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BEACON EDITOR IAN MURRAY GOT A SURPRISE IN THE CHICKEN COOP ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10...THIS HAWK HAD GOTTEN ITSELF TRAPPED. IAN CAREFULLY GRABBED THE BIRD, AND WAS ABLE TO REMOVE IT FROM THE CHICKEN COOP UNHARMED. WE WERE ABLE TO GET THIS PHOTO BEFORE IAN RELEASED IT.

FROM THE EDITOR

- Ian Murray

I thought seriously about bending one of the Beacon's guidelines - avoiding controversial subjects—by accepting an article on the wind turbine issue. Alan Kidd attended a public meeting on this subject and submitted a well written article on the meeting. I considered including it for 2 reasons. First it was a public meeting. Second, I trust Alan and am confident that he was giving an unbiased account of the proceedings.

However, following the All-candidates meeting and a few conversations with people whose opinion I value, I decided to not print anything that might be construed as for or against the proposed wind turbines.

I sincerely hope that people in both camps are able to remember that this is a pretty good community and that getting personal on this (or any other) issue does not make Amherst Island a better place to live.

It's been sometime since I mentioned those who help with the Beacon.

Sally does most of the proofing and updating the advertisements. Leah does some proofing.

Sue does the layout work that takes the text I send her plus some of the photos that are submitted and creates an attractive newsletter. Choosing which photos to include is difficult as we often receive far more very good photos than we have room for.

Don looks after the subscriptions and prepares the mailing stickers. The envelope stuffing is done by whoever is around when the fresh Beacons arrive.

The Youell family have cheerfully made room in their store and cared for the money.

Barb Miller delivers some Beacons to Island subscribers.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Reid

Seven members of the Amherst Island Women's Institute enjoyed a summer outing on Wednesday August 15. They departed on the 9 a.m. ferry with two very capable drivers – Liz Harrison and Joyce Reid. The first stop was the Kingston Mills Locks, an Ontario Heritage Site, where we watched an assortment of water craft travel through the locks – a very busy morning. Upon visiting the museum we learned more about the original idea and the many hardships endured during the building of the Rideau Canal System 175 years ago.

From there we took the scenic route along the Thousands Island Parkway and arrived in Brockville at Fulford Place by noon. Lunch was served on the covered veranda overlooking the grounds and the St. Lawrence River. Immediately following, we were taken on a tour of the mansion, which has been beautifully restored and furnished with original pieces. The formal Italianate-style gardens were viewed – we admired the elaborate triton fountain, statuary and stone walls. A grape arbour provided a wide curving bench where we enjoyed a brief rest before returning to our cars and the journey home.

During lunchtime, while we were all seated together, a brief informal meeting was conducted by the president, Jackie Sylvester.

Three ROSE events are coming up to which everyone is welcome.

September 4 at 7 p.m. there is to be an All-Candidates meeting at the Community Centre.

September 19 is our usual meeting date to be held at St. Paul's Church at 7 p.m. The topic is dealing with Fair Vote Canada – Proportional Representation.

"Health Services in Kingston" presented by the KGH Foundation has been postponed to October 3.

CJAI UPDATE

- Tom Richmond

We're down but not out - here we go again folks!

On August 28th, the CRTC approved applications for 3 FM stations in Kingston, one of which will be taking over the frequency occupied by Amherst Island Public Radio, CJAI. Fortunately CJAI anticipated this and managed to submit two license applications for higher power protected status before the decision was made - one for its current frequency (93.7FM), and one for a new frequency (92.1FM). So although the old frequency is no longer available, the application for a new frequency proceeds unhindered at this time. All three of the new Kingston commercial stations pledged in their applications to assist Amherst Island Public Radio in securing a suitable frequency so it can continue to broadcast.

Three days later, on August 31st, The CRTC released our NEW application on 92.1 FM for public comment and set a date for a public hearing on October 30th (in Kamloops BC). Our applications are now available to the public online thru the CRTC website. <http://www.crtc.gc.ca>, or on our website at: <http://www.cjai.ca/app>

Comments are due at the CRTC by October 3. We have to make special announcements during certain time periods in the next 20 days as mandated by the government. (They are long, pre-written for the most part, and boring).

I met with the Canada-wide chief of engineering for the CORUS Broadcasting Network (who operates GTO 960 AM and the new FM96 rock station in Kingston) today (August 29) over coffee/tea, and it turns out that we have many, many mutual friends, some right here on the Island. He pledged with a very firm handshake to assist us with technical changes to our station, now and in the future.

So things are good. We know where we are going, the uncertainty is now gone, and now we look forward to a favorable CRTC decision in the next 3 to 3 1/2 months.

I think I've had enough roller coaster- NICE TO END THE WEEK ON AN UP NOTE, THOUGH! I'm going right now to have a tall cold glass of milk!

THIS ISSUE (Continued from page 1)

I am puzzled by Beacon sales.

I can understand subscription sales to the USA declining due to weaker USA dollar. The decrease in Canadian subscribers is, I suspect, more due to the deaths of some of our loyal supporters.

What I don't understand is the recent ups and downs of cash sales to Islanders and visitors. One month all Beacons are sold and the next there will be a pile unsold.

We had 350 copies printed for each issue in June, July and August. There were about 10 or so left in June, all sold in July, and about 35 copies not sold in August – as of Sept 3.

Anybody have a theory about this?

Comments and suggestions always welcome.

JANET'S JOTTINGS:

- Janet Scott

Cathartes Aura

Not every bird is beautiful or can sing or comes with exotic colours but when Cathartes Aura takes to the skies it is beauty in flight. This bird better known to you as the Turkey Vulture or also sometimes called the Buzzard has a wingspan of 72 inches and a body length of 25 inches. When it soars on the thermals rising from the heating of Amherst Island it rocks gently with two-toned wings held in a dihedral shape. This member of the raptors may have disheveled brownish-black feathers, a wrinkled, naked red head and eats road-kill but it is poetry in motion. No wasted energy as this large raptor climbs to great heights in a kettle of birds circling high over the land and then drops in a long smooth glide to eat up the miles on its journey south.

More and more of these large birds are appearing here in the lake area. They have been undergoing a major range expansion. The causes of this move north are tied to the general warming trend, the increase in our population of white-tailed deer and the deterioration of suitable habitat in southern North America. The first vulture in our area to be counted was in 1944 at Prince Edward Point, followed by another in 1958. These were rare sightings. In 1960 single birds were seen at Prince Edward Point and Black Rapids. After this their numbers increased steadily until the first nest was recorded in 1967 on Picton Island just south-east of Grindstone Island. The nest was on broken granite rock. In 1976 another nest was found in a small cave in Charleston Lake Park. In the Breeding Atlas of 1981 – 1985 there were 160 to 190 breeding pairs located in the Kingston area. All nests were in the Canadian Shield and none in The St. Lawrence Lowlands. From the numbers seen now on Amherst Island of both adults and young, I would surmise that we must have nesting taking place nearer to our island.

Turkey Vultures unlike Condors and Black Vultures have a very keen sense of smell and are drawn from long distances by the smell of carrion. They have small weak feet and talons so cannot capture live food like other raptors and must eat dead animals. Their naked heads are a developed asset when needing to stick their heads in body cavities. Food is carried back to the young and regurgitated. Sometimes, when frightened, the birds have been known to regurgitate on their attackers.

DNA studies have shown that New World Vultures are more closely related to Storks than Eagles while Old World Vultures are related to Eagles and Hawks. Ornithologists at present consider them a raptor.

Turkey Vultures will start to migrate in September. Hundreds of thousands of Turkey Vultures are counted at hawk-watches in Veracruz, Mexico and Panama each spring and fall. Four vultures sitting on each fence post at the corral last August 25th were eyeing the lake, stretching their wings and perhaps thinking about warmer climates. They circle the eastern end of Lake Ontario and are counted at a hawk-watch at Derby Hill near Ogdensburg. Most are gone by early November but one was recorded as late as December 30th in the Elginburg area in 1981.

Watch for the Cathartes Aura, a more beautiful name don't you think, as it soars over our Island.

On a sad note Bob Filson discovered two of our school Osprey dead on August 9th when he was cutting the grass. The adult female was directly below the nesting pole and the immature in front of the baseball backstop. I sent the birds to the Canadian

Cooperative Wildlife Health Centre in Guelph. The report has come back inconclusive as yet. There was no sign of trauma, electrocution or starvation. Both birds tested negative for West Nile Virus and Avian Flu. On a positive note the father Osprey has taken over the care and training of the other chick and as I write, in late August, both appear to be doing well, although Bob notes that the nest is no longer being taken care of and is now dropping branches. I didn't realize that the mother did repair work while sitting and staying on the nest, I hope we will sometime get an answer to our mystery.

Keep up the great birding reports!

Good Birding!



PHOTO BY JACOB MURRAY

IAN MURRAY POSES WITH HIS "HAWK IN THE HENHOUSE".

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Session 22, August 13, 207 pages of Agenda documents.

Pages 18 through 83 were part of a delegation warning Council of the dangers of wind turbines on Amherst Island. Those interested can find the information through the Loyalist web site.

Session 23, August 16, 95 pages of Agenda documents.

This was a special session dealing with one mainland subdivision.

Session 24, August 27, 290 pages.

Following a meeting with MTO Minister Canfield, Council decided to send a newsletter to everyone on Amherst Island who gets mail through Canada Post. This newsletter, for those not on Amherst Island, can be found in the Agenda documents for this meeting.



ALL CANDIDATES MEETING ON AMHERST ISLAND

ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING

SEPTEMBER 4TH

- Ian Murray

This was the first all-candidates meeting for either a provincial or federal election held on Amherst Island that anyone can recall. I tried at least twice in previous elections to have such a meeting but was told each time - in the nicest possible way - that we were too small to bother with. Perhaps it is an indication of how tight the Liberals & PCs perceive this election that their candidates agreed to come here.

It was an interesting evening with about 100 Islanders listening to 4 candidates and 1 moderator.

Each candidate, I thought, appeared to answer questions as honestly as possible; not an easy thing to do for the 2 candidates who actually have a chance of being elected.

I took 3 pages of notes and could write a lot about the meeting but I won't. The entire meeting will be aired on CJAI several times and, if asked, Tom would probably make up a CD for those interested.

The candidates handled themselves well for the two and a half hours they were on stage and, from experience, I know how difficult it is to be a candidate subjected to questions on topics that

are usually too complicated to answer briefly or are beyond one's experience.

It was an interesting evening and I wish it were possible to have another meeting with just the Liberal and PC candidates involved. Each of these candidates has a lot more to say than what we heard last Tuesday.

Ian Wilson is a very knowledgeable and experienced former municipal politician. He has also taught political studies at St. Lawrence College and is quite familiar with how things actually get accomplished within our political system.

Randy Hillier began his political career representing some very angry farmers and rural residents who feel that their property and way of life are under attack by the present Liberal government. He can be very articulate on rural issues - more articulate than was apparent at this all-candidates meeting which seemed to focus on issues unique to Amherst Island - i.e. ferry and wind turbines.

The NDP and Green candidates represented themselves well and probably picked up some votes but I very much doubt either one has much chance of being elected in this riding at this time.



*PROVINCIAL CANDIDATES (LEFT TO RIGHT): IAN WILSON (LIBERAL), ROSS SUTHERLAND (NDP), ROLLY MONTEPELIER (GREEN), RANDY HILLIER (PC)
BELOW: AN EXCELLENT TURNOUT AT THE ALL CANDIDATES MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE. ONE OF THE CANDIDATES MENTIONED THAT HE COUNTED NEARLY 100 PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE (ALMOST ONE QUARTER OF AMHERST ISLAND'S POPULATION).*

ALL PHOTOS FROM ALL-CANDIDATES MEETING BY BRIAN LITTLE





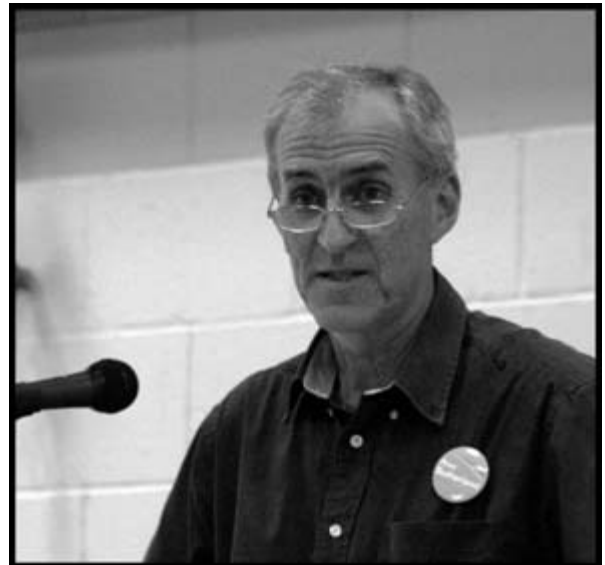
ROLLY MONTPELLIER (GREEN PARTY)



IAN WILSON (LIBERAL PARTY)



RANDY HILLIER (PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE PARTY)



ROSS SUTHERLAND (NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY)



IAN WILSON RESPONDS TO A QUESTION.

LEFT: COUNCILLOR DUNCAN ASHLEY WAS ONE OF SEVERAL WHO ASKED QUESTIONS.

FOR MORE PHOTOS SEE PAGE 6

ALL CANDIDATES MEETING



TOP: HUGH JENNEY ASKS A QUESTION

MIDDLE: PETER LARGE

BOTTOM: MICHAEL JOLL

RIGHT: JEAN TUGWELL AND LESLIE GAVLAS LISTEN TO
WHAT THE CANDIDATES HAVE TO SAY

ALL PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE BY BRIAN LITTLE

AIMS

- Hugh Jenney

21 starving men sat down to no breakfast on Saturday, August 11th.

Our president is off working in Toronto our vice-president, Dayle Gowan opened the meeting at 8:12 AM.

The topic of what to do to remember AIMS members who are no longer with us was discussed and we agreed to continue discussing this sensitive subject at the next meeting.

It was agreed to have an end of year auction for the Thanksgiving Weekend in October. Dayle Gowan volunteered to head a committee to work out the details.

New items for AIMS table: a suggestion was made that we should be looking at expanding the range of products offered for sale at the AIMS table in the market. A number of suggestions were made, so watch for changes in 2008.

It was decided to donate the cost of a camping experience for an Island girl. Carried

Dick Dodds was away but he asked AIMS through Terry Culbert to consider awarding a plaque to an AIMS citizen of the year annually. All agreed that we should give this serious consideration. It was referred to the executive for their consideration.

Terry Culbert suggested that we try to save the old frame building that Captain Willard was born in. It is on Rita Brown's farm. This idea was referred for further consideration to the executive.

Our executive changes next month. We are always looking for volunteers. So far we have the following men who have volunteered to steer us through another eventful year.

Past President: Brian Little (in charge of breakfasts)

President: Dayle Gowan

Vice President: Don Woodiwiss

Secretary: Hugh Jenney

Treasurer: Paul Lauret

Committees:

Transportation: Ross Haines

Assistance: Allan Glenn

Members at Large: Terry Culbert and Greg Latiak

Stomachs were growling so our guest speaker agreed to give his How I came to Amherst Island speech next month. Dr. David Layzell gave a quick intro and we all headed home for breakfast.



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PEACEKEEPERS DAY

- Zander of DUNN INN

I recently received a letter from the Canadian Landmines Foundation reminding me that August 9 is Peacekeepers Day. Because Canadians continue to think of themselves as peacekeepers this is a day worthy of our observation.

It is bad enough that 80% of the deaths and injuries to our troops in Afghanistan are the result of IEDs or Improvised Explosive Devices which are a form of land mines, but it is unacceptable that those landmines continue to maim and kill innocent people.

Long after the wars are over, the landmines, planted in their millions, continue to be a danger to the population. Children especially, who cannot read the signs warning them of landmines, and who want to play without restrictions, are the victims of these devices which continue to explode.

We have all seen pictures of children who have lost limbs because they stepped on landmines. These landmines don't discriminate. Innocent people will continue to suffer and die until the landmines are removed.

The harsh reality is that those mines will be removed from the land in one of two ways: safely, through humanitarian action, or tragically, through detonation by innocent children. Today there are at least 60 million landmines in at least 80 countries worldwide. How fortunate we are in Canada that we do not have to live with them threatening our population.

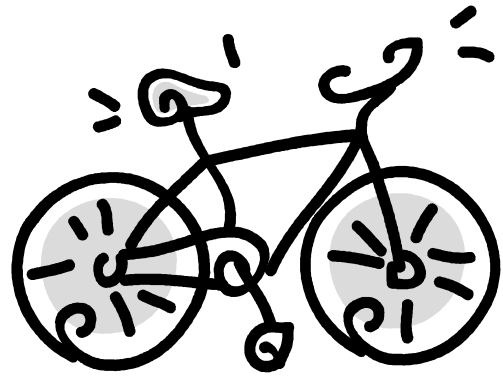
Did you know that in June 1994, Canadian Peacekeeper Master Corporal Mark Isfeld of British Columbia was killed by a string of camouflaged landmines while doing the extraordinarily dangerous work of mine clearing in Croatia? His was the ultimate price of duty.

In 1997, the Canadian-initiated Ottawa Treaty banning anti-personnel landmines was the impetus for real reductions in their production, stockpiling, trade and use. Today, three-quarters of the world's countries have repudiated this weapon of war.

Now there is an organization dedicated to removing these landmines in countries around the world. The Canadian Landmine Foundation is a Canadian partner in the global Adopt-A-Minefield campaign - a global partnership for mine action that works primarily through the United Nations to clear minefields and to provide relief to landmine survivors. Since its creation in 1999, Adopt-A-Minefield has raised more than \$21 million for mine clearance and survivor assistance and has cleared more than 25 million square metres of land in Afghanistan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cambodia, Croatia, Iraq, Mozambique, and Vietnam.

This organization reminds us that when war ends, the suffering and trouble are not over. Our concern and responsibility for others does not end when wars cease. There is much rehabilitation work to be done. Landmine clearing is a big part of that necessary work. If we don't clear the landmines the evils of war will continue to punish the innocent. The motto of the Canadian Landmine Foundation puts it well: "When the land is clear we walk without fear."

Why not honour our peacekeepers by supporting this important work? Phone 416-365-9461 or visit www.clmf.org or info@clmf.org.



WILL ADAM

- Sally Bowen

Will is in Alberta at the end of August, working his way into the mountains. It is a daunting prospect as it is time for colder wet weather, and he will be walking much of the way up, dragging the trailer.

He just had a joyful time out. Kyle Murray was driving east with friends from Victoria, watching for Will, who was pedaling west, reporting home whenever he left the highway, eager to meet Kyle. They were lucky - or blessed. They actually called me within 10 minutes of each other from the same payphone in Walsh, Alberta. I told Will to look in the restaurant, and was treated to overheard shrieks of joy. They camped for 3 nights, and two days, catching up.

I think it was hard for Will to continue west, alone.

Thanks to all the folks who wrote messages of encouragement during the CJA dinner at the Lodge. They were waiting for him and a few other items in Calgary.

One kind lady who gave him sandwiches and hugs in Colbourne, has asked her family to donate to MS in Will's name, in lieu of birthday presents this year.

If you haven't yet, would you consider sending a donation to:

MS Society Kingston

1080 Gardiners Rd

Unit 3

Kingston K7P 1R7

or alternatively, folks were really kind to Will from:

MS Society - Westman

Unit 203 Shoppers Mall

1570 - 18th Street

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SEPTEMBER SKIES

- Alan Kidd

The constellation Cygnus, or the Northern Cross, is overhead in the early September evening. It is right next to Vega, the bright jewel of the summer skies. Now that we are getting closer to fall, there are more clear nights and the Milky Way should be more visible. The other bright star in the evening sky is Arcturus, which dominates the western sky. Arcturus is easy to find once you locate the Big Dipper. Just follow the curved line drawn through the dipper's handle for a distance a bit more than the length of that handle and you will get to Arcturus. There is no mistaking this star, since it is the brightest object in that part of the sky.

Following the Milky Way south from the Northern Cross, we come to the constellation of Sagittarius, sometimes called the teapot. Sagittarius is always near the southern horizon and is best seen in these parts in August and September. Sagittarius marks the centre of the Milky Way and is a fine sight. There are a half dozen star clusters and nebulae grouped around the top of the Sagittarius teapot. All can be seen easily with a pair of binoculars. The chart shows the location of Cygnus, Vega and Sagittarius, along with the Big Dipper for reference.

Jupiter is still the brightest planet in the evening sky, though it has faded a bit from last month. It will be setting earlier through-



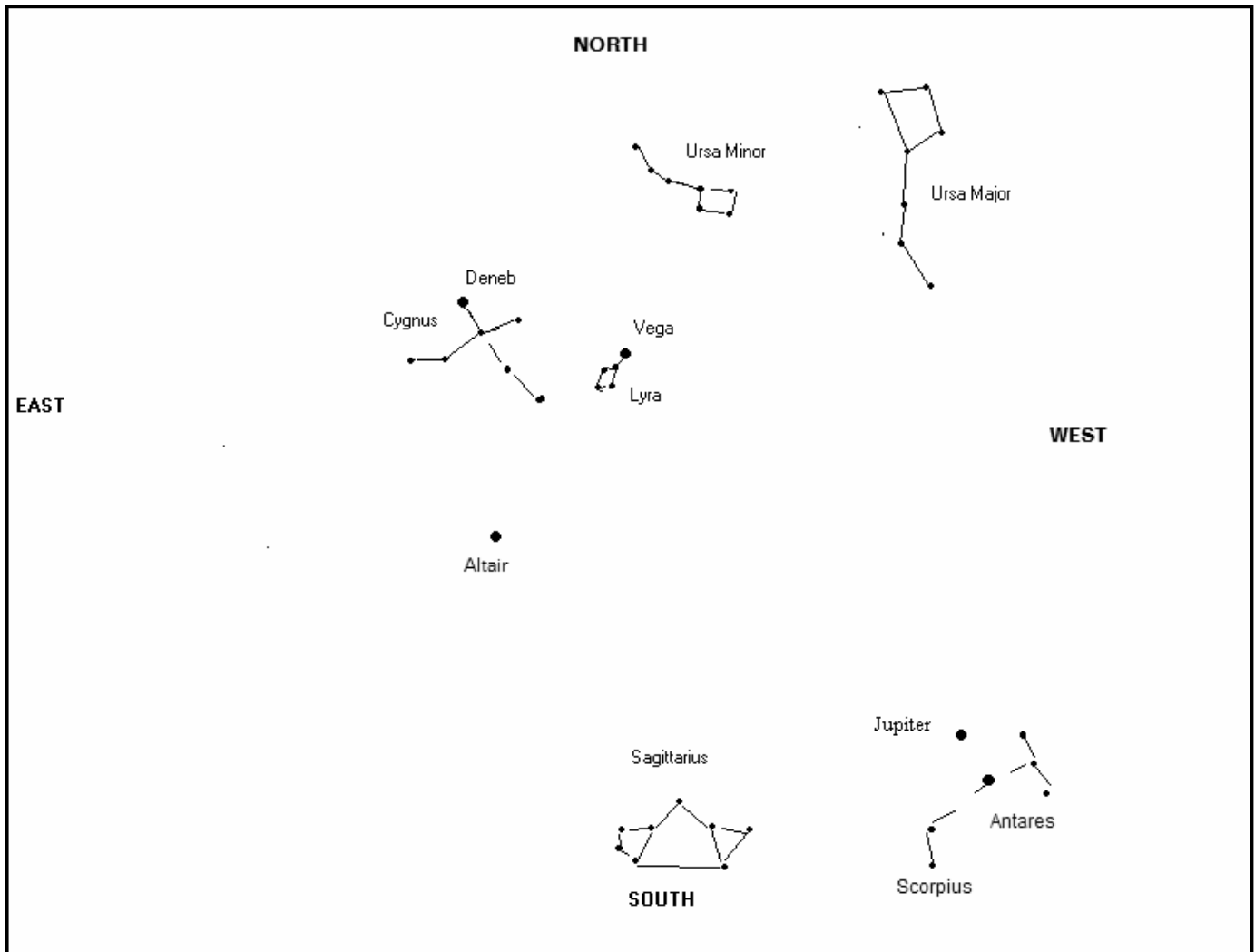
out the month and by the end of September sets before midnight. Jupiter, together with Antares, makes an impressive sight in the early evening sky. On September 17th the pair is joined by the 1st quarter moon.

Venus is now a bright morning star, rising three hours before dawn by the middle of September. It is a spectacular sight in a small telescope, appearing as a thin crescent, since only 20 percent of the visible side of the planet is lit by the sun.

Mars is now getting considerably brighter as it heads for the close approach to earth in December. By the end of the month Mars rises about an hour before midnight. It will be just below the last quarter moon on the morning of September 4th, and again on October 2nd.

You might be able to catch a glimpse of Mercury at the end of the month when it is at greatest elongation (greatest apparent distance from the Sun) on September 29th. However the planet will only appear just above the horizon (in the west-southwest) before it sets.

Saturn becomes visible again by the end of the month, this time as an early morning planet, rising three hours before the sun by the end of the month. On October 7th (in case you don't get next month's article by then) you can see a nice grouping of Saturn, Venus, Regulus and the crescent moon in the early morning sky.



HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

The Tugwell photo (on page 11) was given to the Beacon by Tom Fisher, Warren Kilpatrick's 2nd cousin. Tom said that his father Harris met his future wife Sadie while returning from working on a threshing crew out west.

Tom has promised to provide us with more Tugwell information.

Does anyone know the connection between Tom's great-grandfather Stephen Kelly Tugwell and Gideon Tugwell (1812-)? It seems pretty unlikely that there would be 2 unrelated Tugwell families on Amherst Island.

While bringing another load of bales home a few days ago, I noticed some litter beside the road – a bright red disposable cup and a plastic water bottle. I hope that they were left there by a mainlander.

I got to thinking about litter and now have a theory that there are 4 kinds of people with respect to litter: a very few who litter because they want to make a mess; a somewhat larger group who litter from carelessness or ignorance; the largest group who, through temperament and education, do not litter; and, another very small group who not only don't litter but who pick up litter.

Kitsy McMullen – working in Kenya - e-mailed me an article about changes to Lake Superior. This vast body of fresh water – more water than the other Great Lakes combined – is becoming shallower and warmer at an alarming rate. This is not good news.

As near as I can tell on the internet, Lake Ontario is a bit below the long-term average but, if it continues to be dry in its catchment area, the water level could go down quite a lot.

There was a full page write up in the August 8th Whig on Captain Earle Willard's retirement. It was written by Brian Johnson who is a captain on the Wolfe Islander III. It's a good article written by someone who knows the subject well.

Congratulations to Brent Wolfreys who has advanced to the Captain position. And also congratulations to Jim Reid on obtaining the mate's job.

The crickets appear to like the dry weather – they are very abundant in our fields.

This has been the worst year for finding edible mushrooms that I can remember.

Earlier this week I happened to look up above one of our pasture fields and there was a big black ball in the air that exploded into thousands of black birds – just like one of those bursting firecrackers but without the colour. The birds swirled around for a few seconds and then swooped and soared off into the distance. I have never seen anything like that before.

Maybe Janet has.

One of the reasons that electoral reform is in the air is due to low voter turnout.

My belief is that the root of the problem has a great deal to do with the ignorance of the general public as to how our political system works at the municipal, provincial and federal levels. A healthy democracy needs an informed citizenry and it is a disgrace that our educational system does not address the responsibilities of citizenship.

I had to learn on the job when I joined the Amherst Island Council in 1971. I had 19 years of formal education and had only the vaguest idea how a municipality operates. I don't think my experience – or lack thereof - is unusual.

We have inherited a good workable system of government that is far more in need of citizens who understand how it works than tinkering with ways of voting and establishing fixed election dates at the federal and provincial levels.

The current provincial election has already gone on too long and there is still quite a ways to go.

[Editor: this does not violate the controversy guideline as the topic is not specific to Amherst Island.]

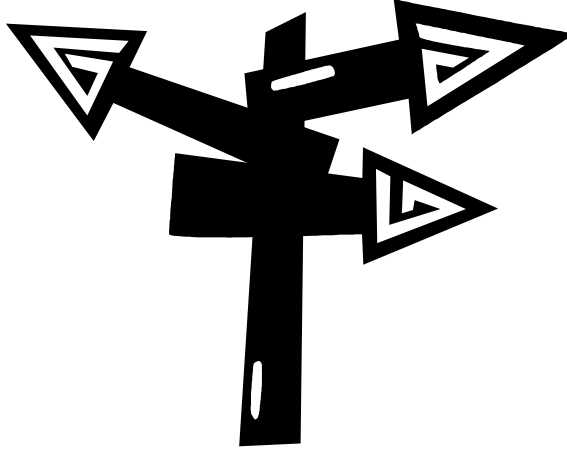


PHOTO BY DAVE YUELL

Summer's End Fireworks

Descendants of Stephen Kelly Tugwell

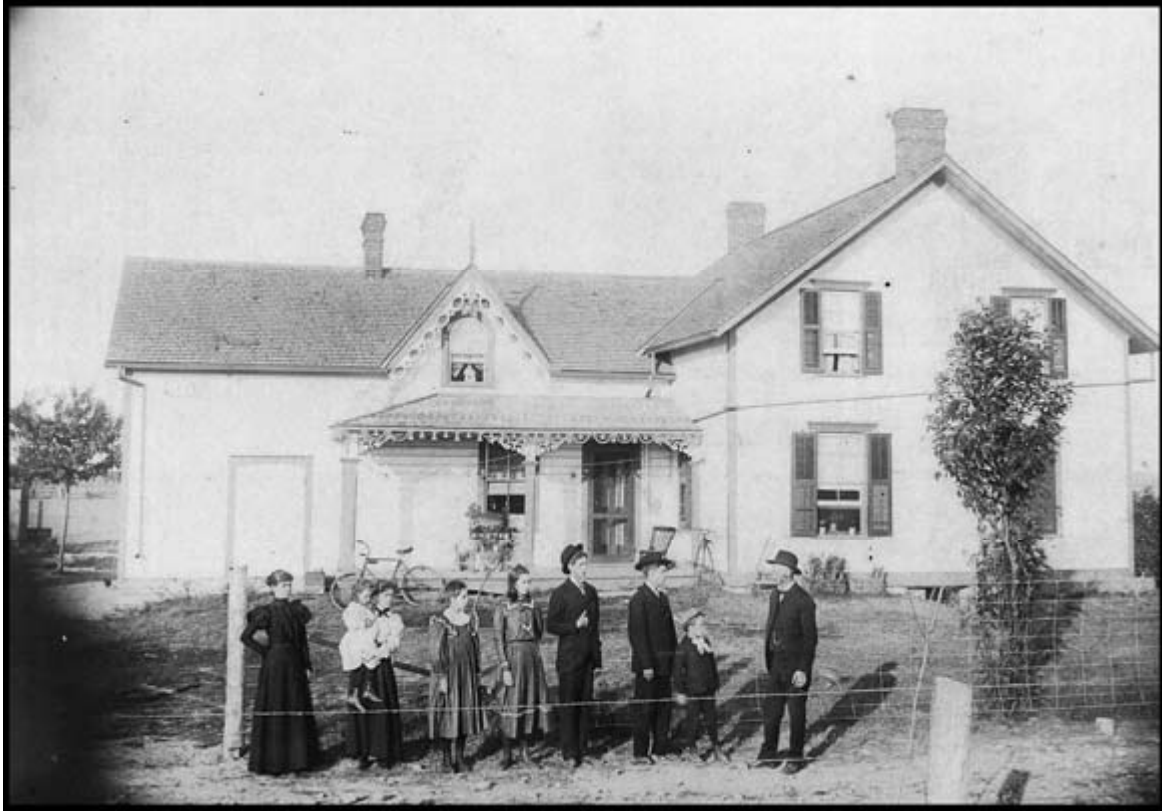
- 1 Stephen Kelly Tugwell 1846 - 1933
+Margaret A. Polley 1857 - 1929
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..... +Herman Allan Finlay 1872 - 1944
- 3 Margaret Finlay 1905 -
- 2 Percy Wm. Tugwell 1882 -
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- 2 Thomas C. Tugwell 1884 -
..... +Emily Davis
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..... +Alfred David Filson 1886 -
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..... +Garnet E. McDonald 1918 -
- 4 Carol McDonald
..... +Herman Langwald
- 3 Helen O. McMaster 1919 -
- 3 Dorothy McMaster
..... +William Robert Kilpatrick- 1978
- 4 Warren Kilpatrick
..... +Laurene McDonald
- 4 Laurie Elaine Kilpatrick
..... +John Klimczak
- 4 Kevin John Kilpatrick
- 4 William Mark Kilpatrick
- 2 Harris Campbell Tugwell 1891 -
..... +Sadie Irene Sawyer
- 3 Bernice Tugwell
..... +Bill Fisher
- 4 Tom Fisher
- 2 Annie May Tugwell 1895 -



FIREWORKS AT ALAN KIDD'S PIG FEAST.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN LITTLE

A PHOTO FROM THE PAST



THIS PHOTO IS DATED ABOUT 1900. THE HOUSE WAS BUILT IN 1883.

THIS HOUSE HAS BEEN OWNED SINCE THE EARLY 1950'S BY THE FERADAY FAMILY.

LEFT TO RIGHT (ALL TUGWELLS) - MARGARET, EMILY, ANNIE MAE, FRANCES, SARAH, THOMAS, PERCY, HARRIS, STEPHEN

Farewell to The Tea Room in Victoria Hall



BRIAN LITTLE

TALES FROM THE PAST

IRISH STONE WALLS

Sponsored by the Neilson Store Museum
-Sue Frizzell

It was my intention this month to write an article about horse racing on and around Amherst Island. This was inspired by a recent visit of my Great Aunt Mildred, who was a pioneer for Women Harness Racers in North America. As I am still gathering information, I have decided to save the racing article for next month, and to do a different article this month.

Another recent source of inspiration for me has been Jake Murray's work on the Irish Stone Walls on the South Shore Road at Windchime House (owned by Stanley Burke and Peggie Coulter). Since the crew of Turvy General Contracting started this project in June, I have been taking a special interest in the walls around the Island, in their history, and in the craftsmanship involved in creating such wonderful and unique pieces of art.

About Amherst Island's Stone Walls

The walls on Amherst Island have some unique qualities. They are a special kind of wall called a Dry Stone Wall – meaning that when they were built, there was no use of mortar, or any other batter or goop to hold the stones in place. These walls are held in place by gravity. This is interesting as there are very few places (especially in such variable climates) where walls like these can be built, and not continuously be warped and destroyed by the frost coming in and out of the ground. It has been speculated that these walls maintain their shape because of the lack of soil – the base is almost entirely the limestone bedrock of Amherst Island, and is not affected by the frost in the same way that the earth is affected.

Amherst Island's stone walls can be found at many locations. Gary and Anne Marie Hitchins have a beautiful wall which was built by John Crowe. It has since been restored by an ambitious group of volunteers on the Island. There is another fine example of Irish Stone Walls at the Pentland Cemetery (also recently restored by Volunteers).

John Crowe was involved in the construction of many of the walls on Amherst Island, however there is little information about any of the other major contributors to this special part of our Island scenery and history.

A Story Told to Me About the Origins of Some of the Walls

Not long after I began coming to Amherst Island, I remember being told a story about the stone walls along the roads. Although I do not remember who told me this story, as I recall, the story that I heard was that for a time on the island, many people were looking for work, and were looking for any way to make money, and that many were commissioned to build walls around the Island by the Township. And that this is how some of the walls wound up being built on Amherst Island.

If anyone is able to confirm this story, or has information on the construction of the stone walls on Amherst Island, please contact me at aibeacon@sympatico.ca or 613-384-2478.



Another Story

During the building of the Rideau Canal, there was a widespread outbreak of malaria. This outbreak caused work to cease, until the disease was under control.

Many Irish Stone Masons were commissioned to work on the Rideau, and when work stopped, many of them were forced to travel great distances to find work. Some of these masons found themselves on Amherst Island.

The man who built the stone walls and pillars at Drumgoole's was one of these stone masons. He worked for room and board at the Drumgoole Farm (which was then owned by Barry family).

There is a letter, written by Jennie Kerr (nee Willard) about the stone walls at Barry's Point. In this letter, she wrote:

"I must tell you too, about my grandmother Elizabeth Barry, who was blind in her later years, and who never went for the cows without bringing an apron full of rocks for the foundation of the barn and the stone fence in front of the farm that was later owned by Hugh Drumgoole. It stands there now. She carried most of the rock used in it.

Barry's Point was part of their farm.

Daniel Fowler sat on that Point to do many of his paintings. I hope that this is not too exhausting to read but thought you might be interested."

Interesting Tidbit About the Walls at Barry's Point

When Hugh Drumgoole owned the farm at Barry's Point, the stone walls spanned the length of the field, and around the corner. One day, while Hugh Drumgoole was out working in the fields, the Road Crew came along and began tearing down the wall—using the rock as foundation for new road.

While the Road Crew was off for lunch, Hugh Drumgoole came back from the fields and discovered that his walls were being taken down.

The Road Crew returned from lunch to a big surprise: there was Hugh Drumgoole sitting on the wall with a shotgun across his lap. The workers got the hint, and the wall stayed.

WHAT'S ON AT THE MUSEUM

Sept. 21—Jennifer Bunting from L&A Museum in Napanee will be talking about the items in the L&A County Museum that are relevant to Amherst Island

Oct. 5—Hans and Erica Krauklis talking about their experiences in Saudi Arabia last winter.

Oct. 19—Neilson Store Museum Annual General Meeting @ 7pm (at museum).

NEW STONE WALLS AT WINDCHIME HOUSE

PHOTOS BY BRIAN LITTLE

The Beacon



CENTRE: MARTY JONES AND JAKE MURRAY STAND IN FRONT OF ONE OF THE WALLS THAT THEY BUILT THIS SUMMER.

LET ME TELL YA 'BOUT...



...THE BIRDS, AND THE BEES...



ALL PHOTOS BY DAVE YUELL

Tai Chi at Stella Dock

PHOTOS BY JOYCE REID



Last Market Day



MARKET DAY AUGUST 18. JOYCE AND ROSS HAINES WITH BETTE KELLEY (STANDING). JOYCE'S SISTER FRAN & FRIEND HARRY (SITTING).

PHOTOS JOYCE REID

Last Bake Sale of the Season



PHOTO DAVE YOEELL

CHANGES ON AMHERST ISLAND

- Zander of DUNN INN

I have seen many changes on Amherst Island because I have been connected to the Island for over 50 years. I present a few changes, in no special order.

Fifty years ago all the dairy farmers, of whom there were dozens of small operators, brought their milk to the cheese factory in Stella. Today we have only two dairy farms operating - both large compared to the farms of years ago- shipping mostly to the Wilton cheese factory. The cheddar cheese produced on Amherst Island was the best; and it cost only 35 cents a pound. The Islanders would purchase large quantities of cheese and give it as Christmas and birthday gifts to grateful recipients. It was also exported to Britain where it was highly regarded.

In those days almost everybody on the Island was involved in farming. Even the Welbanks, who were fishing folk, also farmed. Only at the end of my time here in 1964 did a retired woman build a house and move to the Island. Everything revolved around the agricultural year. The men were very busy in the spring, seeding the land. They were equally busy in the late summer and early fall, harvesting their crops. The women kept busy feeding the workers. Much of summer was taken up with haying - small bales by hand. The dairy farmers all had their chores to do twice a day, which gave them little time to get away. Farming life has its own pace and flow. I remember putting in the church bulletin the abysmally small amount of the offering received the week before. One farmer asked that I not post the weekly offerings. As he put it, "Some weeks I give nothing because I have no money. But when I get a cheque from the cheese factory or kill a pig and sell the meat I can make up for all the offerings I've missed."

The Island folk were younger in those days. There were many more children at the school and in the churches. Our youth group at St. Paul's flourished because we had a large and active group of teen-agers. The Church School was also strong because many little ones were being born. There were some old people on the Island, but people today are living longer than they did then. Before my time there were five public schools and a high school. Then the continuation school was built to house all the students in one central location. Today a large part of our population is comprised of retired folk who have built big new houses on the shores of the Island. They have brought with them more prosperity - more cars, more equipment, more disposable cash.

In "the good old days" the ferry made 6 trips a day, the last trip was at 6 p.m. So people stayed home or entertained one another in their homes. Before television the men of Stella used to chew the fat in the "Dog House" at Brown's Blacksmith's shop. After television, families would gather in the homes of those who had a T.V. and watch an evening of programs and share food.

I should probably do another column about the other changes. Change is inevitable. Some changes we can do nothing about; others we can influence greatly. Our future is uncertain but we can be intentional about how we face it. God has given us the brains to analyze and plan the future we want.

OUR VISIT TO THE ISLAND

- Euna Allen

Last Friday a friend and I took a trip to Amherst Island. (Her first time there and my third).

While we were having a picnic a nice dog came over to visit us (a black lab). It was fun to watch the geese in the bay and afterwards to drive around the island.

Later we stopped off at the General Store and had tea at the Victoria Hall Craft and Tea Room. There we were treated so well.

I wrote a poem to thank Bernice Gould. She took the trouble of finding a delicious low-fat dessert for me that wasn't even on the menu. My friend had a muffin and was still talking about it when we left there (it was that good). Bernice told us to "Relax" and "Take our time" and that is just what we did.

"Relax" and "Take your time" - what a lovely thing to say.

Here we are relaxing - enjoying a holiday.

We're here on Amherst Island, such a peaceful place to be

And at this Victoria Hall place we've enjoyed a cup of tea.

The hostess is so friendly and obliging I must tell

She prepared for me a nice dessert which really tasted swell.

Thank you Bernice for serving us in such a friendly way.

Coming here to have some tea sure added to our day.

p.s. The Islanders are friendly people. From start to finish our mini-holiday was a treat.



PHOTO BY JUDITH HARROWER

MEMORIES OF MY BROTHER, GARNET

MCDONALD

- Doris Henderson

I miss my brother, he always seemed such a part of the island, and my memories of home. I can remember being annoyed at him only about twice in my life. The first time was when I was about five years old. All five of our family were, for some unknown reason, crowded into our small pantry while the milk separator was in operation. I had no need to be there, of course, and backed up to get out of the way. This resulted in me sitting down doubled up in a pail of milk. I remember milk flying in every direction, my mother pulling me out, and my two brothers laughing at me. I cried more at their laughing than my sopping wet condition.

The only other time I was annoyed at him was when he saw me at a movie in the village, on a date when I was about fourteen. He decided my mother did not know about this, and proceeded to inform on me. This resulted in one of the very few strict lectures that I ever remember from my mother and father. Garnet, I realized later, was just being the protective big brother.

I know from snapshots that he was usually around when I was little. I vaguely remember being helped into a sleigh that our dog was trained to pull. When I started school, it was great to have big brothers there. Garnet was tall enough in grade eight that no-one would try to tease or bully me while he was around. When he left public school, my second brother Roger took his place in being protective.

When a young man and very active in the farming procedures, Garnet liked to get things done in a hurry. Sometimes this would result in something breaking, which my father would fix. One day we had just about finished our noon dinner when Garnet, who often finished first, got up to get back to work. He left our large kitchen area where we ate, and went out into the summer kitchen, closing the door behind him. A few seconds passed before the door opened, and Garnet stuck his head around it long enough to tell Dad about something that had broken, and as quickly closed the door again. Dad frowned slightly knowing it would be a fixing job for him. The door opened again with Garnet's head appearing as before, just long enough to tell Dad about a break on some other piece of machinery. We looked at Dad to see how he was taking this piece of information. He was beginning to look slightly irritated. Before anyone could say anything, the back kitchen door opened again, with Garnet's head appearing briefly with more information on yet another break. Silence reigned for a moment until we heard the outside door open and shut quickly. These three uneasy appearances by Garnet were too funny for words. We all burst out laughing hilariously, even my father.

Sometimes doing things a bit too fast was not always amusing, but resulted in a few accidents: a large milk can fell on his foot, a little finger almost severed by a saw, a tumble from a haymow hurting his knee, a tumble over a wagon tongue resulting in a whiplash. These were just a few of several. Even when he was not hurrying he had some dangerous accidents such as a roll of barbed wire falling on his shoulder, and his last one was somehow rolling out of bed in the middle of the night, and cutting an artery in his cheek on the corner of a small table. He was fortunate that his nephew, Warren, and the Island response team

were able to help, and get him away quickly in an ambulance with an extra trip of the ferry.

Once I passed my driving test, I sometimes borrowed Dad's car on a Sunday afternoon to pick up some friends, and go to the sand beach for a swim.

One Sunday during dinner Garnet heard my plans and informed me, "Make sure you put gas in. I need the car tonight."

I knew he had a date with his girlfriend, Gene.

At supper time he asked a bit gruffly, "Did you fill up the car?" "No."

"Why not? I asked you to."

"I did put some in."

"How much?"

"A gallon, figured I didn't use very much, only cost me thirty-five cents."

The surprised look on Garnet's face was priceless. Mom, Dad and I burst out laughing and, after a second or two, Garnet joined in. I felt good getting one up on him, sibling rivalry fun.

Garnet and I never fought. We sometimes disagreed about something. Most of the time he would be right. He loved to read, and I think he read papers from cover to cover, and any magazines that they might have subscribed to.

I considered Garnet to be a clever man. He took his turn on the Island school board, and several years later entertained me with stories of some interesting meetings, as well as some very entertaining ones. He also served as president of one of the cattle-men's organizations.

He loved company, and neighbours were always most welcome when they dropped in, whether just to visit, have a game of cards, or to enjoy a tasty meal.

He enjoyed the group of deer hunters when they arrived each fall, and always seemed to have an amusing tale or two about something which happened during the hunt.

Garnet decided to raise some pheasants one year so bought some young ones. He kept some eggs that were laid and put them in a small box on the pantry shelf. Several weeks later, Reg, the cheesemaker's son came down to see these pheasants. He was about Garnet's age, and often dropped in for a visit. During the chatting Garnet mentioned that he had saved some eggs. Of course, Reg wanted to see them. Garnet brought the little box out to show him. The two stood slightly bent over looking at the eggs. Reg reached in to take one out for a better look. That was all that was needed, since this movement jostled the other eggs. Now eggs that are not refrigerated in the heat of the summer are not in the best condition. As Reg touched them, practically the whole box blew up in their faces, hair and clothes. The two of them dropped the box, and headed for the lake on the run. In they went clothes and all.

I happened to be watching out the window, and knew what had happened. The two of them finally came out of the water, looking like a couple of half-drowned rats, laughing and smelling considerably better.

We did not have television while growing up, of course, so made our own fun. One of those fun things was music. We had our own little orchestra and often played together in the evenings. Instruments were piano, mouth organs, violins and Garnet on the Hawaiian guitar. He liked to sing, and also became a very good yodeler.

Garnet liked most everyone he ever knew. If by chance, he did not care for someone, you could be sure he had a good reason

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First Place for Jim VanAlstyne's Jaguar



JIM VANALSTYNE SHOWING OFF HIS NEWLY RESTORED JAGUAR XKE AT THE A4C CAR SHOW IN ODESSA. JIM WON FIRST PLACE WITH HIS RESTORED JAGUAR.

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not to.

There were sad times in his life, when he had two occasions to lose two baby sons, and when his wife, Gene, had a serious operation. I'm sure he shed many tears when alone, but I only saw him really fall apart once. He had not told anyone what the doctor had said about Gene. I finally forced the issue one night after we left her room. He could carry his worry no longer, and faced against the wall of the hospital corridor and sobbed. To see my big brother cry like that was heartbreaking. He finally told me that the doctor had told him that Gene would probably never talk again. She finally did however, and was able to come home, and managed well. I never forgot that night.

Garnet was very proud of his daughter Carol and her chosen husband Herman, also his grandchildren Tammie and Joe. Unfortunately, Garnet's wife Gene died before the great-grandchildren arrived, the twins Emma and Damien, Lillian, Molly, and Mika. They were the source of great joy to Garnet and he looked forward to their week-end visits. He was always eager to show me the latest pictures that he had, and to relate the funny things the little ones said and did when they visited the farm, or when he visited them.

He loved little children, and they would often go to him to be picked up. They seemed to sense that he was a kindred spirit.

I sometimes took Garnet to appointments. Those trips were always interesting. Garnet had a very subtle way of making suggestions. He never said that I should be careful or criticized my driving.

He would make a comment when I turned a corner such as, “

A person has to be careful not to swing out too much.”

“Yes, Garnet.”

Another comment would be. “It's a good thing people have good brakes when they come to a stop sign.”

“Yes it is. Did I come up too fast?”

“No, but I've seen people do this.”

“I agree.”

“You see people following too close on the highway. They're apt to hit someone, if the one ahead stopped suddenly.”

“True, am I too close?”

“No, but it could happen.”

“Garnet, do you have a licence for this?”

“For what?”

“This indirect way of sort of backseat driving.” Laughter from both of us and a suggestion to find something beautiful to talk about instead of maybes.

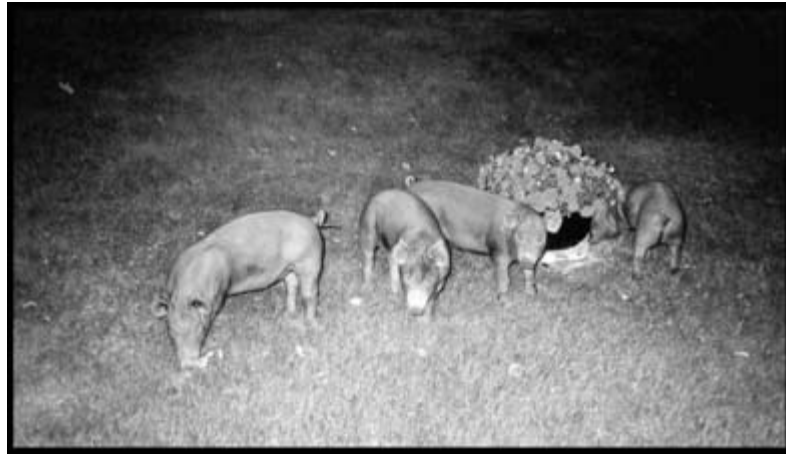
I invited Garnet to accompany me to some teachers' dinners and reunions. We usually had a lot of laughs, and invariably got lost trying to find a road, or a street, or the place where the meal was held, since they were always somewhere out of Kingston.

I could not have had a better older brother. We talked about many things over the years some funny, some sad, some for advice, and some things that were troublesome. Garnet had a way of helping to sort things out. I remember many more things, but some happenings are more memorable than others.

I wish he were still here, but I am glad he did not suffer long. He will always be in my memory, as I think of the many years growing up, and the many visits we had in later years.

“THE THREE LITTLE PIGS AND THEIR CITY COUNSIN COME A-CALLIN”

Late one evening in early August, these new Island residents “came a callin” to introduce themselves to their nearest neighbour, Judith Harrower and visiting south shore resident, Lorna Willis. Not being bashful little porkers they came right up to the front porch and would have come in but were hesitant due to a canine presence. But with all being good natured beasties, both the canine and piglets were soon going on a walk about. Having such a good time they returned a few days later when Dianne Marshall stopped on her cycling trip. Dianne at first thought they were lawn ornaments. But alas no and off they went to visit Anne and John Adams, who have bought the Henshaw house.



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ART CLASS AT THE LODGE



JANET GRACE SHOWS OFF HER ARTWORK AT THE LODGE.



LORNA WILLIS IS ALL SMILES AS SHE WORKS ON HER PIECE.

PHOTOS BY BRIAN LITTLE



Amherst Island

October 20, 2007

10:00 a.m. start

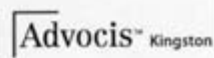
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7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Registration, light breakfast items
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AMHERST ISLAND RESIDENTS WHO CURRENTLY ATTEND POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS ON A FULL TIME BASIS ARE ELIGIBLE TO APPLY. APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE FERRY OFFICE IN STELLA DURING OFFICE HOURS, MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY OR ON THE LOYALIST TOWNSHIP WEBSITE AT: WWW.LOYALIST-TOWNSHIP.ON.CA.

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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007

AT 7:00 P.M.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH HALL

EVERYONE WELCOME! PLEASE PLAN ON JOINING US FOR THIS INFORMATIVE EVENING.



A BELATED CONGRATULATIONS TO MURESSA FABIAN-ROBINSON AND BRANDON REED FOR BEING AWARDED PRIZES AT THE KINGSTON HERITAGE FAIR IN JUNE. BRANDON WON "THE SPIRIT OF THE FAIR" FOR HIS TREMENDOUS ENTHUSIASM IN DESCRIBING HIS ISLAND PROJECT TO ALL THE JUDGES AND ANYONE WHO ASKED ABOUT HIS WORK. MURESSA WON FIRST PRIZE IN THE GENEALOGY SECTION FOR HER PROJECT ON THE MCGINN/GIBSON FAMILIES OF AMHERST ISLAND. WELL DONE TO THE BOTH OF YOU FOR WINNING OUT OF HUNDREDS OF PROJECTS AND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JANET SCOTT FOR HER ENCOURAGEMENT AND THE TIME TO TAKE ALL THE ISLAND PROJECTS TO MCARTHUR HALL FOR THE KINGSTON HERITAGE FAIR. OUT OF THE TEN PROJECTS FROM ONE LITTLE SCHOOL THERE WERE TWO WINNERS FROM HUNDREDS OF PROJECTS AT THE FAIR .



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WE WISH TO THANK ONE AND ALL FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT DURING THE PAST 5 YEARS. AND MOST OF ALL FOR YOUR FRIENDLINESS WHICH CREATED SUCH A WARM ATMOSPHERE.

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AGAIN - A BIG, BIG THANK YOU

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 LOOKING FOR TWO DIMENSIONAL WORK, IN ANY MEDIUM, EXPRESSING THE THEME: AUTUMN
 FOR A THANKSGIVING SHOW AT THE LODGE ON AMHERST ISLAND
 EACH ARTIST MAY SUBMIT UP TO THREE PIECES. EACH PIECE MUST BE FOR SALE AND
 READY FOR HANGING.
 ENTRY FORMS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE LODGE, ONLINE AND AT THE STORE BY JUNE 15TH
 ALL WORKS MUST BE DELIVERED TO LODGE BY 11:00 AM, MONDAY, OCTOBER 1ST, 2007.
 THE SHOW WILL BE SELECTED FROM THE BODY OF WORK DELIVERED BY THAT TIME.
 THE SHOW WILL OPEN SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH FROM 2 - 4 PM, AND WILL HANG UNTIL
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- SHERRY MILLER

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IN KEEPING WITH OUR "EVERYONE COUNTS" MOTTO WE WANT TO ENLIST YOUR HELP. PLEASE SET ASIDE THIS DATE. THE WALK WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A COMMUNITY BARBEQUE AND SILENT AUCTION THAT WILL RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS GREAT PROGRAM.

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TWO ROSE EVENTS

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SEPTEMBER 19 IS OUR USUAL MEETING DATE TO BE HELD AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH AT 7 P.M. THE TOPIC IS DEALING WITH ELECTORAL REFORMS.

"HEALTH SERVICES IN KINGSTON" WILL BE PRESENTED ON OCT. 3 AT THE COMMUNITY CENTRE.

A.I.M.S. THANKSGIVING AUCTION SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2007

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