woodrow
Bell, Maurice H.*	Grenzebach, Silvester L.	Le Ruez, Joseph C.	Prompter, Robert	Trow, Charles
Bell, Stewart	Groombridge, Anthony	Leinweber, Wesley*	Piehl, Clarence F.	Tucker, Norman*
Bender, Clayton	Hahn, Arthur	Leonard, Melvin D.	Pletsch, Elmer K.*	Vance, Ralph
Bender, Elroy J.*	Hahn, Austin E.	Lingelbach, Kenneth*	Pletsch, Percy S.*	Vogel, Wilfred (Bill)*
Berger, John James	Hammer, Floyd	Lippe, Alexander C.	Purdy, Donald	Vogt, Carl
Bender, Percy*	Haney, Jack*	Loth, John	Quehl, George	Vogt, Edward
Berger, Philip	Hanlon, Thomas	Loth, Carleton W.	Ratz, Charles H.	Vogt, Harold*
Berger, Roy	Hanna, John J.	Loveys, Eric	Ratz, Frederick W.	Vollmershausen, K.
Berger, Wilfred Fred	Hansen, Richard	Lutz, Harry	Ratz, Gordon L.	Waddle, Ward*
Bond, Earnest*	Hansuld, Laura*	Malcolm, Maurice	Reason, Fred	Wakely, Arthur
Bossence, Roy	Harloff, Harry	Mallon, Arnold	Reason, Gladys	Wakely, Gordon
Bowman, Norval	Harshaw, Ralph	Malnkham, Herbert	Riebling, Earl*	Walkom, Arthur O.*
Boyd, Harry L.	Hartung, Milton	Martens, Rudy	Rieder, Charles*	Walter, Fred
Brenneman, Alvin*	Hartung, Edward	Mather, Henry	Robertshaw, Arthur	Walters, Lloyd A.*
Brenneman, Lloyd	Haveling, Elmer E.	Matthies, William*	Robertshaw, John William*	Walton, Francis*
Brenneman, LaVerne John*	Heinbuch, Robert	McCauley, George	Rosenberg, Wilfred	Warris, Sidney
Brett, Fred	Heinbuch, Paul	McDermott, John*	Ross, Walter*	Watt, Angus
Brodrecht, John F. W.	Heinbuch, Jack Adam	McDermott, Stanley*	Ross, Alexander M.	Webber, Arthur R.
Brown, George	Heinbuch, Roland	McDermott, Clair	Roth, Arthur	Weicker, Fred P.*
Butterworth, Edward Willis*	Henderson, Edgar B.	McDonald, Kenneth	Roth, Hubert*	Weicker, Julius
Caister, John (Jack)*	Henry, John E.	McGillawee, Ross	Roth, Kenneth	Weitzel, Francis*
Capling, Fred*	Henry, Robert	McIntosh, Jean	Roth, Robert*	Welch, Leslie
Capling, Ira	Herold, Ross	McKay, Bruce	Routly, James*	Weich, Douglas
Capling, Milton*	Herold, John	McKay, Harry J.	Rowe, (King) Margaret*	Weston, J. H. Spencer*
Cattrysse, Alfred G.	Herold, Robert	McKay, Harvey	Rowe, Howard	Wettlaufer, Lloyd
Cawthorpe, Robert*	Hilcox, Clarence*	McKay, Lloyd	Rowe, Samuel	Wettlaufer, Henry L.*
Cawthorpe, Joseph*	Holley, Franklin Jarrett*	McKay, Ronald	Ruby, Mahlon	Wettlaufer, Wilfred G.
Chambers, John	Holt, Arthur	McKay, Stuart	Ruland, Gordon L.	Wettlaufer, Albert
Clark, Lorne*	Hopkinson, George	McKeellar, John	Russell, Duncan	Wettlaufer, Harold
Clement, William	Hopkinson, Keith	McMillan, Rae	Saranchuk, Fred	Wettlaufer, John
Clement, Murray	Hopkinson, Merna	McMillan, John	Schaefer, Fred	Wettlaufer, Roy C.
Clement, Norman	Hotson, Ralph*	McMillan, Kenneth	Schaefer, Harry*	Wettlaufer, Wayne
Crewson, Sheldon	Hotson, Arthur*	McMillan, Louis	Schaefer, Jack	Wharf, Thomas
Crewson, Lloyd	Houghton, Russell C.*	McTavish, Glen	Schaefer, Lorne	White, Chester S.
Cross, Jack D.	Hughes, Charles	McTavish, Gordon	Schaefer, Ruby L.*	Wilhelm, Ivan
Currah, John	Hughes, Dale	Meadows, Oscar	Schaefer, Walter	Wilhelm, Allan H.
Currah, Kenneth	Hughes, Elwood	Melbourne, Stanley O.*	Schaefer, William H.	Wilker, Alfred J.
Daub, Gerth	Hulme, Joseph	Merklinger, Franklin*	Scheerer, Harry	Wilker, Carl
Dennis, Elwood*	Irwin, Clarence E.	Merklinger, George*	Scheerer, Stanley	Wilker, Emerson H.
Denstedt, Martin	Ische, Kenneth	Miles, Charles A.	Schippling, Wilson*	Wilker, Lewis J.*
Dewberry, Robert J.*	Jeffery, Wm. R.	Miller, Allen	Schippling, Stanley*	Wilker, Theodore*
Dibble, Albert	Johnson, Gordon	Miller, Wilfred	Schmidt, Eric	Wilks, Alex
Dietz, Victor	Jones, Lloyd*	Millington, John	Schmidt, Fred	Wilson, C. L.*
Dunsmore, Arthur	Jones, Arthur	Mills, John	Schmidt, Jack	Wilton, Marian
Duval, Elroy	Jones, John H.*	Mohr, Clifford*	Schmidt, Roy	Wilton, Webster
Dyment, Lorne	Junker, Gordon George	Mohr, Ralph*	Schmidt, William	Winhold, Harold*
Eckstein, Russell	Jutzi, Stanley	Monch, Herbert	Schramm, George	Winhold, Lloyd C.*
Eifert, Arnold	Kaufman, Charles	Moore, Grant	Schroeder, William	Wittig, Conrad
Erb, Elton*	Kalbfeisch, Clarence*	Moore, Keith	Scott, Roy	Woelfle, Carleton H.*
Everett, Louis	Kalbfeisch, Donald	Moore, Neil	Seegmiller, C. E.*	Woelfle, Francis F.*
Ferguson, Reginald	Kalbfeisch, Julian B.	Moore, Norman A.	Seegmiller, George Emil	Woelfle, Harold*
Fisher, Alex	Kalbfeisch, Paul	Morgenroth, Luke J.	Seegmiller, John Henry	Woelfle, Lloyd*
Fisher, Donald	Kaufman, Donal Conrad	Morrison, Clive	Seegmiller, Russell Earnest	Woelfle, Peter
Fisher, Forbes	Kaufman, Edwin John	Mosher, Forrest Rodger*	Seyler, Robert D.*	Yeck, Walter*
Fisher, George	Kaufman, Harold E.	Murfitt, H. A.	Shibley, Walter A.	Yungblut, Henry W.
Foerster, Arthur	Kaufman, James	Murray, Mabel Jean	Shibley, Clifford R.	Yungblut, Wilhelm E.
Fooks, Harry	Kaufman, John (Jack)	Murray, Duncan	Shibley, George R. Jr.	Zehr, Delmar
Fortune, Donald	Kaufman, Julius	Mutch, Robert J.	Siebert, J. Wesley	Zehr, Ernest
Freeman, Stewart W.	Kaufman, Lloyd	Neeb, Elmer W.*	Siegner, Paul	Zehr, Howard*
Fryfogel, Robert*	Kaufman, Milton	Neeb, Gordon*	Sims, Norman	Zehr, Howard*
Fryfogel, John*	Kaufman, Thomas E.	Neeb, L. Alvin*	Sims, Oscar	Zehr, Wilmer
Fuhr, Valentine T.	Kaufman, William	Neumann, Joseph	Sims, Reuben	Zerbach, Walter
Fuhr, Christian	Kelly, James*	Niebergall, Harry Pearlous	Sippel, John Henry	Zinn, Clarence
Fuhr, Gordon*	Kerr, Daniel McLeod	Niebergall, Carl	Stadelman, Duart	Zinn, Henry T. (Harry)*
Fuhr, John	King, Donald M.	Niebergoll, Oliver	Stein, Valentine	

(* means we have a photograph)

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