



# JURY LANDS

## NEWSLETTER

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### Message from the Board.

Hello everyone, we have been working hard since our last newsletter and we have many new and exciting things on the horizon. We would like to share a few of those with you and also ask for your help in spreading the word around the community as well as further a field.

The JLF has been meeting with the Municipality and consultants on how we can best utilize the Cafeteria building now that we are officially a **Registered Charitable\* Organization!** We can start gearing up our fundraising efforts to make headway on cleaning up and protecting the building itself, as well as planning for it's future reuse. Check out the photos below to see the Cafeteria building over the years, let's make the next photo in the timeline one we are all proud to show off!

\*All donations over \$20 made to the Jury Lands Foundation can be issued tax receipts. You can also donate online at:

[www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/jury-lands-foundation/](http://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/jury-lands-foundation/)



1928



2009



2022



## J. ALEX EDMISON

### PART 1



J. Alex Edmison was a talented young orator and advocate for youth reform. In 1923 he was elected "Boy Mayor" of Toronto and held many speaking engagements about the need for a change to the youth reform system.

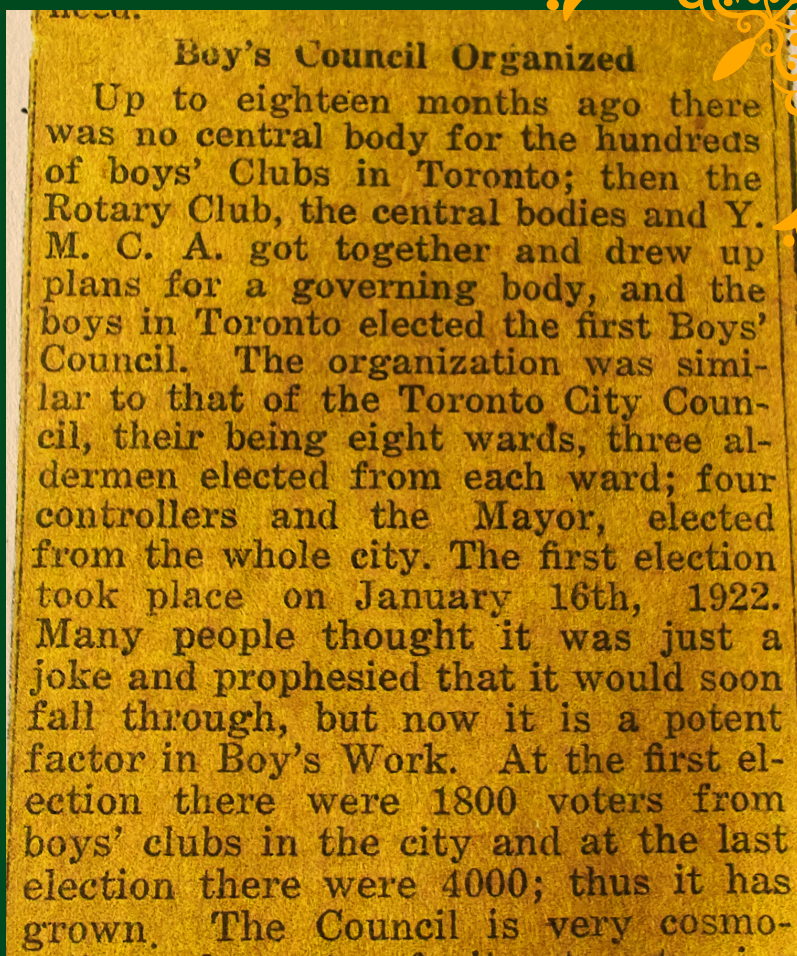
In 1924 he was speaking at an engagement about the need to create a training school for delinquent youth, a place for them to gain skills that would make them successful adults, when a prominent businessman from Bowmanville, named John H.H Jury, was listening with keen ears.

Mr. Jury was so inspired by this young man that he decided to donate his 150 acre farm in Bowmanville to the Ontario government to set up a training school for boys.

This training school became the model for all training schools in Ontario, and began a shift away from incarcerating youth, to rehabilitating them, to prevent further exposure to criminal elements.

## What's a "Boy Mayor?"

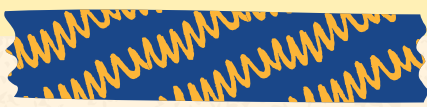
In 1922 the Boys' Clubs of Toronto (Rotary Club, Y.M.C.A and the central bodies) decided they wanted to create their own council. Modelled after Toronto City council, they ran campaigns and held an election with over 1800 voters electing a "Boy Mayor" and council.



*One year later, in 1923, the Boys' Clubs of Toronto had 4000 voters the boys running for council ran campaigns and created election materials just like the actual Toronto councilors. This year they elected a young man, named J. Alex Edmison, as their Mayor and as they say "the rest is history".*

## FROM THE DESK

OF... Marilyn Morawetz  
*Chairperson for the Jury Lands Foundation*



*With great interest, I read a recent article found in the Toronto Star Saturday, February 10, 2024 issue titled "Great escapes exhibit details experience of war prisoners".*

*It explored how Second World War captives coped with tedium, torment. It introduced the reader to an exhibit now open and running until July 21, 2024 at the UK National Archives in London, and whets the appetite to see the many artifacts on display there.*

*Thankfully for those of us not able to travel for such an indulgence, we can explore our own displays of artifacts featuring items from POW Camp 30 in Clarington, including a 3 dimensional model constructed by one of the German POWs housed there showing the layout of the camp but also the locations of the various escape attempts during its use from 1941-1945.*

Clarington Library and Museums & Archives' Sarah Jane Williams Heritage Centre, found at 62 Temperance St in Bowmanville, is open to the public Tues, Wed and Thursdays from 10 am to 4 pm, is where you can find the history of our own Nationally Designated Historic Site. It recognizes the significance of POW Camp 30 and the local war efforts. I would invite you to stop by and explore the permanent exhibit there featuring the model and other fascinating items.

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



We are looking to add the following skill sets to our Jury Lands Board, if this sounds like you reach out to us at [info@jurylandsfoundation.com](mailto:info@jurylandsfoundation.com):

## **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR**

The Jury Land Foundation is searching for a volunteer Communications Manager to serve on the board for a two-year commitment. Responsibilities include relaunching and managing the Jury Lands Facebook Page and Instagram account, help run communications campaigns, and overseeing the newsletter distribution, and generally keeping the public informed of the latest efforts to save the historic cafeteria building. Website design experience is an asset.

## **BOOKKEEPER**

The Jury Land Foundation is searching for a volunteer Bookkeeper to serve on the board for a two-year commitment. Responsibilities include managing the Jury Lands financial accounts, accepting and issuing donation receipts (registered with Canada Helps) overseeing the financial records for grants, such as Ontario Trillium Foundation and issuing payments as outlined in the budget and by the Treasurer.

LITHOGRAPH

Jury Lands  
FOUNDATION

A GREAT GIFT  
FOR ANY  
HISTORIAN

ONLY 50 PRINTS CREATED



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN  
LOCAL ART AND LOCAL  
HISTORY?

*Lithograph prints by local artist Todd Tremeer are available to help support the Jury Lands Foundation mission to preserve this site can be purchased for \$150*

*\*For more information check us out at [www.jurylandsfoundation.com](http://www.jurylandsfoundation.com)  
or email us at [info@jurylandsfoundation.com](mailto:info@jurylandsfoundation.com)*