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PROGRAM NOTES

The regular monthly meetings of Heritage Trust are held on the third Thursday of the month in the auditorium of the Nova Scotia Museum, 1747 Summer Street, Halifax, at 8.00 p.m.

Thursday - June 20, 1985 - Annual Meeting. Our President will be reporting on his recent visit to the National Trust for Scotland.

The summer tour to P.E.I has had to be postponed due to the illness of the Program Chairman.

Thursday, September 19, 1985 - Captain (Ret.) Vernon Howland will be giving a talk on the 75th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Navy.



DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER
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HERITAGE TRUST MEMBERS HONOUREDDr. Phyllis Blakeley

The Federation of Nova Scotian Heritage has named its first Lifetime Achievement Award for promoting, developing and preserving heritage in the province for Dr. Phyllis R. Blakeley who helped found the Federation and write its original constitution. Dr. Blakeley, a former President of the Trust who has received many honours for her outstanding contributions to Nova Scotia heritage, recently retired as Provincial Archivist of Nova Scotia. At the time of her retirement, a reception in her honour was held in the Red Chamber at Province House. The Premier, on presenting her with gifts and again in the Assembly, paid tribute to her "dedicated, faithful and informed service", saying that "the children and grandchildren of to-day's Nova Scotians would be grateful for the information she had gathered, preserved, and made available in the Public Archives of Nova Scotia".

Dr. Louis W. Collins

At the Annual Meeting of the Royal Nova Scotia Historical Society, (founded 1878), held in the Red Chamber at Province House, Dr. Louis Collins was elected President.

Dr. Shirley Elliott

Shirley Elliott, Legislative Librarian of Nova Scotia from 1954 to 1984, was named a Doctor of Laws at the Spring Convocation of Dalhousie University. Dr. Elliott, who received the Doctor of Civil Laws degree from Acadia University in 1984, is a long time, active member of the Trust and a present member of the Board of Trustees. She has written extensively about Nova Scotia bibliography and history. Among her works are: Province House, 1967, The Nova Scotia Book of Days, 1979, contributions to the Dictionary of Canadian Biography, and most recently, a biographical dictionary of the Legislative Assembly of Nova Scotia 1758-1983.

Dr. Liliias M. Toward Q.C.

A member of the Board of Trustees of Heritage Trust whose legal knowledge has often been most helpful to the Trust, Liliias M. Toward, received the Doctor of Laws degree at the Faculty of Law convocation at Dalhousie University on May 24th. Dr. Toward, whose recent book, Mabel Bell: Alexander's Silent Partner was reviewed in the March, 1985 Griffin, received her law degree in 1958, was named Queen's Counsel in 1974, and served as judge of the Assessment Court of Appeal for the Counties of Inverness, Richmond and Victoria for ten years. She was the first woman appointed to the Nova Scotia Planning Appeal Board and the Nova Scotia Law Reform Advisory Commission of which she was Chairman from 1977 to 1979 when she retired from law. She is engaged in research into Cape Breton history, and has been chairman of the Alexander Graham Bell Institute of the University College of Cape Breton since 1979.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS 1984/85PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A highlight of the year's activities was the 25th Anniversary celebration. It was an opportunity to bring together past officers and others who played an important part in the founding of the Trust. The main event was the dinner organized by the Program Committee. The attendance of Marion (Moore) Stevens recalled the birth of Heritage Trust when the fight to save Gorsebrook failed. A gavel with a silver plaque containing names of past presidents was presented and society pins and anniversary spoons were available to commemorate the occasion.

The Nova Scotia Municipal Board's decision to support City of Halifax and disallow two high-rise buildings on Brunswick Street at Sackville was gratifying to the Trust whose Projects Committee worked very hard for this. As the Griffin goes to press, City Council is deciding the matter of height controls on Brunswick Street and we are hoping that the reasonable amendment to the Zoning By-law suggested by Heritage Trust of N. S. may be accepted.

Reconstruction of the Prince and Hollis buildings is the culmination of some eight years of work by Heritage Trust to save these historic buildings. Now referred to as Founders' Square, they are being incorporated into an imaginative complex being constructed on the site.

The Program Committee chaired by Pamela Collins provided an excellent series of Thursday evening talks at the Nova Scotia Museum on Summer Street. The Committee also organized tours to Annapolis Royal, Pictou, Dartmouth, Cole Harbour and Saint John, N. B. The great success of the 25th Anniversary Dinner and the Heritage Day Lunch were a great credit to this committee.

The Publications Committee brought out a new book Researching a Building in Nova Scotia. As well, Rogers' Photographic Advertising Album has been reprinted. Founded Upon a Rock, houses and buildings of Old Halifax, is out of print and initial steps have been taken to prepare a new edition of this important work. Colchester and Pictou counties will be the subject of our next regional publication.

The Griffin, edited by Maud Godfrey and the Newsletter Committee, has been the mainstay for communication with our members. Copies are now sent to members of the Legislature and to some schools in the area as a means of giving some publicity to the work of the Trust.

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The visit of Sir James Stormont Darling, retiring head of the National Trust of Scotland, provided an opportunity for activities organized in co-operation with the North British Society, the Federation of Nova Scotian Heritage, and the Friends of the Citadel. Working together with these groups provided a focus for our work which has continued in other areas. Similarly, co-operation with the Friends of the Public Gardens in their effort to save the Hart house and to preserve the streetscape on Summer Street has made a wider public aware of the problems of planning in a city which has such nationally important sites as the Citadel and the Public Gardens. The annual meeting of Heritage Canada in Edmonton, attended by the President, enlarged our concepts of what is possible in the preservation of our heritage.

The appointment of an Executive Secretary, regular office hours, re-organization of routines and of storage space, etc. has improved the handling of the business aspects of the Trust. A change in by-laws to strengthen the Finance Committee and the handling of gifts received by Heritage Trust has been initiated.

The appointment by the Provincial Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness of Dr. Brian Cuthbertson as Head of the Heritage Unit of the Department is a welcome sign of increased interest in heritage by the province. A major survey of properties for heritage designation throughout the province has begun. We have invited Dr. Cuthbertson to speak to the Trust at a forthcoming meeting

The sponsorship of travel tours outside the area has become a new activity of the Trust. Organized by Hilary Grant, a successful tour went to England last year. This spring a tour leaves for The Stately Homes of Scotland and Northern England. Other tours to Williamsburg, and possibly to parts of France, are being considered.

If our main responsibility is to educate our members on the Heritage conservation, our program of meetings and tours have served us well. In the educating of the public we have relied mainly on our publications. If the awareness of Heritage and its importance for preserving our way of life is to be extended to a wider public, new activities will have to be planned with this objective in mind.

Fred Matthews - President

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT-1984

Our monthly meetings have been held in the Nova Scotia Museum on the third Thursday of the month. I wish to thank all speakers and those who have assisted in any way during the year. The events were as follows:

- Jan.19 - Ken Donovan, History Curator Fortress Louisbourg, "Debauchery and Libertinage: Games, Pastimes and Popular Activities in 18th Century Louisbourg".
- Feb.16 - Scott Robson, History Curator, N.S. Museum, "Early Photography in Nova Scotia".
- Feb.20 - Heritage Day - 10.00a.m. Heritage Walk with Civic Historian Lou Collins; Organ Recital in St. Matthews by Paul Murray; Heritage Luncheon prepared and served by Home Economic and Career Exploration Students in St. Matthews Hall.
- Mar.15 - Lorne Rozovsky, Writer and Author, "Doorways of St. John".
- Apr.19 - Charles Lewton Brain, goldsmith, "Goldsmiths and Silversmiths Past and Present".
- May 17 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Manuge, "Nova Scotian Art and Artist".
- June 21 - Annual Meeting
- July 26 - John Grew, Harpsichord-Baroque Music, St. George's Round Church
- Aug.11 - Tour of Historic Dartmouth; Tea at "Evergreen"
- Sept 15 - Day Tour of Pictou with host Archie Cameron
- Sept 20 - Dr. Jim Morrison, Dean of Arts, St. Mary's University, "Treasures and Heritage of China".
- Oct.5,6- Thanksgiving Tour of Saint John, N.B. with Saint John
7,8 - Heritage Trust
- Oct.18 - Dr. Konczacki, Mt. Saint Vincent University, "Stately Homes and Gardens of England.
- Nov.15 - Prof. Paul Erikson, St. Mary's University, "Halifax's Other Hill-Fort Needham".
- Nov.25 - 25th Anniversary Dinner, Clipper II, Dartmouth; Speaker Mr. Jim How, An. Royal and St. George's Madrigal Singers.
- Dec.20 - Lewis Billard, Director Audio-Visual Services Dartmouth City Schools, "Seaside Scenes in Nova Scotia" and "Christmas Delights, Past and Present".

A very special thank you to Caroline and Tony Smith and Harold Wright of the Saint John Heritage Trust for hosting our tour of this fine old Loyalist City, and to Betty Shatford for driving me on the pretour trips to plan these programmes.

Pamela B. Collins - Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT 1984

I have prepared the accompanying table to summarize the revenues and expenditures of the Trust for the 1984 calendar year and the total assets on December 31, 1984.

The large expenditure for publications was due to reprinting the Rogers Photographic Album. Under Tours is included \$1744 for 1125 25th anniversary lapel pins and \$75 for engraving the 25th anniversary gavel. The revenue from the sale of the 25th anniversary pins was \$263 by the end of the year. Without these items "Tours" includes the Heritage Day lunch, Annual Dinner, John Grew Concert and trips to Annapolis Royal, Dartmouth, St. John and Pictou. These show an excess of expenditures over revenue of \$2781. The major item under projects was lawyers fees associated with the proposed development on the corner of Brunswick and Sackville Streets. The MacDonald Farm was rented for the entire year with a slight excess of revenue over expenditures. The total expenditures for the year exceeded revenue by \$9977. This figure is compared in the table with net revenues of \$18619, \$33088 and \$3001 in the three previous years.

The total assets of the trust are shown in the lower table to be \$498394 as of December 31, 1984. This is also compared to the totals for the previous three years. The large increase in assets in 1984 in spite of an excess of expenditure over revenues, during the year, arises because the MacDonald Farm is now listed at \$151984, the value suggested by the insurance agent, rather than at the original assesment of \$55000.

John Lazier - Treasurer



HERITAGE TRUST OF NOVA SCOTIA

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 1984

	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
Publications	2058.67	18017.88
Memberships	4768.83	122.30
Tours	11236.32	15573.34
Projects	5100.65	13539.97
Newsletter	0.00	1541.95
Office	165.75	11346.60
Travel	0.00	700.00
Donations	710.00	700.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	252.00
Macdonald A/C	6540.41	6373.74
Interest	27609.96	0.00
Totals	<u>58190.59</u>	<u>68167.78</u>

REVENUE LESS EXPENDITURES	1984	-9977
	1983	+18619
	1982	+33088
	1981	+ 3001

ASSETS AT YEAR END	1984	1983	1982	1981
Land	60000	60000	60000	60000
Buildings	151984	55000	55000	55000
Furniture	0	0	0	9597
Investments	258445	272195	239733	195376
Books	26222	10171	11200	13066
Bank A/C'S	1743	4211	15060	15820
Totals	<u>498394</u>	<u>401577</u>	<u>380933</u>	<u>348659</u>

PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORT

On August 13, 1984, the Nova Scotia Municipal Board decided in favor of the City of Halifax, the Heritage Trust of Nova Scotia, the Federation of Nova Scotian Heritage and the Friends of the Citadel Society in the appeal by A.T.C. Properties Ltd. The development firm had been seeking to reverse City Council's rejection of their proposal to build two high-rise buildings on the former Citadel Motors site opposite the Halifax Citadel. In upholding City Council's decision, the Board noted the concern over the height of buildings on the east side of Brunswick Street due to the "disruptive and possibly overwhelming effect on the general view from Citadel Hill which one or more tall buildings might create if located on Brunswick Street between the view planes". The Board stated that it "cannot emphasize too strongly the urgent need for the City to carry out as soon as possible the mandatory direction of Policy 7.3 of Section III of the Municipal Planning Strategy by which the City has committed itself to prepare height and design criteria to reflect the relationship of Brunswick Street to the Citadel and that maintain the quality of heritage buildings on Brunswick Street".

In response to the urgings of the Board, and in frustration at 10 years of stalling by City Staff, the Heritage Trust formally applied for an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to limit heights opposite Citadel Hill in the blocks bounded by Brunswick Street, Market Street, Cogswell Street and Spring Garden Road. The Heritage Trust proposal, submitted August 14, 1984, limited heights to 55 feet at the property line with provision for a setback and a maximum overall height of 75 feet.

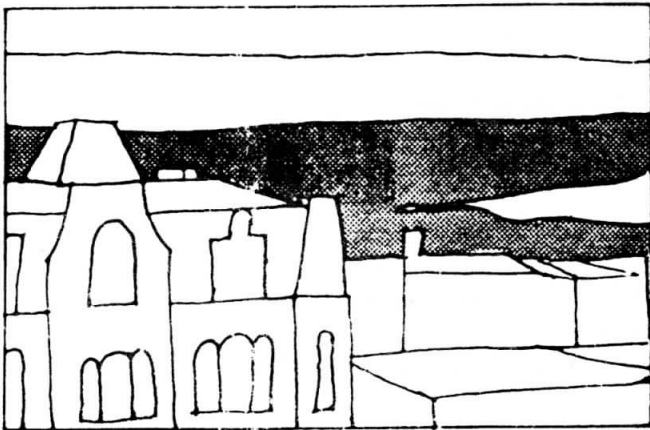
From mid-September to mid-December numerous meetings (Planning Advisory Committee, Heritage Advisory Committee, City Council) were held to discuss the issue which had become complicated due to a counter-proposal put forward by City Staff on October 1, 1984. At two of these meetings, Heritage Trust was represented by a lawyer (John Merrick and Michael Wood) so that legal questions could be answered. The City Staff proposal was a complex series of height "restrictions" which would have allowed for very high buildings close to Citadel Hill between view planes.

On November 14, 1984, a public meeting was held by the Planning Advisory Committee on the Heritage Trust and City Staff proposals. In 1985, City Council held two formal public hearings on the two proposals. The Trust was represented at both hearings

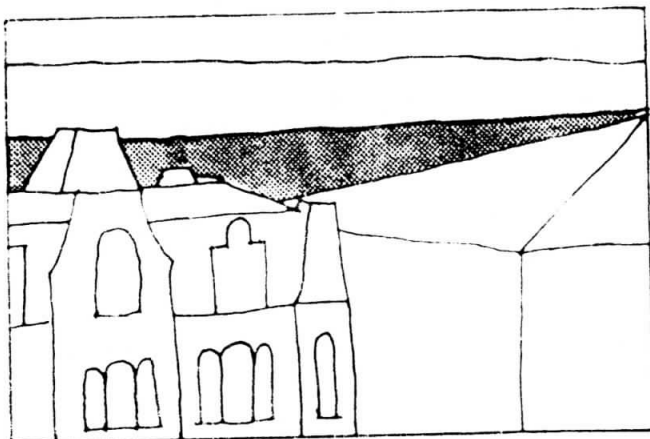
by lawyer, George M. Mitchell QC. At the hearings (February 6 and March 4, 1985), numerous individuals and groups supported the Heritage Trust proposal over the City Staff proposal. The supporting groups included the Board of Trade, the Downtown Residents' Association, Ward One Residents' Association, Ward Two Residents' Council, the Community Planning Association, Friends of the Citadel Society, Friends of the Public Gardens and the Federation of Nova Scotian Heritage.

During City Council's deliberations after the hearings, both Alderman Graham Downey and Alderman Murray Doehler formulated motions for height controls similar to those proposed by Heritage Trust. Finally, on April 25, 1985, exactly 12 years after the first public hearing on the view from Citadel Hill issue, City Council formally passed bylaw amendments to limit the heights of future buildings on Brunswick Street.

On behalf of the Projects Committee, I would like to thank members of the Executive and Board of the Trust who, along with Committee members, contributed to the successful conclusion of this project.



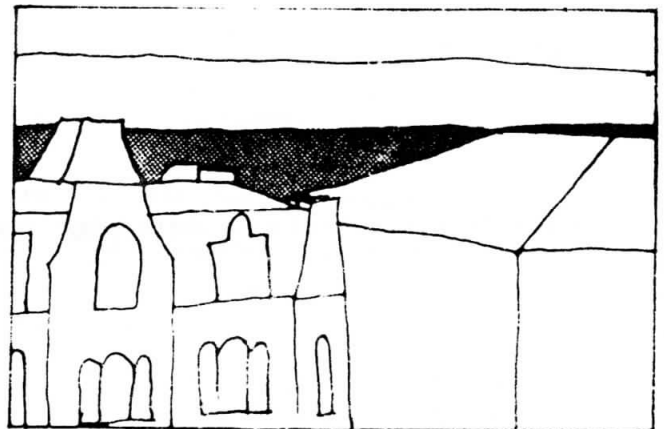
Present View



Heritage Trust
Application

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Pacey,
Projects Chairman



Alderman Downey's
Motion

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Life Members	18
Halifax City Council	13
Dartmouth City Council	15
Student	2
Single Member	135
Family Member	70
Group	13
Senior Citizen	156
Senior Couple	<u>34</u>

Total at MAY 15, 1985....456

Elizabeth Shatford
Chairman

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS 1985/1986

President	Dr. F.W. Matthews
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Vice-President	Mrs. Lucille Stewart
Secretary	
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Programme	Mrs. Pamela Collins
Newsletter	Miss Maud Godfrey
Membership	Mrs. E.E. Shatford
Publications	Ms. Judith Tulloch
Projects	Mrs. Elizabeth Pacey

Nominations for Board of Trustees, Retiring 1988:

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 Mr. Philip Hartling, 3 Scotsburn Ave., Dartmouth, N.S. B2X 1P8
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 Mrs. Hilary Grant, 17 Borden St., Bedford, N.S. B4A 1W1

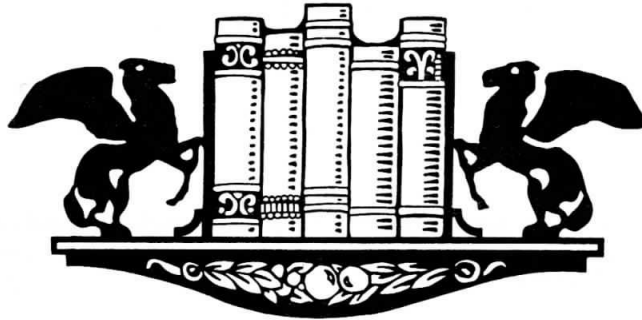
Ian F. McKee
Chairman, Nomination Committee

PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The activity of the Publications Committee has been somewhat limited this year as a result of other responsibilities of committee members. Our major effort this year was devoted to the publication of a handbook entitled Researching a Building in Nova Scotia. This booklet consists of a series of essays describing the types of records that may be useful for those interested in architectural research and provides leads for the researcher to follow in his or her work. Researching a Building is selling well both in local bookstores and, through the courtesy of the former provincial archivist, at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia.

Projects for next year include a start on a revised edition of Founded Upon a Rock and research for the continuation of the Seasoned Timbers series dealing with Cumberland and Colchester counties.

Judith Tulloch - Chairman



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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE REPORT

Issues of the Griffin published this year were: June 1984, Vol.9 #2, which contained the 1983/1984 Reports of the Trust; September 1984, Vol. 9 #3; December 1984, Vol. 9 #4; and March 1985, Vol. 10 #1. A June 1985 issue is planned which will contain Trust Annual Reports for 1984/1985.

The newsletter committee wishes to thank members who have written articles for the Griffin and urges all members, especially those outside the Halifax area, to send reports of local heritage activities and achievements.

I greatly appreciate the enthusiastic work of my committee members in securing material, writing up events, assisting with layout and helping in many other ways. Doris Butters has again typed all issues in camera-ready copy for printing. Lucille Stewart has been ever ready to drive the Griffin from point to point as needed.

The committee is very appreciative of the generous assistance of the Nova Scotia Museum in printing all issues of The Griffin at no cost to the Trust.

Maud Godfrey
Newsletter Committee Chairman



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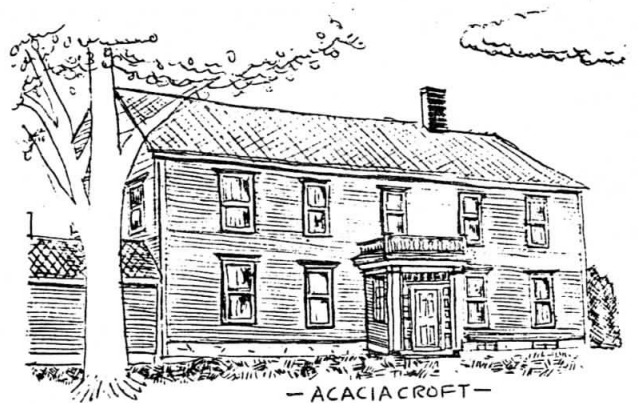
Only a short distance from Prescott House, at Starr's Point, Kings County, there is a wooden dwelling known as Acaciacroft, a gracious two and one half storey structure, the older part of which was erected by the province in the 1770's as an officers' barracks for the Kings County militia. In 1782 it was purchased by John Whidden, who was responsible for additions over a period of years and it remained in his family until 1860. Subsequent owners were the Heales family from Saint John, and H.J.B Marriott, who took possession in 1921.

In 1973, Allen and Jennie Sheito purchased the property, which included the old Customs House, with the understanding that Mr. Marriott could occupy Acaciacroft during his lifetime, while the Sheitos undertook to renovate the neighboring Customs House. Early in this year, Acaciacroft finally became available to the Sheitos, but unfortunately the deterioration was so extensive that private restoration was considered not feasible. They then offered it to Parks Canada as a potential site for a Planters Museum, it being only a stone's throw from the Planters Monument erected by the Port Williams Women's Institute. Parks Canada, while fully cognizant of its exceptional historical significance, are handicapped by lack of funds, but they expressed a wish to be associated with other organizations on a cooperative basis, e.g. the preparation and mounting of exhibits. Meanwhile Brian Cuthbertson, Director of the Heritage Unit, Department of Culture, Recreation and Fitness, arranged to have a feasibility study of

the structure carried out by a competent architect and a historical researcher.

A meeting called by Parks Canada on April 15 was held at St. John's Anglican Church Hall, Port Williams, ostensibly for the purpose of selecting a site to commemorate the Planters and to examine the viability of the Officers' Barracks, or Acaciacroft, as a commemorative site. At that time a steering committee, composed of representatives of the community, was appointed for the purpose of forming a "Friends" organization. Members of the steering committee very kindly entertained the Board members of the Heritage Trust at lunch at Acaciacroft on May 12, so that they might become acquainted with its architectural features and unique historical connection.

It is patently obvious that a proper restoration would involve a considerable sum of money, but the building appears to be structurally sound, the most pressing requirement being a new roof. In all likelihood there are very few older buildings, if any, that the province can claim. Should it be necessary to demolish this fine example of 18th century architecture, because of indifference and lack of interest, the loss to our provincial heritage would be irreparable.



BOOKS OF INTEREST TO TRUST MEMBERS

A Pictorial History of the Basilica
of St. Mary, Halifax, Nova Scotia

This publication can be ordered from
Tech Press, Technical University of
Nova Scotia, P. O. Box 1000, Halifax,
N. S. B3J 2X4 or phone 429-8300
Local 261

The cost is \$8.00 per copy.

NOTE OF INTEREST

Summer Program for Seniors -
two week long educational pro-
grams for local residents
conducted by Dr. and Mrs. Lou
Collins and Dr. Norman Scrimger
July 14 to 19 and July 21 to
26, 1985 at Saint Mary's Univ-
ersity. Contact the Division
of Continuing Education, Saint
Mary's University, Halifax,
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