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PROGRAMME NOTES -

Sept. 17 - "A Light on History in the Lunenburg and LeHave Area": An illustrated talk by Pamela Collins.

Oct. 15 - "Alice of Grand Pre" - the story of female education in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. A talk by Mr. Davison, President of Wolfville Historical Society.

Nov. 19 - "Norse Relics in the New World - Facts and Fiction": By Birgitta Wallace of Parks Canada.

Heritage Trust meetings are held the third Thursday of every month at 8.00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Nova Scotia Museum of Science 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, N.S. New members are always welcome.

FALL TOUR 81 -

On October 3 there will be a Fall Tour to Fort Beausejour, N.B., and surrounding area to visit various places of historical interest. Details will follow later - meanwhile mark the date!

FROM THE EDITOR -

The Griffin Committee expresses many thanks to Charlotte Myhre and Edith Clare for responding to the appeal for back copies of the Heritage Trust newsletter. We would still welcome more copies of the early issues.

RECOGNITION FOR PHYLLIS BLAKELEY -

On June 4, 1981, at their annual business meeting during the Learned Societies Conference at Dalhousie University, the Canadian Historical Association presented a "Certificate of Merit" to Dr. Phyllis Blakeley for exceptional contribution to regional history.

The citation reads " Dr. Phyllis Blakeley has devoted her life to the exploration, preservation and dissemination of Nova Scotia's history and heritage. Author of scores of articles, several school texts and a highly successful book, Glimpses of Halifax, 1867-1890, Dr. Blakeley has demonstrated a remarkable grasp of the history of her native province and has earned a far-reaching reputation for her meticulous scholarship. A charter member of Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia and its president from 1976 to 1978, she is a fearless champion of historical preservation and has been instrumental in saving many architectural monuments from the wrecker's ball and chain. Associated since 1945 with the Public Archives of Nova Scotia where she rose to the position of Associate Archivist in 1977, Dr. Blakeley has won the respect, gratitude and love of a generation of scholars working in the field of Nova Scotia history. They perhaps more than others, realize that this woman of unfailing cheerfulness has no equal in her dedication to Nova Scotia history."

Earlier this Spring Phyllis received a further token of recognition for her efforts as "a source of enrichment, discovery and preservation" of our cultural heritage.

In April she was nominated by the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia for the 1981 Cultural Federation of Nova Scotia Cultural Life Award, to "affirm the credit given her by historians and writers in the acknowledgements on the dust jackets of their publications. These credits reveal she has served the cultural community of the province beyond the call of duty in her professional appointments."

Sincere congratulations,
Phyllis!

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(a little restricted for space in this issue of Griffin - a complete list of Executive and Committee Chairman & Trustees will follow later).

MEMO FROM THE SECRETARY -

Executive meetings of the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia are usually held on the second Tuesday of the month, September-November and January-May, at 7.30 p.m. at 1579 Dresden Row. Members of the Executive will always be notified in advance.

Board Meetings are held several times a year on Saturday mornings at 1579 Dresden Row. Members of the Board will always be notified in advance. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President.

DUTCH REFORMED CHURCH RE-OPENING-

Trust members are invited to the re-opening of the Dutch Reformed Church, Brunswick St., at 3 p.m., Sunday, 20 September. A short service will be followed by a procession to St. George's Round Church for another service and after that a Victorian Garden Party. Bishop Leonard Hatfield will be guest preacher and Stadacona Band provide the music. Both churches to remain open until 8 o'clock that evening. Restoration work was carried out by cadets of the training ship Libertad during their stay in Halifax earlier this summer.

GRATITUDE FOR OUR HERITAGE

Father God, we keep forgetting all of those who lived before us;
 we keep forgetting those who lived and worked in this
 community;
 we keep forgetting those who prayed and sang hymns in this
 church before we were born.
 We keep forgetting what our fathers have done for us.
 We commit the sin, Lord, of assuming that everything begins with us.
 We drink from wells we did not find. We eat food from farmland
 that we did not develop.
 We enjoy freedoms which we have not earned.
 We worship in churches we did not build.
 We live in communities that we did not establish.

This day make us grateful for our heritage. Turn our minds to those who lived in another day and under different circumstances, until we are aware of their faith and work.

Today, we need to feel our oneness, not only with those of a recent generation who lived here, but those of every generation and in every place whose faith and works have enriched our lives. We need to learn from them in order that our faith will be as vital, our commitment as sincere, our worship as alive, our fellowship as deep, as many of the devout and faithful who lived in other times and places.

Amen.

submitted by:
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VOLUNTEER HELP NEEDED

There is a need for ready, willing and able individuals to help with Federation programmes.

Would you be interested in serving on any of the committees listed below?

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Publications

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Local History for Museums and Schools

Tourism & Heritage

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