

Advance Publicity for “Ernest D. Banting and Life in Weston 1921-1973”

Ernest D. “Doc” Banting (1892-1973), distant cousin to Dr. Frederick Banting, discoverer of Insulin, was a salesman, politician ... and a bit of a rogue. In a career that spanned five decades in the Town of Weston, “Doc” was a shameless self-promoter and home-town booster. We’ll follow “Doc” around the town while exploring topics like small town sports, municipal politics, the Orange Order, the effects of the Depression, the birth of Canada’s unemployment system, the role of service clubs like the Lions and, last but not least, temperance. And there’s a surprise at the end – a startling, unexpected connection that will bring us right into the present day. Vividly recreating a community from a vanished era, this presentation draws on research from Richard Jordan’s newly-published book, *Ernest D. Banting and Life in Weston 1921-1973* and many wonderful period photographs from the Weston Historical Society.

Richard Jordan is a former President of the Etobicoke Historical Society and a former **Toronto Star** local history columnist. His feature articles on historical subjects have also appeared in the **Saturday Star** and the **Sunday Star**. He says, “I like to look at a town and imagine how it changed through time – who once lived there and how they lived.”

The photos show, left to right, the Weston pamphlet that Ernest produced in 1927, Ernest D. Banting and the cover of Richard Jordan’s latest book, available through Amazon.

