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Community leadership is required to encourage participation

TWINNING PROGRAMME

The Highland Regional Council of Scotland, with James Morrison as Community Education Officer, is planning a series of meetings on the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th of September to discuss "twinning" projects between Cape Breton and Scotland in the next year. James, with the aid of Fraser MacPherson wish to meet as many agencies and organizations as possible within the available time.

The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Sept. 16: Arichat, day
Port Hawkesbury evening
Tuesday, Sept. 17: Port Hood Court House 10 a.m.
Baddeck, Bell Museum Afternoon
Wednesday, Sept. 18: New Waterford, evening.
Thursday, Sept. 19: Louisburg, evening
Friday, Sept. 20: Sydney Industrial area.

Specific times and locations in most cases are yet to be planned.

The groups that the Regional Council are particularly interested in making contact with in regard to exchange are:

- -Schools, including further education.
- -Handicapped groups
- -Voluntary organizations-Scouts and Cubs, Guides, Y.M.C.A., Y.W.C.A., and Boys Clubs
- -Arts and cultural groups-Music and Dance groups.
- -Gaelic Societies
- -Sports groups - particularly athletics, football and swimming.
- -Young farmers
- -Young workers
- -Senior citizen clubs
- -local radio groups

The types of projects possible are limited only by the resourcefulness and imagination of participants. While some travel by specific groups many occur, and is encouraged where possible, many other means of cultural exchange can be considered. Just a few examples: photographic exhibits, pen pals, video tapes, school project

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In front of the sign commemorating the MacLean Church burned in 1960, John MacLellan of Whycocomagh and Charles Blue of Blues' Mills dig the first sod for the construction of the memorial pulpit and pews to be placed on the site. Representatives of the Historical Society and of the community of Whycocomagh look on in anticipation of the completion of the project - it is hoped by early autumn. Funds for the project have come from the community and also from Clan Organizations spearheaded by Clan MacLean. While contributions have been generous thus far, the Society encourages those who have families buried at the Stewartdale Cemetery or are descendants of early settlers in the region to send contributions to Jessie Fownes, Whycocomagh.

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exchanges (geography, for instance), publication/book exchanges, short wave radio groups, sports equipment and game exchanges, marketing, promotional ideas, business contacts, and much more.

Project proposals will be channeled to the appropriate "twins" through the office of Jim Cunningham, Executive Director of the Cape Breton Joint Expenditure Board, and that these matters must be handled by the participants themselves. There will be little or no Jointex funding available, and while groups many apply, it is doubtful that funds will be given readily. Other avenues of funding, such as Devco, or Provincial bodies may be approached, however.

Actual travel, Mr. Cunningham pointed out is costly, averaging a minimum of $1,000 round trip air fare, and this does not include food or accommodations.

"If funding is seen as the main function of the Joint Expenditure Board in these projects, "he continued, "perhaps some contacts could be made through his office to facilitate efforts with funding bodies."

Some of the projects already completed were in leisure activities: music, dance, theatre and photography. While these have received priority so far, this may change.

The contacts for continuing Education will be handled through Eva Landry.

Again the twinning meeting for Inverness County is Tuesday, September 17 at Port Hood Court House at 10 a.m.

Mary Anne Ducharme

ELDERHOSTELS

ELDERHOSTEL: THE NEW VACATION WAY

You've heard of hostels for the young. Now there's a program for the old.

It's called Elderhostel and it's rapidly flourishing across Canada as an alternative to staying in motels, hotels or resorts, or taking bus tours.

Elderhostel is proving an attraction for more and more Canadians and Americans. That's because it's cheaper and often more entertaining than the usual ways people spend summer vacations.

"Many people travel but don't really get the feel of the place they're driving through," said David MacDonald, manager of the Normaway Inn in Margaree Valley said. "The Elderhostel program allows them to learn more about an area through meeting local people and studying local traditions."

Last year marked the first time Elderhostels were in Cape Breton, introduced by the Normaway. This year an expanded program at the resort, in cooperation with other Cape Breton historic and tourist sites, is being organized.

The Gaelic College at St. Ann's is also taking a major role in this summer's program, offering weeklong sessions specializing in celtic arts, crafts and folklore.

Four sessions are offered by the college. The first began June 9, and others are planned for September.

Among lecturers are celebrated Cape Breton fiddler Winnie Chafe and James St. Clair, English teacher and noted Inverness County historian from Mabou. Fiddler Ronnie MacEachern will also demonstrate traditional Cape Breton music.

MacDonald said it's not too late for people to sign up. The cost is $200 per week, including room and food. A car may be necessary, depending on the type of program to which one applies.

Dennis Hull coming for Celebrity Dinner

Former National Hockey League player Dennis Hull will be a head table guest at the Pepsi Cola Oland's Export Sports Celebrity Dinner which will be held at the Adult Vocational Training Center on Thursday, September 26.

HULL

Hull performed with the NHL's Chicago Black Hawks, Detroit Red Wings and Team Canada 1972. He was selected to five NHL All-Star teams.

Hull is currently the Athletic Director at the Illinois Institute of Technology; President of the Illinois-Wisconsin Hockey Association and an active member of the NHL Alumni Association.

TICKETS

Tickets for the Sports Celebrity Dinner are $65 each and are available from-Sydney Rotarians; members of the Cape Breton Regional Hospital Foundation; Young's Sights and Sounds, Charlotte Street; Cape Breton Beverages; and Oland's Breweries Limited.

INFORMATION

For further information on tickets contact J. O. Ferguson, Ticket Chairman, home 564-5217 or 539-1765.

PROCEEDS

All proceeds from the dinner will be directed to the Sydney Rotary Club and the Cape Breton Island Regional Hospital Foundation.

The Dinner is sponsored by Cape Breton Beverages Limited and Oland's Breweries Limited.

SPORTS HERITAGE DISPLAY

The Nova Scotia Sports Heritage Centre, under the direction of Executive Director Bill Robinson and Resource Officer Tom Sweet, will prepare an extensive display that will focus on the sport heritage of Cape Breton Island.

The display is expected to include a wide variety of photographs and other memorabilla that date back to the origins of sport on Cape Breton Island.

SPORTS INJURIES

Eye Injuries in Sports is a one-day clinic co-sponsored by the Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia.

The purpose of the Clinic is to educate all those involved with sports and related eye injuries, including general practitioners, coaches, trainers, and managers and athletes on proper eye care to reduce the number of injuries. The clinic, which will include lectures, demonstrations and discussions, will cover a broad range of eye injury related topics, including types of preventative measures, first aid and treatment.

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