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THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray

The good news is that we sold all 300 copies for June/July issue.

The bad news, from the staff perspective, is Caroline Ackerman's resignation as typist. She did a great job for several years and will be missed. Our encouraging submissions by e-mail and computer disc reduced the amount of typing to the point where it became hardly worth her bother.

We are re-printing the Bruce and Helen photo from last issue as it turned out so poorly. It just may not be possible to reproduce photos well with our low-rent technology but we're not ready to give up yet.

COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

The following are from township documents covering the last month or so, are in no particular order, and are without editorial comments.

1) Policy regarding the Requirements for Promotion to Ferry Captain. Included in this policy is a listing of the mandatory licences and certificates as

well as details of 28 skill and knowledge requirements.

2) Groundwater test results on the landfill site from April indicated that more testing will need to be done - another \$800.

3) The McGinn/DeHaan severance application on Lot 5, Con.1, has once again raised concerns about who owns what between the traveled road and Lake Ontario.

4) The Intensive Farming Operations Committee has submitted a Draft "Intensive Livestock Farming Operations and Nutrient Management By-law" to Council. The most contentious matter faced by this committee, bad smells from farm operations, was not addressed in the by-law as there is no relevant provincial statute dealing with farm odours.

Section 9.0: An Agricultural Advisory Committee [of 6 members] will be formed by the Township to assist with the complaint process.... The Committee will operate as a group of peers from the farm community with representation from the major commodity groups and farm organizations, as well as rural residents and a member of Council.... The Committee will also conduct periodic random audits of farms that are required to have nutrient management plans.

Section 10.0: ...it is strongly recommended that the Committee hold one seminar annually to provide an education forum for

farmers regarding nutrient management.

5) Budgeted in 2000 for Stella library, \$1000; actually spent in 2000, \$1039.

6) A grant application to the Ontario Heritage Foundation regarding Neilson Store was not approved

AIMS

- Peter Trueman

The new Amherst Island men's group held its second meeting, over breakfast, at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church Hall on Saturday, July 7. More than 30 members were in attendance.

The first order of business was to modify the organization's name from Amherst Island Men (AIM) to the Amherst Island Men's Society (AIMS). The change was made so the group would not be mistaken for the militant American Indian Movement.

Four committees were designated to serve the island's elderly and infirm.

The Transportation Committee will be composed of those volunteers who have offered their cars, and themselves as drivers, to take people around the island and to the mainland to shop, for doctors' appointments, or simply for recreation. The Committee's members are also willing to run errands - to pick up groceries or prescriptions, for example. The committee's coordinator is Ralph Woods (389-7235). Anyone wishing the Transportation Committee's services should contact Ralph.

The Manual Labour Committee's members have offered to do odd jobs for those unable to do the work themselves, including house repairs, yard work, and carpentry etc. The Committee's coordinator is Allan Glenn (389-0214).

The Care and Companionship Committee, whose members have volunteered to relieve care-givers so that they can leave their charges for a few hours to do other things, will be coordinated by Peter Trueman (389-3548).

The Wheels To Meals Committee was designated to

set up a series of regular luncheons on the island so that those who have difficulty getting out of the house will have an opportunity to have a meal, talk, or play cards etc together, perhaps even monthly. It hasn't been decided whether there might be a

modest charge for the luncheon, but transportation to and from the event would be provided free of charge by the AIMS membership. The coordinator for the Wheels to Meals committee is John Kuti (389-0890) and anyone interested in such outings should contact him.

Tom Richmond suggested that AIMS might consider using any excess revenues to set up scholarships for deserving Island students.

Ken Albertan noted that some of the trophies for Amherst Island Public School children had been donated by people no longer on the Island and that difficulties had arisen about the cost of engraving. He suggested that AIMS should pay for such engraving.

These ideas were received favourably and it was suggested further that AIMS might consider es-

tablishing new school trophies for new categories of excellence, or offering small cash prizes for the winners of existing trophies. No decisions were taken, but there appeared to be broad general support for all of these suggestions.

The next meeting will be held at the St. Paul's Church Hall on Saturday, August 11 at 8 a.m. Any island men who have not yet joined AIMS are welcome to attend. The membership fee is \$5.00, and there is a \$5.00 charge for breakfast.

2001 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

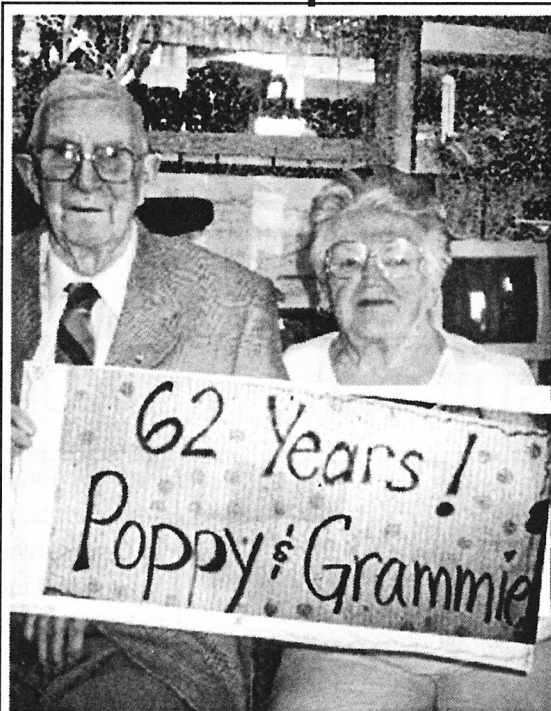
-Ian Murray

a) \$50,000 budget for renovations to Historic Neilson's Store with \$45,000 provided from fund-raising or grants.

b) \$30,000 for local improvements on South Shore Road, Amherst Island.

Dave Thompson, Township Engineer, says that this is rip-rap [a protective layer of rocks] at the worst eroded areas and also for surveying costs.

c) \$32,400 budgeted to continue garbage disposal and recycling operations for the Amherst Island Ward



Bruce and Helen Caughey

including expanded recycling opportunities

d) The Amherst Island Ferry expenditures of \$1,643,100 are offset partially by continued funding from the Province and by user fees.

Dave Thompson, Township Engineer, told me that he does not anticipate fare increases this year. Design work is being initiated for the Stella dock with repairs to be done when necessary. The ferry dock reserve fund is over \$220 thousand.

NEIGHBOURHOOD -Lyn Fleming



Congratulations to Garnett McDonald who became a first time great-grandfather - twice!! Twins, Emma Gene, (6lbs 12oz.) and Damien Joseph Noel (6lbs 8oz.), were born on July 6, to Tammi and Wally. First

Fencing on the Second time grandparents are Garnett's daughter Carol and husband, Herman Langwald.

Get Well wishes this month to Lillian Miller, who is back in hospital and Eldon Willard, who has also been in hospital.

Happy 40th wedding anniversary to Zander and Nancy Dunn, who celebrated with friends and family from the Island and the mainland at St. Paul's. Happy 80th birthday to Duncan Marshall who celebrated with family and friends at home. Also happy 84th birthday to Doug Wilson.

Lots of visitors from near and far to the Island this month. Peter and Joyce Morgan's niece from England has been spending some time here visiting family; Zander Dunn's mother, from British Columbia is also here for a visit; Hans and Hazel deHaan have been entertaining Hans' sister and family from Holland; Harold and Irna Reddakopp, have had their twin, 3 year old granddaughters visiting for a week each and my twin niece and nephew from Orlando have been enjoying a 3 week holiday with us.

We welcome some new Islanders this month. The Tattershalls have moved into Bobbi and Michael Shaw's

house on the north shore and Michael and Bobbi have moved to the south shore. The Trehaan family moved into the house at the end of the 3rd concession, formerly owned by Jim Baker.

The Canada Day parade, PCW strawberry social and kid's games were a hit again topped off by some amazing fireworks.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE NEWS (2 in1)

- Nancy Dunn

Changing the deadline date for submissions to the Beacon to the 20th should result in more up-to-date news from the Women's Institute. Since our meetings are held on the 3rd Wed., most months our write-ups would be published within days of our gatherings (provided that this correspondent is on the ball).

Case in point: New News - on July 18th the A.I.W.I. , accompanied by several spouses and friends, "met" by travelling across the border to Wellesley Island, which is reached via the Ivy Lea Bridge at Gananoque. Ably organized by Jackie Sylvester with travel arrangements by Kirsten Bennick, the outing was a great success: the weather was

wonderful, the scenery scintillating and the Victorian architecture of Thousand Island Park, a private enclave at the end of Rte.100, awesome. Lunch on the porch of the old wooden Wellesley Island Hotel was especially arranged by Jackie and was delicious, if different from typical Amherst Island fare. The day was enjoyed by all 19 participants

in spite of a couple of cars making wrong turns. (Are U-turns legal on the highways of the USofA?- one driver made two of them but at least that saved the cost of going through the 2nd toll gate which expense was incurred by another group).

"Old News" -The previous month's meeting was on June 20th - alas just too late for the paper. It was held in the "back room" of the ferry office with 10 members present and President Nancy Henshaw in the chair.

Plans were made for a float for the Canada Day parade with the theme "We're Growing". [Post script- result -a bevy of beauties clad in yellow and blue with fruits and vegetables growing out of their hats, accompanying their president who was watering a tree! Special thanks to Joyce Haines, Kirsten Bennick, Mary Kay Steel, and Claire Jenney for their creativity and to Anders Bennick for pulling the float at a keep-up-able pace.]

Nancy Henshaw reported on the time she spent at the Associated Country Women of the World's convention in Hamilton the week before and showed a few pictures. Other business was briefly dealt with. The evening's program entitled "Creative Preserving" was led by Mary Kay Steel, Nancy Henshaw, Kirsten Bennick and Nancy Dunn, each giving ideas on food preservation e.g.- drying herbs in the microwave, freezing loose-pack strawberries, using a dehydrator, and tips for single people with limited freezer space. Some of the presenters provided recipes, some provided samples and some provided the refreshments to end a helpful and humorous session.

There is no August meeting. The Sept. 19th meeting will be a potluck supper at the home of Jean McIntyre in the east end of Kingston at 6 p.m. Guests are welcome and car-pooling will be arranged.

Many thanks to all who have supported our bake sales so avidly that we are selling out within an hour. Next sale - Aug. 3rd at 3:45 at the store.

GENERAL MacARTHUR'S PRAYER FOR HIS SON

- Submitted by Syke Fleming

"Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, and brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, and humble and gentle in victory.

"Build me a son, whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know Thee - and that to know wisdom is the foundation stone of knowledge.

"Lead him, I pray, not in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Here let him learn to stand up in the storm; here let him learn compassion for those who fall.

"Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high, a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men, one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past.

"And after all these things are his, add, I pray enough of a sense of humour, so that he may always be serious, yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, so that he may always remember the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom, and the meekness of true strength.

"Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, 'I have not lived in vain'."

WHIG GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

Thunder Hutchings and his friend Justin appeared on the front page on July 18. Jack Chiang's article on page 3, "The Island of the Bicycle-Riding Rooster", informs us that his friends Vicki Keith and John Munro have been on the Island "for barely a month and, already everybody knows them and they know everybody else".

Keith Miller and I are quoted in another front page article on July 25: "The heat is on for area farmers". The sidebar gives the hot and dry data for April-July showing that this period has been hotter and much drier than normal. This weather, combined with last summer's cooler and much wetter than normal conditions, has certainly caught the attention of local farmers. The barley and oats look pretty good but just about every other living thing - except thistles - appears to be suffering from the drought.



Paige wire on the Stella forty foot

NEWS From The L&A COUNTY MUSEUM

- Leslie Gavlas

The book of veterans of WW II, for which material has been collected over many months, is at the printers and should be available in September. Advance copies can be ordered from the Museum - phone 354-3027. A discount is offered for advance orders. I will also take advance orders - phone 384-2807.

Please remember that there is a burning ban in effect for Amherst Island due to the excessively dry conditions we are experiencing now.



WHAT HAPPENS TO RECYCLABLE MATERIAL?

Submitted by Keith Miller

Boxboard (detergent, cereal, tissue boxes) >>

New boxboard packaging
Corrugated cardboard >>
Other cardboard products like moving boxes and tubes
Office paper >> Office paper, tissue

Polycoated paperboard

(milk & juice cartons, tetra packs) >> Tissue paper, towels, stationery

PET (Polyethylene terephthalate) **#1 plastic**, 2 litre bottles >> Carpet, insulation and clothing

HDPE (High density polyethylene) **#3 plastic** (juice, shampoo, bleach bottles) >> New plastic bottle, drain tile, car parts

LDPE (Low density polyethylene) **#4 plastic** (dry cleaning bags & plastic shopping bags)

>> Footwear, plastic lumber

PP (Polypropylene) **#5 plastic** (margarine, yogurt, cottage cheese containers) >> Plastic lumber

PS (Polystyrene) **#6 plastic** (plastic disposable plates, cups, cutlery, foam packaging) >> Durable consumer products like file trays and compact disk trays.

Steel food and beverage cans >> Variety of steel products (pop cans, car parts)

Aluminum trays and foil >> New trays and foil

The HERITAGE RESOURCE OF AMHERST ISLAND

- review by Ian Murray

The full title is "Inventory of THE HERITAGE RESOURCE OF AMHERST ISLAND". This inventory was prepared by Martin Barakengera, a planning intern with the Loyalist Township Planning Office. Martin is a student at the School of Urban and Regional Planning, Queen's University.

The Beacon got a copy of this along with other Loyalist Township material.

This inventory contains much interesting information and, with some editing, could be a useful addition to Amherst Island historical material. I cannot speak for much of the inventory but some of the information for the Bowen House is amusingly inaccurate.

THANK YOU

The Amherst Island Rec Association would again like to thank all those who helped make Canada Day such a success. The Loyalist Twshp - Amherst Island Station-Fire Department for their participation and for the volunteers who were on stand by for the fireworks. To the Back Kitchen and Amherst Island General store for their continued support and participation. To all who decorated floats, vehicles, bicycles and themselves, thank you for taking the time and effort. The PCW, for the popular strawberry social. To the Loyalist Township council for their enthusiastic participation in the parade and pie eating contest.

Congratulations to this years winner, Rick Bresee. And to all those who came out to watch and cheer our participants, thank you! Finally, to Canazon Fireworks for another fantastic show.

Rick, Jane, Bonnie, Larry, Lyn, Carol and Tessa

Special thanks to the Amherst Island Community for their generous support of the 4-H Yard & Bake Sale in June and Draw on July 1. We thank the Back Kitchen for cheerfully allowing us to have the Yard Sale on their property.

Congratulations to the winner of "the draw":

Helen McCormick, movie rentals, A.I. Store

Joyce Morgan, gift cert., Creative Gifts

Stewart Reed, gift cert., Creative Gifts

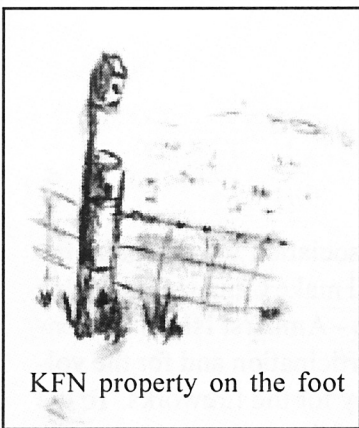
Alison McDonald, gift cert., Back Kitchen

Harold Redekopp, Royal Doulton Figurine

Thanks from

All members & leaders of the 4-H Program.

David Albertan, Justin Hutchings, William Reed, Christopher Varga & the rest of their soccer team mates would like to thank Amherst Island General Store for sponsoring their team. This team went on to win the "A Flight" championship of the Pee Wee division of the Loyalist Minor Soccer Association



KFN property on the foot

NOTICES

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Loyalist Township is soliciting proposals from individuals and/or companies who are interested in opening up a business on Amherst Island at the

Historic Neilson Store building located on Front Road, Stella.

Proposals will be received until 4:30 p.m. August 31, 2001. Proposal documents can be obtained at the W.J. Henderson Recreation Centre, 322 Amherst Drive, Amherstview. Highest or any proposal not necessarily accepted.

Patrick Beyer, R.D.M.R.
c/o W. J. Henderson Recreation Centre
322 Amherst Drive
Amherstview, Ontario
K7N 1S9

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE

Cucumbers, dill, yellow beans, beets, carrots, tomatoes (later), peppers (later).
Parsnips, squash, and pumpkins in the fall.
Phone Barbara Reid: 389-0675.

YARD SALE

Large multi-family
August 4 and 5
8am - 5 pm
5675 Front Road.
GOOD STUFF
GREAT PRICES

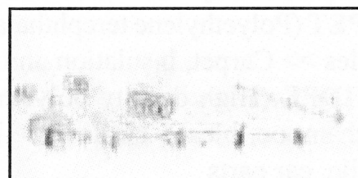
WANTED: Many **smallish, inexpensive tables needed** for bedsides, for writing and for books or tea. Can repair or paint. Please leave a message for Molly Stroyman at (613) 634-1388.

LETTER HOME

- Christopher Kennedy

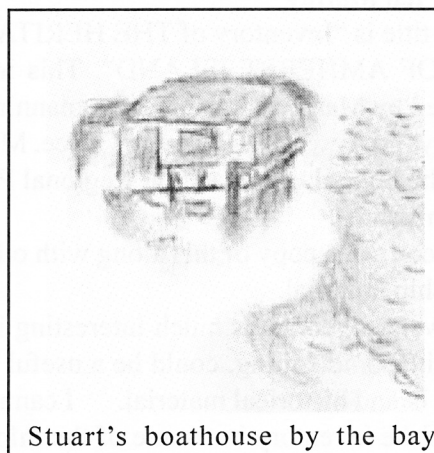
I know that farmers are always complaining about the weather, but sometimes it is justified. Last summer it never quit raining and this summer it has clean forgotten how to rain. Most of Ontario has been quite dry this year, but coming from Trenton on the 401 the verges turn from green to brown and then a sickly, dusty grey.

We have had 4mm of rain in the last month, and the island is really showing it. The trees and bushes on the shallow land are starting to wilt, and the grass is turning crisp under foot. Great weather for making hay though, and I think every square inch on the island that can have a haybine run over it has been scooped up by farmers expecting to feed hay in August. We have weaned all the lambs early, and are putting many of them on feed. What pasture is left will go to the ewes.



In a week or two we will move the ewes down to the land south of the school, along with Joe, the steady old guard dog and Juno, a pretty little bitch. A couple of days ago we could see a big cloud of smoke to the north of here, and heard later it was a big grass fire about 30 kms away.

The warm weather though has warmed up the lake for swimming, and the zebra mussels have cleared up the water. Lovely for all our summer visitors, but could we have just one decent rain?



Stuart's boathouse by the bay

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Pies

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Dinner Specials 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

I am collecting used stamps - any kind for the guide dogs, clean used clothing and books for the "Cats Meow". Used towels - cleaning products - A&P tapes and 12"x12" knitted squares for the Napanee Animal shelter. Donations may be left in my front porch or call for a pick-up. Freda Youell - 384-4135 The animals really need our help.

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at the Store

Fridays

Aug 03

Aug 31

3:45 - sell-out

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&

Bath Village Gallery

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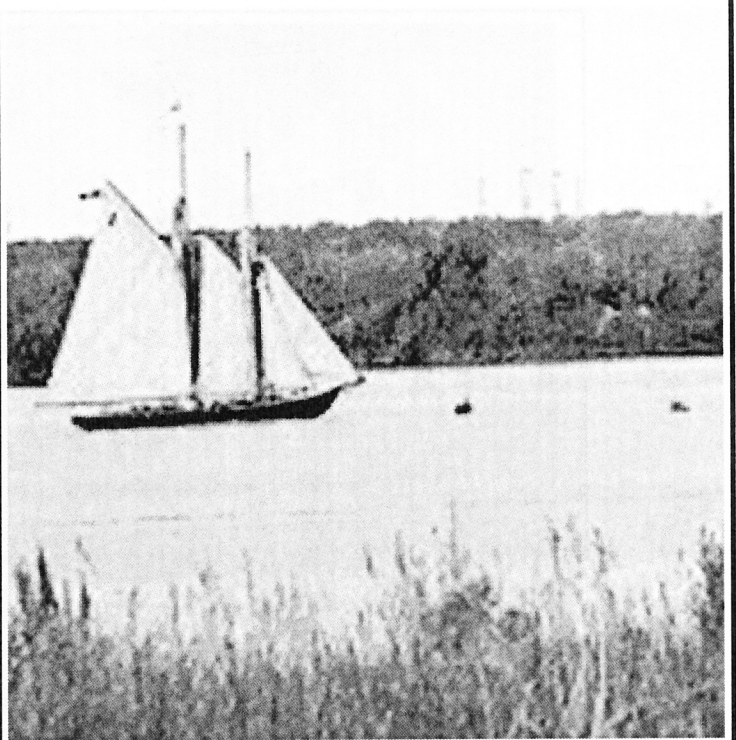
Gord Forbes, Sales Agent 389-8516

Thomas A. Richmond

Certified Electrician

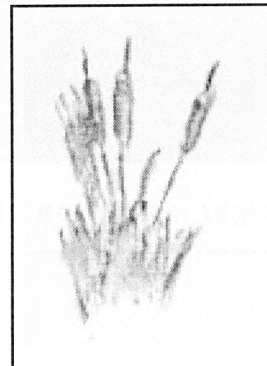
Home, Farm, Commercial work,
right here on the island.

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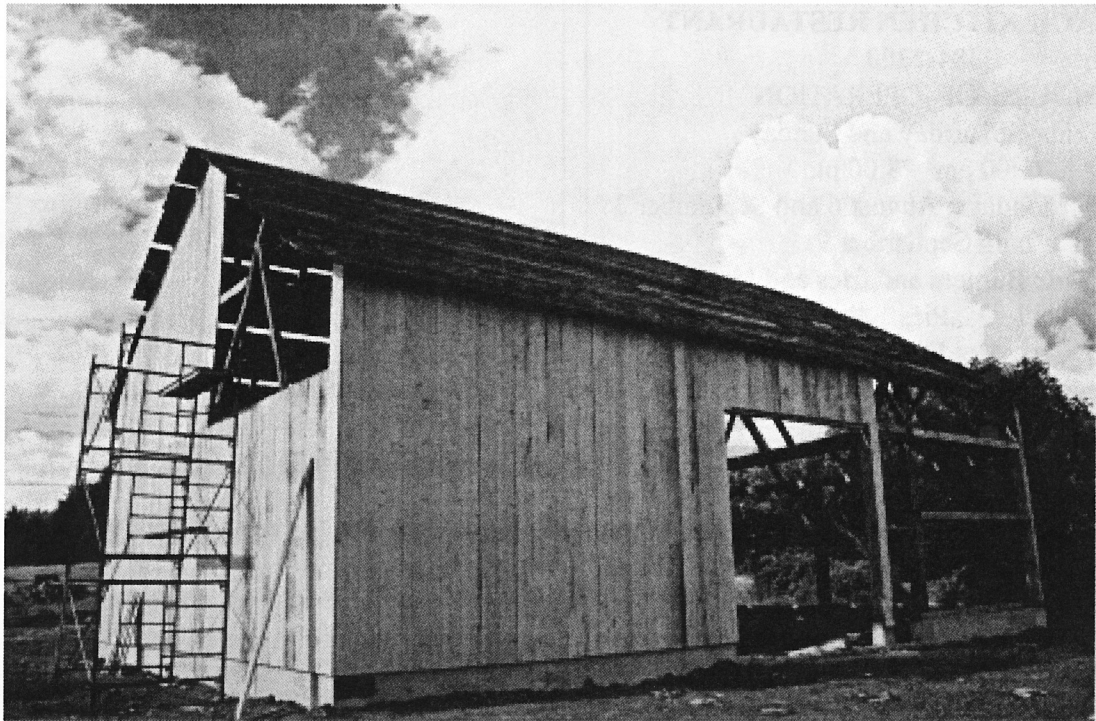


The Bluenose II on the Bay of Quinte, passing just off Stella Point, near Piet Witteveen's home.

This is more space you could have filled
with your submission this month!



Cattails on the Third



Rod and Rhoda Barr's barn, being reconstructed on the South Shore



Freight wagon on the site, reconstructed barn in the background