

MAY 1978 – NEWSLETTER

SPECIAL MEETING

May 24th, 1978 at 8:00p.m. in the Charlotte and Albert Room, Empress Hotel.

WE DID IT! WE DID IT! COME AND BE PROUD OF YOUR SOCIETY!

Ever since you joined the Hallmark Society, you've heard about the Inventory and now, at last, it is a reality. We have published this magnificent volume, copies of which will be presented to local V. I. P.'s on May 24th, 1978. This will really be a gala evening so do come) and help us celebrate. If you feel like dressing up, please do, we probably will ourselves. After all, how often do we see such a triumphant conclusion to so many years work? The meeting is not open to the general public, but is only for members and their friends. A slide presentation relating to the buildings incorporated in the inventory, will be given by Inventory Committee members George Radford and Bruce Gibson-Bean. Tea and coffee will be served afterwards.

WHAT CAME OUT OF THE APRIL MEETING

A resolution, that's what. After a great deal of discussion about the Belleville Street houses and what, if anything was being done about them, the members present unanimously passed the following resolution: Motion: Whereas the two heritage buildings, 321 and 327 Belleville Street are currently threatened by demolition, and when the Minister of Recreation and Conservation and the City of Victoria between them have refused to use the legislation which is available to protect such buildings, the Hallmark Society thereby resolves a vote of non-confidence in the Heritage Conservation Act and its interpretation by the City Council.

WHAT ELSE INTERESTING?

Well...there's the new edition of Old House Journal for a start! This months copy has a wide range of topics including: Lightning protection. Burglar alarms Log farmhouse in West Virginia and a Source for chimney brushes. Sound like

fascinating reading? Well it is, and it's in the office to drop by and have a rest and a read.

REMEMBER THE SWAP AND SHOP?

Well it is getting nearer and nearer...just like the saw to life Vera! We are desperately low on cash so we must have items to sell to raise some money -- so please turn out your basements, attics, garages, and forgotten closets and then give us a ring, we'll be there to collect whatever you have to donate.

We will be getting the space at the Tillicum Swap and Shop...some time in June. If you have treasures to be picked up - or junk - we're not proud - please call Candy Wyatt at 388-6562 and give her an idea of the quantity and size of things to be picked up. We will be available to pick things up the first week in June.

AND THEN THERE WAS THE DODD HOUSE...

I'm sure that you have all, been following the adventures of the Dodd House, which has now been re-located in Lambrick Park. (At the expense of the developer, we might add ... now isn't THAT encouraging news?) There have been many misleading reports in the newspapers but the Saanich council has agreed to pay a set sum for its restoration. To do the essential things and stay within this cost the Saanich Heritage advisory board is going to need some help and have asked if members of the Hallmark Society would be interested in joining, in work bees to help with (possibly) any or all of the following projects: Removing shingles Replacing siding Re roofing Painting No firm date has been set as yet, but if you are interested in helping to save this old house, please keep in touch for further information. The Saanich Heritage Advisory Committee and the Saanich Council would be most grateful for our backing.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE EMPRESS ON MAY 24th!