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THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray, editor

There were only a few items for me to pick up in the Beacon File at the General Store this month and I lost one of them. My apologies to the person who put the lined piece of paper in the folder. I have no idea if it was a thank you, an ad, or whatever. Please re-submit and I promise to be more careful in future.

Judith Harrower (384-0435) and Tom Richmond (634-1855) will, as they are available, photograph for the Beacon, your wedding, your family reunion, your divorce, or your whatever. Now, if someone(s) will volunteer to do reporting, the Beacon will be a well-rounded publication (or as well-rounded as possible while avoiding bad news).

The Beacon proof/content readers had conflicting opinions on the letter replying to Alan Kidd's "Sinking the Amherst Islander as a Dive Site" article in last month's issue. I decided to print it as sent despite my concern - and those of several staffers - about the tone of the letter. Alan did ask for a response and those opposed to the proposal deserved some Beacon space and I think I know Alan well enough to believe that he will not be particularly offended by the reply.

GWYNETH ROXANNE PETTIFER

Born October 20th, 1919.

Died August 19th, 2003.

Predeceased by: husband, Colin; son, Robert James; grandson, Anthony Colin Bernier; and, granddaughter, Tina Louise Pettifer.

Survived by: son, Steve (Karen); and, daughter, Shirley Miller (Keith).

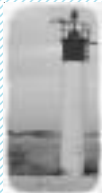
Also survived by grandchildren: Gwen Bateman (Jim); Carol Loyst (Gord);

*The
last
gasp
of
summer:*

*Swimming
off the
Stella Bay
Public
Dock was
a popular
activity
over the
past few
months.*

*Here we
have(L-R)
Fae
McArthur;
Kirsten,
Anna
Kidd &
Ben
Whitton
taking the
plunge.*

*Lynann
Whitton
Photo.*



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Sandra Topping (Scott); Adam Miller (Barb); Robert Pettifer (Leslie); and Robin Rocky (Rob). And also survived by 12 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren.

Van Dyke to the Senior Class. Jen comes to us from Bath P.S. She will be teaching grades 5 - 8 and French.

Stephanie Raeburn-Gibson will return as a .50 special Science teacher, teaching our students science as well as running

Joan Dufresne returns as our Vice Principal.

We have 5 new students (3 new families) this year. That will sure help with our enrollment, since we lost 10 students who graduated or moved after the



Amherst Island Public School, many years ago: we've made this picture intentionally large: who can you pick out of the crowd? Can you date it? ...from Vera Hogeboom



- Lyn Fleming

Teachers have been busy setting up classrooms for the new school year.

Andrew Cotton will continue as the Kindergarten/Primary teacher, with students from JK to grade 4. This year, Andrew also takes on the role of Head Teacher.

We welcome Jennifer

the AI Science School.

Janet Scott will return as a .50 Resource teacher. Janet will be busy here on Monday, Wednesday and every other Friday, and then will teach at Enterprise Public School on Tuesday, Thursday and every other Friday!

Margo Virtue has return as Educational Assistant. E.A.'s don't get their final school assignments until just a day or two before school starts, so this was unknown until just before press time!

We have a new principal this year and welcome Anne Potter. We look forward to getting to know Anne and to showing her around and introducing her to the Island community.

last school year. Our school enrollment now stands at 29.

We look forward to another exciting year of learning and growing together!!

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet and says, "My dog's cross-eyed. Is there anything you can do for him?" "Well," says the vet, "let's have a look at him." So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, checks his teeth, etc. Finally he says, "I'm going to have to put him down." "What? Just because he's cross-eyed?" "No, because he's really, really heavy."

NEIGHBOURHOOD for JULY

- Lyn Fleming

Apologies for not getting my neighbourhood column in last month. Because of computer glitches and my own computer illiteracy, I missed the deadline.

Get Well wishes this month to Syke Fleming.

Continued "good health wishes" to Earl Tugwell, Joyce Morgan, Noreen Welbanks, Dave Youell, Sally Bowen and Lillian Miller.

Condolences to Coralie Marshall and family on the passing of their husband and father, Duncan.

July was a beautiful month for weddings on the Island, and there were two. Jim and Alice Skillings granddaughter, Nicole, was married by the water at the Skillings' Island home, followed by an outdoor reception.

Marc and Marny Raymond's daughter was also married in July at St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church at Emerald. The wedding was followed by an outdoor reception held at the Raymonds' Island home on the north shore.

Congratulations also to Sarah Neville, daughter of Bob and Ann Turner, who was married in an evening ceremony in Hay Bay in late July.

Congratulations to Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July. A dinner for about 50 people was catered by the PCW at the Community Hall, followed by an open social evening and dance.

Congratulations to Peter and Susanne Wemp on the occasion of their 25th anniversary. Peter and Susanne celebrated with family and friends at a party held at their home.

Congratulations to Keith McGinn, son of Jane and Russell, who recently graduated from the Marine Engineering program at Georgian College and also completed the Coast Guard course to become a 4th Class Marine Engineer. Keith is currently working on a freighter on the Great Lakes.

Arah Wilson, of Simcoe, recently spent some time with Elsie Willard on the Is-

land. Arah grew up here and her father, Billy Cochran, was one of the earlier ferry captains for the Island.

Gail Griffin-Sackett, of Flint, Michigan, visited Syke Fleming and family recently. Gail was a cousin of Ernest Fleming.

Lynda-Rae MacMillan and family visited from San Rafael, California. Lynda was a granddaughter of Ernest Fleming and spent many happy times at her grandparents' place here on the Island.

My mom, Kay Wolfreys, is visiting for a few months from Orlando, FL. She is enjoying the cooler summer here. My 7 year old nephew spent 2 weeks with us as well. Kevin McDade took his first flight, alone, from Orlando to Syracuse and really enjoyed meeting (and greeting!) lots of Canadians!

Debbie Miller and her daughter Crystal Bedford travelled down east to PEI for a week this month. Leslie Gavlas travelled west to Saskatchewan with her daughters and their families, camping along the way, to visit family.

I know there are lots of other travellers to and from the Island, but I just don't have the details! Our big ferry doesn't seem so big anymore on a Friday afternoon!

The ACW held their annual Chicken BBQ, which as usual was well attended and enjoyed by all.

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church held the 55th annual Garden Party at the end of July. There was a good crowd, good food, lots of bargains and Alan Glenn played some great Garden Party Music. There were two other singers who performed who were also good, but the sound system was so loud, it made visiting impossible!!

Janet Scott organized and

ran a two week Girl Guide Camp at Waupoos again this year, with girls attending from around the southeast Ontario area.

Whitney Fleming and Alicia Wolfreys also attended as Jr. Leaders and Life Guards.

As of August 5th, we say good-bye to Jan Sneep and Bonnie Azulay and Brittany, Chelsea and Aaron, who will be moving to Kingston. They will be missed by various community groups as well as their many Island friends!

Amherst Roofing held their annual Company Picnic at the Harding cottage at the Sand Beach.

It's great to have the Back Kitchen going "full tilt" again and congratulations to Sue Toomey and staff for a smooth transition! It is also nice to have the Tea Room open for another season, thanks Neil and Bernice.

Well, we aren't complaining about the summer being too hot this year - or too wet! It would seem it has been pretty much perfect so far! Judging from the traffic on the ferry, there are a lot of people enjoying it here with us. It's hard to believe that by the next Beacon, summer will be over and the kids will be heading back to school!



The WI on Parade, Canada Day 2003.

Hans Krauklas photo

NEIGHBOURHOOD for AUGUST

- Lyn Fleming

Get Well wishes this month to Lillian Miller who is recovering from eye surgery. Also to Clinton Kilpatrick who is recovering at home after a stay in the hospital.

Our condolences this month to Shirley Miller and family on the recent passing of her mother.

Another busy month on the Island for weddings! Adam Miller (son of Keith and Shirley), married Barb McLeod at St. Paul's in early August. A reception was held in Bath at the Loyalist Country Club.

James Bonham-Carter (son of Cherry Allen) was married in mid August at St. Paul's with a reception following at the Community Centre. Guests attended from New Zealand, New Brunswick and points in between and beyond! James and Krista honeymooned in Scotland.

The next weekend, Dianne Marshall and Chris Kennedy were married in Kingston followed by a reception at "the Bluffs" at the western tip of the Island.

Sid and Myrna Alport's nephew was married in an outdoor ceremony the same weekend at the Alport home at the tip of Fish Point.

Congratulations to Guido Visitin, who recently retired from the pizza business!! Guido sold his Capri Pizza shop in Amherstview to an employee and is enjoying the rest of the summer at his home here on the Island.

It seems that August has just flown by as we go crashing into September. As you read this, the kids will be back at school, the summer people will be packing up and we will be settling in for hopefully a beautiful fall.

I heard the other day that the Farmers Almanac is predicting a snowy, cold winter for the eastern U.S. and a sultry summer to follow - I hope that's not an omen



Best wishes to Beacon staffers Chris Kennedy and Dianne Marshall on tying the knot this past August 23rd. Here they're preparing to cut the cake (which came complete with its' own sheep and a small tractor)
Laurene Kilpatrick photo

for us!

Congratulations to John Monro, who completed his marathon swims of Lake Erie and Lake Ontario and set some records to boot! John's YKNOT Marathon is in support of the Kingston YMCA swim program for children with physical disabilities and he is hoping to raise \$80,000 for the program.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Nancy Dunn

A curious crowd of close to seventy attended the Women's Institute's open meeting on Wind Energy on 20 August 2003 at St. Paul's Church. Ron Alward of the Federal Ministry of Natural Resources was the presenter. Ron, who lives in Montreal, has worked in 70 countries, most

of which are ahead of Canada in terms of renewable energy. His current job is largely spent in remote northern communities where they are trying to cut down on diesel generators and use wind for power. After being introduced by Judith Harrower, Ron used a PowerPoint visual aid to take the group through the reasons for using wind power and then explained the three main types of wind energy systems as well as some of the pros and cons involved. There were pictures of windmills from around the world.

Although Canada is far behind such high wind users (pun intended) as Germany, Spain and Denmark, some strides have been made in the last 20 years. By the year 2000 big-blade wind generators in Canada had the capacity to provide power at a cost per kilowatt hour as cheaply as the common energy sources of natural gas and large hydro producers and more cheaply than oil. Saskatchewan, Alberta and the Gaspé all have large turbines (200 kW to 2 Mega watt) in use. Prince Edward County, Wolfe and Amherst Islands are ideal locations for small windmills and large wind farms because our wind here is "as reliable as old John Deere tractors". Even small windmills for one family or a small group of households are feasible but fairly costly to install.

The Ontario Hydro grid system has not been very encouraging about buying any excess power from individuals or agreeing to a net-metering system. The Ontario government has also been slow to give anything but a minimal tax rebate for investing in wind or solar energy. The federal government has some incentive programs which only come into effect after all the work has been done and one starts producing power. Much lobbying needs to be done on these two fronts.

Following Ron's presentation questions and concerns included: feasibility of storage in DC batteries for small units (yes, this can be done for up to a week), noise of turbines (only a regular swoosh, swoosh, swoosh like waves on a beach) and appearance (the gathering varied in

its opinion as to the relative ugliness of the units). The bottom line? A 10KW wind generator can provide all the power needed for a large modern house at a cost of \$4000./KW installed (that's \$40,000). Blades would be 10 - 18 feet in diameter and at a height of at least 10 metres (preferably even higher). Further information at : CANMET Energy Technology, Natural Resources Canada, 580 Booth St. 13th floor, Ottawa K1A 0E4. (Fax:613-996-9418). Ron Alward can be contacted by telephone at 450-652-4621, by fax at 450-652-5177 and there is a website at "http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/es/erb/red"

There are several local advisors/contractors in the Kingston area, among them, - GAIPOWERINC.

After refreshments provided by Jackie Sylvester, Mary Kay Steel and Elsie Willard and further discussion with Ron, the Institute constituted its regular meeting with eleven members present. The usual opening of the ode, collect and O Canada was followed by the minutes of the last meeting, the correspondence and the financial and other reports. It was announced that there will be a W.I. "Market Day" in Napanee on Sat. 06 Sept. Jackie Sylvester brought us up to date on the 2004 calendar project for which art submissions are still being solicited and on the success of the August 2nd Book sale. Plans to cater to the intermission at the last Waterside concert were finalized. It was decided to make a contribution to John Munro's Y-Knot marathon swim campaign which will benefit disabled children and young adults in the Kingston area.

The next meeting, also "open-to-the-public" will be on Wed. 17 Sept. 2003 at St. Paul's Church Hall at 7 p.m. David Best, son of Mary Liz Best of the 2nd Concession, will speak on "New Trends in Healthy Eating". Everyone is welcome. *****

A NEW PRIEST

- Caroline Yull

The wardens and congregation of St. Alban's Amherst Island and St. John's



The signboard outside the Victoria Hall Tea Room carried updates from John Munro's swim across Lake Erie in July. As you might have heard, John made a successful crossing of Lake Ontario in July, the longest crossing of that lake ever done by a solo swimmer.

JH

Bath are pleased to announce that we have our new priest. She is appointed as of September 1, 2003, and will live in the rectory in Bath. Her name is Faun Harriman, and we expect that everyone will begin to recognize her around the community in the months to come, in her little silver Toyota. Faun will be inducted to her ministry on Wednesday, September 10, at 7 PM at St. Alban's in Stella. A reception will follow at the school, to which all members of the community are invited. Please come out and meet Faun. Faun was born (sometime in the latter half of last century) in Toronto, a Christian by culture, and a member of St Edmund's the Martyr in Toronto. Sometime in the sixties, Faun left the church, disillusioned with religious institutions, and not sure how to otherwise explore her keen lifelong interest in spirituality.

Faun has two children who are now adults, Genevieve and Alexander, who have gone on to give her two grandchildren, Wyatt and Matthew.

In her earlier career, Faun was involved in sales and marketing, with the Canadian Press and more recently for the Greater Kingston Chamber of Commerce as an account executive. In 1994, Faun had a powerful conversion experience, and returned to her roots, the Anglican Church, and began her journey toward ordained ministry.

By 1999, after a long period of discernment, she had entered seminary, and eventually graduated from Wycliffe College with a Master of Divinity. Faun brings her wide experience and interests to her ministry, including an interest in community outreach, especially around social justice issues. She hopes to be invited to take part in community activities and to offer support in the school. She sees the church as a reconciling and disciple-making place, an opportunity to reach out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. It is Faun's hope that she can bring people back into the church, and introduce new people to their own spiritual journeys.

We hope that you will welcome her into our community.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

1) Council passed this motion: "that the Director of Engineering Services' report, July 18, 2003 re: Amherst Island Shore Road Studies be received and that the firm of Totten Sims Hubicki be assigned the Environmental Assessment project for the shore road realignments on Amherst Island as per their letter of July 7th, 2003, with costs not to exceed \$20,000 plus GST and disbursements.

Dave Thompson assured me that: "Later this fall there will be a public input session on the Island."

2) Council passed this motion: 1. That the Township support the project and tender the re-roofing of the Neilson Store; 2. That the Township support the project at 50% of tendered cost to be funded in

future budgets; and, 3. That the Township provide the upfront costs for the re-roofing product subject to agreement by the parties to a repayment schedule. 3) The Committee of Adjustment has been dealing with several Island severances that are too complex for me to cover adequately without spending more time than I feel up to. Those interested are invited to read the Township documents or to ask one of the local realtors.

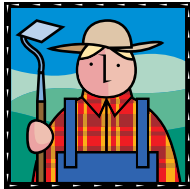
4) Peter Hume, Chair, MPAC [Municipal Property Assessment Corporation] sent Reeve McEwan a 2 page letter accompanying an 8 page report on recent MPAC activities. The gist of the 10 pages is that MPAC is doing a great job and intends to do even better in the future.

I initiated challenges on the assessed valuations of several farm properties that we own or rent early in January. In late June I was informed that the challenges had been re-routed to the wrong office. A letter dated July 17 informed us that the challenges were being sent back to the office where they had originally been sent.

AIMS

- John Kuti, Chair
Committee Reports:

Ralph Woods said that he had two 'Transportation' requests since the last meeting and Allan Glenn has two 'Help' calls pending. Peter Trueman had no 'Home Care' calls.



On behalf of the Neilson Store Museum and Cultural Centre Committee, Hugh Jenney advised that: a request for quotes was published by the Township to apply a brown steel roof; a workfare crew has cleaned up some of the brush around the building; and, the removal of the green siding was progressing through the Loyalist Heritage Committee.

Project Updates:

John Munro thanked the AIMS membership by letter and in person for their financial support for his pending swim

from Sacketts Harbour to Kingston's Confederation Basin on Tuesday August 12th. John spoke emotionally about how their program gives kids with life threatening disabilities genuine focus and hope.

The chair reported that Reeve Clayton McEwan will attend a future AIMS meeting to respond to Stanley Burke's Roadside Beautification letter to council.

Doug Williamson advised as chair of the Amherst Island Fair committee that the project has been cancelled due to poor event response and venue availability.

New Business:

Alan Kidd circulated advance copies of his Sinking of the Amherst Islander feasibility article for the pending Beacon. Two guests of AIMS members from Stella Bay advised that this project would destroy Stella Bay as a safe harbour for sailors, power boaters and swimmers. Allan thanked them for their input and assured all that this project was at a very early stage of consideration.

At this point in the meeting a healthy discussion erupted over the consensus approach of AIMS. The consensus became that "the time for consensus is over!" As ordinary people doing ordinary things we must change our approach and put some bylaws in place to better focus our efforts. A volunteer committee of Peter Trueman, Dick Dodds and John Munro will meet and make recommendations.

This Month's Speaker:

Michael Shaw was born in New Zealand in 1932 as one of a dozen children. Sadly his father a banker died when Michael was only twelve. He suffered cold showers at private school until he was eighteen. His first job was covering the Wellington waterfront for a daily newspaper.

At twenty-one he signed on a freighter as a deckhand not realizing that he would have to work very hard securing containers as he pounded through the Roaring 40's on his way to hitchhike Europe. Then the good ship Canberra brought him to Canada and inland to Brantford where he wrote for the Brantford Expositor. There he met a lovely lady known to us as Bobbi. Then it was on to become the editor of a publication for building contractors called

ECHO where he interviewed Italian notables like Mantovani and the boxer Rocky Marciano. His next publishing job was with the CNR where he met another budding writer named Peter Trueman! Small world isn't it.

In the early 60's, Michael worked for Chrysler Canada in Windsor. As a public relations manager his first assignment was to get management and assembly line workers communicating with each other. Rather than hire a secretary Michael 'thought outside the box' and hired a psychologist instead. The problem got solved when everyone realized that there was no meeting of the minds when management used a 'top down' rather than a 'bottom up' approach to solving problems. Later in his Chrysler career, Michael found that retirees sold their Windsor homes and moved south ... only to discover that the golden years in Florida weren't what they thought they would be and getting back into Windsor became a financial challenge. Michael rose to the challenge and developed retiree relocation programs for them.

After Chrysler, it was off to Montreal to blend two merged companies and develop employee benefit programs then his next move was to Baker Lovick in Toronto.

There he focussed on US Travel Services (and raising four children) along with Bobbi who would escort travel writers to exotic places around the world.

Near the end of his career, Michael came to Kingston to handle the Ontario Marina Operators account with over 500 members. After a hectic career, it became an easy decision to move from Treasure Island to Amherst Island to a more rustic way of life out there on the south shore.

LETTER re: "Sinking the M.V. Amherst Islander as a Dive Site" in Stella Bay

- Brian Grace, Steve Webb & Ross Wilson

This is a reply to Alan Kidd's request for responses to his Beacon article "Sinking the Amherst Islander As A Dive Site". This proposal, to scuttle the Islander 100 feet off the Township Dock in Stella Bay appears to be based upon a series of mis-

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On arrival in Kingston Harbour the Gov.
surveyors had a cable across the channel
not knowing it was there ran over it
getting it foul of port wheel.

Weather was clear wind North light.

From the logbooks of the MV Amherst Islander, Friday August 11, 1950: "On arrival in Kingston Harbour the Gov(ernment) surveyors had a cable across the channel. Not knowing it was there we ran over it getting it foul of port wheel. Weather was clear wind North light."

taken assertions and assumptions. First, the article asserts that the depth of water at this point is 60 feet. The official chart of the harbour gives a depth of 20 feet at the proposed location. Charted low water depths range from 49 feet off Stella Point to 10 feet off the former cheese factory. Accurate soundings of the present depth in the centre of the harbour, taken on August 16, 2003, average 35 feet. As the Islander measures 40 feet from keel to housetop, actually "sinking" her here is impossible. Sections of the Islander would show above water. Placing an obstruction to navigation at anything less than 33 feet below charted low water not only violates depth of water to sink the Amherst Islander in Stella Bay, there is no such location anywhere in the Reach within sight of the township dock or between Stella Point and the Brothers Islands.

Second, the article asserts that "there are many wrecks currently used as dive sites all around Amherst Island". If this is the case, why destroy the most beautiful and famous anchorage in Lake Ontario by sinking another wreck? The ar-

ticle asserts that the actual impact of the wreck would be four marker buoys but then adds that the marked area, and the space between it and the dock, would be off limits to powered vessels. That is, the dock would be reserved to divers only and all vessels entering what is already a small body of water, whether they be our professional fishermen, cruisers of all kinds, and power boaters of all sorts, would find their access to the harbour restricted. The anchorage would also be much reduced in size, for not only could no boat anchor in the restricted area, it could not anchor in the vicinity, lest it swing into the restricted area with any change in wind direction. Not only would the island and visiting fishermen, water skiers, and sailors who now enjoy the protected waters of our famous cove be severely limited in the activities, safe swimming for Island families would be restricted, if not eliminated.

Third, the article speculates about possible economic benefits to local enterprises from visiting divers. What is certain is that the cruising sail and powerboats who now fill the harbour on week-

ends and whose crews do patronize our shops and eating places would avoid a fouled and obstructed anchorage. The immediate economic loss is certain. The proposed benefits are just guesses. Moreover, these supposed "benefits" would require substantial investments. The article suggests a campground. This would also necessitate a large parking lot and, presumably, changing houses and toilet facilities for visiting divers. Expensive in themselves, these developments would destroy the residential and historic character of the village, hitherto hailed as the least spoiled and most attractive in the province.

The degradation of the harbour and the village would severely damage two of Amherst's Island's most attractive and valuable assets. Those visitors to our rental properties and bed and breakfast establishments who, charmed by the harbour and the village, have chosen to buy and improve existing properties, or build new residences on the Island, would be much less likely to do so in future. The resulting loss of employment to Islanders - excavators, carpenters, painters,



Year of high water behind the coal pile at the Neilson Store, many years ago

...from Vera Hogeboom

electricians, and roofers - would be much more harmful to the Island economy and well being (not to mention the township's tax base) than any of the speculative economic benefits proposed in the article.

Finally, the article admits that the purchase of the Islander, her transportation to a dry-dock for complete cleaning and her sinking all require very large amounts of money and a series of ministerial permissions, none of which are in hand. This being the case, it is remarkable that this proposal was "floated" at all. It, and not the Amherst Islander, should be sunk.

[Editor: My recollection is that Council endorsed the idea of using the Amherst Islander as a dive ship while clearly not making a funding commitment: I don't think that the idea of using Stella Bay as a location was mentioned. I expect that Council will call a public meeting on this

matter if it looks as if the project might actually proceed.]

TURKEY SUPPER

The Anglican Church Women will be holding their Annual Turkey Supper & Sale on Saturday October 4 from 5:00PM to 7:00PM.

Tickets available at the door: adults, \$10.00 and children (5 - 12) \$5.00.

Two aerals meet on a roof, fall in love, and get married. The ceremony isn't much, but the reception is great.

"Doc, I can't stop singing 'The green, green grass of home.'"
"That sounds like Tom Jones syndrome." "Is it common?" "It's not unusual."

ANTIQUES FOR SALE

- 1 Pine Bench 8.6' (one board)
 - 1 Church Bench 8' (needs some work)
 - 5 Kitchen Chairs, bowback, sturdy plank seat, ci. 1830
 - 1 Humpback Trunk, with insert
 - 5 Dining Chairs, oak wood, high back plus 1 armchair, ci. 1900-1910
 - Storage Crocks, different sizes.
- All are Amherst Island pieces and can be seen at 429 Main St., Bath - 352-7562.



An Interview with DOROTHY KILPATRICK

- Zander of DUNN INN

On July 5, 1929, Dorothy Kilpatrick, the third daughter of Raymond McMaster and Frances (Tugwell), was born in the house where George and Ida Gavlas live today. Both the McMasters and the Tugwells were of Scotch-Irish stock who had lived on Amherst Island for four generations. Dorothy's grandmother on her father's side, had been born in the mud house on the point where the Eves now live.

There was a big gap in age between Dorothy (whom her parents hoped would be a boy) and her two sisters - Helen, who was 10 years old when she was born and Gene, who was 9 years old when Dorothy came into the world. When Dorothy arrived Gene went to her father, who was working in the field, and told him there was a new baby - another girl. Then Gene reflected sagely, "I suppose we'll have to take what we get."

Dorothy loved helping her dad with the farming and she also enjoyed her grandmother McMaster who lived in the Lilac Cottage next door, across the field from the farm. She spent most of her days with her grandmother who was stone deaf but kept up with everything. Her grandmother cultivated a huge garden every year which provided food for the whole family. All three girls helped plant and harvest.

Dorothy attended No. 3 Public School, near the Kerr property. For one year she had to attend School No. 1 near Stella because no teachers were available that year for her school. Many of her teachers taught both Public School and later High School. She remembers fondly Ruth Gibson who lived on the Second Concession near Anna and Henry Hitchins. Stella Sharpe was a wonderful teacher as was Alice Hogeboom, whose husband, Clarence, (brother to Maurice) was also a teacher.

Today Dorothy marvels and rejoices that the members of The School Board, all of whom were farmers, felt it was im-

portant to teach music in the schools. Isabel McTavish was hired to teach music. She used to round up the children from the various schools in her car and bring them together for music practices. Many of those children Dorothy had never met before. Dorothy met her future husband, Bill Kilpatrick, on one of those excursions. Later it was learned that Isabel's friend was Tricky McDermott from Wolfe Island who was featured in a Whig Standard article this summer.

All through her years at school Math was Dorothy's favourite subject. She went to the High School in Stella in the 1940's when it was located in the brick building which has since been replaced (because it burned down) by the Back Kitchen. Dorothy finished school at 17. She wanted to become an interior decorator. Her high school teacher told her she would have to go to New York City to get that training - information that was not true. The cost of such an education, the distance from home and the fact that her mother was sick with cancer (she died in the late 40's) all made it impossible for Dorothy to pursue her dream.

She went to London, Ontario, where she worked as a Bell Telephone operator. When she returned to the Island she served in that capacity as well. Dorothy remembers how amazed she was, when living in London, her friends from a 4H Group decided to leave at 10 p.m. for an evening of fun in Sarnia. She had never known anything like that on Amherst Island! The ferry stopped running at 6 p.m. so such spontaneous adventures were not possible.

Of course, there were many dances at Victoria Hall but they involved everybody. Babies were left upstairs on the coats and sometimes under the coats. It was a wonder none of them smothered to death. Perhaps the best part of the dances were the intermissions when the food would be presented. Food - never since has Dorothy seen so much food!

The dance hall in Emerald also hosted many parties. The Hallowe'en dance was held in Emerald and everybody on the Island would dress up and go to the party. When Dorothy's first two children were small she left them at home (not far from the dance hall) sound asleep while she got dressed up and made a five minute appearance at the party. She was so well disguised nobody recognized her - not even her husband, Bill.

Dorothy can still remember the wooden ferry, The Tonti, which came into service in 1929 and which ran from Millhaven to Emerald, from Emerald to Stella and from Stella to Kingston. In those days the cattle and pigs were loaded in the bow with gates set up to contain them. The passengers were in the lounge at the back of the ferry. Cattle and pig manure ran down the deck from the front to the back, to the discomfort of the people stationed there. Frequently the cattle and the pigs would jump overboard. The ferry was often late because it was delayed while the livestock were rescued.

Bill Cochrane, Bill's "Uncle Bill" served as captain of the Tonti, and later as captain of The Amherst Islander seven days a week, only getting a holiday when the ferry could not run in the winter ice. Uncle Bill often teased Warren and David Kerr. He would grab them by the feet, turn them upside down and shake them - "to shake out their money." The kids so enjoyed this entertainment they always carried pennies in their pockets so Uncle Bill would be rewarded with money for his efforts.

Dorothy especially remembers January 1952 when the ferry had taken her to the mainland. At Millhaven she caught the bus to Kingston to visit her doctor in Kingston who confirmed that she was pregnant with Warren. When the bus brought her back to Millhaven she was dismayed to find the ferry had become frozen into the ice in Stella. Art

Drumgoole knew she had gone to see her doctor and waited for the bus to bring her back to Millhaven. Art then escorted her back to Stella over the treacherous ice. They held on to each other as they jumped open cracks, walked around thin ice and avoided the ice with water on it.

Dorothy has many "ice" stories. She still shudders when she remembers the time the Front Road was washed out and she drove the car down the ice parallel to the Front Road on the way to Stella with her two young boys in the back. She drove that machine as fast as possible because behind her the ice was breaking up. She decided to return home via the Front Road. No trip on the Front Road could be any worse than what she had endured!

One winter, Les Glenn, Maurice Hogeboom, Art Drumgoole and her husband, Bill Kilpatrick, pushed sleighs across the ice to Millhaven for the mail and to bring bread to Neilson's, Glenn's and the Emerald stores. When they went to return, the ice had broken up. They managed to get a truck to take them down Highway 33 and then had to get a boat to take them across to the Island via the Brothers' Islands. Dorothy often wondered if the Islanders realized how often the storekeepers' risked their lives to bring supplies to the people.

There were many terrifying trips across the ice to take the children to the mainland to attend High School in Napanee. It seemed that every Friday afternoon there was a snow storm when Bill went to Bath to meet his kids and bring them back home for the weekend. On one such crossing there was a severe blizzard and to make matters worse the handlebars of Bill's snow machine fell off leaving Warren, Laurie and Bill in the middle of the bay. Dorothy does not understand how they did it, but Bill attached wire hangers to the front of the snow machine and Warren steered the wounded craft home.

Dorothy's husband, Bill, was one of the few on the Island who had a snow machine when a heavy snow storm hit the Island. The roads were not ploughed

for three weeks and in that time, Bill made many trips to keep neighbours in groceries and mail.

Bill also attended the opening of The Millhaven Penitentiary at that time (the early 1970's). When he came back to a community shut away from civilization he felt the Islanders should trade places with the inmates who had a wonderful new facility with all the comforts of home - including T.V.'s.

The McMasters had been Presbyterians and attended St. Paul's prior to Church Union. But when the United Church was formed they left St. Paul's to become part of the United Church in Stella which had been the Methodist Church (and is now the Ferry Office and the Library). Dorothy was baptized by The Rev. Mr. McCree. Dorothy's mother and grandmother were active in the Ladies' Aid and she enjoyed being part of the small but active congregation. Her grandmother McMaster was one of the officers of the first Women's Institute on the Island. When Dorothy married Bill Kilpatrick on June 9, 1951, she left the United Church and joined The Presbyterian Church where her husband was a member.

Dorothy has many good memories of St. Paul's - work, work, work, The Garden Party, The Good Food (she has never seen food like it since) and Good People. The Garden Party Dorothy remembers best is the one that a twister went through - the only time a storm had the effrontery to attack a St. Paul's Garden Party! She remembers leaving Emerald on a clear sunny day but half way to the Church she was appalled at the damage she saw around her. When she got to her destination, the good people of St. Paul's were all huddled inside the manse, cringing before the blast. When the storm passed, the Presbyterians set about to repair the damage, retrieving mustard and relish jars for the hot dog table from as faraway as the hayfield south of the manse.

Every church has a fund of funny stories and Dorothy enjoys sharing the story that even today makes her laugh. Mr. Mullins, the catechist at the time, was a dour man who loved long prayers. He had recruited Warren to read a voluminous

three page prayer. When the time came for prayer Dorothy prepared herself for the protracted prayer she knew Warren would deliver. She was startled to hear Warren end the prayer after only three sentences. As it turned out, Warren had forgotten the prayer at home, bringing a Christmas letter instead! Laurie had been recruited to read the Scripture and when she finished her reading she sat down in the seat behind the family. Kevin, a baby at the time, spotted her and in a very loud voice shouted, "Hello Laurie." The bench began to shake as Keith Miller laughed. Dorothy had arrowroot biscuits to occupy the baby but when the offering plate was passed her way, Dorothy was so busy with the baby in her arms, her money in one hand and her arrowroot biscuit in the other that she plunked the arrowroot biscuit onto the plate with a dull thud. This caused Keith to double over with laughter.

Dorothy's father-in-law, Art Kilpatrick, an elder of St. Paul's, ran the store in Emerald, with Bill's help. When Art Kilpatrick retired from the store in 1960 and went to live in Stella where Evan Lloyd lives today (5110 Front Road), Bill took over the business, with Dorothy's help. They had no easy time of it.

Art Kilpatrick had a policy that he would be there every day and every night - available to the people who needed supplies. Bill and Dorothy, who worked from dawn till dark, found it difficult to get free of the store. They did, however, carve out some quality time by having one hour together as a family at supper time every night. But the long days almost wore out the Kilpatricks who were not making much money in the business.

One of the best parts of the store life, as far as Dorothy was concerned, was the summer time when the summer people would bring with them new ideas and interests. Dorothy hated to see the summer end because those people disappeared and her children went back to school. Dorothy enjoyed her kids and wanted to keep them with her as long as possible.

Bill delivered groceries three days of the week and later took on driving the school

bus. Almost every hour of the day was taken. Then came the rise of the supermarkets on the mainland. Ken and Ray's in Collins Bay offered prices and bargains the Kilpatrick's could not match. When the mainland stores sold eight loaves of bread for one dollar, Bill and Dorothy realized they could no longer compete and gave up the business.

They sold the store along with the grain storehouse nearby. Those buildings sat there forlornly for many years until Terry and Susan McGinn bought them.

Bill began work on The Amherst Islander and eventually earned his captain's papers. Bill and Dorothy had two more boys: Kevin, born in 1965, and Mark, born in 1967. Warren and Laurie went off to university, Warren to Lakehead and Laurie to Laurentian and then McMaster. During this time, Bill and Dorothy welcomed university students as well as young people who had chosen to live in Canada to avoid the Viet Nam war. All were made to feel welcome and Dorothy remembers having music and fun in her home.

Bill died in May 1978 at the age of 49, a victim of cancer. Dorothy was left with two young boys to raise and she moved to Napanee to be with her sons for their schooling.

After High School Kevin and Mark attended Loyalist and St. Lawrence as well as Queen's. Kevin is now part owner of "Network Security," a company that installs burglar alarm systems, and lives in Brewer's Mills. Mark works for an engineering company that provides upkeep to the nuclear power station at Pickering and he lives in Richmond Hill near Toronto.

Life has not been easy for Dorothy. She was afflicted by a blood disease so rare only one case like it had been seen before. Thanks to Dr. Matthews at Kingston General Hospital she was able to overcome that assault on her health. Dorothy credits another doctor with saving her life. Dr. Keon of Ottawa performed a successful open-heart surgery operation that has given Dorothy new hope. And yet she suffers from acute ar-

thritis - painful in the extreme.

But Dorothy does not complain. She thanks God for her blessings. Among her blessings she lists her good living arrangements over the years. She lived on Queen Mary Road for four years after her surgery and now has lived at 760 Front Road for two years. She is delighted that she resides in the same building as her good friend from the Island, Chris (Glenn) Gregg, who lives in an apartment below her and her dear friend, Margaret Pybus, who has grown to love Amherst Island too. Dorothy enjoys the time to read (she has a Maeve Binchey novel on the go) and she revels in her children, their spouses and her grandchildren all of whom she admires and loves deeply.

Warren, a captain on the ferry and Dorothy's oldest child, is married to Laurene (MacDonald) and they, and their two children, Brennan and Marlene, live at 12485 Front Road. Laurie, who is married to John Moolenbeek, and living at 4175 South Shore Rd., works with Health Canada and has two children, Kristan and Jonathan. Kevin, married to Suzanne (Gosselin) has eight children: Marie-Rose, Jocelyne, Kyle, Eric, Luke, Isaac, Jacob and Dominic. Mark is married to Betty (Briber) and they have one son, Aidan, and are expecting their second child in December. The whole clan was together for The Mother's Day Ham and Scalloped Potato supper presented by the Women of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in the Community Centre on May 10. What a wonderful sight!

How fortunate we are to have had Dorothy with us on the Island!

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Along with our friends and neighbours, we made it through the hydro black-out without much inconvenience. The lessons from the ice storm of several years ago were learned by most of us. We ran our generator for an hour or so to pump water and keep the freezers cold.

Our big concern was watering the sheep and both our water wagons were put into use; plans were made for what to do if

the power was off into the next day.

Christopher had had a tooth ache for several days and finally went to the dentist. The freezing had taken hold and Dr. Janet Ross was ready to do the extraction when the power went out. Chris said that he was glad that there was a flashlight in the office - she went on with the job.

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Sally had more difficulty in Kingston. The machine that pumps her feed is powered by electricity so when the power went out she had a real problem. Emergency Services were unable to help so a friend started a generator which after a few minutes running suddenly revved up and died. The revving sent a surge of electricity that blew fuses that were accessible only to a trained technician. She said the experience was stressful and frustrating.

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My view is that the emergencies that we have faced this year - SARS, BSE, West Nile, black-out - are like viruses testing our cultural response systems.

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The virus that got into my computer resulted in the purchase of a virus-eater to replace the free program that wasn't up to the job. Some cynics have suggested that a likely source for some computer viruses is from one or more of the companies that sell virus protection services.

There are lots of little things that annoy me in the media. Two of them are the words "tireless" and "fearless" used as adjectives when discussing extraordinary people. I am sure that the person who volunteered many hours for some worthy cause or other often got quite tired. The overcoming of this tiredness is what is worthy of praise. To be tireless is to be machine-like. And to be fearless - really fearless - is a trait that gets individuals removed from the gene pool. It is the over-coming of fear to accomplish some worthwhile goal - rescuing a child from a fire, supporting an unpopular cause - that should be admired.

I have been asked why some of our sheep have colours on them. The short answer is that its for management reasons (not cosmetics, as some might guess). The long answer will be in next month's column (I hope).

This is probably a good time to make my annual apology to any motorists we may have held up moving sheep or hay along the Island roads. We try to be particularly aware of ferry times and try to avoid interrupting traffic to and from the boat but sometimes it cannot be helped.

The Farmers' Market will, weather permitting, stay open through the Thanksgiving weekend.

The Centennial Park where the Farmers Market is held is now larger and cleaner due to the efforts of Justin Hutchings, Will and Chris Reed; broken fence, branches and stumps were removed by the boys. This work will count toward their high school requirement of 40 hours of unpaid community service.

Candice Youell also trimmed and fertilized bushes in Glenwood Cemetery.

LETTER

- Gerald Stevenson

I wish to subscribe to the Amherst Beacon, so as to insure that I will never miss an article or note regarding my ancestors. My Great-great grandparents were William Stevenson and Ann Reid Stevenson who came to Amherst Island in the early 1840's with their young family. To my knowledge, the last Stevensons living on the Island were my Great-grandparents Alexander Stevenson and Mary Gormley Stevenson. Alexander died in 1903 and Mary went to live with her eldest son William in Buffalo until her death in 1919. Mary and Alexander's other children were John Alexander, my Grandfather Thomas, Bernard, Agatha and Anna Elizabeth. There is some controversy over Bernard's name. One of the census' has him as Bertrand and one of my cousins recalls a visit from a Uncle Bernie. To my knowledge, I never met him. I was nine to ten years old

when he passed away...

My only suggestion would be to publish and identify more structures on the Island.

[Editor: perhaps one of the Island groups could collect photos of all the older Island buildings - including those that are no longer standing such as the granary in Emerald or the Catholic Church by McCormicks' or School No. 3 - and put them into a fund raising publication.]

A Web Page for Multiple Islands

- Chris Morrell, Keeper of the "Islands Tree"

In conjunction with Jen Hoeltzel Wylie's Islands Webpage, I'm trying to put together an "Islands" tree -a family tree of sorts to connect as many islanders (Wolfe, Howe, Garden & Amherst) as we can. We have 14,500 people connected as of now. My mother (born on Wolfe) and her ancestors were from Wolfe Island...so I have a personal interest in the project.

I've referenced some of the families lines from the Beacon in the tree and Jen has the Beacon listed on the website as a place to visit for Amherst material. A number of Amherst descendants have contributed to both the tree and the webpage. . . . It's continues to be quite a project and we're just starting to add Amherst Islanders and their descendants - and could always use more !!! The website includes stories, obits, census material, birth, marriage and death records and of special interest old family pictures; they're such fun to see. Islands website: <http://www.gencircles.com/users/islandfamilies/>



SEPTEMBER SKIES

- Alan Kidd

In September, as in August, Mars domi-

nates the evening skies, shining like a red beacon in the Southeast. Although Mars was in opposition on the 27th or 28th of August (depending on your time zone) it will remain a very bright object all this month.

Although we are getting closer to fall, it's still summer (thank goodness) and the familiar summer triangle of Vega, Deneb and Altair is still overhead in the early evening. Last month we took a journey down the Milky Way to the constellation of Sagittarius, or the teapot. We'll still stay in the same area for this month's essay, and look at Antares in the constellation of Scorpius. Scorpius is immediately west of Sagittarius, and is low in the sky in the evening. Antares, the brightest star in the constellation, is noticeably red. In fact its name is Greek for "rival of Mars" so it is an appropriate star for this month.

Antares is a red supergiant, which means that it is a star nearing the end of its life. When a star runs low on the hydrogen used to fuel its nuclear reactions, the outer edge of the star expands as the various forces within the star start to find a new balance. If Antares were where the sun is, Earth would now be within that outer envelope. Fortunately Antares is 600 light-years away so we don't have to worry. However, if you do want something to worry about the sun will eventually pass through a red giant phase itself. The sun is less massive than Antares, so its expanding several times may not quite reach Earth, but it will definitely get warmer. So warm in fact that the Earth's oceans will all boil away and the planet will be left a barren rock. And you thought global warming was a problem. The good news is all this won't happen for another 5 billion years or so.

As discussed last month, when we look toward Scorpio and Sagittarius we are looking toward the centre of our galaxy. Looking at these constellations with a pair of binoculars or a low power telescope reveals a sky full of stars and nebulae. If the sky is clear it is a spectacular sight.

Saturn reappears this month. However, you have to be up early in the morning

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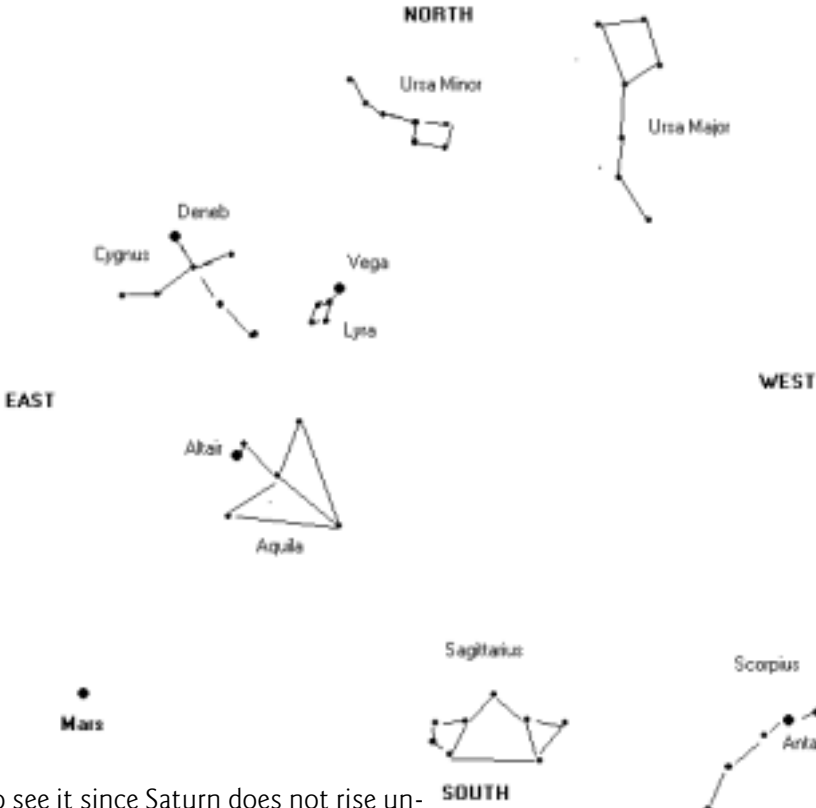
On the chart I've added the position of Mars, together with the constellation of Scorpio

Comment heard after last month's column: "The only way you'd get closer to Mars is by jumping up and down."

THANK YOU NOTES

We are happy and proud to say "Thanks" to our three terrific kids: Nick, Jackie and Sean, for making our 25th Anniversary a Spectacular Surprise from beginning to end. Thanks, Jackie, for all your hard work in party-planning, with help from Darcy and Mary, Masters of Adventure. Thank you Tony and Penny, Rick and Tracey and Jimmy for sharing our luxurious evening on the town by no less than chauffeured limo. Thank you, Everyone; friends and family, so very much for celebrating the surprise of our lives at Zorba's. It's difficult to convey how truly surprised and honoured we are. Please know how very much we appreciate each and every one of you who made it an occasion we will always treasure. Thank you for your good wishes, gifts and generosity of spirit. Let's do it again for our 50th; you're all invited!

With love and gratitude, Jerry and Patsy de Haan



to see it since Saturn does not rise until after 1 AM. Those early risers can see Saturn low in the eastern sky, in the constellation of Gemini.

It is Mars that dominates the sky all night, so here's a brief tourist guide to the red planet. Mars is only about one-third the mass of earth and is bitterly cold and very dry, since liquid water cannot exist on surface of Mars due to the low atmospheric pressure (less than 1/100 of Earth's). The Martian atmosphere is mainly carbon dioxide, so you couldn't breathe it even if the pressure was higher. In fact, Antarctica is a lush garden compared to the warmest spot on Mars. That said, Mars is still much more hospitable than any other planet or moon in our solar system. So hospitable that life just might be able to exist there. The scenery is spectacular. Mars has the largest volcano in the Solar System. Olympus Mons is 26 kilometres high, roughly three times the height of Mt. Everest. It also has a canyon, Valles Marineris, four times as deep as the Grand Canyon and as long as North America is wide. The only drawback is that tickets are still hard to come by.

For those interested in when and where to look for various astronomical objects,

including short lived phenomena such as comets and even satellites, a handy website is "www.heavens-above.com". It allows you to enter a location (for some reason Emerald is listed, but not Stella) and then gives charts and times for almost any object one could imagine. Another site which has lots of pretty pictures of all kinds of astronomical objects is the Hubble Tel-



*Jerry and Patsy deHaan:
at left, August 1, 2003, at right August 25th, 1978*

Recently, when Clinton Kilpatrick suffered a serious heart attack, the Island emergency response team responded quickly, professionally and with loving care. Their efforts saved Clinton's life, and for this we are so very grateful. It is reassuring to know that we have such a professional and caring team on the Island.

Laurie Kilpatrick

My sincerest thanks to the Island first response team, the ambulance service and emergency staff at KGH for excellent care during my recent illness. Many thanks to AIMS who provided great meals to help me get well, and to my friends and family for the calls, cards, support and encouragement.

Thank you very much,

Clinton Kilpatrick

Thank you to everyone that helped us celebrate our 50th Wedding Anniversary and for all the beautiful cards and gifts. Special thanks to Lyn and Stephanie for organizing our party, Elsie Miller for the beautiful cake, the PCW for the delicious meal. It was deeply appreciated and will be fondly remembered.

Lloyd and Elaine Wolfreys.

David Albertan, Brenden Brady, Justin Hutchings, Geoffrey McDonald, Chris Reed, Will Reed, Chris Varga, coach Stewart Reed and the team "mainlanders", would like to thank Amherst Island Emergency Services for sponsoring their soccer team in the 2003 Loyalist Minor Soccer Association. The team finished as Bantam 'B' flight champions.



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2004 CALENDAR

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Please call Freda Youell at 384-4135 with your dates.

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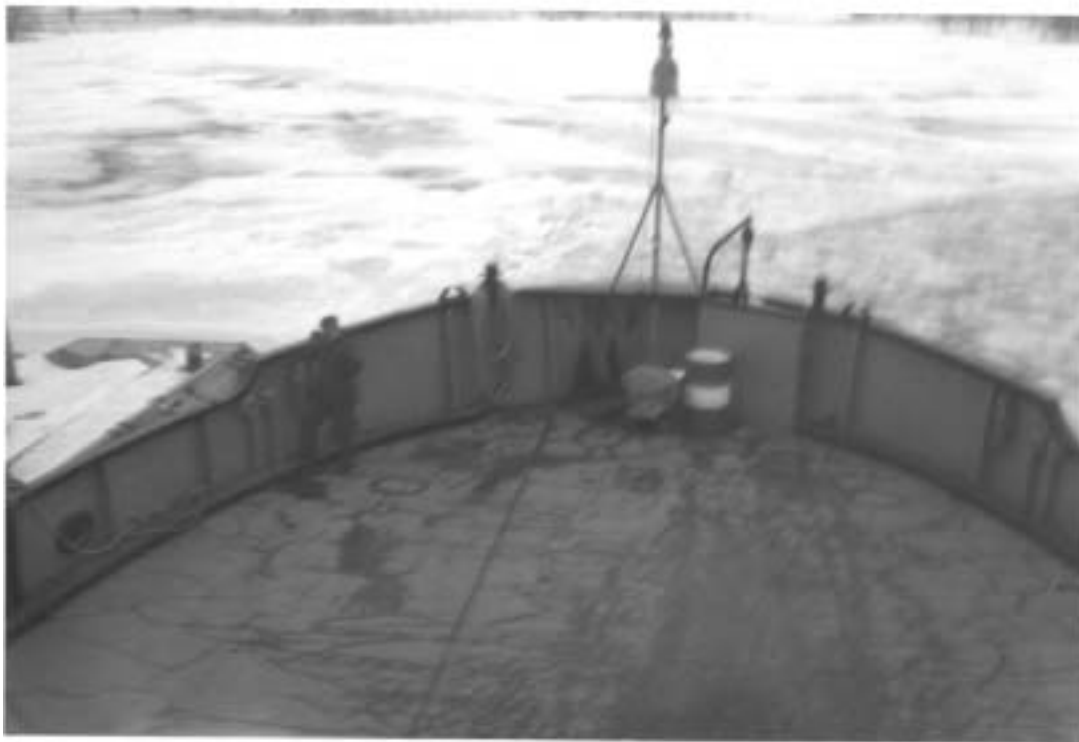
CALLING ISLAND ARTISTS!

The fantastic success with the Women's Institute calendar last Christmas has seduced the W.I. into another collectable Island Calendar - 2004. The W.I. is calling for your visions of our special Island.

This year's Calendar grows in size to an 11" x 17" format featuring a black and white image of Amherst Island scenes across the top half of the page with a large monthly date box below. Entry guidelines can be obtained at the W.I. Farmer's Market stall or by calling 389-1320. Submissions must be capable of being scanned and printed on a paper format. Works may be submitted in black and white, or colour. The originals entered remain the artist's property.

Deadline for entries is October 7th.

There will be an exhibition of the original art entries and the calendar unveiling in November.



The days are shorter, the leaves are falling: Winter is coming! (Boooo!) Here, a picture to remember it by: a shot of the foredeck on the M.V. Amherst Islander (1955). by Garnet McDonald

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Remembering Ernest Fleming (1907-2003)

...text and photos provided by Mark Jamieson

Ernest Hartley Fleming was born on Amherst Island on the 26th of July 1907, the only child of Mary (Instant) and Hartley Fleming, whose farm was located on the Third Concession. With the exception of a few brief ventures off the Island for employment in his younger days, Ernest lived and worked his entire life on the original Fleming family farm until moving to Trillium Ridge Retirement Lodge in November of 2001. Ernest was a member of the St. Alban's Anglican Church.

As a young man, restless to make his way in the world, Ernest tried his hand at a couple of positions before focusing his life on farming. In his late teens he worked for part of one shipping season aboard the lake freighter Harvey Brown with some of his fellow islanders. The life and work was not what he had imagined so he returned to the Island after several weeks.

As a newlywed, he and his wife, Genevieve, lived briefly in Toronto. Ernest was employed by Eaton's as the driver of a horse-drawn delivery wagon. I recall him once telling me a story of how the horse decided to stop in the middle of a bridge that spanned the Don Valley, causing the wagon to block the streetcar tracks, which resulted in a few angry motorists. This incident helped Ernest decide that a life in Toronto was not for him, and his family and he returned to the family farm on Amherst Island.

Ernest and Gen made their home at Tanti Lodge, the name they gave their heritage farm in honour of their beloved Island home. On the family homestead they raised three children, Harry, Shirley (Martin), and Winnifred (Jamieson).

Ernest worked as a farmer the majority of his life and was a dairy farmer of pure-bred holstein cattle when he semi-retired in the late 1970's. Ernest also worked as the Island's technician for Eastern Breeders for more than 25 years. Ernest's son, Harry, and grandson Wayne carried on the Fleming farming tradition after his retirement.

Ernest enjoyed hunting and fishing, particularly when he had the opportunity to do so with his fellow Islanders at their hunting camp near Calabogie.

Ernest was by all accounts a soft spoken, modest individual who supported many organizations throughout the Island and surrounding agricultural community. He was a member of the Burleigh Orange Lodge and the Maple Leaf Masonic Lodge. While not a gregarious person, he and his wife had many friends both on and off the island with whom they regularly socialized. Their home was always welcoming to their many friends, relatives, and acquaintances. He and his wife loved the opportunity to play a few games of euchre.

After retirement, Ernest and Gen had time to devote themselves every summer to their large vegetable garden, which was planted in the orchard beside their home. Ernest loved and respected nature, and never ceased to be amazed at the bountiful harvest that was provided from a handful of seeds, soil, water, and sunshine. This respect and love of nature was likely a sustaining factor in his career as a farmer.

Although he and his wife made short trips and vacations off the Island after his retirement, he always looked forward to coming back to his Island home. For Ernest, his 3 children, 8 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren, Amherst Island will always be home.

Funeral services for Ernest were held June 17, 2003 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church with Rev. Zander Dunn officiating. Interment was at Glenwood Cemetery. The pall bearers were his grandchildren Deborah Scott, Pamela Barrett, Larry, David, and Wayne Fleming, Timothy and Mark Jamieson, and Scott Barrett.

