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Born in a Barn! CJAI 93.7

THIS ISSUE

- Ian Murray,
editor

Seán Daly is now working in Toronto during the week. The production work he did for this newsletter is appreciated and his expertise with photographs will be missed. Sue Frizzell will be Production Manager, and hopes to have lots of help from her neighbours.

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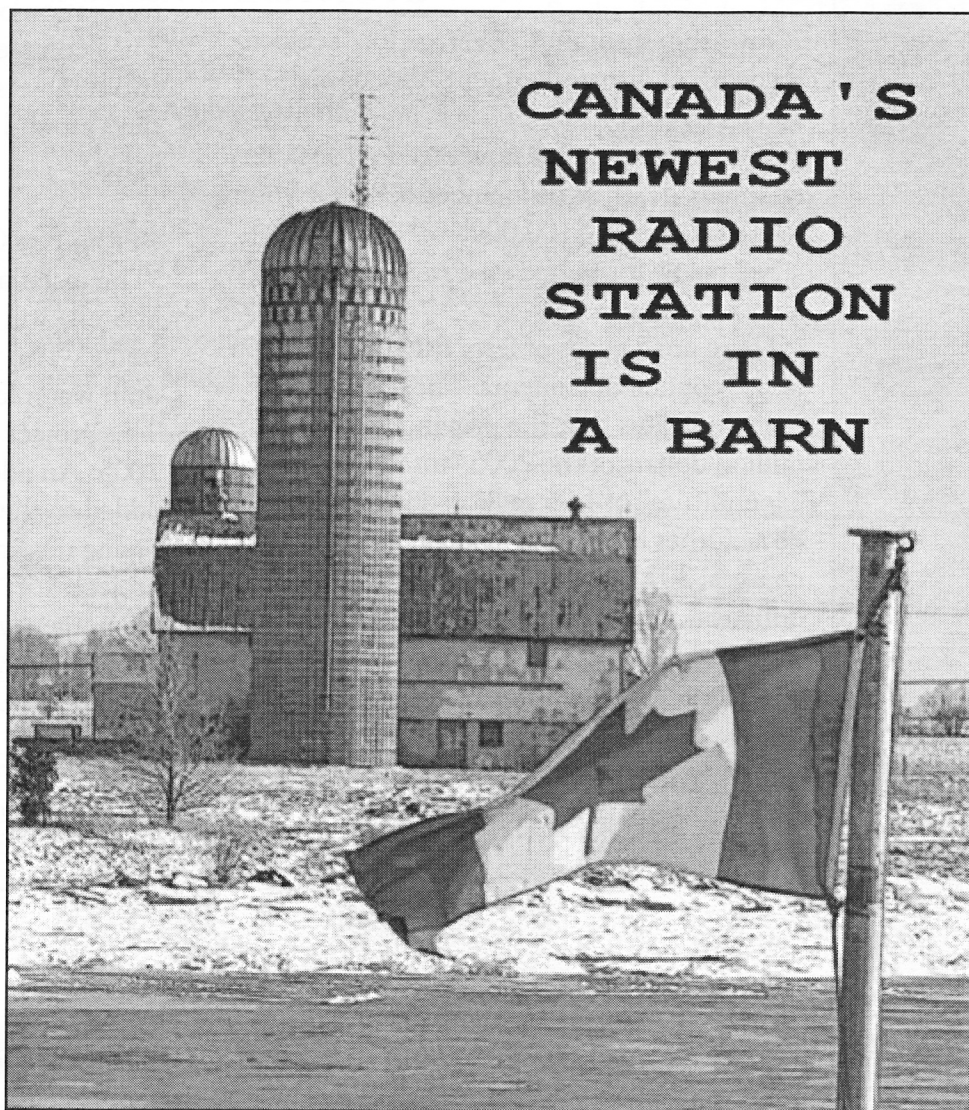


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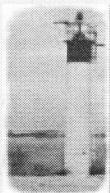
Amherst Island's CJAI FM is born in a barn! For updates on progress, photos and more, see pages 10, 11 and 15.

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Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!



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COUNCIL GLEANINGS

- Ian Murray

It took almost 5 hours of phone time for my computer to download the 560 pages of council documents for the

2 meetings in February. This does take time but there has got to be a significant saving in trees and land-fill space.

Township insurance coverage for "accidental death & dismemberment" for council members: \$200,000.

Township insurance coverage for "accidental injury, death & dismemberment: for Volunteer Firefighters: \$100,000.

See below for public meeting announcing ferry rate changes.

There are 5 pages of ferry fiscal information in the council documents. The subsidy formula indicates that the province will pay 1.73 million dollars of the 2005 "total operating expenditure" of 1.95 million dollars – over 88%. Other interesting figures: fees and user charges, 207 thousand dollars (197 thousand dollars in 2004); employment costs, 1.33 million dollars; fuel costs, 435 thousand dollars (292 thousand dollars in 2004). The estimate for fuel costs for 2006 is 520 thousand dollars.

Usually reliable sources indicate that it is this large increase in fuel that is forcing the upcoming ferry rate change. The annual increase in employment costs is also a significant factor: 141 thousand dollars from 2003 to 2005.

"Councillor Ashley requested that a letter be sent to the Amherst Island Women's Institute thanking them for organizing and completing the restoration of the stone fences on the Island. They completed most of the work over the past two summers. They also decorated some of the trees around the ferry docks with Christmas lights."

From Fire Chief Calver's report to Council: "The installation of a man-hole at the ferry dock at Stella will allow for a Dry-Hydrant to be installed. This installation would make it possible to draft water for firefighting purposes year round. This project did not get totally completed in 2005. An additional amount of \$1200 has been added to the 2006 budget to finish with the piping requirements to complete the Dry-Hydrant project."

Emergency response calls by station: Amherst Island, 24; Amherstview, 114; Bath, 64; and, Odessa, 139.

A bird in the hand...



Photo Brian Little

WINTER SURPRISES

- Joyce Reid

This afternoon I went down to the shore just to check on my pedal boat, which has been secured by two ropes all winter and until recently, totally buried underneath large drifts of snow. There was no mound where it should be. As I looked along the shore I spotted some bright blue. Upon close inspection – there was my pedal boat – about 500 yards further east – slightly damaged, filled with ice and snow – and upright! “Well”, I thought, “there isn’t much I can do about this until we have a thaw”.



It was A MILD DAY, 3 degrees C. – and I enjoyed the walk back to my steps. I stood quietly enjoying the rare pleasant winter afternoon and the sounds of cracking ice along the shore when something caught my eye, near a large boulder of snow, ice and mud. A small white pointed furry face with lovely round eyes peered up at me from a little opening at the base of this boulder. It ducked back, then popped out at another place, doing this several times, standing on its hind legs and just concentrating on my great bulk! It was a lovely creamy white, about 10 inches long from its nose to the black-tipped tail. It had to be an ermine! What a rare thrill to see this pristine animal that was very curious about me – but I’m sure, not as delighted as I was to see it.



WOMEN’S INSTITUTE

- Joyce Haines

February 15 was a social get together for Amherst Island Women’s Institute. Members and two guests Ann Henderson and Liz Harrison enjoyed a movie night on the mainland and dinner at Loyalist Golf Club. A thank you to Kirsten Bennick for planning the outing. It was nice to have Jane Miller, a longtime member

join us.

It was decided during dinner to donate funds towards a new coffee pot for the community centre.

The Women’s Institute is sponsoring a mail out for the Cancer Society in March. The envelope will have a “dot” to designate funds to go to the local branch. Please look for the dot on the envelope when contributing.

The next meeting is an open meeting March 15, 7 p.m. at St Paul’s Church hall with guest speakers Carol and Robert Mouck from the Heirloom Seed Sanctuary of the Sisters of Providence in Kingston. Everyone is welcome. Let’s get in the spring planting mood.

Ice Waterfall



Photo Brian Little

From the Beacon Vault

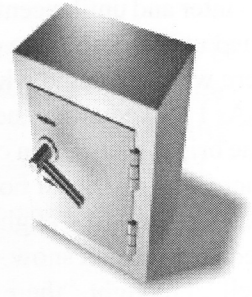
From the February 18th, 1971 BEACON, 23rd Edition.

These verses were written by the first schoolteacher on the Island, Alexander Girvin Grattan, who later moved to Kansas. The school was situated on the former John McMullen farm.

[Editor: Helen Caughey believes that the school was originally located at the north shore end of the Marshall Forty Foot and that it was later moved just west of the John McMullen house – now owned by Dave and Diane Hieatt.

Several Island families moved to Kansas in the decade following the American Civil War to take advantage of homesteading opportunities. Visits from the “Kansas Cousins” were not that uncommon – at least into the 1950s. Last summer I spoke with Grattan descendants who came to see where their ancestors had come from. The summer before a Girvin stopped by.]

Members of the Grattan family also used the surname McGrattan at times.]



POEM

My first month spent in Kansas
I felt it hard to stay
Away from Amherst Island
And pleasant Quinte Bay
I'd spent a good part of my days
Full thirty years or more
On that fertile little Island
And Lake Ontario shore.

That was in the cold winter 1872
This place was quite a desert then
For houses there were few
The plain being lately turned over
Made it look dark and wild
And the atmosphere was colder here
Than it was on Amherst Isle.

A storm they call a blizzard here
Oft visited the plains
And always brought down with it
Thunder, lightning, wind and rain
And rolled around with electric force
From northwest to southeast
And mostly killed all in its path
Let it be man or beast.

The trees could grow in Kansas then
Only where the river flowed
For the raging fires that crossed the
plains
Would not let others grow
And as there was no shelter
When that cloud came pouring down
What its deadly lightning did not kill
The rain did almost drown.

I saw the wild ducks plenty
In each creek were to be found
The prairie chickens and the plover
Were in thousands flying around
And the antelope and buffalo
Were numerous on the plain
A sight that none ever will
Behold the same again.

I took my gun and started out
Although the air was keen
But when the springtime rolled around
The plain was nice and green
So I knew the soil that raised such
grass
Would raise corn, oats and wheat
So I bought a spot and pitched my cot
Beside Middle Emma's creek.

Going out one early morning
Just as the sun did rise
The sight I saw around me
Did very much surprise
And I stood amazed in wonder
At the pleasant sight I had seen
For in the winter, what was desert
Was now a flowery green.

To see the flowers blooming
That morning in the green
Sent my memory wandering back
To school days at Ardkeen
Where oft amongst the flowers and
vines

I read the noonday hour
And that pleasant time came back
to mind
When I saw the blooming flowers.

I wrote my wife to sell up there
And bring the family here
For here they all would have a home
In the course of a few years
And after I was ten years here
I took the train once more
To see a daughter, we had left
On Lake Ontario's shore
Besides some cousins I loved most
dear
That lived on Amherst Isle
I had not seen for years.

I stayed five weeks among them
But could no longer rest
So hurried back to Kansas
Now the garden of the west
And up to my prairie home
Where for life I will remain
And pass my days until called away
To be laid in the flowery plain.

*Submitted by his great granddaughter
Edna Tugwell Finnegan [a sister-in-law
of Jean Tugwell].*

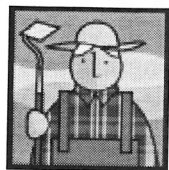
AMHERST ISLAND MEN'S SOCIETY

January Meeting

(February Minutes to follow on page 6)

- Hugh Jenney

A hearty breakfast was provided by Saskia Wagemans ably assisted by Daniel Little.



Ross Haines agreed to chair the committee consisting of Brian Little, Terry Culbert, Peter Trueman and Wayne Gulden to work on creating a website for AIMS.

New Year's Report: Brian Little read John Munro's Report which gave a summary of the very successful event with thanks to all who helped.

Brian read Madeline Kerr's thank you for such a lovely evening and she thanked us for the recognition of her long attendance. She thanked Allen Caughey for presenting her with a lovely corsage.

It was decided to donate \$200 to the Neilson Store Museum.

Ross Haines announced that he is now on the executive of the Neilson Store Museum and Culture Centre Inc. He and Dayle Gowan are co-chairing an AI House Tour and Strawberry Social to be held on June 24 from 11 to 4:30 PM. There will be six houses on the tour. The strawberry social will be held on the west lawn at the Museum. Jim Whitton has agreed to ask the Legion for drivers and additional space to park the patrons' cars on the Millhaven side. We need volunteer drivers for the AI side too. Neil Johnston has volunteered to create the passports. Please call Ross or Dayle to volunteer for this very important fundraiser.

Guest Speaker: Mr. Pat Beyers, Director of Recreation for Loyalist Township. Mr. Beyers worked in Peterborough for ten years at GE. He then went to Sir Sanford Fleming to earn his recreation certificate. His first position was in Marathon, ON, a town of about two thousand people. He helped construct their arena which was mostly funded by the local mine. He then moved to Loyalist Township as their recreation director.

Mr. Beyers talked about maintaining all their facilities and responsibilities such as cemeteries, recreation centre and parkland. He said they want to have partnerships with schools re. soccer pitches. An extensive trail system is in the works for Amherst Island and Loyalist Township. He agreed to leave their master plan book in the library. At the end of February the Loyalist Township Recreation & Municipal Information Guide will be arriving in everyone's mailbox. This brochure covers all our municipal services.

Time for Breakfast!

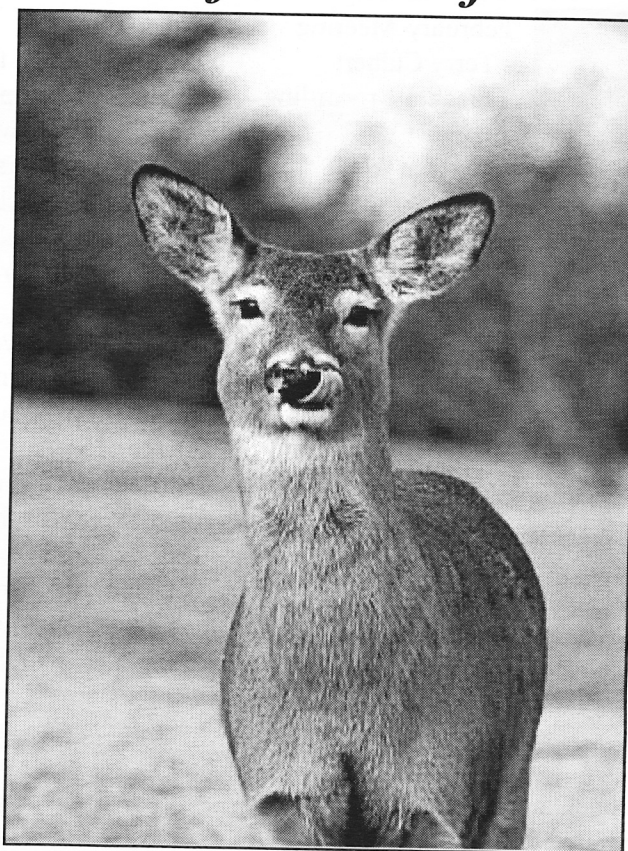


Photo Brian Little

The second icepad in Amherstview will cost \$5.2 million. Jim Whitton asked what portion of the operating costs are covered by user fees. Mr. Beyers stated that out of the \$1.6 million in operating expenses, \$305,000 was covered by user fees. \$378,000 was covered by rental agreements.

Mr. Beyers encouraged everybody to communicate through him if they wanted anything regarding recreation. He designates any community group as a sub committee of his Loyalist Recreation Committee. This includes the AI Recreation Committee (Lyn Fleming sits as the AI chair), AIMS, NSMCC Inc. In this way our insurance needs are covered by Loyalist Township. All he requires is an annual report due in February. This report is a summary of the groups' activities and what they plan to do in the next year. A financial report should be included in this summary also.

Any group wishing to use our Community Hall should write Pat Beyers with a cc to Lyn Fleming.

Brian reported that our Dickens Reading netted us \$110 which is being donated to the school. He went on to thank our members: Peter Trueman, Zander Dunn, Terry Culbert plus Vicki Keith and Deb Kimmett for their wonderful readings. The evening was a great success and we plan to do it again next year.

AMHERST ISLAND MEN'S SOCIETY



February Meeting
- Terry Culbert
(substitute recording secretary)

Sixteen AIMS members attended the February meeting in St. Paul's Church Hall. Chairman Brian Little opened the meeting at 8:40am, thanking Saskia Wagemans and her assistant Daniel Little for a scrumptious breakfast. He then welcomed new member Doug Green.

Business arising from the previous minutes: Chairman Little read an email from Loyalist Township's Recreational Director Patrick Byer. Mr. Byer thanked AIMS for inviting him to address our group on Saturday, January 14th. He hoped his presentation was informative and provided some suggestions and ideas both for the Recreation Department and AIMS, enabling them to work together for the benefit of the Loyalist Township residents on

Amherst Island.

Mr. Byer noted that Cindy Lawson, Loyalist Township Program Supervisor, is available to help with recreational programs that Amherst Islanders would like to implement. Patrick Byer looks forward to working with AIMS on the completion of the Centennial Park playground equipment project.

Dayle Gowan will ask the Township for approval of hanging potted plants on hydro poles during the summer months in the Village of Stella.

Museum Chairman Allan Kidd is looking for speakers for the Backroom Talk Series.

Liaison With Wolfe Island: Allan Kidd had a luncheon meeting recently with former mayor-politician Ken Kees on Wolfe Island. Two areas of common interest were the wind turbines and the ferry service. It was suggested that Ken Kees may make a good speaker on these subjects at the Museum's Backroom Talk Series.

Peter Trueman said the AIMS membership numbers are dwindling and feels a large Island project is needed to rally the troops. The Neilson Museum project was our last big event.

Without a guest speaker for February, Chairman Little asked our newest member Doug Green to say a few words about himself. The full-time, non-fiction writer moved to Amherst Island's Front Road, December 8th 2005. Doug has lived and worked in the United States, Athens (Ontario) and Kingston, before finding a home on the 'Jewel of Lake Ontario'. He owns a Spitfire sports car, a vintage 1990 blue, pickup truck and a 50-year old wooden 'Folk Boat'. While a resident of the Limestone City, he began checking out quieter areas in which to live. Doug looked at Gananoque, Wolfe and Howe Islands. Inquiring about Amherst Island, he kept hearing from various sources, "the Islanders are nice, but those guys are really different!"

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Stan Burke Is 83!!

- Bill Harris

On February 8th Bev and Bill Harris organized a special morning coffee to celebrate Stan's 83rd birthday. The coffee was from Columbia; the Cake was from Lyn Fleming.

Stan is an author as well as a former television newsman. He read for the group from his illustrated children's book published in 1974 entitled "The Day of the Glorious Revolution". This book was part of a five book series of fables about beavers, frogs and other animals that resembled Canadian politicians and writers who lived in a swamp that resembled Canada.



*Photo John Gordon
Pictured watching Stan cut the cake are, from left to right.*

Joyce Reid, Virginia Gordon, Bill Harris, Peggie Coulter, Janet Grace, Stan, Ula Stief, Bev Harris, Bruce Burnett, Brian Grace.

Snow Cone

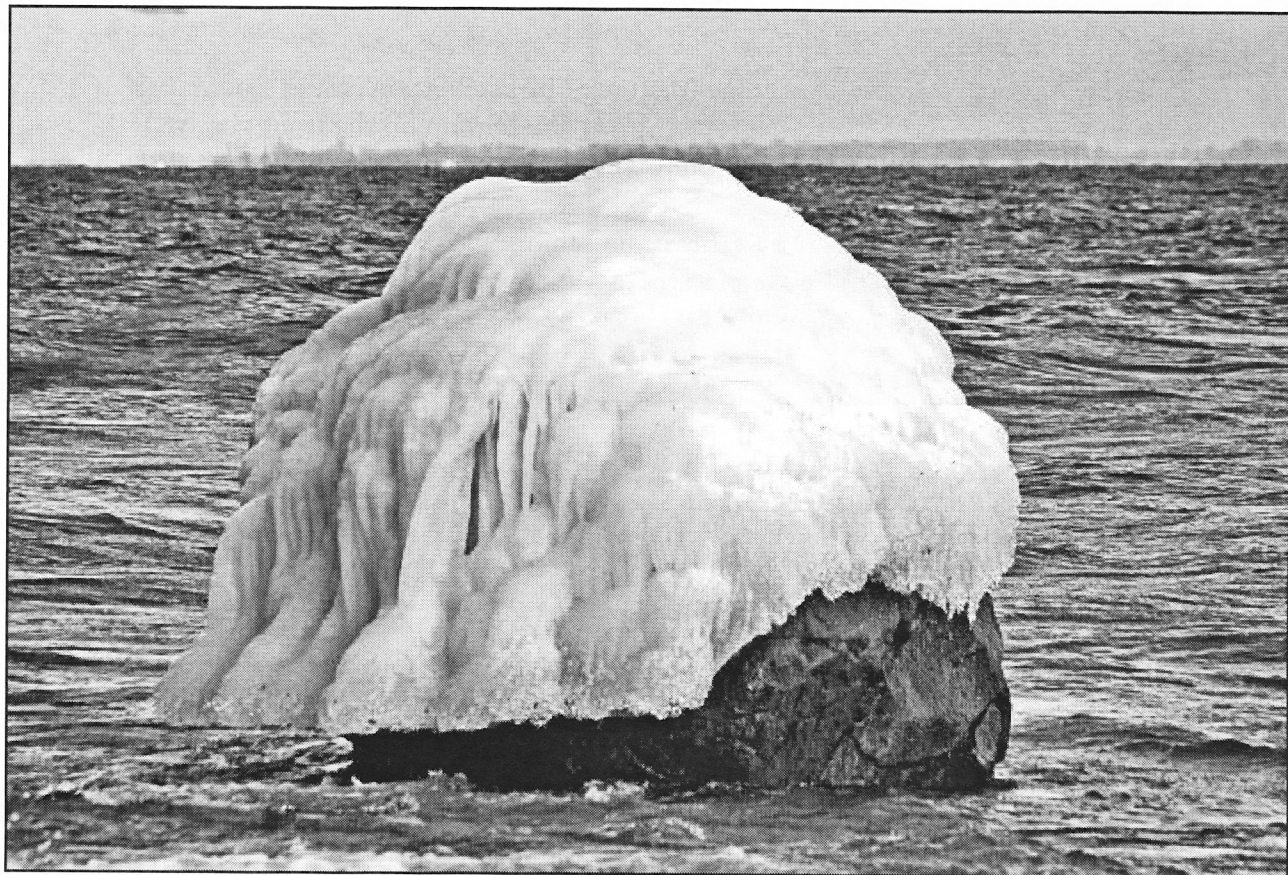


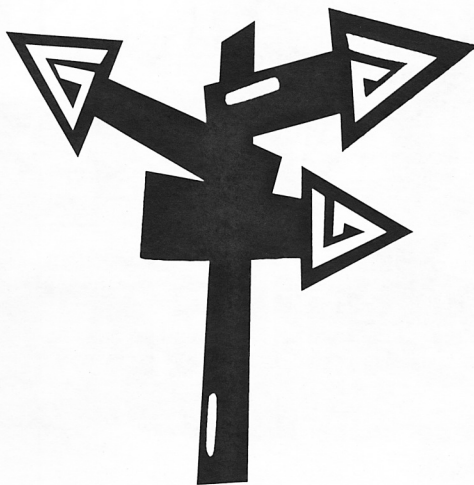
Photo Brian Little

HERE & THERE

- Ian Murray

Reports are that Peter Large's art show in Toronto was quite successful with Peter selling 15 of his works. Molly Stroyman, who sponsored the show, was surprised (and very pleased) to see quite a few Islanders turn up to view the artwork, listen to the music and enjoy the food.

Terry Culbert was featured in the Whig's Saturday March 4th supplement, "The Ticket", with his photos of a young Johnny Cash on the front cover. The story



inside also covered Terry's latest book "Lucan: Home of the Donnellys".

Alena Schram had an article in February 9th Whig reminding Canadians that their tax money and their embassy staff were a significant help in defeating apartheid.

'Few Canadians are aware of what they were a part of. Few know of the critical role they played in supporting and sustaining the pressure that resulted in the collapse of a morally repugnant system

We have a right to be proud."

Double Take

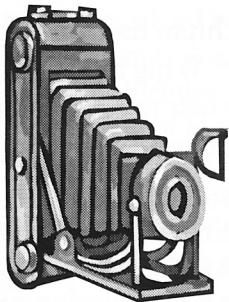
- Judith Harrower

This past summer I was given pictures of my home (picture 3) by Estel Strain's older sister, Hazel, both of whom were born in the home (picture 1 shows Estel Strain on the front porch).

The gentleman on the tractor is Estel's father, (picture 2) who owned the property previously to Estel and Lulu Strain.

Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh owned the home prior to the Strain seniors.

If any of you have old pictures of your home or pictures of the site prior to building, please let me know and we can include them in future issues.



Neilson Store Museum

BACKROOM SERIES

- Alan Kidd

On Friday, January 20th the 2006 series of Backroom talks was kicked off with a presentation called "From Tonti to Amherst – the Seven Years War and the Amherst Island Region." A large audience listened to Alan Kidd, Martin Hauschild and Tom Sylvester discuss the impacts of the Seven Years War on our region, with particular emphasis on the capture of Fort Frontenac.

The war pitted Britain, Prussia and Hanover against France, Russia, Spain, Sweden and Austria. Most of the battles were fought in Europe, but the biggest impact of the war was probably felt in North America.

Two Hundred and Fifty years ago, at the start of the Seven Years war, what is now Quebec and Ontario, together with a huge territory extending from the Great Lakes to New Orleans lay under nominal French control. By the end of the war all

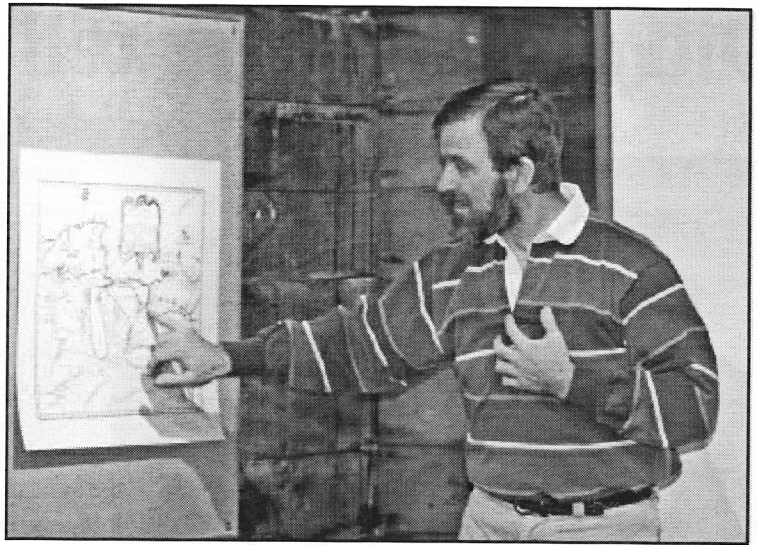


Photo Brian Little

that remained of French territory in North America were a few small islands in the Caribbean and the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Although Britain suffered repeated defeats early in the war, the tide of battle began to turn in their favour in 1758 with the capture of the French forts of Louisburg on Cape Breton Island and Frontenac at what is now Kingston.

Martin Hauschild described the details of the capture of Fort Frontenac. Col. James Bradstreet, a native of Nova Scotia, led a force of around three thousand men, mostly colonial militia, against the fort. His force crossed the lake from Oswego, catching the small French garrison by surprise. The French prisoners were all paroled and sent to Montreal, the British force destroyed the fort but didn't occupy it and for the next thirty years the area around Kingston supported only a small population.

The next year, 1759, Quebec fell to General Wolfe and General Amherst took Montreal in 1760. The peace of Paris transferred all of Canada to the British, but it wasn't long before rebellion in the southern colonies brought troops and fortifications back to the area.

Tom Sylvester talked about the various groups that had lived in the area and also briefly touched on the life and times of some of the principal figures in the area – from Henri de Tonti to James Bradstreet.

The evening ended with a general discussion over refreshment in the museum itself.

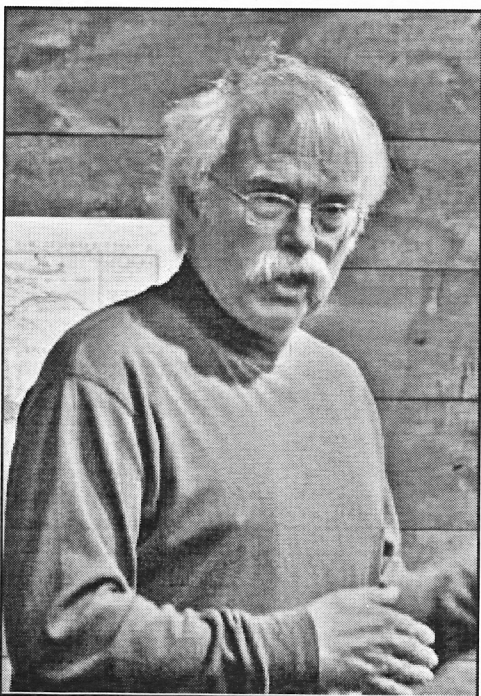


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Did anyone ever tell you...



Photo Terry Culbert

CANADA'S NEWEST RADIO STATION PLANS APRIL 2006 LAUNCH.

- Terry Culbert

Fiddling with the dial, I was finally able to 'Scotch' tape my circular radio antenna in place. I was thrilled to have tuned in 93.7 FM from the second floor of our O'Drains Bay home. For the next three weeks, Islanders were able to listen to some good eclectic music, thanks to Tom and Rosemary Richmond. The Amherst Island electrician and his wife have worked tirelessly for countless months, giving birth to CJAI Amherst Island Public Radio, on January 30th, 2006.

On Monday, February 20th, the Federally mandated tests overseen by Industry Canada completed their three-week, 24-hour-a-day 'Aeronautical Interference Testing'. Once more, the airwaves are silent! Tom Richmond, CJAI Director of Operations: "During our three weeks of on air testing, we were able to provide weather updates,

the occasional road closing and ferry reports. Folks were amused by the mysterious behaviour of 'HAL', the station computer and curious about the identity of the female weather reporter with a distinct English accent. If truth be told, Audrey, the weather girl, lives inside the workings of 'HAL' the computer".

Construction is well underway at the CJAI Headquarters. 93.7 FM will be housed in Dayle Gowan's old milk house, a most unique location for a radio station. Tom Richmond hopes training with on-air production equipment inside the new facility will begin by mid-March. Fourteen Islanders have already been trained for on-air duties.

"Our e-Bay team has been scouring the online marketplace for good quality, used Sony Minidisc recorders," said Tom. "With five purchased and more to come, they will be used to record audio stories, concerts and other Island events. The recorders original value was approximately \$400.00. We were able to purchase them on e-Bay for about \$100.00 and some of our future reporters have bought their own."

CJAI is attempting to get as much off-Island funding as possible. A membership to CJAI is just \$10.00 a year. "One day's programming costs \$24.00," explained Tom, "so we are hoping interested listeners will consider an additional contribution helping with our operational expenses. A donation of \$365.00 will cover an hour of programming each day for an entire year."

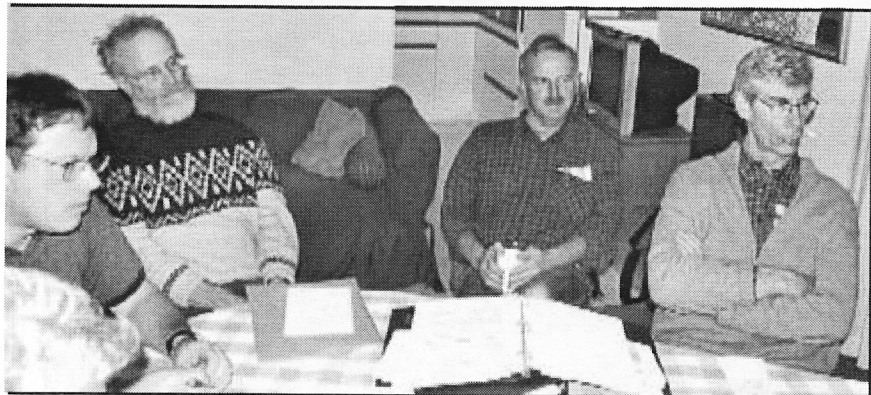
The names of donors who contribute \$100. or more, will be included on an engraved plaque at the radio station. Commercial and private sponsors are being sought. "Commercial sponsors will receive on-air mentions in ratio to their contributions," said Tom. "Currently the Amherst Island Beacon, The Lodge, Amherst Island Men's Society, William's Auto Service, Kingston Community Credit Union, Realtor Janet Grace, Garjo's Bath Foodland, Kingston Online Services, Foot Flat Farm and Cottage and the Third Concession Company are all on board as sponsors".

The Program Committee, made up of Peter Trueman, Adam Miller, Ian and Kyle Murray, Terry Culbert, Rosemary and Tom Richmond, are aiming for a start up date of Saturday, April 1st.

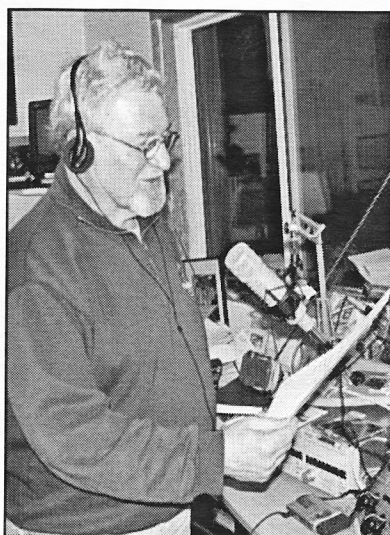
"The Grand Opening will be Saturday, April 8th", noted Rosemary Richmond. "We will have our first remote set up at the Community Centre, with musical acts performing live. Those Islanders that cannot attend will be able to listen on their home radio. We will be sending out a household mailing with more details as we get closer to the date."

The station manager will be Terry Culbert. He will be the go-to and liaison person for all station matters. Rosemary Richmond will be the assistant station manager.

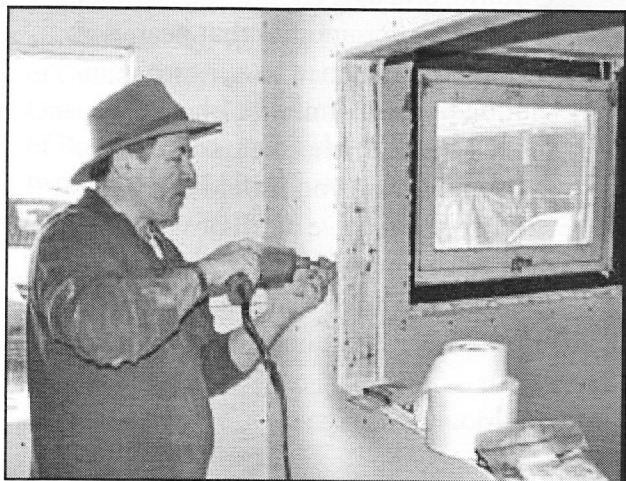
you've got a voice for radio?



Among the volunteers pictured here are: from Top left - Alex Scott, Ian Murray, Gary McDonald and Peter Trueman, Neil Johnston and Michelle LeLay. Middle left to right - Tom Richmond and Barb Hogenauer, Ula Steif, Rosemary Richmond, Joyce Reid, and Peter Trueman. Bottom left to right - Tom Richmond, Terry Culbert, Rosemary Richmond.



*All photos courtesy of
Terry Culbert*



To see more of Terry Culbert's photos of CJA 93.7,
see page 15



I wish to thank the first response team for their professional and caring ways on Jan. 9 after my accident on my four-wheeler. Also I'd like to thank everyone for the cards, letters, phone calls, and visits.

John Pollock

Tires with Beards

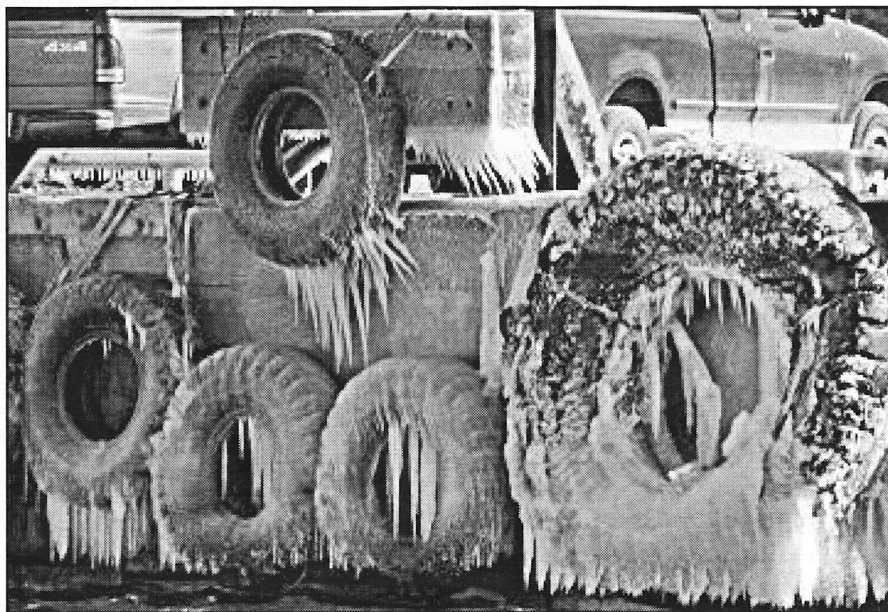


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News from Parish of Bath and Amherst Island

- Caroline Yull

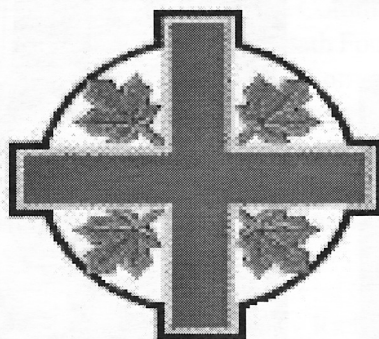
The Parish of Bath and Amherst Island are very pleased to announce and welcome the appointment of our new Rector, Margaret Johnston-Jones, as of January 1, 2006 (our apologies to Islanders and to Margaret for the tardiness of this notice, the grueling schedules of the Beacon deadline found us unprepared!)

Margaret is now living in the Rectory on Academy Street, in Bath and can be reached at 352-9925. She brings a wealth of experience in the church and in several other walks of life to her work with us. She has worked most extensively with families and children, particularly with children with health and developmental difficulties, with a number of community-based agencies.

Margaret is also continuing her already-extensive education part-time at Trinity College in Toronto, studying for a Masters of Theology, to accompany her Masters of Divinity (Hons.)

Margaret tells us she comes from a small lake-side community in Central Ontario, and as a child was a member of a church community that bears a striking resemblance to our own community here on Amherst Island. She is ready to pick up the skeins of life here in our parish, so you should not be surprised to receive a call or visit in the next few months. If you wish to be visited, or to have Margaret visit a

friend or family member, please don't hesitate to contact Margaret at 352-9925 or mjohnstonjones@ontario.anglican.ca.



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AMHERST ISLAND MEN'S SOCIETY

When Doug met a new lady friend, who told him that he was really different, he knew Amherst Island was the place to be.

Doug is a full-time garden writer and e-publisher. He ran his own specialist nursery for over twenty-years near Athens, Ontario. Doug is the author of the following seven gardening books: *The Everblooming Perennial Garden*; *The Everything Lawn Care Book*; *Gardening Wisdom*; *Roses for Dummies for Canadians*; *Bulbs: A Growing Guide*; *Tender Roses for Tough Climates*; and *Landscape Magic*.

Check out Doug's website:
www.douglasgreen&gardening.com.

Before the meeting concluded, Ralph Woods showed AIMS members a book entitled: "Six Men On a Nickel". It is the true story of six Royal Canadian Air Force crew members who lost their lives in France on the 23rd of May 1944, when their Whitley bomber was blown from the sky by German anti-aircraft guns. The crew and plane were burned beyond recognition. The charred remains of the men were buried in a mass grave, identifying them as "aviateurs inconnus" (unknown aviators). Sixty years later, thanks to a Frenchman named Roger Cornevan, the RCAF crewmembers' names were uncovered. One of the airmen was Sgt. Wilfred Gordon Harris of Grand Valley, near Orangeville, Ontario, and a very close boyhood friend of Ralph Woods. Ralph has purchased two copies of the book - one for himself and one for our Amherst Island Public Library.

Chairman Little adjourned the meeting at 9:53 am. The next time we get together will be Saturday, March 11th. Guest speaker to be announced.

Keith Pounding



Photo Terry Culbert

Keith Miller, landfill manager, pounds steel posts into the frozen ground in an attempt to support his newspaper shed after the wooden structure blow over in high winds of February.

March Skies



- Alan Kidd

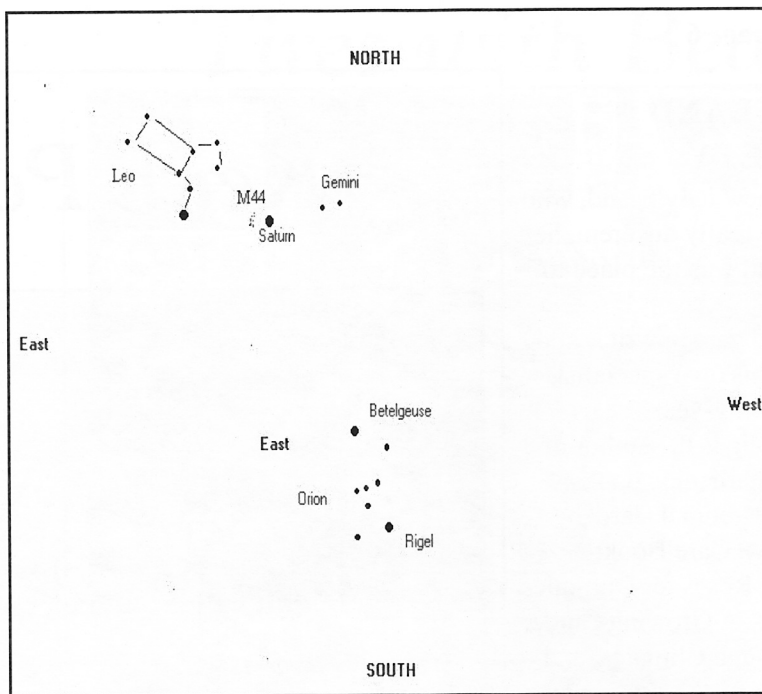
We are finally getting some mild weather and one can enjoy being out in the evening. The bright winter stars are still visible, and as a special treat we can see all the naked eye planets as well.

Leo is a prominent constellation this month. Its brightest Star, Regulus, lies right on the ecliptic, the path the planets, Sun and Moon follow across the sky.

The front part of Leo is formed by a pattern of stars called the sickle, which looks like a question mark. Regulus is at the bottom of the sickle. The sickle also forms Leo's mane and front foot. Leo faces the twins of Gemini.

This month Saturn lies between the sickle of Leo and the twin stars of Gemini, right in the faint constellation of Cancer. In Cancer, on a dark night, one can see a large dim blur of light. This is the open star cluster M44, also known as the Beehive. It is a great sight for binoculars or a small telescope. Normally this large cluster has to be found using the rather dim stars of Cancer as a guide, but this season Saturn, shining at first magnitude, is a much better guide. The beehive cluster of stars can easily be seen in a pair of binoculars just a little to the east (toward Leo) of Saturn.

Venus now is the brightest object in the early evening sky. It shines like a beacon high in the eastern sky at dawn. Jupiter is also a bright object in the dawn sky, but is considerably outshone by Venus. Mars continues to fade this month, as it gets farther



from Earth, but it is still brighter than the nearby Aldebaran, another reddish orange object and the brightest star in Taurus. Mars and Saturn are both high in the evening sky. Saturn's rings are in a good position

for viewing and thus a spectacular sight with a small telescope.

On the chart I've added Leo and Gemini, as well as the positions of the planets.

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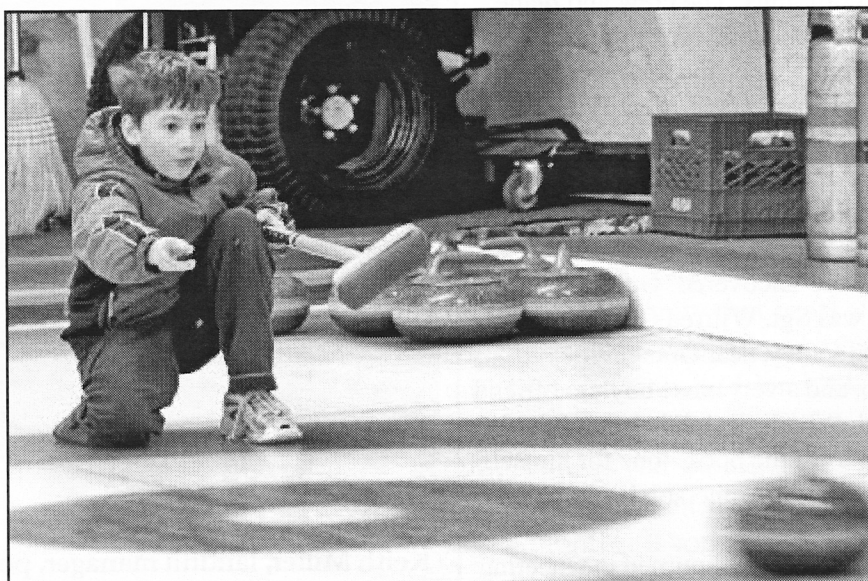
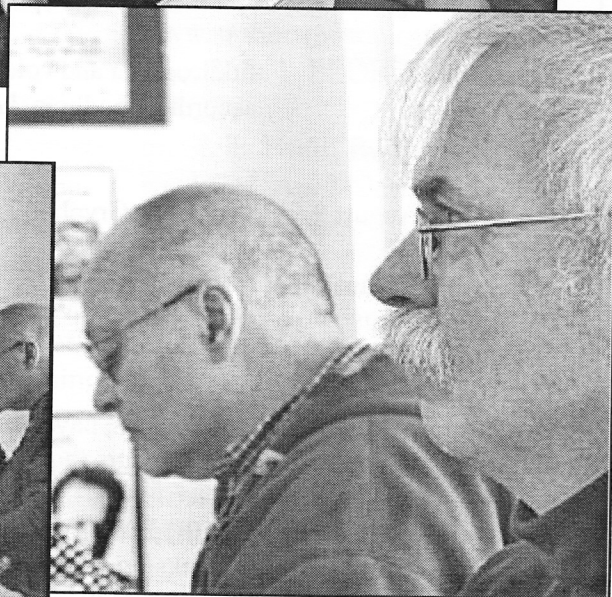
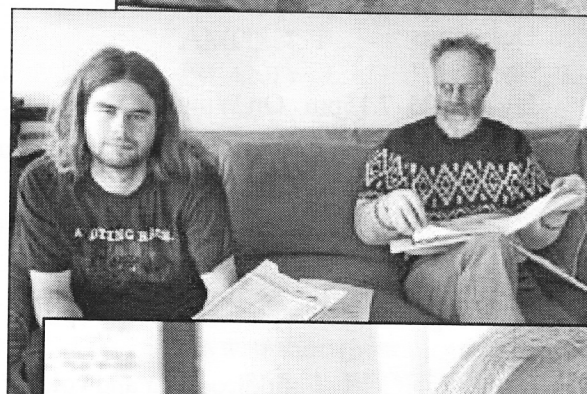
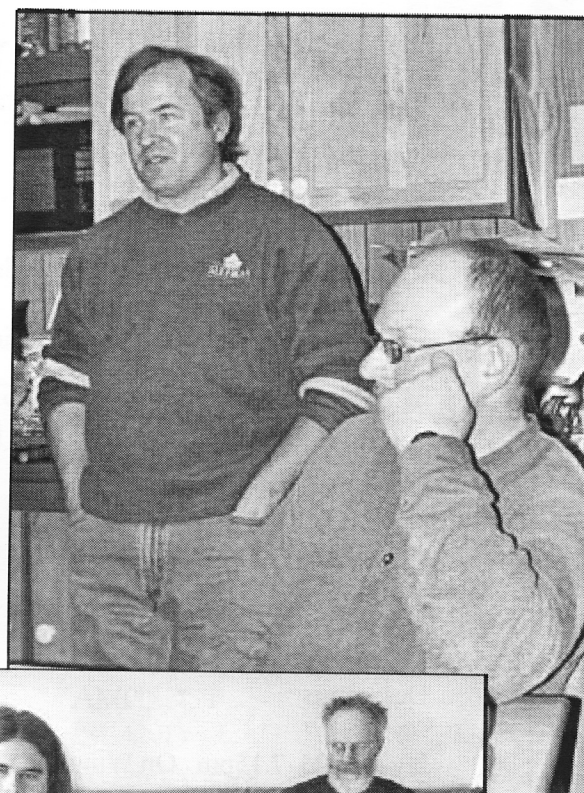
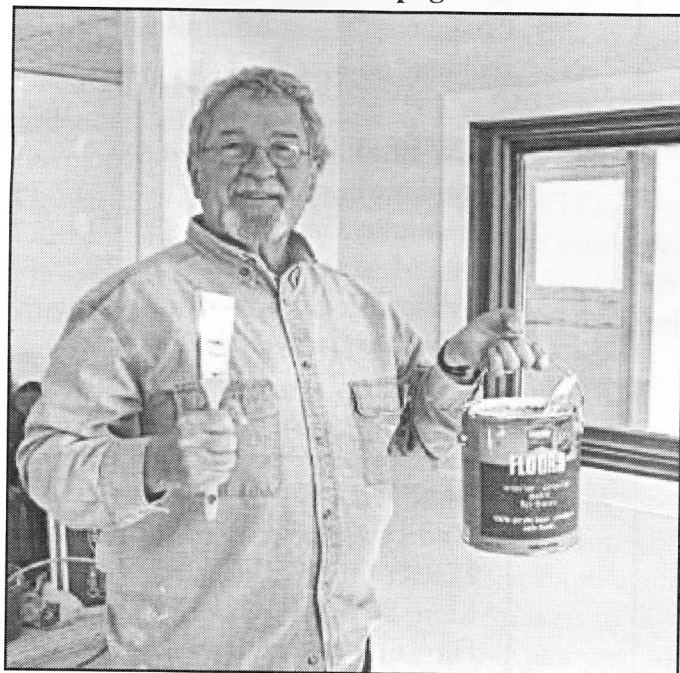


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Daniel Little curling with Senior Class

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Among the volunteers pictured here are:
Clockwise from Top Left - Terry Culbert
(photo by Barb Hoegenauer), Tom Richmond
and Adam Miller, Kyle and Ian Murray, Alan
Kidd and Doug Green. Bottom left from left to
right - Dave Willard, Michelle LeLay, Elsie
Willard, Joyce Reid and Doug Green

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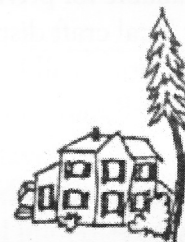
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