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The AI Roads Crew replaces the bridge on Art McGinn's Road with two large steel culverts, September 2002 TR

THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray

Friday, September 27: a much needed rainy day. The earth needed it; I needed a rainy day to get at the Beacon.

There will be no Letter Home this month as Christopher and Dianne are visiting Chris' brother in Kazakhstan.

We expect to have an article and photos marking the passing of Hans deHaan in the November issue.

Zander Dunn continues to provide interesting articles from his personal experiences. The Beacon welcomes these, as it welcomed A. Bruce Caughey's contributions, since they give a taste of what the Island was like in the past.

It's a bit confusing sometimes whether an entry should go under Advertisements or Notices. I guess I won't worry about it too much as most people probably read through both sections.

Just had a late Beacon entry phoned in. The young woman said that she liked to see the old photos in the Beacon - particularly the old school photos - and hoped that we'd keep putting them in. So we hope you'll keep sending them in.

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes this month go out to Jean Tugwell and Doug Willard, who both recently had eye surgery and to Codey Mayman, who is recovering from an eye injury. Get well wishes also to Don Miller, Earl Tugwell and Phil Silver.

Our sympathy this month to Pam McCormick, following the passing of her mom, Grace Prevost. Condolences to Hazel deHaan following the sudden passing of her husband Hans. Our sympathy also to his children and their families - Jack, Tom, Jerry, Jane,

Tony, Neil, Kim, and Jeff.

Lynann Whitton's mom, Marilyn Taylor, is visiting from Australia for an extended vacation. Leslie Gavlas was in Nova Scotia to visit with her son and family for several weeks.

Stanley Burke was in Regina on September 17th to take part in a televised "town hall discussion" with journalists and an audience at the University of Saskatchewan. As a panellist, he was one of several former CBC National News anchors. Stanley anchored the CBC news from 1966-1970, before leaving for Biafra to help in a peace effort.

Peggy Coulter's daughter Diana has been visiting on the Island with her new son Liam, born September 6th. Diana Coulter and her husband Matt McClure live in New Delhi, India, where she works as a freelance journalist and Matt is a foreign correspondent covering South East Asia for CTV. Stan and Peggy have been invited to a reception on October 10th at CBC Headquarters in Toronto in honour of CBC's 50th Anniversary. Fellow "part-time" Islanders, Harold and Erna Redekopp, will (if I'm not mistaken) be hosting the reception (Harold is vice-president of CBC). Also in attendance to celebrate CBC's 50th will be Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip.

John and Diane Pollock have moved into their new home on the 3rd concession, as have Laurie Kilpatrick and John Moolenbeek on the South Shore.

About 50 people came out on a chilly Sunday afternoon to watch the benefit ball game at the Community Centre. The teams played a great game and put on a great show and spectators had a great time.

The ACW held their annual Turkey Supper and Sale and as usual it was well attended.



Summer at Alan & Cathy Glenn's by Peter Large

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AMHERST ISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Nancy Dunn



Having had no regular meeting in August (although we did have two bake sales!) the A.I. Women's Institute had a good turn-out for their Sept. pot-luck supper on Wed. Sept. 18, 2002. Fifteen members crowded into Jean McIntyre's living room in Kingston for food, laughter, conversation, much business and a briskly conducted brown bag auction at the end of the evening.

Among the items of business were several related to food. Thanks were received from AIMS for our help with the June House Tour (W.I. members helped hull strawberries and make shortcake among other duties). We agreed to undertake the Strawberry Social part of the tour for next year. Our four summer bake sales were announced to be successful thanks to Islanders' and visitors' support. One Friday two male strangers walked off the ferry, bought a lemon meringue pie and stood there wondering aloud how they were going to eat it. Ever accommodating, Freda Youell produced two plastic forks and some serviettes and the appreciative fellows wandered up the 40 ft. with their purchase.

On Sunday November 24 the W.I. will run a food concession at the Antique Show at the Community centre. The coffee/cold drink/muffin/coffee cake table we have been operating at the Farmers' Market has been well received. Thanks to Erika Krauklis who set up and sat most mornings and to others who provided help with baking and hosting. The weekly event has been a great social gathering place as well as a venue for selling produce and other items.

Finally in the food line - the annual Christmas dinner for seniors is to be held on Sun. Dec. 1 and suggestions were made for entertainment and food. Other business included discussions on an Amherst Island calendar for 2003 featuring Island photos and sketches; participation in the Recreation Committee's Festival of Lights parade scheduled for Sat. Nov. 16 from the school to the annual bonfire; and a proposed book sale for next summer.

Announcements re area W.I. activities:

(1) The Kingston area W.I. convention will be held on Tues. Oct. 8 in the Lions' Hall in Napanee;

(2) "Phonebusters" - a public presentation by a police officer on how to spot phone scams and fraud will be sponsored by the L&A Seniors

Outreach Services and the L&A Women's Institutes on Mon. Oct. 21 at 1 p.m. at the Lions' Hall.

Mary Kay Steel reported that our page on the A.I. website has been updated. The next meeting will feature a guest speaker, Dr. Francis K. Smith, Curator Emeritus of the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, who will speak about Daniel Fowler. Appropriately, the meeting will be held in the former Fowler home now owned by Hugh and Claire Jenney on Wed. Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. All women welcome.



Amherst Island Public School

- Lyn Fleming

The 2002-2003 School year is off to a great start!

The Senior Class is one of the biggest in recent years, with a total of 18 children in grades 4 to 8. Although that doesn't sound like a lot when you hear of classes in the cities with upwards of 25 kids per class (all in the same grade), multi-grade class rooms have their own challenges. The Primary/JK/SK Class, although low in numbers, (12 total on kindergarten days), is also a 5 grade span, with there being a wide range of needs between a 4 year old JK student and a 9 year old, grade 3 student. The grade 4 students still return to the Primary Room for their Math lessons. We are so lucky to have the "more than capable" teaching staff we have.

The break down in grades is as follows:

Senior Class (Teacher Cathy Secker): Grade 8, 4 students; Grade 7, 6 students; Grade 6, 2 students; Grade 5, 1 student; Grade 4, 5 students.

Primary Class (Teacher Andrew Cotton): Junior Kindergarten, 4 students; Senior Kindergarten, 2 students; Grade 1, 3 students; Grade 2, 2 students; Grade 3, 1 student.

Everyone at AIPS was glad to get the last minute news that Margo Virtue would return as Educational Assistant, although her time has been cut from 100% to 75%.

We are thrilled to have Vicky Keith-Monro and John Monro working with the Senior Class students (and our one gr. 3 student), training for the Cross Country Meet this Fall. Vicky and John spend 2-3 lunch hours a week, training with students. They also worked in a training session during our school's Terry Fox Run on the South Shore. Our older, long distance runners, ran 3.9 kilometres with John, while the younger runner/walkers



The marsh, South Shore road at the "DU Dike"

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went the 3.9 kilometres with Vicky, Mrs. Secker and Deb Kimmett. The Primary students walked 1.5 kilometres with Mr. Cotton and Mrs. Virtue.

In total, the students raised \$865.00 for their Terry Fox Run contribution.

We are also very lucky to have Soccer Coach, Stewart Reed working with our Senior Class on soccer skills. Stewart comes in 1-2 noon hours to work with the kids.

Cathy Glenn has volunteered to help sort out our library and make it more user friendly. We also have quite a few parent volunteers back to help in a number of areas and ways in the school. We look forward to another good year at our school.

JANET'S JOTTINGS

- Janet Scott



What glorious mornings and spectacular moonlight nights we've been gifted with this past September. Everywhere the Island is showing early signs of the turn of the season and you are right there with a front row seat that costs only the time to stop and absorb. Whether a scarlet maple already red catches your eye or a red apple falling from the tree, we know our warm days of summer have come and gone. What is happening in the world of birds as fall comes and winter approaches?

Migration is underway. You may think you're on a movie set for Arthur Hitchcock's "The Birds" as you drive our side roads and byways. The European Starlings are doing their fall dancing. "My DNA says go, go and the North American star patterns don't tell me the way to Africa... What a dilemma!" Don't worry this madness will pass and they'll settle down to spend another winter and do what they do so well - ADAPT!

Another way to look at migration is as an export. The recent magazine, "Birdwatch", published by Bird Studies Canada caught my eye with an article comparing our bird migration to an export. Had you ever thought of it that way before? According to their statistics 85% of Canada's land birds are estimated to migrate to other countries. In other words, Canada exports about 5 to 8 billion land birds each fall! In every thicket and hedgerow tiny little Canadians have been eating our insects or weed seeds and raising a family of warblers, flycatchers or sparrows and now are being exported to points south. These tiny mites of feather and fluff will gather on the south shore of Amherst Island and await the right moon and winds to cross Lake Ontario. I will never forget the morning Ed Chadband called us to come down to his shore and there hundreds of little Kinglets, wrens and flycatchers had washed up after an unsuccessful lake crossing. Freak winds can wreck havoc with the best laid plans. Canada is an important source of this very valuable export.

Early mornings are still the best of birding times. This morning I sat between bus routes and watched the sun touch Eves' silos with gold as a Great Blue Heron drifted low across the water and was reflected in the mirror surface beneath it. The sailboat anchored in the bay caught the light on its mast and Yellowlegs called as a gull flew in to disturb their feeding on the flats. The ever noisy Killdeer responded to disturb the peace and crows cawed in the willows drooping over the water. What a wonderful spot to watch! The sun warmed small clouds in the west from purple to mauve to



Buoy on the Seaway Channel, Cape Vincent

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pink and the clouds behind, lit by the sun were brilliant with silver and shining linings. This spot is a favourite feeding perch for the Belted Kingfisher although I hear Tom and Jackie are working to improve their Kingfisher habitat on the South shore. A Red-tailed Hawk likes the willows by Eves' bay to sit and hunt from. They look rather awkward sitting, somewhat like a chicken in shape but when they soar and circle they are creatures of another element. To bring me back to earth a Kinglet chattered in the cedars by the school and a chickadee told me my time was up. So I started my steed and left that beautiful spot but you know there are mornings still waiting and birds still chattering and all is right in the world!

Good Birding!

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

- 1) Long-term services presentations: Philip Silver, 10 years; James Reid, 15 years; David Fleming, 20 years.
- 2) New home starts on Amherst Island, January 1, 2002 to August 31, 2002: 4.
- 3) Council passed the by-law authorizing the lease agreement between the Township and the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre Inc. for the period October 1, 2002, to September 30, 2007. There are 20 sections to this agreement laying out the responsibilities of each party. The museum corporation is basically responsible for the building and the Township will look after the grounds, provide insurance coverage and a phone. Hugh Jenney will represent the museum corp. and the Recreation Director will be the Township's contact person.

AMHERST ISLAND MEN'S SOCIETY MEETING- September 14, 2002

- Peter Trueman

The Amherst Island Men's Society held its monthly breakfast meeting on September 14 at the St. Paul's Church Hall with Chris Laffin in the chair, and a number of interesting new fund-raising possibilities for the museum project were discussed.

The minutes of the August 10 meeting were accepted as printed. The chair, Chris Laffin, read a letter of thanks from David Albertan, recipient of the first AIMS-sponsored award for student excellence; and another from Phil and Debbie Silvers thanking AIMS for financial assistance to meet expenses encountered

because of Phil's illness.

"Antique Road Show" - Marc Raymond reported that auctioneer Tim Potter and perhaps a dozen other experts have agreed to come to the Island for an antique evaluation clinic not unlike the Antique Road Show on television. The date selected is November 24, from noon to 6 p.m. The entry fee will be \$5 per person, which will also entitle the ticket holder to have one antique item appraised by one of the experts at the appropriate table. The charge for appraisal of additional items will be \$5 each. Mr. Potter agreed to participate because the low prices paid for antiques at a recent Island auction indicated Islanders were unaware of current values. The Women's Institute will be invited to set up a coffee table and keep all proceeds for their own projects. AIMS' proceeds from the road show will go towards the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre. John Munro volunteered to look after tickets and flyers, but Marc needs more help to organize the event.

Farmer's Flea Market - Brian Grace suggested that the AIMS' table should be discontinued for the season after Thanksgiving, but he said he hoped it was generally understood that AIMS was only the catalyst and that the Farmer's Flea market should now have a life of its own. He hoped that people who still had produce after Thanksgiving would continue to set up tables on Saturday morning and sell it. The market had no rules, no regulations and no fees, as Brian put it, and it would be closed for the season only by the dictates of the weather.

Hanging Baskets - It had been suggested at the last meeting that hanging baskets of flowers might be an attractive addition to what Harrowsmith Magazine recently recognized as one of Ontario's prettiest towns. It was decided that AIMS should approach the Recreation Committee and the Township to see what they thought of the idea. If their response is favourable, AIMS would be willing to help with the work and expenses.

Amherst Island Slide Show - Hans Krauklis and Neil Johnston reported that they were favourably received by the Loyalist Reeve Clayton McEwan and Island Councillor Duncan Ashley when Hans and other members of his committee presented the Township Council with a copy of the Amherst Island Slide Show tape. It is now selling well at various Island outlets. Hans told the Council that the tape was intended to help finance the museum project, to document and celebrate some aspects of Island life, and to share them with the rest of the community. Hans has now succeeded in creating a CD ROM suitable for Windows 95 and subsequent systems. Hans said that this was now an on-going project, and that help was needed with marketing, the burning of

CD's, the printing of wrappers and so on. He then turned the meeting over to Neil Johnston, who reported that 163 tapes had now been sold, and that sales might ultimately produce more revenue than the recent house tour.

Treasurer Paul Henshaw confirmed that Neil had already turned over nearly \$1,500 to him from tape sales, and that without that, there was \$851.75 in the General Account; \$5,017.85 in the Aims Museum account; \$4,490.09 in the Loyalist Museum account (being held in trust); and thanks to Keith Miller's latest bottle refunds, \$30 in the recently depleted Help People fund. It was also reported that AIMS now has 50 paid up members.

The membership then heard reports from the three standing action committees:

Transportation - In the absence of committee chair Ralph Woods, Peter Trueman reported that there had been one request for transportation to Kingston and that the request had been filled.

Labour - Allan Glenn reported that there had been four requests for help since the last meeting, including one for an eaves-trough clean-out, one for taking a freezer to the dump and another for digging a post hole. One person gave AIMS a \$20 donation to the Museum Fund.

Care/Companion - Peter Trueman reported that there had been one request for care-giver relief and that it had been met. He suggested that AIMS members should again signify their willingness to sign up as volunteers for these committees at the end of the meeting. (Islanders are

reminded that any who are unable to drive themselves, or who are unable to do work around the house, or who need relief as care-givers, should contact the three chairs of the appropriate committees, or call any of the members listed below. Donations are welcome from those who can afford them, but not expected.):

Transportation: John Kuti, Hugh Jenney, Brian Grace (plus chair Ralph Woods)

Labour: John Kuti, John Schutzbach. Doug Williamson (after December 1), Don Pepper, Hugh Jenney, Chris Laffin (evenings and weekends), Neil Johnston, Peter Trueman (plus chair Allan Glenn).

Care/Companion: Jim Whitton, Ed Mooney, and Brian Grace (plus chair Peter Trueman)

Neilson Store Project: Hugh Jenney reported that our application to the Ontario Trillium foundation for a \$75,000 grant to the Museum project had been returned to us for additional information, which is now in the process of being supplied. Our application to the Heritage Canada Cultural Spaces program for \$55,000 is still under consideration. The museum corporation is



Sheep drive on the South Shore

Hans Krauklas

also applying for \$1,000 grants to the Loyalist Township Heritage Committee and to the Napanee District Community Foundation. The committee is still working on obtaining a charitable receipts license, although the Museum project has already been incorporated. There was some discussion of the need to differentiate between AIMS and the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre Inc. It was suggested that there should be a line under the corporate title on the proposed museum letterhead, reading "A Project of the Amherst Island Men's Society"

Under new business, there was some discussion of a special expenditure for materials for a deck whose condition has become dangerous. The owner can't afford repairs. Members agreed by consensus that repairs should be undertaken. There was a brief discussion about two sheds available in the village for \$37,000. Should AIMS look into the purchase of these sheds for storage purposes? The discussion ended when one member said he didn't believe AIMS should be in the business of acquiring real estate, and under AIMS rules, which

require consensus for any decision, the matter was dropped.

Jim Whitton reminded members that the school was in need of volunteers with experience in a variety of fields to help tutor the students in areas of expertise that are appropriate to the curriculum. Jim, for example, helps with Math classes. Peter Moes helps teach French.

Allan Glenn wondered if any AIMS members would be interested in joining a number of Islanders who would like to set up a mixed horseshoe pitching league on the Island. Pits would have to be dug and play would take place one night a week. Half a dozen members signified they were interested.

John Kuti volunteered to chair the next breakfast meeting, October 12, at 8 a.m., in the St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall. John Wright, Gian Frontini and Chris Laffin volunteered as kitchen crew. It was decided to resume the practice of asking members to speak briefly about their lives and how Amherst Island became home. It was agreed that one member, instead of two members, be asked to speak at each meeting. Peter Trueman will be next month's speaker. Stanley Burke will speak in November and Marc Raymond and Ed Mooney agreed to speak after that.

The meeting was adjourned.

HERE AND THERE

- Ian Murray

Christopher mentioned a few weeks ago that this is the first time in 25 years that a school bus hasn't had to come up this way.

A few days ago, a white car appeared in our driveway and 2 men in their 60s got out. They wanted permission to visit the Catholic

Cemetery. Leah told them that, as far as she knew, they were welcome to walk through it and that the gate was to keep out livestock. They turned out to be from the Girvin family that came here from Ireland in the early 19th century. Their Girvin branch left for Huron County and ended up in Michigan. They had visited the Island last summer and had come back to look for more gravestones. They were also looking for information on the

Grattan/McGrattan families and we could help a bit as Leah's maternal grandmother is a McGrattan. They left me with some Girvin genealogy material which I will put in the Beacon after I get it entered into the Family Tree program. The men from Michigan were familiar with Cathy Wilson's book and one of them had visited the Ard's Peninsula in Ireland.

There are very few newscasts that don't make me feel so lucky to live here on this beautiful Island in this relatively prosperous and peaceful country. I think that it is natural for those of us with thinning hair and softening bodies to feel nostalgia for the

old days: the days of our youth, and even the days of our parents' youth. That is natural enough but I doubt if, on the whole, times have ever been better. As someone once said to a friend who was wishing he could travel back in time: "I have only one word to say to you: dentistry." Or as my mother once said: "The good old days weren't as good as people remember." Having said that, I doubt if we will ever again have a social fabric on Amherst Island to equal the community reflected in the following article.

THE GARDEN PARTY OF 1963

- Zander of DUNN INN

Last month's reprinting of the Kingston Whig-Standard's report of the Garden Party of 1962 reminded me of the fun we had at the Garden Party the following year.

In those days it was a "Garden Party" because the various tables - Bake Table, White Elephant Table, Pie and Ice Cream Table, Candy Table, etc. - were set up on the lawn of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church manse. The formal "Tea" program was presented inside the manse. The women of the congregation worked hard at providing a memorable experience at "Tea". Not only were the four women at each card table served with their own teapot and the best tea cups and saucers and silver spoons but each table was laden with sandwiches and savouries

as well as cakes, cookies and squares. That experience ranked with the "High Tea" of The Empress Hotel in Victoria! The women who attended the Garden Party thoroughly enjoyed the refreshments which allowed them to visit one another at the various tables.



While the roads crew replaced a culvert on the Front Road near Vincent Eves' farm in September 2002, traffic profited from a scenic detour through a nearby cornfield. TR

Almost no men came to the afternoon program because The Garden Party was held on Wednesdays and they had to be at work in the fields or on the mainland. The men would come in the evening. The afternoon was for the women and children.

The children had a great program to enjoy that year. The "Young People" at the time and I got together and devised an elaborate "Haunted House" for the kids.

I remember how impressed the kids were by our FORTUNE TELLER, Sandra (Miller) Filson, who, disguised as a gypsy, looked into her crystal ball and told the kids that just as she had been able to see them come to Amherst Island on a big boat, so she saw them returning to the mainland on a big boat. One kid asked his mother, "How could she know that about me?" Then Sandra told the kids that after they'd paid their dime they'd be amazed at the wonders inside the Haunted House.

We only let one child go through The Haunted House at a time, and with a member of our Youth Group as his or her guide.

We'd fixed up the old shed at the back of the manse with several stations. At the first station was THE WORLD'S TALLEST WOMAN. Gordon Miller stood on several sacks of feed and his long dress came down over them. He wore lipstick and rouge and a magnificent hat. Each kid had to look up to The World's Tallest Woman. I recently reminded Gordon (who retired as Chief of Police in Waterloo) that he got his start in undercover work on Amherst Island.

Having been awed by that sight the child and his guide moved on to another station which promised they would see THE UGLIEST PERSON IN THE WORLD. Behind the curtain they encountered a mirror - and there was the ugliest person in the world! Because of the lighting (or lack of it) some of the kids didn't even recognize themselves and were convinced they'd seen a terrible face. In a former small feed room the kids next encountered A TWO HEADED WOMAN. Leslie Anne (Glenn) Cox and Linda (Veech) Wemp were able to both get into a big jacket which belonged to Bruce Caughey Sr. with both their heads coming out together at the neck. It was an amazing sight!

In the next room the kids were able to see an astonishing sight - THE MAN EATING SHARK. What they saw was Bruce Caughey Jr. sitting at a table eating with a fork out of a can labelled "Shark Meat." The kids thought that was "neat" that an old man like Brucie could actually bring himself to devour a shark. (The "meat" was really Tuna.)

We told each kid that was the end of the tour except, perhaps, for one last item - they might see THE EGYPTIAN MUMMY before they left. And sure enough, the child and his guide came to a closet. The guide opened the door to reveal Beth (Caughey)

Forester standing stock still, all wrapped up with toilet paper. As the child came closer to get a better look Beth shouted "BOO." All the kids were always surprised, scared and horrified and ran out the door.

When the first kid did that I thought perhaps Beth was too scary for them - that is until that kid went to his mother and asked for another dime because he wanted to go through the Haunted House again! In fact, most of the kids went through twice. The line-up of kids outside the Haunted House attested to its popularity. I recall we made \$9.70 to contribute toward the Garden Party total.

In the evening, after chores, the men came out to enjoy good food and drink (I'm not sure it was all coffee and tea and pop) under the lights and among the citronella buckets. I remember much laughter as the men visited.

I still smile when I think of the Garden Party of 1963 - the fun we Young People had planning for and presenting the Haunted House and the expressions on the faces of the kids as they went through each part of it. But it remains true that Beth (Caughey) Forester is not normally as scary as she is when she's encased in toilet paper.



Fishing continues around the island. This familiar craft was photographed off Barry Point, west of Emerald, near the old Drumgoole property. TR

THE ISLANDS

- Ian Murray

This is an interesting web site and as it grows it will become even more interesting. Here is the web address:

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~theislands/index.html>.

And here is something from the site:

From the PUBLIC RECORD OFFICE of NORTHERN IRELAND

THE PERCEVAL-MAXWELL PAPERS (T/1023, D/1556, D/2480, D/3244 and D/3817)

Summary.

The Perceval-Maxwell papers comprise c.15,500 documents and c.200 volumes, 1606-1969, relating to the Maxwell, later Perceval-Maxwell, family of Finnebrogue, Downpatrick, Co. Down, and Groomsport House, Bangor, in the same county, and to the Moore, later Perceval-Maxwell, family of Moore Hill and Saperton, both near Tallow, Co. Waterford, and to their estates, mainly in Down and Waterford but also in Cos Cork, Londonderry, Monaghan, Tyrone, Tipperary, Waterford and Wexford, in London and in Canada (**the whole of Amherst Island, Ontario**).

The Amherst Island archive.

The papers in this deposit, which run from 1775 to 1969, mainly relate to Amherst Island and the 'Southern' estates.



Old privvy on the South Shore

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They include: title deeds, leases and abstracts of title, 1798-1906, for Amherst Island going back to the original grant in 1788 to Sir John Johnson, Bt, the United Empire Loyalist, and documenting its sale in 1835 by Catherine Maria Bowes, Johnson's daughter and heiress, to the 3rd Earl of Mount Cashell. Mount Cashell's gathering difficulties, and his sale of the island in 1857, to his kinsman, Robert Perceval-Maxwell; rentals of Amherst Island, with details of tenants, for 1835 and 1855; letters to Robert Perceval-Maxwell from Lord Mount Cashell, from Walter Prideaux, Maxwell's London solicitor, from John MacDonald and John A. MacDonald, his Canadian solicitors (the latter of whom was to become Prime Minister of Canada), and from William and Spencer Perceval, his brothers and agents, about Mount Cashell's debts and the purchase of Amherst Island, 1854-1858; a corrected valuation of Amherst Island, 1871; a 'Statement showing amount of property sold by William H. Moutray [the resident agent] on Amherst Island estate, 6 May 1879'; a rental ledger, 1902-1925, and rentals, 1940-1950; and Canadian investment ledgers of the Perceval-Maxwell family, c.1870-1956.

A good many other references to Amherst Island, as well as all the documentation on the Irish and English estates of the Moore and Perceval-Maxwell family, will be found in T/1023, D/1556, D/2480 and D/3244.

ECONOMY BOOMING IN L&A WITH NEW BUSINESS

- Paul Blais. Economic Development Manager, L&A County

Lennox and Addington's economy continues to be hot. Statistics show that construction activity in the first six months in Addington Highlands, Greater Napanee, Loyalist and Stone Mills has easily surpassed activity in 2001, a very good year in its own right!

Murray Beckel, Chief Building Official and Planner for Loyalist

Township, described how the strong economy has affected activity in that municipality. By the end of August, Loyalist had surpassed last year's total housing starts (70+ this year vs. 55 in 2001) and new construction permits (202 vs. 183).

Heritage Plaza in Amherstview in Loyalist Township is the location of two new businesses that have recently opened.

FACES FAMILY EATERY began serving on August 23rd. A partnership of Chris Milledge and Nicole Baldwin, the two are enthusiastic about opening their restaurant in a location that Chris says they "always had an eye on". The site was attractive because of the beautiful view of Lake Ontario and Amherst Island.

The owners' vision for FACES is a neighbourhood family restaurant. They have delivered by creating a menu that contains a lot of variety including a children's and senior's menu. The facility is smoke-free and has a play area for little ones.

Within the next couple of weeks, the restaurant's decor will be livened up with a selection of local artwork. Chris and Nicole have arranged to have 7 local artists rotate their work every 3 months.

Heritage Plaza is also the location of Dr. Beth German's new optometrist clinic. Dr. German has moved her practice from downtown Kingston after being inspired to start her own business.

Dr. German plans on reaching out to a community that she states "has been excellent . . . the word-of-mouth promotion has been a great benefit". Five public schools and 2 old-age homes will soon be seeing Dr. German as she conducts free vision screening clinics.

Dr. German also provides consultation on laser vision correction and testing related to glaucoma, field vision and diabetes. Her clinic also offers a selection of retail products such as glasses, sunglasses, contact lenses and supplies.

THANK YOU NOTES

The Amherst Island Recreation Association would like to thank all those who came out in support of our Benefit Ball Game on September 15th. At the last minute, the Legion Team couldn't make it, so we had to scramble and find another team, just hours before game time! We would especially like to thank all the ball players, who played a good game and put on a great show.

Many, many thanks to the following people; Kevin McCormick, Stephanie Fleming, Hughie Filson, Megan Horner, Joe Conners, Shannon Youell, Wayne Fleming, Chad Miller, Jason Fleming, Angela Conners, Bryon Conners, Jeff Forester, Susan Coleman, Alex Scott, Laurie Youell, Dan Wolfreys, and AIRA's own Rick Bedford and Larry Fleming.

We also thank you all for your generous donations and participation in the 50/50 draw (won by Ange Conners).

The game was in aid of fellow Islander Phil Silver, who is recovering at home from a bone marrow transplant.

We would like to thank all of our friends, neighbours and family for their kind thoughtfulness these past months as Phil fights his battle against leukemia. Thank you to everyone for always thinking to ask how Phil is doing. No, I never do get tired of answering that question.

Thank you for all of the cards, notes, telephone calls and hospital visits. And thank you most especially for your prayers. It has meant more than we can ever express to have the support and best wishes of this wonderful community at this time.

Special thanks to Lyn and Larry who realized our financial need and went to work to help us out, to the members of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, I.S.L.E., the Firefighter's Association, A.I.M.S., the Rec Committee and to those who played ball or contributed in any way to the success of the ball game last Sunday and to all of our family and friends who contributed financially. We truly do not know how we could have done this without your help.

Thank you also to all of you who sent food (everything from snacks to complete meals). Every single item was enjoyed thoroughly and very much appreciated.

Thanks also to Lyn and Larry and Jim and Lynann for making Phil's dream of playing one round of golf this summer a reality. And to Larry for looking after our lawn for us while we were in Ottawa.

Our appreciation to our son, Rick, for completing renovations on our house to a point where we could at last move back into our bedroom, and to Mark McCormick for helping him with that. Also to our daughter, Crystal, for taking such good care of our home and our beloved "Shadow".

Thanks also to Nate Maleska for the air conditioner which we so much appreciated on those hot summer days and which is certainly making Phil's convalescence more comfortable.

Our parents, as always, stand by us and provide us with all the love and support we need.

It is truly a blessing to live in a community like this one and that is never brought home to us like it is in times of adversity such as this. Please know that we will never forget what you have done for us and that we will "pass it on" at every opportunity.

Our love (as always) and eternal gratitude to Phil's brother, Michael, for the greatest gift of all - the gift of life. Also to his brother and sister who were more than willing to be the donor and to Debbie's sisters, her father and countless others who offered to be tested should we not find a donor.

Finally - to our loyal friends, Lyn and Jim. If everyone had a friend like you, the world would be a far better place.

Sincerely and most gratefully,
Phil Silver and Debbie Miller

NOTICES:

AMERIKS SCHOLARSHIP FUND - 2002

Applications for the Ameriks Scholarship Fund, in memory of Reeve Frank Fleming, will be received by the Committee until October 31, 2002.

Amherst Island residents who currently attend post-secondary institutions on a full time basis are eligible to apply. Application forms are available at the Ferry Office in Stella during office hours, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please forward completed applications to Loyalist Township

at 263 Main Street, Odessa, K0H 2H0, or leave at the Ferry Office.

3rd ANNUAL A.I.R.A. BONFIRE

Saturday, November 16th 7:30p.m. behind the Fire Hall

Hopefully, we will be celebrating the RETURN of the Frontenac II. This year we will work with the Fire Department to expand the evening's festivities.

We are going to kick off the holiday season by holding a "Festival of Lights" parade, prior to the Bonfire. We are hoping that all entries will be lit in some (imaginative) way as the parade will be after dark. For safety reasons, there will be no children on bicycles but hope all will find a place on floats - big or small.

We are so happy with the great participation in the Canada Day Parade and hope our "Festival of Lights" parade is as much fun.

MISSING BATS

"Bats are NOT in the Belfry!!"

AIRA's baseball bats are missing.

We wonder if they were tucked in the corner of your porch, basement or rolling around in your trunk after they were borrowed. If you come across them, please drop them at the school or at Larry and Lyn Flemings'.

Thank You, AIRA



START PLANNING NOW for the First Annual A.I. FESTIVAL OF LIGHT PARADE, to be held in mid-November. This will be on the same night as the annual Fall Bonfire at the Fire Hall. This will be an evening affair, so we are hoping that all entrants will be lit up in some manner (for safety reasons, the will be no bike entrants for this parade). The November BEACON will have lighting tips. This event is jointly sponsored by the AI Rec Association and the AI Firefighters Association. Contact Lyn Fleming 634-2509 or Don Miller Jr. 389-6918 for further information.

PHONEBUSTERS!

Everyone welcome -especially seniors - to an open meeting on Monday, October 21, 1 p.m. at Napanee Lions Hall concerning PHONEBUSTERS! Led by Constable Dave Clapp you will learn how to spot a scam, how to report fraud, how to help stop phone fraud.

Sponsored by L&A Seniors Outreach Services and L&A Women's Institutes.

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I have opened up a treatment space at 9060 C Front Road, Stella and will be working in Amherstview as well by mid-late October. Receipts may be obtained for tax purposes and

applicable to some insurance policies.

I am a Registered Polarity Practitioner and a 4th year Osteopathic student with the Canadian College of Osteopathy.

For an appointment please telephone Jocelyne Leyton 384-6488

ONE DAY AWARENESS WORKSHOP

This workshop will focus on using the time you have set aside to deepen your concentration skills. We will learn meditative techniques that allow you to develop insight and understanding leading to peace of mind and restfulness in the present moment. When we develop presence and relax our minds, we can bring a sense of openness, compassion and clarity into any situation.

Time: 9:10a.m. - 3:40p.m.

When: Saturday, November 2, 2002.

Where: 9060C Front Road, Amherst Island

Cost: \$45.00

Registration: Jocelyne Leyton 384-6488

*A 12:30p.m. departure for those who cannot make the full day \$25.00.

*Full day participants please bring a vegetarian contribution for the lunch.

*Fee is not intended to prevent anyone from attending.

COMMUNITY BRUNCH

Sunday, November 3rd

10:00a.m.-1:00p.m. at the Community Centre

\$7 - adults , \$4 - children (age 4-12)

Menu includes - eggs, sausage, bacon, pancakes, fruit, toast, coffee, tea and juice. 50/50 draw

Sponsored by I.S.L.E.

Proceeds to go to Library Resource Materials.

HIDDEN TREASURES

AIMS' version of an "Antique Road Show" is coming to Amherst Island on Sunday, November 24th. From noon to 6p.m., Tim Potter (auctioneer extraordinaire) is bringing twelve (12) appraisal experts to the Community Centre to evaluate items.

Your \$5.00 entry fee includes an appraisal of ONE article. Additional items are \$5.00 each.

Proceeds go towards making the Neilson Store restoration project a reality.

Start now... Look around your attic, basements, barn and garage for hidden treasures and let Tim and his experts explain their true value.

For further information call Neil Johnston at 389-5389.



The MV English River heading for the LaFarge plant west of Bath, passing through the Upper Gap.

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AT VICTORIA HALL

Yes, the Tea Room is open with expanded hours. We're here from noon-5p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. The Women's Institute will operate the Tea Room on Tuesdays on a trial basis for the month of October. Net sales will be given to the W.I. Please come out and support them.

Workout classes have resumed Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-10a.m. \$1.00 donation per visit.

Reminder ... "Last Saturday of the Month Dances" resumed on September 28th. For reservations contact Neil at 389-5389.

And finally ... "Anyone for Cards"? How about Tuesday, Wednesday and/or Thursday from 1:30-4p.m.? Call Bernice at 389-5389.

AUTHOR NIGHT ON AMHERST ISLAND

Katherine Ashenburg will speak about her new work, one of this fall's most talked-about books "The Mourner's Dance -What We Do When People Die". One of the prices we pay for human attachment is that we mourn when a loved one dies. When her daughter's fiancé died suddenly, Katherine Ashenburg experienced the varieties of twenty-first century mourning, the expected ceremonies and intuitive rituals that gave solace to her family. Their power to comfort - or not - led her to explore the traditions of mourning across centuries and cultures, the rich and endlessly inventive ways we have devised to mark a universal and deeply felt plight. Every society has found ways to support and contain the mourner's grief, from the heavy crape veils of the Victorians to the boisterous wakes of the Irish, from the Jewish custom of shiva to Mexico's Day of the Dead. North American culture favors a mourning that is private and virtually invisible but, as this captivating book reveals, the formalized grieving customs of the past were so integrated into daily life that ultimately they gave rise to public parks, department stores, and ready-to-wear clothing. "The Mourner's Dance" uncovers the psychological wisdom embedded in mourning customs ancient and new, and the value of ritual in restoring a community unraveled by loss. It is about how, in the wake of death, we go on living.

Katherine Ashenburg is a journalist, lecturer, and regular contributor to "Toronto Life" magazine and the "New York Times" travel section. A former editor of the "Globe and Mail" arts section and a CBC Radio producer, she is the author of "Going to Town: Architectural Walking Tours in Southern Ontario", an award-winning introduction to the architectural heritage of Ontario's small towns. Saturday, October 19, 7-9p.m. at Victoria Hall, 5545 Front Road, Stella. A wine and cheese reception will follow Ms Ashenburg's talk. Donations will be received at the door to support the Neilsen Store Restoration. Books will be available for signing and sale RSVP: 389-0636 .

"The Mourner's Dance is a fascinating, intelligent, moving and (dare I say) witty account of one of our most basic and least understood needs: to come to terms with the end of a life that we loved." - Alberto Manguel

WANTED: A couch with a pull-out bed and also a chair. Phone Bonnie at 389-1579.

HALLOWEEN MASQUERADE

Sponsored By Amherst Island 4-H Groups.

Where? A.I. Recreation Centre

When? October 26th, 2002.

Doors open At 6:45

Judging Starts at 7:30p.m.

Entrance Fee - 15 Years and over \$2.00

14 Years and under free.

CONTESTS - GAMES - REFRESHMENTS - BAKE TABLE
Watch for our flyer with complete details and join us for this fun event.

VINTAGE BEACON NOTICES

For Rent:- Three-bedroom cottage on Amherst Island, inside facilities, private dock. Available immediately. Preferably seasonal rental. Phone Stella 253J.

For Sale:- Coldspot refrigerator and Kenmore stove, both 3 mos. old in excellent condition. \$150.00 each. Phone 313J3 Mrs. R. Murray.

For Sale:- 1 spin dryer, perfect condition \$40.00.
1 wringer washing machine \$20.00. Phone 310J3
Allan Glenn.

Wanted: Antique coffee table of wood or serving table which could be cut down. Phone 313J

Auction Sales:

Fri. May 8 12:00 Four miles north-west of Enterprise. Durham Cattle, Farm machinery, Antique & modern household effects. Arthur Carroll - owner.

Sat. May 2 12:00 - 1 mile north of Kingston on north Div. St. Holstein Cattle, Crop & Farm Machinery, Dairy Equipment. Robert Bell - owner.

Sat. May 9 10:00 a.m. 111 Dundas St W. Napanee. Antique & Modern Household effects. Estate of late Mrs. E.J. Pollard.



At the fishing village, view South from the dock

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Smoke Detector Blitz - 2002

As part of Fire Prevention Week 2002 members of the Loyalist Township Emergency Services, Amherst Island Station, held a one-day smoke detector blitz on Saturday, October 5, 2002. Nine members in four groups visited 216 houses and cottages on the Island. Of the buildings we were able to visit, smoke detectors were tested in 45% of them, 51% no one was home, and 4% declined to participate. We found approximately 175 smoke detectors in 100 houses, and 90% of them were checked.

Number of Smoke Detectors per House

Zero	13%
One	26%
Two	38%
Three or more	23%

Number of Alarms Tested per House

Zero	17%
One	27%
Two	34%
Three or more	22%

Approximately 30% of Island homes had no working smoke detectors. Of the smoke detectors we checked, 27% were not working for various reasons such as a dead battery, no battery, disconnected from electrical, or a defective detector. Approximately 50% of these units were provided with a new battery and returned to service. Thirty new smoke detectors were sold and installed by members, and an additional thirty were given to & installed for free to senior citizens. Another dozen were requested, but unfortunately we had run out of supply, and these will be delivered at a future date.

Loyalist Township Emergency Services recommends that a minimum of two smoke detectors be installed in every house, and that one be installed on every level of the house including the basement. Ontario Law requires that every house have a minimum of one working smoke detector.

For those of you that we missed on Saturday, **we will be continuing to check smoke detectors over the next few months** until all homes have been given an opportunity to have their detectors checked and replaced if necessary. If you would like to make an appointment to have your detectors checked or to purchase additional detectors, **please call Mr. Derrick Ethridge, Fire Prevention Officer for Loyalist Township, at 386-3762, Extension 101.**

Smoke Detectors should be checked once a month, and batteries should be replaced when you change your clocks.

ATTENTION ALL RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE AMHERST ISLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT!

The Amherst Island Emergency Services Association (formerly the Firefighters Association) is the social arm of the Fire Department and the EFR team on the Island. It adopted a formal constitution in September 2002.

All retired members of AIFD with at least five years service are invited to join the active members of the department as full members of the Association, with all the rights and privileges therein.

Being a member of the association **does not** mean you will need to answer alarms, so rest assured there are no age or training requirements. We are hoping to fundraise for new equipment to enhance personal and property safety, represent the emergency - related concerns of Islanders, and are jointly sponsoring the Festival of Lights Parade & Bonfire.

A retired members plaque, honouring all those with five or more years of service, is being ordered and will be installed at the Fire Hall. For more details, attend the next meeting: October 17 at 9PM, or phone Tom R. at 634-1855



A late day sail in early Fall

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NEWS FROM THE GENERAL STORE:

With the cooler nights ahead of us, why not curl up in a blanket and enjoy one of these new video releases we have in right now?

I Am Sam - Sean Penn, Michelle Pfeiffer

Monster's Ball - Heath Ledger, Billy Bob Thornton

Van Wilder - National Lampoon

Death to Smoochy - Robin Williams, Edward Norton

Blade II - Wesley Snipes

Showtime - Eddie Murphy, Robert De'Niro

Dragonfly - Kevin Costner

Joe Somebody - Tim Allen

The Salton Sea - Val Kilmer

The Rookie - Dennis Quaid

Monsters Inc. - The voices of John Goodman & Billy Crystal

Hours for the Thanksgiving Weekend

Friday, Oct.11: 9a.m.-6p.m.

Saturday, Oct 12: 9a.m.-6p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 13: 10a.m.-6p.m.

Monday, Oct. 14: 10a.m.-5p.m.

Have a great Thanksgiving Weekend everyone.

Thank you all for your patronage and support.

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Lets have the Beacon act as a reflection of the Island
artistic community too!