

Couie has been a member of our Parish Choir for 49 years, in fact, since he returned from active duty with the Canadian Armed Forces during World War II.

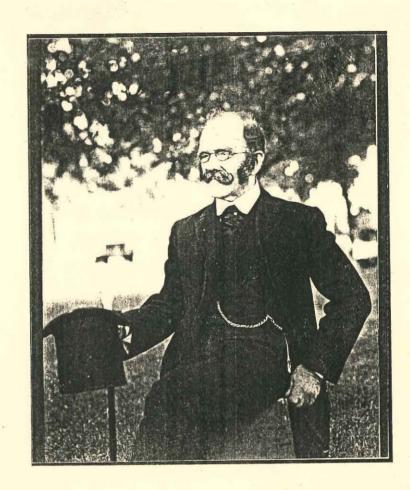
His loyalty to the Choir is remarkable. He seldom misses choir practise or the Choir Mass on Sunday mornings. He is a very essential Tenor in the Choir, and can be heard very clearly, sometimes too clearly! He doesn't mind being called our "Sunshine Boy" for it is his job to make sure a card is sent to anyone in the Choir who is sick, in hospital, or has experienced a death in the family.

Couie has been one of our Cantors for a number of years until his recent retirement from this position.

St. Michael's Choir and Parish would like to thank you most sincerely. Louie, for all that you are and have been to us.

June 7, 1998

Louis McDermott



Fort Erie's
"Man for All Seasons"

A Tribute to Louis McDermott Sunday June 7, 1998 Knights of Columbus Hall

On behalf of the community of Fort Erie, we take today to thank Louis McDermott for his lifetime of civic contributions.

Remarks from:
Town of Fort Erie
Horton C.B.I.
Gilmore Lodge
Fort Erie Public Library
Bertie Historical Society
St. Michaels Catholic Church
Fort Erie Museum

McDermott honoured for historical contribution:

MICHAEL WALES THE TIMES

Fort Erie's "Man For all Seasons". Louis McDermott, was feted by friends, family and the community Sunday, for his lifetime of contributions to the community.

Close to 100 people attended the celebration at the Knights of Columbus Hall Sunday afternoon.

"He has just done so much," said Lee Moore, one of the organizers of the celebration.

"He's just been a person who has given his whole

With McDermott's many involvements in the community, there were plenty of accolades to give Sunday afternoon.

History has been a long passion of McDermott's, and his vast knowledge of local history was touched on by Fort Erie Historical Museum curator Jane Davies, who hosted the event.

"Our community is fortuto have Louis nate McDermott not only as a collector, but as a museum," Davies said. "And his house was and is Fort Erie's first museum.

"You're a hard act to followashe told McDermotts

His wide interest in local history often brings him to the Fort Erie Public Library, attendance in a spirited sing librarian Lynda Goodridge told the guests that although McDermott,

'But I knew somewhere in the files of Louis' head we'd be able to find the information.'

It's with displays, costumes and performances that he has also helps out the Bertie Historical Society, according to Carol House.

"He is such a good sport," she said. "He doesn't mind getting up and putting on an act for all of us."

While costumes, history and entertaining are sure to keep McDermott busy, he seems to have an endless supply of time to help other people.

It's his impressive record of volunteering that brought him a salute from Pam Clark, day-program coordinator at Gilmore Lodge

McDermott began volunteering with the day programs before Gilmore Lodge existed, she said, and he still entertains and visits people every day.

"He is one of the most dedicated visitors we have," she said.

"He takes time out to visit everyone, and makes sure they realize how important they are to him."

Emily Yando made a presentation to McDermott on behalf of the St. Michael's Church choir, of which he has been a member since 1949, and he didn't disappoint, leading all those in



McDermott also borrowed from his deepest resource on Sunday afternoon, filling the room with laughter through stories dating back to the 1930s.

He spoke of the opening of the refurbished Old Fort. where he was a bugler. parades for Fort Erie's Centennial and Canada's Centennial.

"Hove to tell the stories,"

"But I never have a chance to look back on these things, because I'm so besy

Ed Colgan provided the guitar accompaniment, Louis McDermott led guests in a sing along during celebration honouring his many contributions, he Sunday at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Gue spoke of McDermott's years of volunteering, entitaining, and chronicling of local history at the eve which drew close to 100.

doing what I have to do today."

Council backs McDermott for award

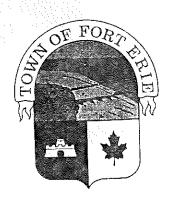
He's the history man.

Louis McDermott received accolades and applause from Fort Erie council Monday for his "generous assistance and contributions to the historical community of

Long recognized as a veritable 'one-stop' historical archivist, McDermott has been active since 1957 in the community's celebrations.

Ite sported period garb for Canada's centennial in 1967, and provided one-of-a-kind photographs and memorabilia of how the town used to look.

In presenting the town's award to him, Mayor Wayne Redekop said McDermott "lives and breathes the history of the community... He's the custodian of the past. His living marrony is a community resource." living memory is a community resource."



The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie on behalf of the Residents

wish to recognize and express appreciation to

Louis McDermott

for his generous assistance
over the years of collecting and providing
historical information
within the
Town of Fort Erie

Dated: July 20, 1998

Wayne H. Redekop, Mayor

Heritage Foundation honours McDermott

A local historian is being honoured by the Ontario Heritage Foundation for his efforts in promoting the heritage of Fort Erie.

Louis McDermott is among a group of 127 Ontarians to receive the honour which, according to the OHF, "recognizes individual contributions in the areas of

built, natural and cultural heritage.

"He has an extensive collection of photographs, documents, costumes, accessories and other artifacts related to local domestic and commercial life," according to an OHF press release, "which he shares through loans, donations to the museum and exhibits for the public

McDermott has lived in Fort Erie since 1929 and is a member of the Bertie Historical Society.

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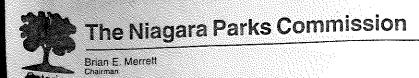
FORT ERIE - Longtime Fort Erie historian ouis McDermott is among 127 people honsured province-wide for their work in heritage

The Ontario Heritage Foundation announced he winners of its Heritage Community Recognition Program. It recognizes the work of people in built, natural or cultural heritage

preservation.

At his home, McDermott has a large collection of photos, documents, costumes and accessories and other artifacts related to the town's past.

He shares them through loans and donations to the Fort Erie Historical Museum, and by displaying them occasionally at the Fort Erie Public Library.



October 2, 1998

Mr. Lou McDermott 108 High Street Fort Erie, ON L2A 3P7

Dear Lou:

It was a pleasure to read of the honours you have recently received. To be recognized by the Ontario Heritage Foundation is indicative of the contribution you have made to not only the community of Fort Erie, but to preserving the history of the province of Ontario as well.

Well deserved and well done - congratulations!

April/Petrie

Community Services Officer



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Congratulations!

Your recognition by the Ontario Heritage Foundation is a public acknowledgement of your fine achievements in local heritage conservation. Your efforts and example will encourage others to become involved in preserving our cultural and historic roots.

In its thirtyfirst year history, the Ontario Heritage Foundation has worked hard to promote, preserve, and protect Ontario's heritage for future generations, but that work would not be possible without the efforts of responsible individuals like yourself who contribute so significantly to the on-going endeavours.

We at Forever Young newspapers would like to add our good wishes on your award. Do continue your good work and - on behalf of Ontarians - thank you. Your efforts are appreciated and we are delighted to see them acknowledged.

Sincerely,

Ian Oliver,

Publisher,

Forever Young.



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February 4, 1999

Mr. Louis McDermott 108 High St Fort Erie, ON L2A 3P7

Dear Mr. McDermott:

I am pleased to enclose with your winter edition of *Heritage Matters*, two copies of a poster the Ontario Heritage Foundation produced in celebration of Ontario Heritage Week (February 15 21, 1999). The poster recognizes your local heritage conservation work, among the 128 recipients in total honoured under the 1998 Foundation's Heritage Community Recognition Program.

Also enclosed is a letter of congratulations from Forever Young (formerly Today's Seniors), media sponsor once again of the poster.

Copies are being distributed province-wide through Foundation properties, municipal offices, heritage organizations, including LACACs (Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committees), along with libraries and the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation Regional Offices. This year, all LCBO will be displaying the poster for the month of February.

If you would like additional copies of the poster, write to Norberte Woo of our office at the address below, by fax at (416) 314-0744, or call her at (416) 325-5015.

Enjoy the posters and have a great Heritage Week.

Sincerely,

Wendy Lewis

Marketing and Communications Branch

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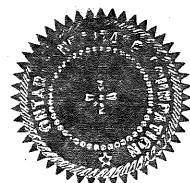


ACHIEVEMENT

presented to

Louis Mc Dermott

In appreciation of your heritage conservation achievement, the Ontario Heritage Foundation congratulates you for your work to preserve, protect and promote our Province's rich heritage.



Allan Gotlieb, Chair Ontario Heritage Foundation